



The Loos Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

The New Year is full of rituals; football games, parties, family gatherings, count-down as the ball drops, the New Years kiss, etc. Probably the most famous New Year ritual involves making resolutions. The resolutions could include; professional goals for the New Year, personal growth goals and even interpersonal goals for the New Year. Or it could include all or any combination of the above.

Apparently God does not want to be left out of the resolution ritual. In Revelation 21 we read;

21 *Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,"^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

God has big plans for us and our world. We may be satisfied with little changes in the New Year, but God is planning sweeping changes. This vision in Revelation chapter 21 is of us and the world when God has completed the breath taking changes God has in store for us and even the universe. As important as it is to make resolutions about personal, professional or interpersonal change in the coming year, it is far more important to prepare for the changes God has in store for us and the world In Jesus Christ. Jesus is remaking reality and us with it, the important question in this New Year is will we allow him to change us? Will we partner with him as he seeks change in us or will we fight like Jonah who tried to run away from the change? We all know how that ended for Jonah.

The apostles tell us the very Spirit of God has been given to us not just as a comforter, but to be the agent of change in our lives. Let us embrace The Spirit's work in us in the coming year.

Peace in Christ,
Mark

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Newsletters are sent by email unless you have made other arrangements.



Deacon's Meeting
January 16th



Family of Nancy LaPine (Leitha's daughter), Family of Bonnie Mason, Family of Steven Whitworth, Jennifer Veum, Family of Victor Cekola, Sandy Shaw, Gina Gough, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, (Patti Russell), John Burgess, Joyce Cross, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw, Jane Kellan, Andrea Klier, Della Porter, Shelby Myers, Donna LaPlaunt, Tom Woodgate, Matilynn Strange, William Kellan, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Patricia Farnhill, Lillian Donelson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Food Pantry



Shopping & Bagging:

Doris Boogerd

Food Distribution:

1/11 – Mary Frances & Patty

1/25 - Mary Frances & Patty



Coat Drive
Help someone in need

DEACONS' WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons will be collecting winter clothing throughout the month of January to distribute to those in need. If you have new or gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, or sweaters that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the church office. Clothing collected will be offered to those participating in Food Pantry or anyone in need.



Thanks to all who purchased or took the time to knit these donations.

Your help is greatly appreciated!



Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Audrey Bush

Elva Hutzler

Vera Steffens

McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

Ardith Bawks

John and Barb Kenn

Peg Zenda

Out of Town

Della Porter

Cross Roads Village

6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605

Portage, MI 49024

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier

Medi-Lodge

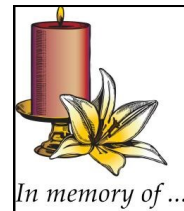
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Jane Kellan

Long Term Care

500 Osborn Blvd

Marion Osborn



In memory of ...

Steven Whitworth

11/25/21

Victor Cekola

12/05/21

Bonnie Mason

12/15/21

Nancy LaPine

12/25/21



Lee Myers 01/03
Paul Sabourin 01/03
Julie Walsh 01/03
James Larke 01/04

Aubrey Agar 01/05
Ronald Kerzner 01/14
Danna Sanderson 01/14
Carla Nicholls 01/16
Cheryl Thoresen 01/17
Carol Brawley 01/20
Jacklyn Johnson 01/21
Benjamin Reattoir 01/21
Treyce Sanderson 01/27
Mary Lee Schmidt 01/27



Thomas and Cheryl Thoresen
Charles and Audrey Zane

01/07
01/13



Lee Myers

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)



"I suspected it was done that way."

Need a
Ride to Church?



Cathy,
Jeanne,
Cheryl &
Wanda

Care Net is seeing more and more women who feel abortion is their only option. We are striving to serve them well, to show the support and hope we offer, but are experiencing building issues. God has blessed us and we are only \$6000.00 away from paying off the mortgage. At the same time, issues with the roof, as well as issues in the crawl space, both in the main building, have come to light. In addition, the medical clinic needs to have the carpet changed to linoleum to be a more sanitary space. The board is diligently seeking quotes and servicing for all these needs, but contractors are very busy at this time.

We are asking you to help in two ways. First, pray. Please pray that we will be able to find good contractors who are able to do the work in a timely manner and at reasonable rates. Second, partner with us financially to pay off the remaining mortgage and fund the necessary repairs. We estimate the roof will cost \$20,000 to replace (including subsurface, fascia boards, tar paper and shingling). The crawl space issues and flooring will hopefully be less than \$2000 each. This is a total expense of \$24,000.00.

Please mark your check "Christmas" to help us reach this goal. If you prefer to give online, visit eupforlife.org/Support-Financially or use the QR code below. A "Donate" button is at the bottom of the web page.

