



The Soo Chimes

Pastor's Message

It is nice when the sun comes out. It can really change our feelings and help us start the day. In 1 John 1:4-5 we are told, "We write these things so our joy may be complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Light was even more important in John's Day due to the limited nature of artificial lighting. In comparing God to Light, John was reminding us of our daily need for God. People's lives and work were built around the availability of sunlight. We need to remember in John's Day most people were involved in farming in one way or another. There was not a lot of work in John's Day that could be done by candlelight. These realities caused his metaphor of God being light even more poignant.

We certainly hope the sun decides to be our summer companion, giving us plenty of good days. This is something we have little control over. What is within our grasp is the spiritual light God can shed in our lives. As we seek and hopefully enjoy the sun in all our activities this summer, let us remember to seek the light, the true light. Let us seize our opportunities this summer with; worship, prayer, reading the Bible and basking in the wonder of God's creation let us seek God's light. The summer will not only be a time to enjoy God's creation, but to draw closer to the Light of Life.

-Peace in Christ, Rev. Mark Gabbard



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



Requesting Prayers for...

Rev. Dennis Boogerd, Jan Cavender, Jamison Strange, Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Carolyn Trumble, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all members of missionaries, and the U.S. Armed Forces

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Homebound Members

Please remember to stop and see these people— or drop them a card to let them know you’re thinking of them.

In Service This Month

Transportation Deacons

Cathy Akre & Cheryl Thorensen

Pew Maintenance

Cheryl Thorensen

Devotions

Doris Boogerd

Food Pantry Distribution

6/11– Pat Newhouse & Cathy Akre

6/25– Francie Waybrant, & Mary Frances Morden

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd, Tina Kay, & Judy Bawks

At Home

Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor

2023 W 4th Ave

Ardith Bawks

Mary Lee Schmidt

Mary Jane Bernier

Freighter View Assisted Living

605 W Portage Ave

Audrey Bush

Out of Town

Della Porter

6600 Constitution Blvd

Room 605

Portage, MI 49024

Rummage Sale

July 20th 9am-1pm

Clean your attics, basement, garages, and cupboards of your overflow and unused items. Drop off will be Monday July 15 thru Thursday July 18th, from 9am thru noon. Also an evening drop off will be available Wednesday. July 17 from 6pm-8pm. We cannot accept TV's with tubes, or computers. We need volunteers to help set up, price, help on the sale day, to pack things up when sale is completed, and pick-ups to take things away. Please contact Anita Weinrick, or Doris Boogerd.

Women's Bible Study: Mission Project

For the months of June, July, and August, we are requesting both food, and non-food items for our church's Food Pantry. The attendance at the food pantry remains high, and the Deacons will continue with the distributions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays throughout the summer. Monetary donations are also welcome, with food pantry envelopes in the pew pockets. WBS will resume with our varied missions in the fall. If you know of any group, agency etc. that could benefit from the missions, please let us know. Thank you so much for your support over the months. The Women's Bible study group will not be meeting for the summer months but will resume in September. Our Monthly Mission Project is ongoing though as we continue to collect items for our church's food pantry throughout the summer.

Wishing everyone a fun and relaxing summer!

Circle 3

Circle 3 will be meeting on Thursday, June 13th for our end of the year party which Dr. Pat Newhouse has so graciously offered to host at her home on Sugar Island. All ladies are welcome! Not only will we enjoy good fellowship, but also a tour through Pat's Fairy Garden. The details are as follows: Ferry leaves at 10:45 a.m. so be in the parking lot by 10:30 a.m. so we can car pool. This will be a pot-luck luncheon so please bring a dish to pass and a pair of sunglasses as we're going to pray for a beautiful, sunny day! Any questions, please call Cheryl at 906-632-7300.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women have a very busy schedule for the remainder of this year. We have scheduled our annual "Celebrate Summer" luncheon, our annual Rummage Sale, and of course our Bazaar. We will be reaching out to all of you for help in making all of these a success. June 18th is our "Celebrate Summer" and we are hoping many of our FUPC ladies sign up to attend and help us entertain ladies from area churches as well as our Presbyterian Churches in the area. Please make sure you RSVP to Margaret Eagle by June 12th. The July 20, 2024 Rummage Sale is also looking for lots of slightly used items: clothing, dishes, pictures, baby items, seasonal decorations, furniture, garden items, Doris Boogerd and Anita Weinrich are in charge of the sale. Any questions, please check with them. The Bazaar theme is "Angels Among Us". We are looking for all kinds, shapes, and sizes of angels and decorating ideas. We will have more information coming soon.

