

The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Message



This last winter was a long one. Winter bled into spring. It seemed like spring would never warm up. Thankfully some warm days are headed our way. David in the Psalms writes:

(Psa 19:1-11 NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. {2} Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. {3} There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. {4} Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, {5} which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. {6} It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. {7} The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. {8} The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. {9} The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. {10} They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. {11} By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Christianity has always proclaimed the goodness of God's creation. The goodness of creation allows us to enjoy those wonderful spring and summer days. We are encouraged to enjoy what God has created. It is a gift

God gives us, the goodness of this world. As we are enjoying the activities afforded to us by those wonderful spring and summer days, let us remember to allow nature to speak to us. Let us remember to hear the praise that creation lavishes on our God. Nature, if we listen, will point our hearts and minds to God. The beauty of the creation indeed points to its creator.

Let us also remember the message the creation brings to us about our God, while edifying, is not divine revelation. David rejoices in the beauty of nature and what it says about God, but then he talks about; the Law of the Lord, the Precepts of the Lord, the Statutes of the Lord, the Commands of the Lord and the Fear of the Lord. All of this is from divine revelation, what God tells us in the scripture and through the Holy Spirit as we engage scripture. For us to keep our spiritual center we need both, the general revelation nature gives us about God and the divine revelation God grants us about God, ourselves and the world.

Peace in Christ, Mark

We're adding a new article to the newsletter:

What Does *That* Mean?

There are a lot of words, items, terms, etc. that are used around the church that, those who have been around *forever*, :) forget that not everyone knows what they mean. So, each month 1 or 2 items will be explained in greater detail.

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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.



Dee Leuvoy, Robert Corbin, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Karen Brook, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Tom Woodgate, Gina Gough, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, John Burgess, Joyce Cross, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Donna LaPlaunt, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Patricia Farnhill, Dave & Leslie Henderson, 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.



Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue
Audrey Bush

Out of Town
Della Porter

Cross Roads Village
6600 Constitution Blvd
Room 605
Portage, MI 49024

At Home
Mary Jane Bernier
Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Ardith Bawks
John and Barb Kenn
Peg Zenda
Mary Lee Schmidt
Flora Fortin

Medi-Lodge
1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan

Food Pantry



Distribution

6/13– Pat & Patty

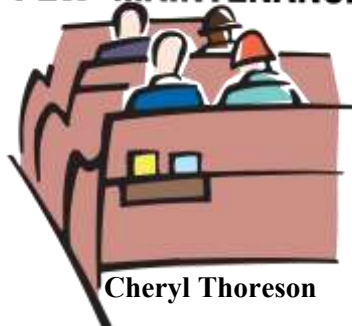
6/27– Mary Frances & Jeanne Shibley

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd



PEW MAINTENANCE



Cheryl Thoreson



Mens Bible Study
9:00 AM every Friday!



Ab Loss in Our Church Family
Roland James Akre

May 23, 1949–May 10, 2023



COFFEE and Cookies



Done Until
September

Have a great Summer!

Rides Available

Transportation Deacons

- † Cathy Akre
- † Cheryl Thoreson
- † Jeanne Shibley



If you need a ride to church please contact the office



Danielle Gallegos	06/01	Jacy Leon	06/15
Ella Greene	06/01	Meghan Gerrie	06/16
Beverly Parker	06/01	Roberta Shubert	06/16
Cole Hyrsky	06/02	Andrea Greene	06/17
Mckayla Worsham	06/02	James Bourque	06/18
Alaina Frappier	06/03	Mark Sundstrom	06/19
John Kenn	06/03	Ryan Dalsky	06/20
Hannah Ernst	06/04	Maureen Parker	06/20
Makayla Frappier	06/03	Griffin Zajkowski	06/20
Joanne Crawford	06/05	Jillian Newhouse	06/21
Noah Osterhout	06/05	Tracey Lektzian	06/22
Ken Koeppe	06/06	Earl Kay	06/23
Emily McKechnie	06/06	Kay Boyne	06/24
Travis Cardinal	06/13	Ricky Kessinger	06/24
Linda Nelson	06/13	Marilyn Myers	06/25
Emily Lawson	06/14	Samantha Hubbard	06/26
Lauren Chance	06/15	Tori Gamelin	06/29
Joel Davie	06/15	Gary Hill	06/29
		Victoria Vining	06/30



Communion

Sunday
June 4th

Newsletter Deadline

**15th of each
month**

If you would like anything placed in the newsletter, please provide all of the information, in written form, to Nicole no later than the deadline each month. Emailed items are best.