Thank you for helping to provide hope to women and men of the EUP who can't see any hope in this pregnancy. Thank you for ensuring they have a safe and secure place to receive help, hope and compassion.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,
Noel K. Rupprecht
Executive Director

CARE  **NET**
Pregnancy Center of the EUP

Circle 3 Christmas Party



Left

Left to Right:
Mary, Rebecca, Santa, & Doris

Right

Left to Right:
Sharon, Santa, Cathy, & Ruth



Above

Back Row: Dee, Sandy, Tina, Doris, Carol, Connie, Cathy, & Cheryl

Front Row: Mary, Rebecca, Sharon, Leitha, Mary Frances, Ruth, Cris, & Jennie



Above

Back Row: Santa

Front Row: Sharon, Margaret, & Donna

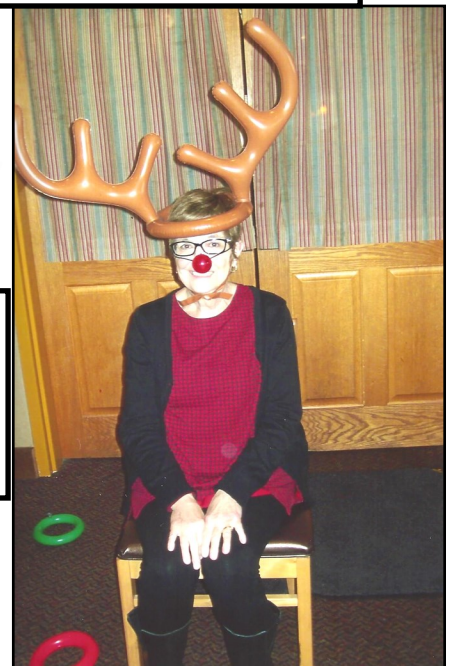


Left

Leitha with Santa Claus

Right:

Mary



What a year 2021 has been!

We pray that in the midst of the challenges that we have all faced this past year, you have experienced God's protection and blessings upon your life.

We have certainly experienced it here at Presbytery Point Camp.

Looking back over the past year, there has been much to celebrate even in these difficult times. This past summer, we were able to re-open camp after being closed down the year before due to COVID-19. For those who were able to attend our summer programming this year, time spent at the Point was once again an absolute blast as we seek to share God's love and grace with all who attend our beautiful space.

As you can see, Presbytery Point continues to have a tremendous impact on our children, youth, and all who were able to come to camp this past summer, and we pray that Presbytery Point will continue to be a blessing to our Presbytery and all who attend camp for years to come.

Here's where YOU come in! Would you please consider giving a one time or on-going gift to the Point as we seek to expand our programming for next year and to keep our camp ministries going in the year ahead?

Every gift counts! For individuals, we ask you to consider a one-time gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 (or more, if you are able) and for churches, we ask you to consider a gift of \$500 or \$1,000 (or greater!) so that we might finish the year strong and begin to plan for 2022.

Or, would you consider setting up a recurring gift to support the Camp all year long? Simply go to our website at www.presbyterypoint.org, and click on the link that says: "Support our Mission" for different giving opportunities. Anyone who gives \$300 - \$1,200/ year will become part of our "White Stately Birch Community," and any individual or organization that gives \$500 or more for the year, will receive a one time gift of a "Piece of The Point" (An original sign made by Board Member, Pete Kenn). The sign is made of The Old Dining Hall Flooring wood and says "Presbytery Point Camp" on it! ...Perfect for home decor or a nice reminder of camp in your office.

We thank you for your support of Presbytery Point in the past and your continued support of the Camp in the future. You may never know the impact that your gift will have on a young person's life, but each gift has the opportunity to change a young person's life forever! Many of us who love Presbytery Point Camp first came to faith along the shores of Lake Michigamme or at a similar outdoor experience and we hope the blessing of this experience will continue for many years to come.

Blessings to you always,

Rev. Jim Porter, Board Chair, and all of your Camp Board:

Marti Meyer - Escanaba
Allison Bebee - Marquette
Scott Aldrich - Sault Ste. Marie
Rev. David Ramage - Bellaire
Rev. Lois - East Jordan

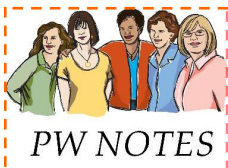
Faye Elder - Marquette
Andrea Sarto - Mackinaw City
Luke Carey - Iron Mountain
Mike Schneck - Marquette
Jenna Thompson - Executive Director,
Marquette & Michigamme.



No Choir Practice
Wednesday, January 5th



January
15th!!!



**Tuesday at
9:30 am
January 18th
(the 3rd Tuesday),**

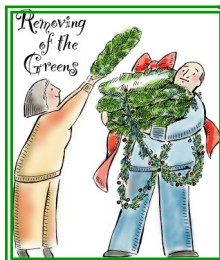
All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.



January Mission Project

January 2022 is the beginning of the second year of the Women's Bible Study monthly mission project. Everyone has been so generous with donations, and we have been so blessed to be able to help our local agencies who in turn help those in the community with a variety of needs. Thank you from the Bible Study members, and from those we have served.

