



# The Soo Chimes

## First United Presbyterian Church



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## Pastor's Message

Ecclesiastes has some very interesting passages. Such as this one in chapter 1:7-11

*7All streams flow into the sea,  
yet the sea is never full.*

*To the place the streams come from,  
there they return again.*

*8All things are wearisome,  
more than one can say.*

*The eye never has enough of seeing,  
nor the ear its fill of hearing.*

*9What has been will be again,  
what has been done will be done again;  
there is nothing new under the sun.*

*10Is there anything of which one can say,  
"Look! This is something new"?  
It was here already, long ago;  
it was here before our time.*

*11No one remembers the former  
generations,  
and even those yet to come  
will not be remembered  
by those who follow them*

The author of Ecclesiastes was obsessed with the big picture. He wanted to know how everything worked and what the

future would hold. Upon applying his great wisdom to the task, he came to some answers that didn't thrill him. He was a cog in a huge machine. The rules that applied to everyone else applied to him even with his great knowledge. There was no escape from the cycles of nature or the wheel of birth, life and death.

And God, his wisdom told him God would be sovereign. There was no fighting God and if one did only bitterness would follow. The best he could do is bend the knee to God, live the life God assigned him and try to find some fun along the way. While his message maybe a tad on the morbid side, he does have a point. Worrying about things we can't control or change does us no good.

What has been will be again, we can't change that. Trying just wastes the opportunities we are afforded to have fun and find enjoyment in life. In Christ we are promised so much more than the author of Ecclesiastes could see with his great wisdom. How much more should

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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  
September 15th



**September  
15th!!!**



Family of Marcia Schreiner, Diane McMeeken,  
Charles Porter, John Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess,  
Carolyn Shaw, Gina Gough, Debbie Stover, Sandy Shaw,  
Scott Kallemeyn, 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.**



we put away worry and embrace the joys we  
are afforded in this life? The joys our Savior  
wants us to embrace in the abundant life he  
came to give us.

Peace in Christ,  
Mark



## Fall's Splendor



## 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  
Alice Soorus



*In memory of ...*

Marcia Schreiner  
07/08/21



Office will be closed on  
Friday, September 3rd  
& Monday, September 6th  
(Labor Day)



**Sunday**  
**September 5, 2021**



Mark and Melissa Gabbard	09/01
Louis and Anita Weinrick	09/05
Roland and Cathy Akre	09/18



**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

Ann Bourque	09/03
Joyce Cross	09/03
Michael Lussier	09/07
Nathan Rioux	09/09
Carolyn Shaw	09/12
Melissa Gabbard	09/15

David Pearce	09/15
Dennis Boogerd	09/16
Richard Brawley	09/16
Doreen Gordon	09/17
Sandy Shaw	09/17
James Martin	09/21
Roger Bawks	09/22
Louis Weinrick	09/22
Joanne Arbic	09/24
Roberta Pearce	09/24
Fred Michels	09/26

*Need a  
Ride to Church?*



Cathy Akre,  
Jeanne Shibley,  
&  
Cheryl Thoresen



Food Pantry



**Shopping & Bagging:**

**Doris Boogerd**

**Food Distribution:**

**09/14 – Mary Frances & Patty**

**09/28 - Mary Frances & Patty**



Surely fall is coming! School supplies are on sale and Halloween candy is already finding its way onto store shelves. Our contributions to the Backpack Food program at the schools will start again and the Pantry will continue as a result of your contributions to the Simply Give program. We greatly appreciate your support with the double match days in August and through the end of the campaign until October 2nd .

There has been an uptick in requests for rides to church. Drivers are needed to assist with this mission. Please let us know if you are able to provide a ride, whether it be weekly, or on call as needed. Help our members who are unable to drive have the opportunity for first-hand fellowship and worship with us in the sanctuary. Please contact the office or call Jeanne at 630-1707 if you are available.

*He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. (Psalm 91:15).*

Your Deacons

Thank you for your continued support of our missions.





Choir Rehearsals will resume Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

New singers are welcome to come and join in.

Contact Kay Boyne for more information.

