



# The Soo Chimes

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## Pastor's Message

Awhile back, session was approached with a request to purchase an AED machine. What is an AED machine? AED stands for "Automated External Defibrillator". It is a device that can check heart rhythm and if need be send a shock to the heart to restore rhythm. It is used in the case of sudden cardiac arrest. It is automated, so it won't send a shock unless the person needs it. In certain situations, the sooner this can be used on a person the more likely it will lead to a better outcome.

It sounded like a very good idea to session. A big thank you to the individuals who did a lot of the legwork on what we needed and how much it would cost. A member was also able to get us a \$500 gift from War Memorial Hospital toward the purchase. The total cost is ~\$2000. We already have the \$500 donation from War Memorial Hospital, this leaves us short ~\$1500. The Session is asking the congregations for donations to allow this purchase to happen.

In the spirit of the month let us remember to give thanks to God for all

the blessings we have received. James 1:17-18, "17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created." God has richly blessed us. During this month of thanksgiving, let us make sure we take time to praise and thank God for all we have and for what Christ had done for us.

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*

*Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!*



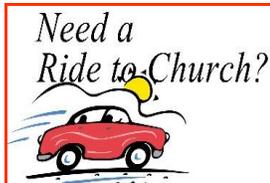
Family of Del LaPine, Owen Nicholls, Shane Miller, Jon Burgess, Gina Gough, Alex McCready, Andrea Klier, Lois Hillock, Pat Whyte, Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Christine Mickelson, Tara Jean Brody, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy (Menard) James, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



In memory of ...

Delbert LaPine  
(Leitha Vollick's Son-in-Law)  
10/17/17



Jeanne Shibley



SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19TH  
2:00 PM  
GINGER STRATTON



Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday,  
November 23rd  
&  
Friday,  
November 24th



Our Sunday  
Worship Service  
starts at 10:00 a.m.  
We hope to see you  
on Sunday!



**McKinley Manor**  
**2023 West 4th Avenue**

Jane Kellan  
Vera Steffens

**Tendercare- Sault Ste Marie**

**1011 Meridian**

Jim Schmidt  
Jean Smith

**WMH Long Term Care**  
**500 Osborn Boulevard**

Robert Ferguson  
Lois Myers

**Freighter View Assisted Living**  
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Audrey Bush  
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Delores Swick

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Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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Lake City, MI 49651-8681



The next Deacon's  
Meeting will be held on  
November 19th.

**Deacon**



Barb  
Kenn

If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



### THURSDAY TEXTILE SOCIAL

Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm in the Social Hall. You are invited to bring your textile project and a sack lunch and share time with others with similar interests. No Textile Social on November 2nd.

Call Ruth Wilson at 632-9355 or Anita Weinrick at 632-3207 with any questions.



### Food Pantry

Doris Boogerd  
&  
Jeanne Shibley

### Distribution

11/14/17 Cathy Akre  
11/28/17 Jeanne Shibley

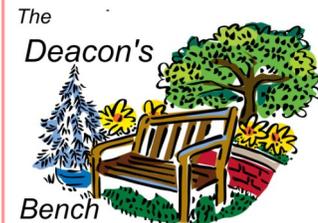


**ELECTION DAY**  
**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**  
Tuesday, November 7th  
Polls open 7 am



The Memorial Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted and participated in the Candle Lighting Dedication Service on October 15th.

**November 5th**

The holiday season is upon us along with increased need to help our Christian family. We have been pleased to increase our service to the community with twice a month food pantry distribution, providing for 30 families and upwards of 60 people. We appreciate all that you have done as well as Meijer's for the food gift cards as a result of your support. Watch for our Cookie/Cupcake Sale on December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex. Funds will be used to purchase food from Feeding America and support other Deacon mission work.

Watch for the Mitten Tree in the Narthex. We collect new mittens, hats, and scarves for our local school children. A rack with donated coats, hats, scarves, jackets, sweaters and other outer winter wear will be set up in the Social Hall to benefit those who need a gift of warmth.

Help us help you - let us know if you need a ride, a visit, a prayer, or a gift of warmth or food. The Deacons can be reached via e-mail at [fupcdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:fupcdeacons@gmail.com), or leave a message with the office, or contact any of the Deacons: Jeanne Shibley, Doris Boogerd, Cathy Akre, Wanda Eby, Michelle Markstrom, Ginger Stratton, Barb Kenn or Suzanne Stevenson.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeanne



# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon and Lorne Sheppard	11/06
Sue and John Kaunisto	11/08
Lee and Shelby Myers	11/23
Ronald and Donna Blair	11/28

# 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



*Congratulations!*  
*Lee & Shelby Myers*

This Month's Special Birthdays



Cris Riordan  
Lois Kenney  
Verna Campbell  
Tom Thoresen  
Edna Roe  
Dave Henderson



Join us on Sunday, November 12th for Stewardship Sunday. It is our chance to celebrate the gifts that God has blessed us with and share those blessings with the church. Watch your mailbox for more information.




# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Lawson	11/02	Whitney Justin	11/17
Cris Riordan	11/04	Lois Kenney	11/20
Burton Jones	11/05	Herbert Michaels	11/20
Jeanne Shibley	11/08	Terry Sanderson	11/20
David Henderson	11/11	Autumn Goldberg	11/21
Kevin Kenney	11/11	Allison LaRue	11/22
Judith Carlson	11/12	Norma Music	11/22
Jeanine Pratt	11/12	Ruth Wilson	11/22
Lisa Justin	11/14	Earl McKechnie	11/23
Jennie Somes	11/14	Steve Gerrish	11/24
Verna Campbell	11/16	Thomas Thoresen	11/24
John Goldberg Jr.	11/16	Edna Koller	11/25
Allie Brawley	11/17	Wanda Eby	11/30
		Edna Roe	11/30



**NEW**  
**Offering Envelopes**

The 2018 Offering Envelopes will be arriving soon.

To help cut costs and waste, we have reduced the number of envelope box sets.

**Please note:**  
We had to reassign envelope numbers for some of our contributors.



Thanksgiving became a permanent holiday here in America in 1863, on the 4th Thursday of the month. Canada also celebrates

Thanksgiving but earlier than we do on the 2nd Tuesday in October.

Some have stated El Paso celebrated Thanksgiving as early as 1598 and another city, Plymouth claims 1629 as their early Thanksgiving date with native Americans and those who had settled in their area.

The Thanksgiving tradition began when George Washington, our first President proclaimed the 26th of November as the official date but as late as 1941 federal legislation mandated the 4th Thursday as the date to which we have adjusted.

November is a busy month with elections being held, Veterans Day, the first Sunday of Advent, and a time we can all sit down as families and enjoy a meal of turkey, stuffing, cranberries, potatoes, and all that goes with it including pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving is a time for relaxation in one another's homes realizing Thanksgiving has deep roots. Yes Thanksgiving is the precise time for all of us to be thankful and appreciate everything we have and possess. It is a time to socialize with families and friends.

Through the grace and gratitude of God, lets make sure we pause in prayer and be thankful for all we have been given.

Don Myers, CRE



### Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Practice continues every Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m.

We encourage and welcome new and returning voices to come and join this musical celebration of Christ's birth.

The Cantata performance will be on Sunday, December 17th.

*Come join the choir for this celebration!*



*The beginning of Advent is a time for the "Hanging of the Greens", decorating with evergreen wreaths, boughs, or trees that help to symbolize the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus Christ.*



*Celebrate this time by helping to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. We will be "Hanging the Green" after the worship service on Sunday, November 26th. Bring your comfortable clothes and sunny disposition.*

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*If you will be able to help, please contact Alicia at 632-1751.*

*As with most things – "many hands make light work".*



### Thanksgiving Worship

Join us on  
November 19th



# MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Fred Michels



Jennie McCain

## Welcome



### Thanksgiving

*Psalm 100:4*

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name." (CSB)*

*For thirty seven years I conducted a worship service in honor of Thanksgiving Day. The church order required it, thus there was never an objection to this tradition. My thoughts were always directed to the majesty of Psalm 100—the Thanksgiving Psalm. The scriptures are full of exhortations to give praise and thanksgiving to our precious God and his son, Jesus Christ, with the filling of the Holy Spirit. We must remember that Thanksgiving is not a liturgical holiday, but it is a national holiday. George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day. It was Abraham Lincoln who established the final Thursday of November as our Thanksgiving. Franklin D. Roosevelt set the fourth Thursday in November as the day to celebrate and congress has not changed that date.*

*I could make many lists of what we can give thanks for. I choose one; namely, our church. The Lord has given us a wonderful church building in which we are able to give our praise and worship to our God. I give thanks for our trustees who take excellent care of our building. We are thankful for those who serve on the session and those who serve as deacons. We have a majestic organ and piano. We give thanks for Kay Boyne, our director of music. We give thanks to God for our excellent pastor, Rev. Mark Gabbard and his wonderful wife, Melissa. May God continue to bless them, especially as they anticipate the wedding of their daughter, Hannah.*