Hiawathaland Community Chorus

The Hiawathaland Community Chorus, under director Dave Erfourth, has started rehearsals for their Spring/Summer concerts! Join us Mondays at 6:30pm at the Rudyard Christian Reform church on Tilson Road - no experience needed, just a love of music and singing required!



Women's Bible Study
 Each Wednesday-9:30a
 (except the 2nd Wednesday)
 Westminster Room

Men's Bible Study
 Each Friday-9:00a
 Westminster Room



Communion Sunday
 June 2nd

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| 1 | Romans 7 | 1 Samuel 16 | Psalms 61 |
| 2 | Romans 8 | 1 Samuel 17:1-54 | Psalms 62 |
| 3 | Romans 9:1-29 | 1 Samuel 17:55-18:30 | Psalms 63 |
| 4 | Romans 9:30-10:21 | 1 Samuel 19 | Psalms 64 |
| 5 | Romans 11:1-24 | 1 Samuel 20 | Psalms 65 |
| 6 | Romans 11:25-36 | 1 Samuel 21-22 | Psalms 66 |
| 7 | Romans 12 | 1 Samuel 23-24 | Psalms 67 |
| 8 | Romans 13 | 1 Samuel 25 | Psalms 68 |
| 9 | Romans 14 | 1 Samuel 26 | Psalms 69 |
| 10 | Romans 15:1-13 | 1 Samuel 27-28 | Psalms 70 |
| 11 | Romans 15:14-33 | 1 Samuel 29-31 | Psalms 71 |
| 12 | Romans 16 | 2 Samuel 1 | Psalms 72 |
| 13 | Mark 1:1-20 | 2 Samuel 2:1-3:1 | Daniel 1 |
| 14 | Mark 1:21-45 | 2 Samuel 3:2-39 | Daniel 2:1-23 |
| 15 | Mark 2 | 2 Samuel 4-5 | Daniel 2:24-49 |
| 16 | Mark 3:1-19 | 2 Samuel 6 | Daniel 3 |
| 17 | Mark 3:20-35 | 2 Samuel 7-8 | Daniel 4 |
| 18 | Mark 4:1-20 | 2 Samuel 9-10 | Daniel 5 |
| 19 | Mark 4:21-41 | 2 Samuel 11-12 | Daniel 6 |
| 20 | Mark 5:1-20 | 2 Samuel 13 | Daniel 7 |
| 21 | Mark 5:21-43 | 2 Samuel 14 | Daniel 8 |
| 22 | Mark 6:1-29 | 2 Samuel 15 | Daniel 9 |
| 23 | Mark 6:30-56 | 2 Samuel 16 | Daniel 10:1-21 |
| 24 | Mark 7:1-13 | 2 Samuel 17 | Daniel 11:1-19 |
| 25 | Mark 7:14-37 | 2 Samuel 18 | Daniel 11:20-45 |
| 26 | Mark 8:1-21 | 2 Samuel 19 | Daniel 12 |
| 27 | Mark 8:22-9:1 | 2 Samuel 20-21 | Hosea 1:1-2:1 |
| 28 | Mark 9:2-50 | 2 Samuel 22 | Hosea 2:2-23 |
| 29 | Mark 10:1-31 | 2 Samuel 23 | Hosea 3 |
| 30 | Mark 10:32-52 | 2 Samuel 24 | Hosea 4:1-11 |