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"*

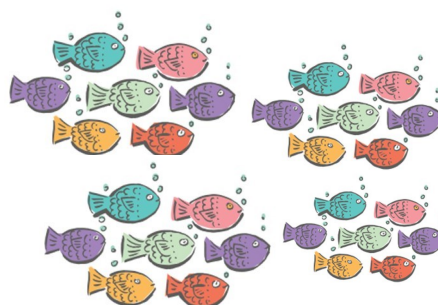


## BACKPACK BLESSING

Celebrating Back to School

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

All the children are invited to bring their backpacks to church on September 12th during the 10:00 am worship service. During worship our congregation will bless these backpacks as well as the students and teachers in our church.





Women's  
Bible Study

## September Mission Project

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group is partnering with the Hospice of the EUP for the month of September to help provide paper products for those who use Hospice services. The following items have been requested:

Copy Paper  
Kleenex  
Toilet paper  
Napkins  
Paper Towels  
Please NO Paper Plates

God's Word tells us we are to help those in need and your donations to our mission projects are doing just that. Once again, thank you for your generosity and God Bless you for sharing with those in our own community.



### Meijer's Simply Give Campaign

is July 4 through October 2!

Our pantry benefits from the proceeds of this campaign. Meijer will match every \$10 donated to the campaign. In turn, our pantry will receive gift cards to make food purchases.

**Double match days are  
August 14 and 28.**



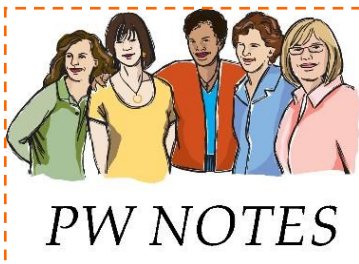
*The Memorial Committee invites you to the  
Annual Memorial and Dedication Service  
Sunday, October 17, 2021*

*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.*



## THANK YOU EVERYBODY WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS SALE

### RUMMAGE SALE FINAL REPORT:

Pre-Sale	\$481.50
Social Hall	589.22
Outside	611.50
Post Sale	<u>60.75</u>

\$1,742.97 sub-total  
\$ 7.03 donated to round up

**\$1,850.00 PROFIT**



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.

\$30.00 in Canadian Bills was found in a purse donated to the sale. It was converted to American and included in Pre-Sale figure.

There were no expenses charged for this sale. All expenses were donated. This was a huge sale (2 years of accumulated items). We were very fortunate to receive lots of beautiful, slightly used goods.

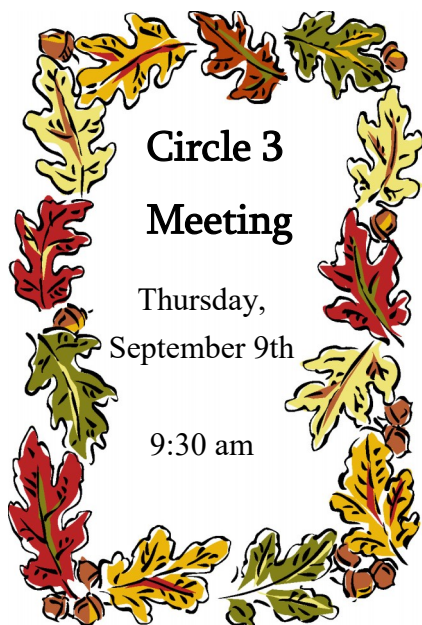
Terry and Danna Sanderson donated storage space for all the donations. A "Thank You" has been sent.

There were lots of workers who spent the better part of the week cleaning, sorting, pricing, and displaying all the goods. There were some surprises, some frustrations but we laughed our way through the preparations by eating, joking, and with lots of friendly chatter.

PW Mission Budget is healthy for 2022 thanks to all of you.

FUPC has come through again working together for a worthy cause. I thank you all for having trust in me as I headed this project without our usual PW Leadership Team.

I was truly blessed.  
 Alegra Soorus  
 PW Local Service

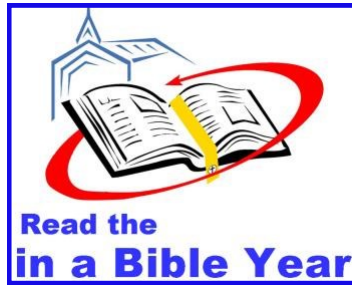


Our next PW Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. We will be making our final plans for "A Candy Cane Christmas" Bazaar to be held on November 6, 2021

Booth Assignments, duties and final menu will be determined. Please plan to attend so we can have another successful Bazaar at FUPC.