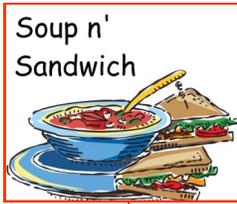
*Denise is so proficient in her role as church secretary. Jessie does a fine job of keeping the church clean. Give thanks to God for both these servants. Do not forget the Presbyterian Women. You cannot put a price tag on all their fine work. I also think of our Sunday school program, and their teachers. What an excellent work they do for our children. We also want to remember VBS, Amie and Emily and crew, Our deepest thanks to all for teaching community children. Thanks and love to our wonderful VBS people. Chad and Denise lead our young people. We give thanks to them. We have our faithful members in the choir to sing praises. What a great bunch of choristers to lead us in our worship of song. In accord with Jesus teaching (John 17), we are blessed with unity based on love for one another. Plus we have been given our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All thanks and praise to God!*

*Rev. Dennis J. Boogerd*



*Right: Relaxing in the H.S. Youth Room*  
*Top:: The H.S. Youth Group and their decorated tree for this year's Annual Tree and Bazaar*

~Mark & Melissa Gabbard Chad & Denise Folkersma



**Deacons**  
**November 5**

***It's Time for Operation Christmas Child 2017!***

Each year, the Samaritan's Purse organization collects shoe boxes filled with gifts to distribute to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a box for a boy or girl, in the age categories 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Boxes are available on the table in the narthex and will be collected here at the church by Sunday, November 12th to be blessed. For more information, please contact Dee Musgrave, at 635-0940, or call the office.

***Thank you for helping to spread God's love  
Through the Power of a simple Gift!***

**ANCHOR HOUSE BANQUET**

**Thursday, November 9th**  
**Punch at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

You are invited to attend the Anchor House Ministry banquet  
A wonderful dinner provided by Karl's Cuisine  
A short program after dinner will feature students sharing how the ministry is impacting their faith.  
A free will offering will be taken to help support the ongoing work of the ministry.

Hope you can join us!

**Please RSVP by Monday, November 6th**  
**Calling Marty Feldhake at (906) 322-5694**  
**Or email mff59@juno.com or let the church office know if you plan to attend**



## Holiday Schedule

### It is never too early to think of Christmas!

A few dates to keep in mind. December 3rd marks the 1st Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 10th will be our children's program, Sunday, December 17th will be our Christmas Cantata sung by our choir followed by a Turkey dinner put on by the Endowment Committee. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, we will **NOT** be having our regular morning worship service. We will have our Christmas Eve candlelight service that evening at 7 pm. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on all the festivities of the holiday season!



### Celebrate Christmas

Central United Methodist

111 E Spruce Street

SSM, MI

Women's Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 2017

10 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Luncheon: 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Luncheon Tickets: \$6.00

### Yuletide Tea & Bazaar

Central United Methodist

160 Spring Street

SSM, Ontario

Women's Bazaar

Saturday, November 18, 2017

1 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Tea Tickets: \$6.00

Children under 5—Free



### Sunday

December 3rd



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF

Advent



### Autumn Storm Lawrence

Born on September 18, 2017

Daughter of Alanna Lawrence & Josh Ware.

The proud Grandparents are

Ted & Connie Lawrence

and Steve & Diane Ware

Great Grandparents

Marlene and the late Charlie McCleod.

**Congratulations!**



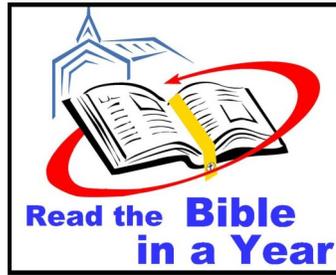
### Purchase/Reimbursement/Funds Transfer Form

These forms must be filled out and signed by the appropriate committee member for all purchases.

Invoices and reimbursements will not be paid unless these forms are filled out properly and in advance.

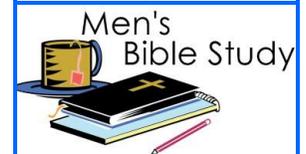


# November



*Sara Jones*  
and  
*Wanda Eby*

1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1-2	Psalms 96
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalms 97
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalms 98
4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1-7:4	Psalms 99
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5-8:12	Psalms 100
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13-9:37	Psalms 101
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38-10:39	Psalms 102
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalms 103
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalms 104:1-23
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalms 104:24-35
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalms 105:1-25
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalms 105:26-45
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3-4	Psalms 106:1-23
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Psalms 106:24-48
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Psalms 107:1-22
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9-10	Psalms 107:23-43
17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalms 108
18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalms 109:1-19
19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalms 109:20-31
20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalms 110
21	Revelation 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalms 111
22	1 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalms 112
23	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalms 113
24	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalms 114
25	1 Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalms 115
26	1 Thessalonians 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalms 116
27	2 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalms 117
28	2 Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalms 118
29	2 Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalms 119:1-32
30	1 Timothy 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalms 119:33-64
31	1 Timothy 2	Isaiah 34-35	Psalms 119:65-96



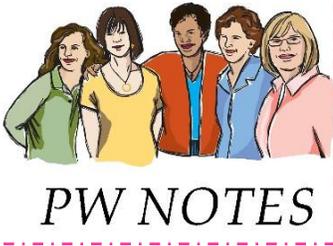
Men's Bible Study every  
Friday morning at 9:00 am.  
All men are welcome  
to join us!

