



The Loos Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

I want to start by thanking all of you for the wishes, gifts and kind words concerning the celebration for me being in ministry 30 years. One doesn't not last 30 years at something without being surrounded by a lot of good people. Melissa and I were fortunate to know a lot of good people in the two previous churches we served. God continued to bless us in this way when we were called to FUPC. The 30 years is only possible when church members are willing to forgive and accept the all too real faults and idiosyncrasies of a pastor. I am grateful people have been willing to do this in 30 years of ministry.

It was also great to have my parents visit. I used to think I did not see them enough. Then COVID hit and this week was the first time I have seen them since 2019. I speak to them on the phone weekly and I would have loved to travel to see them, but that would have required traveling through areas with high cases of COVID. I did not want to catch it and then visit them. The good news is now that we know the effectiveness of the vaccine and that we are all vaccinated, I can visit them going forward knowing we have taken measures to do what we can for their safety.

The congregation need not worry that going forward the celebration will unduly affect my ego. On Monday I went

to exercise and the gym provides you with a digital key that you get close to the door sensor and then the door unlocks so you can enter the facility. I approached the door and clicked a number of times and the door was not opening. I clicked a few more times and then I realized a car in the parking lot beeped a few times. I looked in my hand I was using my car key to unlock the door, which of course, was locking and unlocking my car and making it beep. Hard to feel too special when you are outwitted by a door. It opened when I presented it with the provided digital key.

Then there is my loving wife. A couple weeks ago she surprised me in church with the news there would be a 30-year celebration. I appreciated the thought and the time Melissa put into making it happen including timing it with my parents visit. Sunday night Melissa was telling me how much she thinks taking B12 vitamins has helped her lately as she has been exercising, eating right and losing weight. I asked Melissa where her B12 vitamins bottle was. She asked me why. I told Melissa I wanted to take one. She asked why. I told Melissa because she had been telling me how much she thought they helped. Melissa

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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 Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
October 24th



Prayer Requests

Family of Delores Cottle, Family of Alice Soorus,
Family of John Steinbach, Charles Porter, Gina Gough,
John Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw,
Debbie Stover, Sandy Shaw, Andrea Klier,
Jennifer Veum, Della Porter, Shelby Myers, Donna LaPlaunt,
Tom Woodgate, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, 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.



**October
15th!!!**

Food Pantry



Shopping & Bagging:
Doris Boogerd

Food Distribution:
10/12 –Mary Frances & Patty
10/26 - Mary Frances & Patty



Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith
because it's a partial list of ancestors
who lived out their belief in God. Who
is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

Long Term Care

500 Osborn Blvd
Marion Osborn



Answer: F



In memory of ...

Delores Cottle
08/07/21
Alice Soorus
08/27/21
John Steinbach
08/27/21



Paul and Margaret Sabourin	10/08
James and Ann Bourque	10/09
Karen and Al Dennis	10/09
Michael and Jo Anne Lussier	10/12
Jodi and Scott Rath	10/21
Brenda and Dee Ransom	10/22



Sandra Robbins	10/01	Patricia Larsen	10/18
Robert Agar	10/02	Brooklynn Mackin	10/18
Diane McMeeken	10/04	Karen Dennis	10/20
Leanne Deuman	10/07	William Justin	10/21
Dolores LeuVoy	10/10	Isabella Stratton	10/22
Jennifer Reattoir	10/13	Tiffeney Stratton	10/22
Pat Lehman	10/14	Kaye Vining	10/22
		Roger Roe	10/24
		Alan Dunbar	10/25
		Hannah Livingston	10/25
		Geraldine Carnahan	10/27
		Beverly Ward	10/31

*Need a
Ride to Church?*



Cathy Akre,
Wanda Eby,
Jeanne Shibley,
&
Cheryl Thoresen



How Great a Cloud of Witnesses... you may have heard this phrase before – the idea that we have so many who have come before us, proclaiming the Word of God. The first names that come to mind are the prophets of the Old Testament, the disciples and spreaders of the good news like Mark, Luke and Paul. But there are those closer to home – our parents, friends, relatives, teachers, neighbors, who were there for us telling us about the good news as well. As we remember those who have gone on before us, don't forget to take a moment to thank those among us for their love and messages of the Good News. Take heart and become part of the cloud.