# September



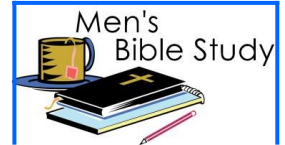
**Terry Lamb  
&  
Wanda Eby**

1	John 9:1-23	2 Chronicles 6	Malachi 2:17-3:18
2	John 9:24-41	2 Chronicles 7	Malachi 4
3	John 10:1-21	2 Chronicles 8	Psalm 73
4	John 10:22-42	2 Chronicles 9	Psalm 74
5	John 11:1-27	2 Chronicles 10-11	Psalm 75
6	John 11:28-57	2 Chronicles 12-13	Psalm 76
7	John 12:1-26	2 Chronicles 14-15	Psalm 77
8	John 12:27-50	2 Chronicles 16-17	Psalm 78:1-20
9	John 13:1-20	2 Chronicles 18	Psalm 78:21-37
10	John 13:21-38	2 Chronicles 19	Psalm 78:38-55
11	John 14:1-14	2 Chronicles 20:1-21:1	Psalm 78:56-72
12	John 14:15-31	2 Chronicles 21:2-22:12	Psalm 79
13	John 15:1-16:4a	2 Chronicles 23	Psalm 80
14	John 16:4b-33	2 Chronicles 24	Psalm 81
15	John 17	2 Chronicles 25	Psalm 82
16	John 18:1-18	2 Chronicles 26	Psalm 83
17	John 18:19-38	2 Chronicles 27-28	Psalm 84
18	John 18:38b-19:16	2 Chronicles 29	Psalm 85
19	John 19:16-42	2 Chronicles 30	Psalm 86
20	John 20:1-18	2 Chronicles 31	Psalm 87
21	John 20:19-31	2 Chronicles 32	Psalm 88
22	John 21	2 Chronicles 33	Psalm 89:1-18
23	1 John 1	2 Chronicles 34	Psalm 89:19-37
24	1 John 2	2 Chronicles 35	Psalm 89:38-52
25	1 John 3	2 Chronicles 36	Psalm 90
26	1 John 4	Ezra 1-2	Psalm 91
27	1 John 5	Ezra 3-4	Psalm 92
28	2 John	Ezra 5-6	Psalm 93
29	3 John	Ezra 7-8	Psalm 94
30	Jude	Ezra 9-10	Psalm 95



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

Available in the  
church office.



The study group meets  
every Friday morning  
at 9:00 am.



Cathy Akre



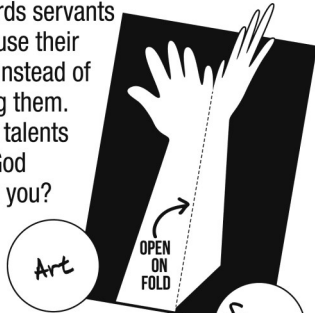
*Women's  
Bible Study*

**Bible Studies will begin  
again on  
September 15th at  
9:30 am**

**Welcome Back!**

# FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



## What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

## What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

# PUZZLE



## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

**Directions:** Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1. 5 x 3 =	6. 6 x 6 =
2. 7 x 4 =	7. 9 x 3 =
3. 4 x 6 =	8. 3 x 8 =
4. 2 x 10 =	9. 10 x 4 =
5. 9 x 5 =	10. 11 x 8 =

### KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .



Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	3 <b>Office Close</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	4 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
			8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00a Circle 3 Meeting	10 9:00a Men's Study Grp	11 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
	6 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	7				
	13 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	14 3:30p Food Pantry	15 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	17 9:00a Men's Study Grp	18 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
	20 5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	21 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hr	22 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 	23 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	24 9:00a Men's Study Grp	25 9:00a NA 7:00p AA
5 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship/Communion Service 10:00a Sunday School						
12 <b>Backpack Blessing</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School						
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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

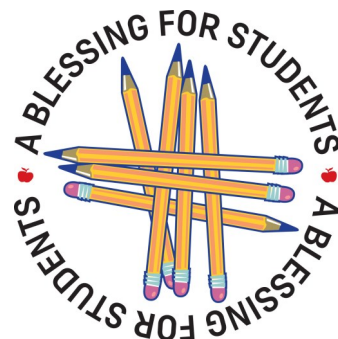
Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for October issue:  
September 15th**



**September 12th!**