*the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
 paths straight,' "*
 Mark 1:3

Birthdays

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| Joanne Crawford | 06/05 | Maureen Parker | 06/20 |
| Ken Koepe | 06/06 | Earl Kay | 06/23 |
| Emily Lawson | 06/14 | Kay Boyne | 06/24 |
| Jacy Leon | 06/15 | Marilyn Myers | 06/25 |
| Meghan Gerrie | 06/16 | Mark Strange | 06/26 |
| Roberta Shubert | 06/16 | Gary Hill | 06/29 |
| James Bourque | 06/18 | Victoria Vining | 06/30 |

Save The Date – Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 24th thru Thursday, June 28th
9:00 am until 12:00 Noon

Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches,
Faith Lutheran and First United Presbyterian Church
are diving together to bring our community VBS



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| Dennis & Dorid Boogerd | 06/03 |
| Roger & Patricia Roe | 06/03 |
| Mary & Richard Moran | 06/12 |
| Janet & Ralph Sarnowski | 06/12 |
| Joel & Tiffany Schmidt | 06/13 |
| Sandy & Carolyn Shaw | 06/16 |
| Robert & Ginger Stratton | 06/21 |
| Alan & Kristin Dunbar | 06/22 |
| Roger & Judy Bawks | 06/24 |
| Roberta & Rodney Pearce | 06/24 |
| Daniel & Jennifer Reattoir | 06/28 |
| Dave & Wendy Pearce | 06/29 |



Dive Below the Surface to Build a Strong Faith

SCUBA VBS takes kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Swimming in God's Word

At Scuba Vacation Bible School, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day—making it easy for kids to remember and apply in real life.

Grab your dive buddies for a whale of a good time! At SCUBA, kids plunge into an undersea world brimming with colorful coral, flashy fish and abundant life. Immersed in oceans of fun kids discover God is a real friend who loves them forever.

This year our VBS location will be at the First United Presbyterian Church but it will take volunteers for all our churches to make this a fun, safe and spiritual adventure as children swim through our Sing & Play Splash; Deep Bible Adventures; Imagination Station; Reef Rec; Tital Treats and Sticky Scripture stations.

Church Life

Church Meetings/ Gatherings

Deacons: 6/9/24
Session: 6/17/24
Trustees: 6/17/24

Circle : 6/13/24
PW: 6/18/24

Textile Social

Each Thursday-9:00a
Social Hall

What Does That Mean?

Carillon Chimes

In the past, Carillon Chimes were a set of stationary bells hung in a tower and sounded by manual or pedal action. Now they are usually an electronic instrument imitative of the sound of the carillon. Our carillon has a speaker in our tower and is pre-programmed to play a song on the hour after the hour has "chimed".

Required Minimum Distribution

Once you turn 73, you're generally required to start withdrawing from certain retirement accounts (such as your traditional IRA, 401 (K), or similar employer-sponsored retirement plans) in what is known as a required minimum distribution (RMD).

If you don't, you'll take a significant hit. The IRS penalty for not taking the RMD is 25% of the amount not taken by the deadline. The deadline to take your first RMD is usually April 1, of the year after you turn 73, and December 31, each year after that.

Your RMD for any year is the account balance as of the end of the prior calendar year divided by a life expectancy factor according to the IRS.

Normally, a RMD is included as gross income on your tax return. Congress, although, passed the Protecting Americans From Tax Hikes Act, which established the Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). This act codified the practice of charitable giving directly from IRA accounts.

By contributing directly to the church from your IRA, you can satisfy some or all of your RMD. This Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), is not treated as ordinary income and is exempt from income tax.

First United Presbyterian Church members need to do something with their funds to avoid a high tax bracket to their adjusted gross income, why not donate a portion or full amount of your RMD to the church ministry from a QCD?