JUNE Anniversaries

Dennis & Doris Boogerd	06/03	Alan & Kris Dunbar	06/22
Roger & Patricia Roe	06/03	Roger & Judy Bawks	06/24
Richard & Mary Moran	06/12	Rodney & Roberta Pearce	06/24
Joel & Tiffany Schmidt	06/13	Daniel & Jennifer Reattoir	06/26
Mark & Patricia Huebschman	06/16	John & Barb Kenn	06/27
Sandy & Carolyn Shaw	06/16	Dave & Wendy Pearce	06/29

What Does *That* Mean?

Called Minister: A Called Minister is the minister/pastor that holds a permanent position in the church.

Stated Supply Minister: A Stated Supply Minister is a minister of the word and sacrament appointed by the presbytery, after consultation with the session, that fills a temporary position at a church. A temporary supply may be any of the following: a candidate under care of a presbytery, a minister of the word and sacrament, a Commissioned Ruling Elder, or an elder. There is no mandatory limit to the term of a temporary supply contract, however, it will normally be for no more than twelve months and be renewable for no more than twelve months at a time.

Interim: An interim pastor is a minister of the word and sacrament who is invited by the local Session with approval of presbytery to fill the positions of interim pastor, interim co-pastor, or interim associate pastor under circumstances described in the Book of Order. An interim is often brought into a church while that congregation is looking for a new permanent minister. The interim contract is for no more than twelve months and may be renewed for a period of not more than twelve months at a time with approval of the *Commission on Ministry* of the presbytery.

Pulpit Supply: A person who comes in to perform designated functions for a specific worship service. They act as the minister for that service only. This is done when the Called Minister is on vacation or otherwise unavailable.



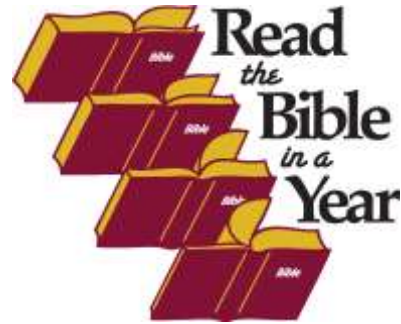
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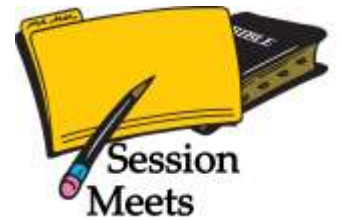
“Celebrate Summer” June 20, 2023 at 12:00 noon we will be hosting our second “Celebrate Summer” luncheon and social. We are inviting all local Sault Ste. Marie church women as well as all Presbyterian Women from Newberry east to DeTour/Nebish Island. We have a salad luncheon planned followed by two speakers: Tracy Holt from Hospice of the EUP and Brenda Eagle of HOPE.

All FUPC women are invited and urged to come represent our church. Please RSVP by June 14th to Margaret Eagle at 906-259-5028 or Alegra Soorus at 906-632-3972. Mark your calendar now and come enjoy good food and fellowship.

Our next regular PW Meeting is July 18, 2023 at 12:00 noon.



JUNE 26 - JUNE 29



June 19 at 5:30pm



June 18 at 11:15am



June 20th at 5:30pm

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



How is the First United Presbyterian Church of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Organized?

Greetings. Last month I shared with you the upper level organization of our church under PCUSA. Inadvertently this link was left out of the Chimes article:

Our Office of the Presbytery is the Presbytery of Mackinac and is located in Petoskey, Michigan and can be found online at <https://www.presbymac.org/>

This month I will show how the local congregation is organized by our Constitution which contains two parts. Part I contains primarily matters of faith and Part II handles the “polity” (or governmental) matters as defined in the [Book of Order](#). This link will take you to the latest version on the PCUSA website and there are currently 322 pages of reading available |(for effective sedation, if needed.) Because it is a detailed document I will only cite excerpts from one of the four sections:

