



# The Soo Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



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## ***Pastor's Message***

The other day as I thought with school starting soon, fall is not far away. Church attendance usually picks up when school starts. This is especially true for kids who have school commitments. The Bible tells us how important religious education is and especially for kids, "(Prov 22:5-6 NIV) In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them. {6} Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it."

Life contains many pitfalls, having the wisdom to make good choices in life is important. Those with less life experience are generally more prone to make decisions which are not in their best interest. There are two ways of attaining wisdom, through learning from one's mistakes and listening to the wisdom of others. Clearly the preferred method is listening to the wisdom of others as it enables one to make good decisions without the bumps, bruises and consequences of making poor decisions.

Years ago, when we were in Estherville, I was having a discussion with an education professional who was an active member in the congregation. She informed me that studies indicated children who professed faith had the same rate of making potentially self-destructive decisions as those without any faith. I responded that there are several studies that indicate just the opposite. She expressed distrust at the studies

that contradicted the ones she had seen. I told her that all the studies were correct. She asked me, "How can they all be true?"

I told her it was all a matter of how you measured "Faith". There was a correlation between having an active faith and better choices in life. The positive effect comes at a cost. The cost is spending one's time and priorities on faith. For those whose faith was a priority and who spent weekly time in their faith, on average made better choices. For those who professed faith, but it was not a priority in their lives, not surprisingly, their faith had little impact on their choices.

We have the promise in the Gospel of John, "(John 14:5-6 NIV) Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" {6} Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life..." A devotion to Jesus will lead to better choices in life. Living by his teachings will bring more satisfaction in life. Emulating Jesus' values in life, allows an individual to enjoy more of the important things in life. Training a child to be devoted to Jesus yields a world of good throughout life. Training in anything requires time, effort and patience. Will we give the gift to our kids of such training?

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***

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





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.**



**PW will not be  
meeting in August.**

**Our next PW  
meeting will be  
September 19th,  
at Noon**



## Tea & Bazaar

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.



**John Kenn**

June 3, 1939-August 10, 2023



**Flora Fortin**

March 20, 1927- August 18, 2023



*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  
Barb Kenn  
Mary Lee Schmidt*

*Medi-Lodge  
1011 Meridian  
Jane Kellan*



Women's Bible Study Group meets on  
Wednesdays at 9:30am, Beginning  
Wednesday September 20th



# SEPTEMBER



## Birthdays

Ann Bourque	09/03	Dennis Boogerd	09/16
Joyce Cross	09/03	Richard Brawley	09/16
Michelle Johnson	09/05	Doreen Gordon	09/17
Eli Folkersma	09/06	Angela Gorsuch	09/17
Michael Lussier	09/07	James Martin	09/21
Brooklyn Smart	09/08	Roger Bawks	09/22
Nathan Rioux	09/09	Jennifer Lundstrom	09/22
Kimberly Dowd	09/12	Louis Weinrick	09/22
Carolyn Shaw	09/12	Mark Aldrich	09/24
Melissa Gabbard	09/15	Roberta Pearce	09/24
David Pearce	09/15	Fred Michels	09/26

## Communion

September 1st



## 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 the office no later than the deadline each month. Emailed items are best.



Mark & Melissa Gabbard	09/01
Louis & Anita Weinrick	09/05
Scott & Becky Aldrich	09/28

## Food Pantry

### Distribution

9/12- Mary Frances Morden, Cathy Akre, and Jeanne Shibley

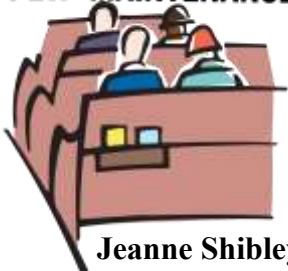
9/26- Doris Boogerd, Mary Frances Morden & Jeanne Shibley



### Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd

## PEW MAINTENANCE



Jeanne Shibley

## Devotions



Cheryl Thoresen

## Rides Available

## Transportation Deacons

- + Cathy Akre
- + Cheryl Thoresen
- + Jeanne Shibley

Need a Ride?



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



# Womens Bible Study

## September Mission



The Women's Bible Study group is once again asking our church family to support our monthly mission project. The local agency we are going to help for September is the Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP located at 1420 Ashmun St. Even though it's early, the agency is already planning ahead to the holidays for their clients and families. They are asking for children's toys from birth up to 10 years of age. They are also in need of diapers in sizes 5, 6 and 7. If you can donate it surely will be greatly appreciated. As always, a cart will be placed in the Narthex to collect your items.

I'm sure we put a smile on God's face when we help those who are in need. God richly bless you for your kind hearts!!

### What does that mean?



**Sanctuary:** In churches with a lecture-hall floor plan, the term 'sanctuary' is often used to mean both chancel and nave because the two are not architecturally distinct. In historic usage, chancel; and sanctuary are synonyms.

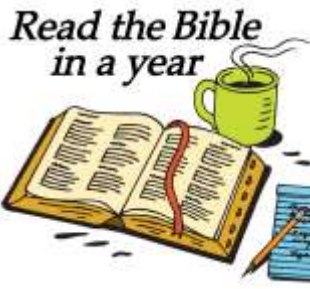


Circle 3 will be gathering on Thursday, September 14th at 9:30 in the Westminster Room. All ladies are warmly invited to join us for a timely lesson, good fellowship and always, good treats!!