(as with all tax questions, consult your tax preparer, for details, as they relate to your situation)

Scholarship Opportunity

2024-2025 Scholarship applications will be available June 1, 2024. Completed Applications will be due by September 1, and awards will be announced October 15, 2024

The Synod of the Covenant seeks to develop leadership for the Church of Jesus Christ by awarding scholarships to full or part-time students seeking a first baccalaureate degree or certification at Colleges, universities, and vocational schools, or a first time Masters degree in theology. To be eligible, applicants must be an active participant in a PC(USA) congregation, new worshiping community, or campus ministry within the bounds of the synod, and have an endorsement of a leader from that ministry. Applicants shall have and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the priorities of the Mathew 25 Initiative (building congregational/ ministry vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty). The synod will give special consideration for leaders emerging from communities of Black, Indigenous, and people of Color and those with financial need. The amount of the scholarship will vary based on the number and financial need of the applicants and Christian leadership that they have shown. In 2023 scholarships ranged from \$500-\$2000

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Amy Duiker aduiker@sugarcreekchurch.org, chair of Scholarships/Grants committee.

SIMPLY **give**

together, we can help end
hunger in our community.

double match day
June 15

On double match days, Meijer will match Simply Give card purchases up to a maximum Meijer donation of \$10,000 per store.

Your donation will provide funds for the food pantry at First United Presbyterian Church.

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visit meijercommunity.com for more details.

Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV

Rummage Sale



Saturday July 20th



9:00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Clean out your attics, basements, garages,
and cupboards of your overflow and unused items.

Please keep the rummage sale in mind as you downsize this summer.
This is one of our best fundraising events for our yearly mission projects.
We cannot accept TV's with tubes, computers, mattresses, or box springs.

SCHEDULE

Drop off

Monday July 15th — Thursday July 18th
9:00 a.m. until noon

Evening drop off

Wednesday July 17th
6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Please contact
Doris Boogerd or Anita Weinrick
to signup to help or for more information.

Doris (616)901-4299

Anita (906)440-8849



Volunteers needed!

We need lots of help setting up
the week prior and
during the day of the sale

Helpers needed to:

Unpack, set-up, price, work the sale,
clean & pack up.

Also pick-up truck's & drivers
needed to take things away after the sale.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Saturday

June 2024

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | | 1 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 2 | 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | 3 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 4 | 5 | 6 9:00a Textile Social (SH) | 7 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 8 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| Communion | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service 11:15a Deacons Mtg (LB) | 10 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 11 3:30p Food Pantry | 12 | 13 9:00a Textile Social (SH) 10:30a Circle 3 (Sugar Island) | 14 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 15 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 16 | 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | 17 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee Mtg (LB) 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 18 12:00p PW Summer Luncheon (SH) | 19 | 20 9:00a Textile Social (SH) | 21 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 22 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 23 |  9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | 24 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 25 3:30p Food Pantry | 26 | 27 9:00a Textile So- cial (SH) | 28 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 29 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 30 | 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | | | | | | |

LB—Library MR—Music Room S—Sanctuary SH—Social Hall WR—Westminster Room

First United Presbyterian Church

Core Values

- 1) Biblical Preaching / Teaching
- 2) Involved Congregation
- 3) Godly Leadership
- 4) Christian Education for All Ages
- 5) Care for People
- 6) Prayer / Spiritual Growth
- 7) Awareness of God's Presence
- 8) Celebration of Sacraments
- 9) High Quality Programs / Ministries
- 10) Lordship of Christ in Our Lives
- 11) Commitment
- 12) Thankfulness of God

Who We Are and What We Value...

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*

Vision Statement

- Quality Christian Education for all ages
- Congregation caring for itself and others
- Worship and preaching that is biblically grounded and currently applicable
- Ministry to our community and those in need
- Support of world mission and local outreach ministries
- Spiritual growth of members by encouraging the practice of spiritual disciplines

Our Motto

A Joyful Past - A Hopeful Future - A Celebration of Today

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Sunday Worship: 10:00a

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Jason Fuller, Sexton

Deadline for Newsletter Articles: 15th