- F** - The **F**oundations of Presbyterian Polity
- G** - Form of **G**overnment
- W** - Directory for **W**orship
- D** - Rules of **D**iscipline

For our current discussion of the organization of our church, we are interested in section **G** which is divided into 6 Chapters:

- 1** - Congregations and Their Membership
- 2** - Ordered Ministry, Commissioning, and Certification
- 3** - Councils of the Church
- 4** - The Church and Civil Authority
- 5** - Ecumenicity and Union
- 6** - Interpreting and Amending the Constitution

SESSION

In section **G-1.0103**:

The members of a congregation put themselves under the leadership of the session and the higher councils (presbytery, synod, and General Assembly). The session is responsible to guide and govern the life of the congregation. The session leads the congregation in fulfilling its responsibilities for the service of all people, for the upbuilding of the whole church, and for the glory of God.

DEACON

In section **G-2.02**:

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.

In section **G-2.0201**:

Deacons may be individually commissioned or organized as a board of deacons. In either case, their ministry is under the supervision and authority of the session.

RULING ELDER

In section **G-2.0301:**

Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

In section **G-2.0501:**

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (also called teaching elders and pastors) shall in all things be committed to teaching the faith in word and deed and equipping the saints for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12). They may serve in a variety of ministries, as authorized by the presbytery.

TRUSTEES

In section **G-4.0101:**

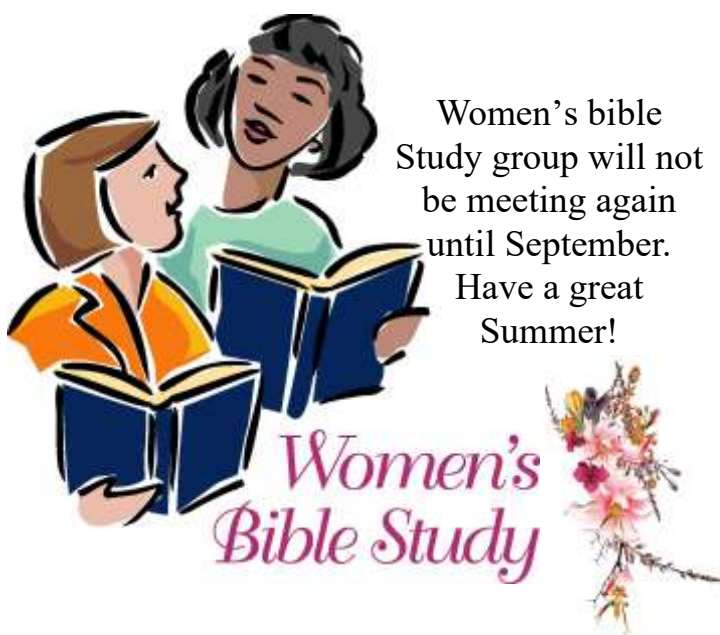
Where permitted by civil law, each congregation shall cause a corporation to be formed and maintained. If incorporation is not permitted, individual trustees shall be elected by the congregation.

Also in section **G-4.0101:**

The corporation so formed, or the Individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The powers and duties of the trustees shall not infringe upon the powers and duties of the session or the board of deacons.

Well, that is a lot to digest and only a small part of The Book of Order. Next month we will try to start discussing the Church Committees.

Thank you.
Tom Corbin





The Textile Group made 9 walker caddies and 50 bibs to give to Hospice to distribute to their homes.



The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of **God,**
and the communion
of the **Holy Spirit**
be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13:13



Rummage Sale

On August 5, 2023 we will hold our annual Rummage Sale. Lots of help is needed to make this a success. Doris Boogerd and Anita Weinrich are co-chairs for this project. Our Annual Tea and Bazaar is scheduled for November 4, 2023. Our theme is "The Light of the World is Jesus". Decorating ideas are needed and welcomed. We are looking for all different kinds of lights so keep your eyes open to anything you think would work with our theme.



Alaina Frappier
Elizabeth Martin
Olivia Martin
Lilly Vetrano
Kadence Gorsuch
Isabella Stratton
Piper Quinn

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Miranda Schomberg
Victoria Vining
Emma Lussier
Mark Strange
Emma Reamer
Nathan Reamer

Womens Bible study June Mission

With **Presbytery Point Camp** opening once again for the season, our June Monthly Mission will be to help them with needed supplies. A few suggestions are: food storage containers, white laundry baskets, 12 matching salt & pepper shakers or craft projects. There is also a listing of more items on the bulletin board across from the church office. As always, your help with these mission projects throughout the past years have been so appreciated by the recipients of your generosity. It's a good feeling to know we are following Christ's command in loving and helping others in need. God Bless!



