



The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



October

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Pastor's Message

I was looking at the calendar today and was surprised to find out it is already fall. Unfortunately, that means winter is not far away. We all know what that means. In the meantime, fall is a very beautiful season in the UP. While driving in the UP it is hard not to be impressed by the beauty. The leaves on the trees are changing colors and it is just beautiful. Fall in the UP is indeed a beautiful season. If we take just a few minutes and look around, our world is filled with beauty.

It reminds me of the beginning of Psalm 24, "(Psalm 24:1-6 NIV) Of David. A psalm. The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; {2} for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. {3} Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? {4} He who has clean hands

and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. {5} He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. {6} Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah"

As David looked at the beauty of the world, it reminded him of God. It reminded him of the love and mercy of God. The beauty of the world moved David to seek God. The beauty of the world inspired David to want to follow God's commandments and laws. Beauty helped keep David's eyes open to the presence of God in his life. In this season of beauty, will we take a few moments to bear witness to the beauty of our world? If we do, how will it inspire us? The wise have always seen the beauty of the world as a reminder of God.

Peace in Christ,
-Mark

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

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sent by email
unless you have
made other
arrangements.***



Malin Maas, Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Erick Florip, 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, Jane Kellan, 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.



Freighter View Assisted Living
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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
Barb Kenn
Mary Lee Schmidt

Medi-Lodge
1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan



Cantata practice will begin October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join the choir for this special music.

Rides Available

Transportation Deacons

- † Cathy Akre
- † Cheryl Thoresen

If you need a ride to church, please contact the office



Food Pantry

Distribution

10/10—Mary Frances Morden, Doris Boogerd, and Jeanne Shibley

10/24—Cathy Akre & Mary Frances Morden

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd



Women's Bible
STUDY
GROUP



Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am



October BIRTHDAYS



Sandra Robbins	10-01	Brooklynn Mackin	10-18
Robert Agar	10-02	Karen Dennis	10-20
Diane McMeeken	10-04	William Justin	10-21
Connor Stolt	10-04	Addison Hill	10-22
Adele Sabourin	10-06	Isabella Stratton	10-22
LeAnne Dueman	10-07	Tiffeney Stratton	10-22
Brooklyn Strickland	10-08	Kaye Vining	10-22
Dolores Leuvoy	10-10	Tucker Quinn	10-23
Garrett Gorsuch	10-11	Roger Roe	10-24
Jennifer Reattoir	10-13	Alan Dunbar	10-25
Pat Lehman	10-14	Hannah Livingston	10-25
Patricia Larson	10-18	Geraldine Carnahan	10-27



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



Sunday October 15, 2023

PEW MAINTENANCE



Cheryl Thoresen

Devotions



Mary Frances Morden

October anniversaries

Paul & Margaret Sabourin	10-08
James & Ann Bourque	10-09
Karen & Alfred Dennis	10-09
Michael & Jo Anne Lussier	10-12
John & Samantha Goldberg	10-13
Jodi & Scott Rath	10-21
Brenda & Donald Ransom	10-22



Our next PW meeting
will be October 17th,
at Noon



Circle 3 will be gathering on the first, third and fourth Thursdays each month at 9:30am in the Westminster Room. All ladies are warmly invited to join us for a timely lesson, good fellowship and always, good treats!!

PW is very busy planning for the Annual Tea and Bazaar. Our theme this year is

“The Light of the World is Jesus”.

Greeters Upstairs: Margaret Eagle/Brenda Ransom (+2)

Decorations: Upstairs Cheryl Thoresen

Downstairs PW Committee

Greeters Downstairs: Leitha Vollick/Jennie McCain

Dining Room: Jessica Kuenzer and Cathy Akre

Kitchen/Crafts/Knit Booth: Sara Jones, Anita Weinrick, Margaret Eagle

Bake Booth: Verna Campbell, Julie Walsh, Judy Carlson

Attic Treasures: (#2)

Jewelry Booth: Hopefully Connie Pim, Connie Lawrence

Raffle Table: Amie Lawson

Package Check: (+2)

Tea Ticket Sales: (+3)

Kitchen: Alegra Soorus (+5)

As you can see, we need lots of help. If you can help in any capacity, please call Alegra at 906-632-2972 or Jessica at 906-203-6898.