Yours in Christ,
Your Deacons



Practice will begin on Wednesday, October 6th, at 7:15 p.m.
Kay would like to welcome any new members to join. This year's cantata is the "Love Transcending" written by John W. Peterson.

The Cantata performance will be on Sunday, December 19th.

Please contact Kay Boyne at 632-6566 for details.

Sing joyful praise unto the Lord!



Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s
th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.

_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

Power in weakness

In the late 1970s, Henry Smith was struggling to find work after finishing his education. He also lived with a degenerative disease that caused him to become legally blind. But one day he heard a pastor explain that Jesus became poor so we might become rich through him. This idea inspired Smith to craft a song of thanks for God's gift of Jesus. Though Smith wrote more than 300 songs, only this one became widely known (sometimes labeled "author unknown" or misattributed, but finally rightfully credited to him).

"Give thanks with a grateful heart," the song begins exuberantly. One of its most poignant lines urges, "Let the weak say, I am strong ... because of what the Lord has done for us." Across two millennia, Smith's words and faith echo the apostle Paul: "[The Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (2 Corinthians 12:9, NRSV).

told me that the next time she was at the store she would buy some for me. The woman who surprised me with the celebration would not share her B12 vitamins with me. Yep, the celebration was over.

This Sunday in James 5:16 we read "...The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. "One thing to remember, sometimes the miracle is not us receiving what we asked for either for ourselves or others, but that praying changes us. Such is the power of prayer.

Peace in Christ,
Mark



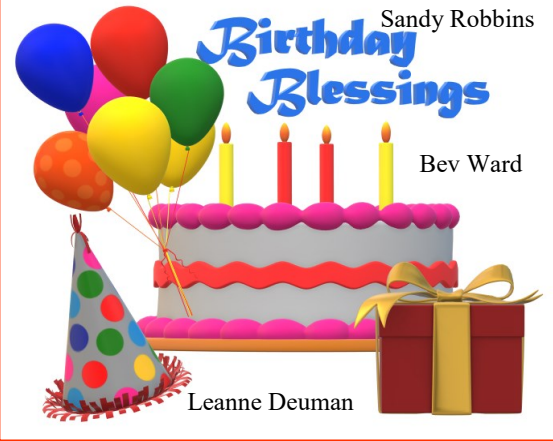
October Mission Project

During the month of October the Women's Wednesday Bible Study group is asking for donations to help victims of domestic violence. The donations will go to the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center, which serves all members of our community. They have suggested the following items, for women, men and children:

Backpacks- can be used, underwear, socks, slippers, and adult coloring or puzzle books.

*** No toiletries are needed, as ARC is able to provide these.**

God's Word tells us to help those in need, and your donations to this project are doing that. Thank you again for your generosity and prayers; may God bless you for sharing with those in need in our community.



Jim and Ann Bourque



Michael and Joanne Lussier

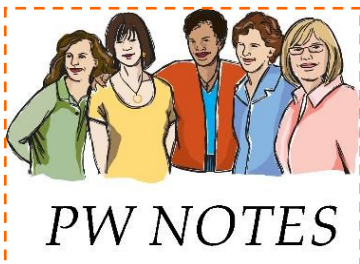


***The Memorial Committee invites you to the
Annual Memorial and Dedication Service
Sunday, October 17, 2021***

During the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

***Candles will be lit in memory of church members
and friends who have passed away during the past year.***

***We will also dedicate new purchases from the Memorial Fund.
Please call Sara Jones, 635-0740, or the church office, if you have
any questions. Coffee hour will follow the service.***



The Bazaar Committee is looking for 2 or 3 slightly used 6 to 8 Foot Christmas Trees with lights for the social hall. Please call Alegra (632-3972) or leave a message with the church office.

We would need them by November 1st.

Thank you.