The Women's Bible Study group will be meeting in the Westminster Room beginning on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about God's Word in a friendly, warm atmosphere. We'd love to have you join us.







Read the Bible  
in a year

# SEPTEMBER

1	1 Corinthians 16	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3
2	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1
3	2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15
4	2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10	2 Kings 17	Micah 6
5	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13	2 Kings 18	Micah 7
6	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1
7	2 Corinthians 8	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2
8	2 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3
9	2 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1
10	2 Corinthians 11	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2
11	2 Corinthians 12	1 Chronicles 1-2	Habakkuk 3
12	2 Corinthians 13	1 Chronicles 3-4	Zephaniah 1
13	John 1:1-18	1 Chronicles 5-6	Zephaniah 2
14	John 1:19-34	1 Chronicles 7-8	Zephaniah 3
15	John 1:35-51	1 Chronicles 9	Haggai 1-2
16	John 2	1 Chronicles 10-11	Zechariah 1
17	John 3:1-21	1 Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2
18	John 3:22-36	1 Chronicles 13-14	Zechariah 3
19	John 4:1-26	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4
20	John 4:27-42	1 Chronicles 16:7-43	Zechariah 5
21	John 4:43-54	1 Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6
22	John 5:1-18	1 Chronicles 18-19	Zechariah 7
23	John 5:19-47	1 Chronicles 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8
24	John 6:1-21	1 Chronicles 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9
25	John 6:22-59	1 Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10
26	John 6:60-71	1 Chronicles 25-26	Zechariah 11
27	John 7:1-24	1 Chronicles 27-28	Zechariah 12
28	John 7:25-52	1 Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13
29	John 8:1-20	2 Chronicles 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14
30	John 8:21-47	2 Chronicles 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9
31	John 8:48-59	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16



Trustees  
Meeting

September 19,  
at 5:30p



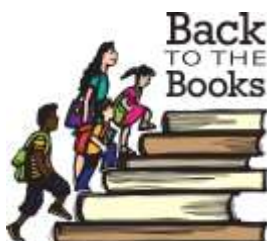
September 17, at 11:15a



Session  
Meets  
September 18,  
at 5:30p



Mens Bible Study  
9:00 AM every Friday!



Back  
TO THE  
Books



RALLY DAY





Doris Boogerd and Anita Weinrick (pictured right) would like to say a big “Thank You” to all who helped in any way with the rummage sale: all who donated items or bought items, all who donated their time, wisdom, muscles, trucks, or made a cash donation. We really appreciated all the cooperation and help!









# More about the Trustees:

by Leanne Deuman

When thinking about what the Trustees do my mind turned to the somewhat controversial subject of Per Capita payments. It's sometimes called the Presbyterian tax. When I first started working on the Trustees and Session it was the position of the governing bodies that we would pay this tax in full every year. It was budgeted for even though we had some pretty skinny years we always paid in full.

Per capita was first mentioned in a letter to ministers in 1734 so it's been around a long time.

Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA) 's system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well. Although per capita is not mandated per the constitution the constitution does not have a provision that allows the congregation i.e. session to withhold per capita as a form of protest. (per pcusa.org)

In the last years this has changed and our Church only remits what it collects leaving us with a high deficit within the Presbytery even though we are one of the bigger churches. This may technically be allowed but consider how the larger church has supported us particularly when the church was destroyed. Many of our fellow Presbyterian's gave us generous support. The Church offers many resources should we choose to take advantage of them.

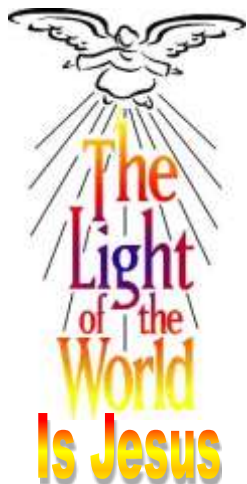
Currently our per capita assessment is \$39.00 per member one of many reasons to keep our active membership rolls accurately. The apportionment is as follows:

Presbytery of Mackinac \$25.90

General Assembly \$9.85

Synod \$3.25

It's not too late to pay per capita this year. Please consider it prayerfully.





# CHURCH TREASURES



## Leitha Vollick



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

Greetings. We spent the last few months discussing church organization. I thought it might be nice to run a few articles on our “Church Treasures.” This is what I choose to call those members who have kept our congregation vibrant and strong. I decided that I would choose Leitha Vollick for my first interview and at the end of each interview over the next few months I will let the person/treasure being interviewed choose the next treasure to be interviewed for the following month.

When my wife Loren and I joined the church choir early last year, we both greatly enjoyed getting to know long time choir member Leitha Vollick. Those days in Sault Ste Marie were highlighted by the pride in our local indigenous Olympic star Abby Roque and so the fact that Leitha was also a local pioneer in Women’s Hockey was mentioned frequently. The first nickname in my mind for Leitha is “bone crusher” because she always offers a ‘lethal’ Leitha handshake in the choir during the “Greet Your Neighbor” portion of our service. Do not underestimate her strength!