Circle 3 will be ending their year with a gathering at Applebee's on Thursday, June 8th at noon. This is a "Dutch treat" luncheon that's filled with good food, fun and wonderful fellowship. We invite all ladies of the church to join us . . . what a great way to begin the summer months!!



Beginning June 4th, Sunday Choir Practice will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am

Wednesday Choir practice will not be held until September 6th at 6:00 pm.

If you would like to sing in the "Summer Choir" please come and join us!

HAPPY

FATHER'S DAY!



This is my dad

My dad gets an award for

My dad is awesome because:

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My dad's name is _____ but i call him _____!

My dad's favorite food is _____

My dad is really good at _____

My favorite memory of my dad is: _____

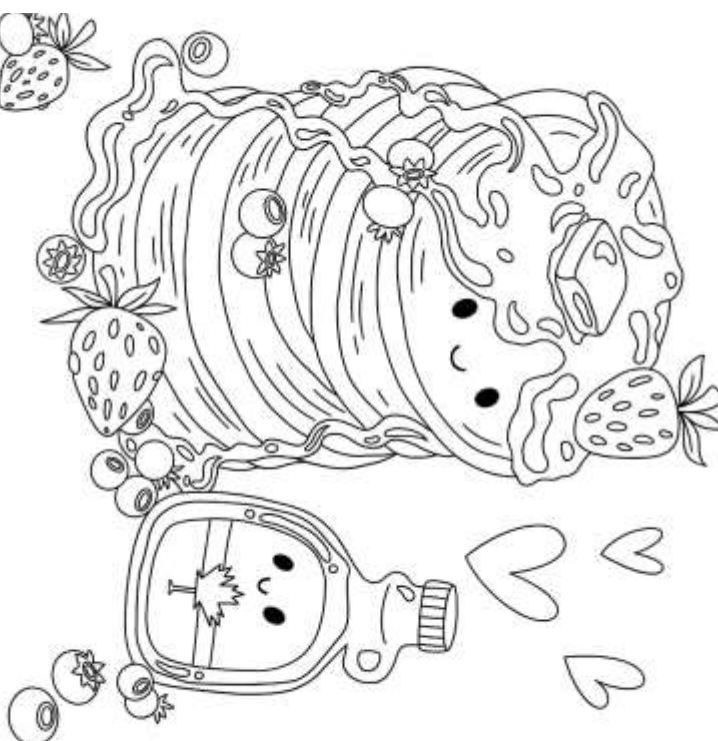
My favorite thing to do with my dad is: _____

My dad's favorite thing to say is...

Love you always, _____

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DAD, no one



STACKS up to you!

HAPPY Father's Day!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	5 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6	7	8 9:30am Textile 9:30am Circle 3	9 9:00am Mens Bible Study	10 7:00pm AA
11 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:15:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	12 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 3:30pm Food pantry	14	15 9:30am Textile	16 9:00am Mens Bible Study	17 7:00pm AA
18 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Deacons Meeting	19 5:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20 12:00pm PW "Celebrate Summer" 5:30pm Trustees Meeting	21	22 9:30am Textile	23 9:00am Mens Bible Study	24 7:00pm AA
25 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	26 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27 3:30pm Food pantry	28	29 9:30am Textile	30 9:00am Mens Bible Study	1 7:00pm AA

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1p.m.
Monday—Thursday

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
Nicole Mckelvie, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jason Fuller, Sexton

**Deadline for Next issue:
15th of each month**

Sault Locks 2023 Engineers Day

Friday June 30th

Macarthur Lock

will be open for the public to cross, from
9am thru 3:30 pm

Ashmun Street

From Ferris Street to Osborn Blvd will be closed for vendors
from 6am thru 6pm

United States Coast Guard

Open House

9am-4pm

C r a f t S h o w

at City Hall from 10am-5pm

Lake Superior Center for Freshwater Research and Education

will be open from 10am-4pm