*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*  
Psalm 95:2, NIV



Woman's Bible Study  
Wednesday Mornings,  
at 9 AM.

Come join us!



# PW NOTES

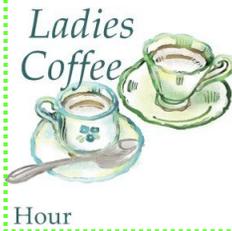


**Dish Cloths!**  
**Colors to match every kitchen Only \$1.00 each**  
**Available in the church office.**

Brought to you by the  
 Presbyterian Women



**PW**  
**November 19th**



## WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday , November 21st  
 at 9:30 AM  
 Please join us for fellowship  
 and treats.

**All Ladies welcome!**



## Quilt Raffle

This year the PW will be  
 raffling another beautiful hand  
 made king size quilt by  
 Carolyn Shaw.

Tickets are available from a  
 PW Member or in the  
 church office .

The drawing will be held  
**November 4, 2017 at 4:00 pm.**



## Circle 3 Meeting

Circle 3  
 Meetings  
 Thursday,  
 November 9th

Year-to 10/22/17 offerings	\$134,680
Year to 10/22/17 expenses	\$141,348



## Bible Quiz

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None – they were all dead
- B. Three – unbound and unharmed
- C. Four – and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count



## Light the Night

Thank you to everyone who helped make Light the Night another great success! This is such a great tool to reach out to our community and give the children a safe environment to have fun!

**God is always working!**



**The Ultimate Cloth Great for your Cleaning projects!**  
**Get yours at the church office**  
**\$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00**

Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)

# 2017 Annual Tea & Bazaar



**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

**1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**\$7.00 PER TICKET**

**Tea and bazaar:**

**Drop off times for donations:**

Wednesday 9 til 2 and 6 til 8 pm

Thursday. 9 til 2 p.m.

Friday 9 til 5 p.m.

Remember to designate the area of your donation.  
Bake booth or tea table. Raffle table or grammas attic .



**Scrip Card  
Fundraiser**

The holidays are coming up! No matter how hard we may try to slow things down, Christmas shopping still needs to be done. If you are having a hard time shopping for that hard to buy for person, please consider scrip! You still pay the regular price for the gift cards, but the organization receives a percentage. There are over 600 stores to choose from! Don't forget the babysitter, newspaper boy, hairdresser, massage therapist, school teacher, Sunday School teacher, pastor, choir director, day care provider, your best friend, and everyone else in between! We can order cards for as low as \$10! If you need help, just as Brenda or Denise in the office. We are here to help. Brenda [-reelscream@gmail.com](mailto:-reelscream@gmail.com)



When Jesus Christ utters a word, he opens his mouth so wide that it embraces all heaven and earth, even though that word be but in a whisper. The word of the emperor is powerful, but that of Jesus Christ governs the whole universe.

—Martin Luther, *Table Talk*



# Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



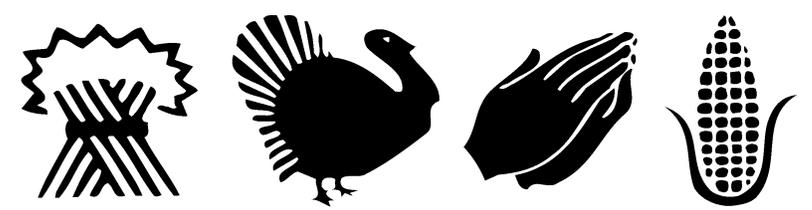
- What you need:**
- Large pieces of paper
  - Several large leaves
  - Crayons (fall colors)
  - Fine-tip permanent marker

- What you do:**
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
  2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
  3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
  4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?  
*Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.*



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,  
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,  
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 16 18 1 9 19 5  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ name in \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ with  
 7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13  
 \_\_\_\_\_"  
 20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV





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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

**Church Staff**

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for December issue:  
November 15th**

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*2017 Annual Tea & Bazaar*

It's



Christmas

**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

**1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**\$7.00 PER TICKET**

*Thanksgiving*

I WILL RECOUNT  
THE GRACIOUS  
DEEDS OF THE  
LORD ...  
BECAUSE OF  
ALL THAT THE  
LORD HAS DONE  
FOR US ...

ISAIAH 63:7, NRSV