We will be holding a decorations workshop in October to make centerpieces, etc. Our next meeting is October 17th at 12:00pm. Please come, bring your lunch and be ready to work.



What does that mean?

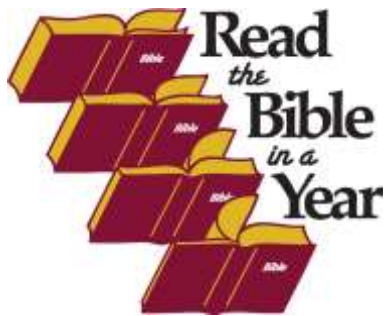
Sacristy: In historic church architecture, the sacristy is the room or closet in which communion equipment, linen, and supplies are kept. It is usually equipped with a sink.



October Mission



During the month of October the Wednesday Women's Bible Study group is requesting non-food items for our church's Food Pantry. There are an increasing number of bags being distributed, with a large need for the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and bar soap. Thank you for your continued generosity toward the monthly missions. The recipients are always so appreciative. God Bless!



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



Church Treasure

Suzanne Stevenson

Why is the First United Presbyterian Church of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Still Strong?

Greetings. I am continuing with the articles about some of our “Church Treasures” or those members who have helped make our congregation vibrant and strong. Last month, Leitha Vollick recommended that I interview Suzanne Stevenson.

96 years ago, on March 9, 1927, while President Coolidge and family were living in the Patterson mansion awaiting roof repairs and improvements to the White House, William and Orlene Munroe became the proud parents of Suzanne Munroe in the quaint little town of Detroit, Michigan. During the Great Depression, Suzanne and her four brothers moved with their parents to DeTour Village; nestled on the western bank of the St. Mary’s river. In 1944, at the age of 17 and with the world at war, Suzanne graduated from DeTour High School.



After the end of World War II, Suzanne met a handsome man from Lime Island named Donald Stevenson. Donald was employed as a Soo Locks electrician and Suzanne was an operator for Michigan Bell Telephone company. It was a beautiful spring day in DeTour, Michigan March 14, 1947, when Suzanne and Donald tied the knot. The officiant, Dr. Ver Stratt, drove down to DeTour from the Sault Ste. Marie Presbyterian Church. After the wedding, the couple drove to Sault Ste. Marie for wedding pictures and then right back down to DeTour for an in-house wedding reception.



Suzanne and Don lived in the Soo for a couple of years while Don built a home for them in Soo Township. The Stevensons were blessed with four daughters: Sharyn, Carol, Janet and Mary. Since then Suzanne and Don’s family has grown to include 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. The Stevensons were involved in a vibrant PTA program with many activities for both students and adults. They worked hard to facilitate the building of the new Soo Township school.

In addition to raising 4 daughters, Suzanne taught 4-H (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health), sewing classes, Sunday School at the First United Presbyterian Church and in 1959 she started working as the secretary at Jefferson School. She worked in this position for 23 years and then moved to Washington School and worked another 2 years there.

In 1960, the Stevenson family took up camping. They began by traveling around Lake Superior and Northern Michigan. In 1962, they went to Seattle, Washington for the World's Fair. Their youngest daughter, Mary, celebrated her 10th birthday in Anaheim, California at Disneyland Park. They enjoyed traveling all over the United States through the years. Anecdotally, (and humbly,) Suzanne told me that during one of their trips they helped rescue an injured driver from a burning truck in Portland, Oregon and were subsequently featured on the front page of the Portland newspaper for their heroics.



When Donald retired in 1973, the Stevensons spent the summer in Sitka, Alaska on Baranof Island. Don did volunteer electrical & maintenance work while Suzanne did volunteer administrative work. In the summer of 1974, they volunteered in Cedar City, Utah.

