



# *The Soo Chimes*

## *First United Presbyterian Church*



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# **Pastor's Message**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a sacred time for our country. It is a time we remember the founding of our country as it chartered a new direction not only for this nation but for the world. Our founding documents, the Constitution and Bill of Rights set forth principles of freedom and liberty for its citizens. Unfortunately, these rights and privileges did not extend to all individuals at first. It is an understandable and yet unfortunate reality given the period of time the founding fathers lived. These are discussions best left for other times as we choose to embrace what is good about July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights gives us the freedom, among other things, to meet together and worship freely. This has been a right Americans have enjoyed throughout the history of this country. It was a right many would have believed would never have been abridged. And yet we have seen that happen in this last year. When the pandemic first started the government asked churches to close. Most churches did just that including our local congregation. It was a decision both boards of our church agreed too. We didn't know how COVID spread and it was a prudent decision to make.

Some governors of states, including our own, were not satisfied with the voluntary participation of the churches. They sought to use their emergency powers to make it illegal

for people to meet and worship. I was a bit uneasy about this, but given how we didn't know how COVID spread I gave the governors who were doing this the benefit of the doubt. Some churches brought legal challenges to these forced shutdowns such as in our state. The judges in our state agreed with the plaintiffs; if a governor allows abortion clinics, liquor stores, and certain retail stores to remain open than the governor can't abridge citizen's first amendment rights to corporate worship. Judges in other states disagreed and allowed their respective governors to shut down churches while other businesses remained open. The United States Supreme Court would eventually settle the dispute in favor of the freedom to worship.

In time we started learning things about COVID. Data started becoming available that churches were not the super spreader environments many worried they would be. Churches could take precautions the same way other businesses did. In many states, however, governors continued to make it illegal to meet to worship. Even in the face of the decision of the Supreme Court they used their states respective health departments to multiply the requirements for churches making it practically impossible to meet. At the same time the governors who were forbidding worship allowed protests to gather in greater numbers and chanted

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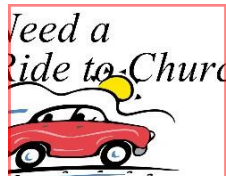
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July Mission

**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.*



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Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries  
and the U.S. Armed Forces.  
**Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.**

protest slogans far louder than any Presbyterian church has ever sang. Churches in these states had to again sue and eventually the Supreme Court would find for them again.

Can anyone really say they ever expected a time in the US when liquor stores and certain retail stores would be open but churches in America's most populated cities wouldn't be? I know I didn't. Where do we go from here and will our rights to worship be abridged again? I don't know. One thing I know is no matter what happens we have a promise from Jesus in John 14:27-28, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be trouble, neither let them be afraid." If we allow the Spirit to dwell in us, this promise can indeed be ours no matter what the future holds.

Peace in Christ,  
Mark



**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  
Bev Ward

**Medi-Lodge**

**1011 Meridian**  
Jane Kellan Room B15

**Long Term Care**

**500 Osborn Blvd**  
Marion Osborn  
Alice Soorus



The next Deacon's  
Meeting will be held on  
August 15th



**July**  
**15th!!!**



**Sunday**  
**July 4, 2021**



Mary Moran 07/02  
Dolores Sundstrom 07/03

Ginger Stratton 07/09  
Tom Woodgate 07/09  
Julie Martin 07/10  
Catherine Agar 07/14  
William Krempel 07/17  
Shelby Myers 07/17  
Margaret Zenda 07/17  
Marsha Cross 07/20  
David Knowles 07/22



**Office will be closed on  
Fridays, through  
September 3rd.**

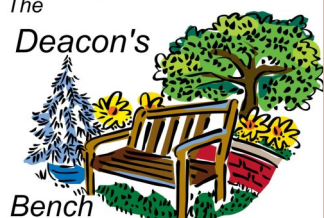


*The Family of Bob Nicholls wishes to express a sincere "Thank You" to Reverend Mark, Reverend Dave, Kay, Jackie, Denise, the Luncheon Crew, and the Church Family for everything you did following Bob's passing. The beautiful cards, notes, memorials, words of encouragement, calls, hugs, and food were received with grateful hearts.*

*We will always cherish your many kind expressions of sympathy and remembrances during this time of grief.*