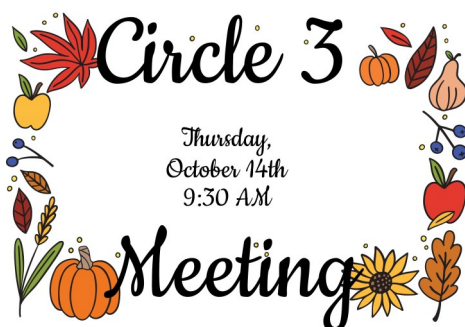


**Tuesday at
9:30 am**

October 19th

(the 3rd Tuesday),

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



Thursday,
October 14th
9:30 AM

A CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS

Decorations:	Cheryl Thoresen & Donna Blair
Dining Room:	Jessica Kuenzer & Cathy Akre
Bake Booth:	Verna Campbell, Julie Walsh, Wanda Eby, Judy Carlson (Westminister Room)
Attic Treasures:	Charmaine Styer (In Nursery)
Kitchen/Knit Booth:	Sara Jones & Anita Weinrick (In Library)
Jewelry Booth:	Connie Lawrence (In Narthex)
Tea Tickets:	Dee Musgrave & Mary Frances Morden (in Narthex)
Greeters:	1st Shift: Margaret Eagle/Brenda Ransom 2nd Shift: Sue Michels/Carla Nicholls
Hostesses:	Dining Room: Kaye Vining, Leitha Vollick & Amie Lawson
Raffle Booth:	Amie Lawson, JoAnne Lussier, & Kaye Vining,
Baggage Check:	
Kitchen:	
Desserts:	Doris Boogerd & Susan Hovie
Sandwiches:	
Tea	



PW is busy planning the 2021 Christmas bazaar.

We are still looking for a couple used Christmas trees for the social hall. We need your help.

We have several openings in our booth assignments and if you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Alegra - 632-3972.

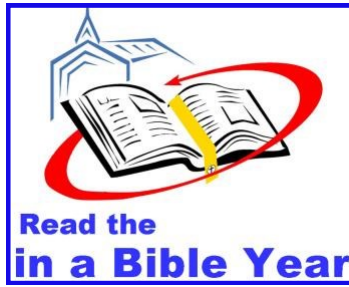
Our Bazaar is the major source of funding for our church missions.

We need your support NOW.

This has been a very challenging year but thus far we are still able to meet all our obligations.

PW has voted to donate \$1,000 towards a new commercial refrigerator. This is an unexpected expense this year but a very necessary one for our kitchen.

October



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



**Sara Jones
&
Wanda Eby**



Dish Cloths!
Colors to
match
every
kitchen
Only \$1.25
each

Available in the
church office.



**Men's
Bible Study**
The study group meets
every Friday morning
at 9:00 am.

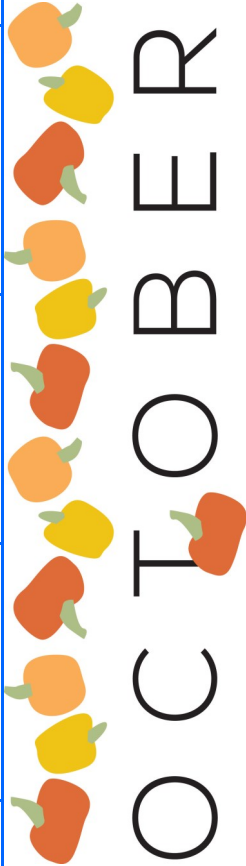



Cheryl Thoresen



**Women's
Bible Study**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 World Communion Sunday 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship/Communion Service 10:00a Sunday School	4 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	5	6 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:15p Cantata Rehearsal	7 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	8 9:00a Men's Study Grp	9 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
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17 Memorial Sunday 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	18 5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	19 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hr	20 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:15p Cantata Rehearsal	21 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	22 9:00a Men's Study Grp	23 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
24 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting	25 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	26 3:30p Food Pantry	27 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:15p Cantata Rehearsal	28 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	29 9:00a Men's Study Grp	30 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 November issue:
October 15th**



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Sunday, October 17, 2021
during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*We will remember our loved ones by
lighting a candle for them.*

*We will also dedicate recent purchases
from the Memorial Fund.*

Coffee Hour will follow the service.