Through the years, Don did a lot of hunting and fishing and Suzanne loved traveling all over the world with their girls. She has been to 20 plus countries on six continents. Eventually, doctors recommended that Don spend summers in Florida; which they did for 23 years. They traveled extensively throughout that state. Since Don's passing at the age of 87 in 2007, Suzanne has continued going to Bushnell, Florida to be near her grandson and his wife.

Suzanne has been a tireless volunteer throughout her life. She has volunteered at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Marquette, Michigan along with her close friend Mary Jane Bernier. Bay Cliff Health Camp's mission is to "change the lives of people with disabilities in a therapeutic camp setting." For the last 12 years, when she is in the Soo, she volunteers at the hospital in the Material Management department., and, of course, she has been involved in our church for decades. She mused that she had loved being a Tea Maker in the church kitchen for the Christmas Bazaar until recently, when the kettles became too heavy for her.

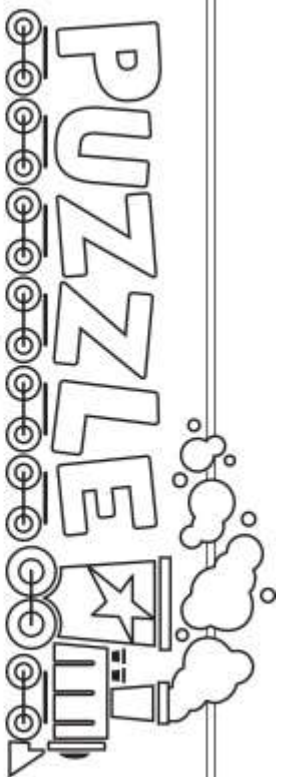
When I arrived at Suzanne's apartment for our interview, it was pretty obvious that Suzanne loves flowers. Her terrace is a stunning array of floral beauty. In the years before the fence was erected around Soo Lock Park she was part of the group who planted flowers in the park. She also plants many flowers around the Ashmun Creek apartment complex where she resides. She was once nominated for the City Garden of the Year.

Suzanne's love for helping others is apparent. She is enthusiastic about the approaching season of Christmas as well. May we all share her enthusiasm with each other and show our appreciation to her for her presence with us.

Next month, per Suzanne's recommendation, I will try to write about another congregational treasure: Lee Mason.

Thank you, Tom Corbin












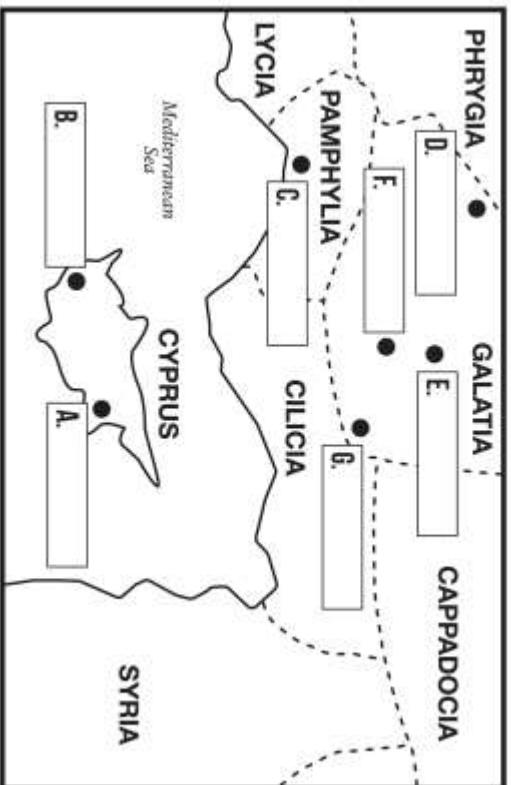
PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A.  | (ACTS 13:5) | E.  | (ACTS 13:51) |
| B.  | (ACTS 13:6) | F.  | (ACTS 14:6) |
| C.  | (ACTS 13:13) | G.  | (ACTS 14:6) |
| D.  | (ACTS 13:14) | | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