*Sincerely,  
Carla & Family*

The  
Deacon's



Bench

## ONE PURPOSE

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Mark 10:45 ESV** Because Jesus fulfilled his one purpose—because he poured out his blood on the cross, bringing forgiveness and eternal life to all believers—we, too, can fulfill our purpose in His name. Each one of us has been set in

motion by our heavenly Father. Do all of us move in the same way? No. But we all serve one purpose given to us by one God:

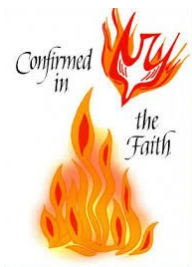
There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

**1 Corinthians 12:4–6 ESV** God empowers us for service. The gifts, talents, and abilities God has given you are powerful. When we come together as God's people, bringing the power of all of our gifts together, we serve in Jesus' name, a force to be reckoned with. Be a people ready to serve.

Volunteer with the Deacons – provide a ride, hand out a bag of groceries, visit a home-bound member, call and cheer up someone's day. Your congregation needs you!

*Excerpts taken from CTA, Inc. "One Purpose"*

Your Deacons  
Thank you for your continued support of our missions.



## First United Presbyterian Church New Members



Left to Right:

Elizabeth Martin, Olivia Martin, Alyvia Lori, Kamryn Corbiere, and Jeanne Shibley



### Can You Donate!

Here is a list of items that the First United Presbyterian Church members are asked to supply for the upcoming VBS:

- 32 (3 ounce) boxes of Jell-O
- 33 (16 ounce) cups (Hefty Brand)
- 70 (2 gallon) zip lock bags
- 32 snack size bags of pretzel sticks
- 32 snack size bags of Teddy Grahams
- 4 (1 lb) boxes of sugar cubes



Please call the office before you purchase items to find out what has already been received. Thank you.



### Meijer's Simply Give Campaign

is July 4 through October 2!

Our pantry benefits from the proceeds of this campaign. Meijer will match every \$10 donated to the campaign. In turn, our pantry will receive gift cards to make food purchases.

**Double match days are  
August 14 and 28.**

## Circle 3 Ladies Group

Fellowship!



Celebration!



Fun!



Food!

Games!



Doris Boogerd  
enjoying of a variation of  
"Pin the Tail on a Donkey".  
Light the Candle

### Left to Right:

**Back Row:** Jennie McCain, Doris Boogerd,  
Dee Musgrave, Sandy Borg, Cheryl Thoresen,  
Becca Franks, Margaret Eagle, & Mary Stanaway

**Front Row:** Carol Rohweder, Mary Frances Morden,  
Sharon Sheppard, Ruth Wilson, Cris Riordan, &  
Cathy Akre

Circle 3 ended the year celebrating  
our birthdays with good food and lots  
of fun including old-fashioned games.

Please mark your calendars for  
September 9th at 9:30 am and join  
our group to learn more of God's  
Word and enjoy wonderful  
fellowship.



Mary Stanaway observes as  
Mary Frances Morden  
displays her skills during the  
close-pin in bottle event.



Suzanne and Jim Worsham 07/03

Connie and Ted Lawrence 07/05

William and Lisa Justin 07/08

Wayne and Mary Frances Morden 07/11

Steve and Kathy Gerrish 07/26

### Food Pantry



**Shopping & Bagging:**  
Doris Boogerd

**Food Distribution:**

07/13 -Cathy

07/27 - Cathy & Mary Frances



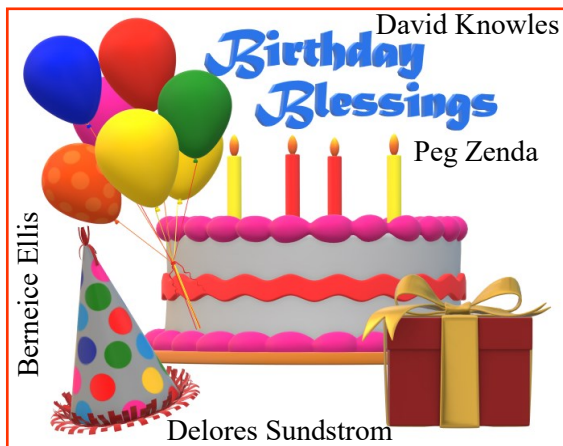
## PW NOTES



Our Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We need lots of help to make this successful.