In January, we are asking for monetary donations to aid people who struggle with home heating expenses during the winter. Funds will go to CLM Community Action Agency to help those in need. If you would like to donate by check, please make checks to CLM Community Action Agency, or just CLMCAA, and write Walk for Warmth on the memo line. God bless you.



Unfortunately, the Christmas season is drawing to a close and that means the sanctuary decorations will need to come down soon and we will be removing them after the January 9th service. If you can help with this, please plan to stay after service. Thanks.



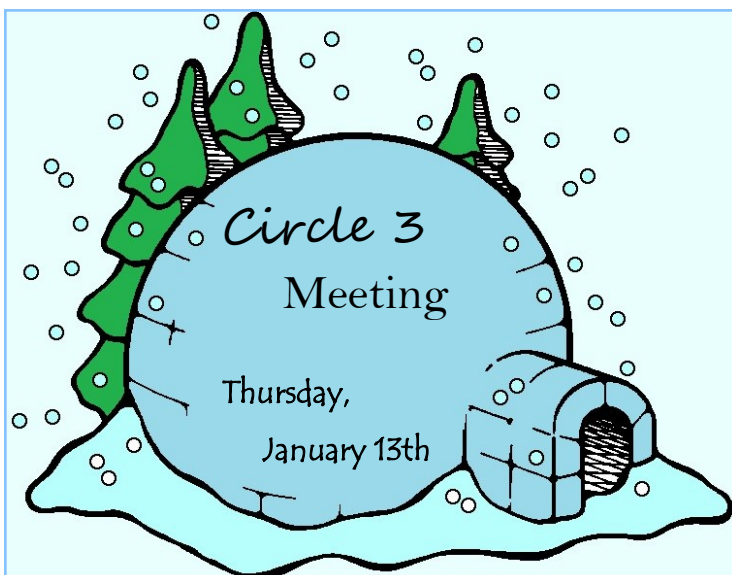
ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS'

It's Annual Report time again. Your reports are important.

Deadline for submission of your FUPC Annual Reports is January 5, 2022. Submit to the church office or email (office@soopresbyterian.org) your reports to the attention of Jessica.

Reminder - FUPC Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 30, 2022

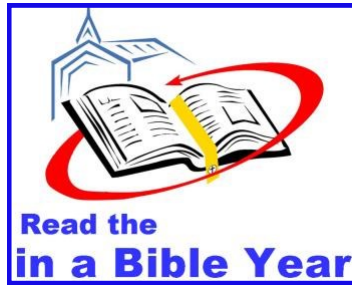


This is an invitation to all the ladies of our church family to join Circle 3 for fellowship and good bible based lessons with lots of inspiring discussion.

Beginning at our meeting on January 13th, we will be doing a study titled "Listen, Love, Repeat" by Karen Ehman.

What a good way to start the New Year as we learn more about how Jesus wants us to live. Hope to see you there!

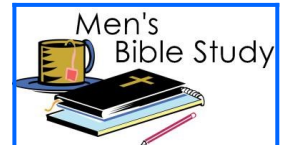
January



1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalms 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalms 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalms 3
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalms 4
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalms 5
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalms 6
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalms 7
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalms 8
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalms 9
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalms 10
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalms 11
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalms 12
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalms 13
14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalms 14
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalms 15
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalms 16
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalms 17
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalms 18
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalms 19
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalms 20
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalms 21
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalms 22
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalms 23
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalms 24
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalms 25
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalms 26
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalms 27
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalms 28
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalms 29
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalms 30
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalms 31



**Alegra Soorus
&
Wanda Eby**



The study group meets
every Friday morning
at 9:00 am.



Jeanne Shibley



**Women's
Bible Study**

The study group meets
every Wednesday
morning at 9:30 am.
All women are welcome
to attend



Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearled barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me_____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

—	father_____
—	pe_____
—	_____venge
—	_____od
—	_____rcy
—	op_____
—	_____hbor
—	humb_____
—	cas_____
—	_____tice

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
2 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	3 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	4	5 9:30a Women's Bible Study	6 10:00a Textile Social (SH)  EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	7 9:00a Men's Study Grp	8 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
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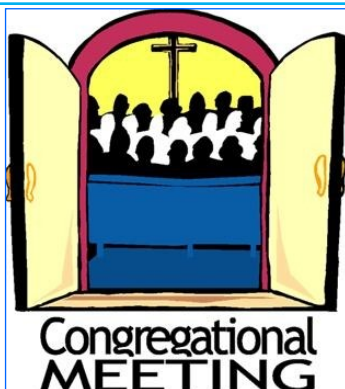
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for February issue:
January 15th**



Sunday, January 30, 2022 (after service)

**Find out what's happened during the past year
and what we expect in the coming year.**

**Annual Reports will be available for pick up and review
beginning on Sunday, January 23.**

**Committee reports are due in the church office by January 5th, for
inclusion in the Annual Report.**