Puzzle

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

PROPHETS ARE _____

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers

A Raven, Chickadees, and Hummingbirds



Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:21-22 "Then God said, "Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the sky." So God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this piece on Labor Day. In this issue I will be writing about birds, not fish. Though I like to fish, I am not a fisherman. When Moses wrote Genesis, the Holy Spirit spoke first about fish, then the birds of the air in the same sentence and I do not want to separate them.

Every time I walk outside, I am seeing God's majestic creation. Even though the creation is corrupted by sin, I choose to see its beauty, glory, and magnificence. I enjoy watching the birds.

My neighbor, Verna Campbell, has a bird bath. Sitting outside, I observed a raven playing in the water. This was the first time I saw a raven on our properties. Ravens normally stay in the country. He (She) joyously washed himself, took a drink, and continued splashing. I thought of the raven Noah sent from the Ark, and of the raven that fed Elijah in the wilderness. I then worshipped God for his holy majesty and power. What a glory!

Sitting outside I began to wonder what would happen if I set up our Niger thistle seed feeder. So I got everything cleaned and hung it up in our maple tree in the back yard. Waiting a few days, I could not believe my eyes. Our feeder has been bombarded by Chickadees and Finches. There were five or six feeding at one time. What excitement! I thought of Jesus when he tells us how the Father takes care of the birds of the sky, and Jesus teaches us that the Father will take care of us. I am comforted by the knowledge the Psalmist speaks of, "My times are in your hands." (Psalms 31:15) or "The course of my life is in your power." (CSB Psalm 31:15)

Doris asked me to consider placing a hummingbird feeder by our front steps. She purchased the feeder, prepared the sugar water, and then in one hour the hummingbirds were there. What magnificence! They are so tiny, with such beautiful feathers and colors, and constantly flying. Did you know that a hummingbird's heart rate in flight is on average 1200 beats per minute? From the big ones, to the smallest, we adore you Father. You commanded us to take care of your creation. We do our best, yet we often fail. But we wait for one more event: the new heavens and the earth. Come Lord Jesus!



~Rev. Dennis Boogered





Presbytery Point Camp

A great big thank you comes from our Presbytery Point Camp Manager Peggy Osborne. "Thank you so much to the Soo FUPC family for ALL of the donations made to camp this year. We had close to 75 kids participate in all of our camps, and we are encouraged and look forward to continued growth for the 2024 camping season." Please feel welcome to join us the weekend of October 7 & 8 as we clean and prepare camp for the winter months! All are welcome to join us, as many hands make light work!

Blessings, Brenda Ransom, Spiritual Director at Middle School Camp



Honorary Life Memberships 2023


Congratulations to R. Earl Kay and Christine (Tina) Kay, our 2023 recipients of the Honorary Life Memberships.

We were pleased that their son, James, and their granddaughter, Ashton, were able to be with us for this special occasion.



October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Luncheon 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service Communion	2 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3	4 9:00am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	5 10:00am Textile Social (SH)	6 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
8 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service	9 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	10 3:30p Food Pantry	11 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	12 9:30am Circle 3 (WR)	13 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	14 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
15 Coffee & Cookies 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 11:15am Deacons Meeting	16 5:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	17 12:00pm PW Meeting (SH) 5:30pm Trustee Meeting (WR)	18 9:00am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	19 10:00am Textile Social (SH)	20 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	21 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
22 Memorial Candle Lighting Service 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service	23 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	24 3:30p Food Pantry	25 9:00am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Cantata Practice	26 10:00am Textile Social (SH)	27 9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	28 7:00pm A.A. (WR)
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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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Nicole Mckelvie, Administrative Assistant
Jason Fuller, Sexton

**Deadline for Newsletter inserts:
15th of each month**



Sunday, October 1st