Please call Alegra Soorus (632-3972) if you can help in any of the following areas:

1. Distribution of Flyers – by July 15th.
2. Transporting goods from storage to church on August 2nd . We need trucks/trailers and manpower.
3. August 3-6 setup at church – sorting, pricing and displaying.
4. Workers for August 7th. We need 4-5 floaters for the social hall. We have two cashiers, Sandy Borg and Doris Boorgerd.
5. We need 4-5 floaters for outside the Narthex for the furniture and larger items. We also need two cashiers for outside.
6. At 1:00 p.m. We need help packing up items for Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill. We will need to deliver the Salvation Army and Goodwill items so we need trucks.



### Dish Cloths!

Colors to  
match  
every kitchen  
Only  
\$1.25 each

Dish  
Cloths  
For Sale

Available in  
the church office.



### Scrubbies

\$3.00 Each or  
\$8.00 for Three

Suggested uses for  
Scrubbies that won't  
Scratch:

Scrub Dishes, Pots, & Pans

Scrub Veggies

Scrub Bugs off Windshields

Scrub Bathtubs and Sinks

Our next PW meeting is on July 20th at 9:30 a.m. If you are working the Rummage Sale and can make the meeting it would be great. I will make reminder calls to all August 7th workers.



Thank you

Alegra Soorus

PW Local Service



## July Mission Projects

As we continue the monthly mission projects, for July we will be helping the Women's New Hope House (Great Lakes Recovery Center).

Requested items are:

Supplies for outdoor activities (badminton, other games)

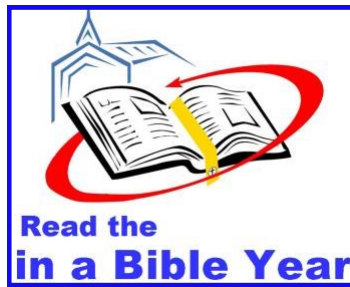
Pillows

Socks, bras, underwear (all new in unwrapped packages)

Towels and washcloths

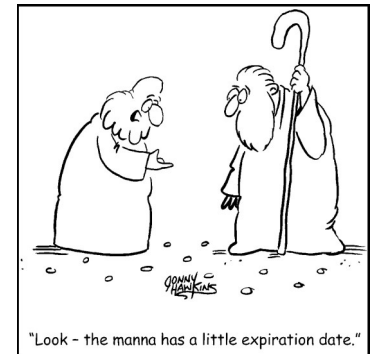
Once again, thank you for all your generosity in donating to our community agencies!

# July



*Sara Jones  
&  
Cheryl Thoresen*

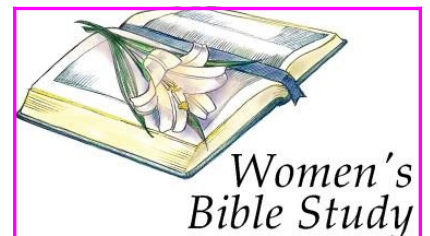
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2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Corinthians 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Corinthians 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Corinthians 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Corinthians 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micah 1
31	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2



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



Cheryl Thoresen



The study has discontinued  
their studies for the summer.

**Studies will start again  
in September**

**Enjoy your summer!**



## FAITHFUL ; followers

Play these fun variations  
on Follow the Leader —  
and remember to  
follow Jesus  
wherever you go!

### What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs,  
pillows
- Painter's tape

### What you do:

Players line up behind the  
Leader, who moves around in  
various ways. Followers must  
copy the Leader's movements  
faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a  
bean bag on their head as  
they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course,  
and follow the Leader by  
crawling under tables and  
chairs, hopping over pillows  
and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags  
and curves on the floor.  
Then follow the Leader as  
if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types  
of terrain to imagine, such  
as mud, snow, ice and a  
mountain.
5. Also try animal movements,  
mirrored movements and  
dancing movements.

# PUZZLE



## As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.  
How can our words be used in the same ways?



*Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing  
vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.*



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t    th    b   n   s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the  
bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship/Communion Service 10:00a Sunday School 	5 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	6	7	8 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	9 <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	10
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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 August issue:  
July 15th**

**July**