Leitha’s father Lyle’s parents came to the U.S. from England and her mother Olga’s parents came from Sweden. Lyle and Olga Warner were married at FUPC. They were blessed on December 01, 1930 with the birth of their daughter Leitha Joy Vollick (nee Warner). Leitha is now 92 years young. Her sister Priscilla lives in Massachusetts, her brother Gary has passed on and her brother Richard resides in the Jacob Eddy Veterans Home in Marquette, MI. Choir member Judy Bawks is also a relative of the Warner family.

As a child, Leitha attended Algonquin Methodist Church near Sherman Park. These were the years when she was inspired to become a Sunday School teacher due to the example set by Mrs. Erickson. Later, in 1946, while attending Sault High School, her friend Jeannie O’Neil persuaded her to join the FUPC Choir. (Point of Information: I believe this means that Leitha has been in our choir for 77 years!!) The 1946 Choir was led by organist Andy Baker. FUPC was led by Rev. David McClean when Leitha placed membership with our church congregation.

Also in 1946, Leitha joined the Soo Rockettes Women's Hockey League. It is my understanding that any opponent showing the nerve to score a goal against Leitha and the Soo Rockettes earned retribution of hair-pulling (Seriously, Leitha pulling hair???) (I do not think this was taken into account when she became a Sunday School teacher...) Leitha was Co-Captain of the hockey team and played from 1946-1950. In the Team picture, Leitha is second from bottom right.





In 1950, Leitha married Howard Emerson Vollick who was employed as our church custodian and also worked at Soo Lumber. Leitha and Howard had 4 children, Linda (born 1951) who helped with Church Bulletins, Nancy (1953-2021), Steven (1958-1969) who died tragically from toxemia/appendectomy at 10 years old, and Todd (born 1965) who still works at Soo Lumber. Sadly, Leitha lost her husband Howard in 2014 at the age of 83. In addition to their four children, Leitha and Howard have 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Perhaps, in our congregation, Leitha is most known for teaching Sunday school for 50 (yes, I said FIFTY!) years. What inspired her? In 1957, when her daughter Nancy was 3 years old, she was uncomfortable going into Elizabeth Sutton's Sunday school class with 24 children. So, Leitha took Nancy to the four year olds class. One thing led to another and Leitha ended up teaching 3 year/4 year/ or 5 year olds from 1960 to 2010! Leitha says she loved teaching the children. This is evident from the multiple scrapbooks with photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia from her teaching career.

Clearly Leitha has a lot of energy because in 1967 she started as a Nurses Aide at War Memorial Hospital. She retired from War Memorial Hospital a mere 25 years later in 1992.

I'll be honest, brothers and sisters, if I had the time and space to do so, Leitha came to our interview prepared with enough photos, articles, and other information for me to write a lengthy series of books about her exemplary life. If you don't know her well, take the time, she is a TREASURE and a delight!

Next month, per Leitha's recommendation, I will try to write about another congregational treasure: Suzanne Stevenson. Thank you, ~Tom Corbin



CHILDREN - Patty Westreich (left) and her sister Stacy were among a group of children from First United Presbyterian and Growth Day Avenel churches who performed at the Provincial House during the 1960s. The children, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Vollick, were accompanied by Andy Pata in the guitar.  
(Evening News photo by George H. Wilson)





# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00am Mens Bible Study	2 7:00pm AA
3 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	4 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 3:30pm Food pantry	6	7	8 9:00am Mens Bible Study	9 7:00pm AA
10 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	11 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12	13	149:30am Circle 3	15 9:00am Mens Bible Study	16 7:00pm AA
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24 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	25 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26	27 9:30am Women Bible Study	28 9:30am Textile	29	30










Our congregation is lucky to once again be the recipient of funds from the Simply Give campaign by Meijer. Your donations are matched by Meijer from now until October with an opportunity for a double match on September 9 and your contributions make a difference. Our list of households that we reach has surpassed 100. We are feeding an average of 50+ families per month, and we need your help! Folks are already lined up at the door when we arrive to prepare for Food Pantry distribution and the line is steady. Our staff of two just isn't enough to keep up with the demand at the door. Distribution is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 3:30-5 pm. If you are able to provide an hour-and-a-half of your time, we would be most grateful. For more information, contact Jeanne Shibley at [jeanneshibley@mac.com](mailto:jeanneshibley@mac.com) or call/text (906) 630-1707. Help us keep our mission strong!





## Send a LETTER to a Friend

### Materials you'll need:

-  Paper
-  Something to write with – pencil, pen, crayon or marker
-  Scissors
-  Envelope
-  First Class stamp – 37¢

### Spiral Letter

Write a letter to a special friend. Make the letter fun by writing in a spiral. Start at the top corner of your paper and rotate the paper as you write. Your words will spiral into the center of the page.

*Dear Susie, I hope you are doing well. You are my best friend. I want to visit you soon. Love, Pat. Happy Friendship Day!*



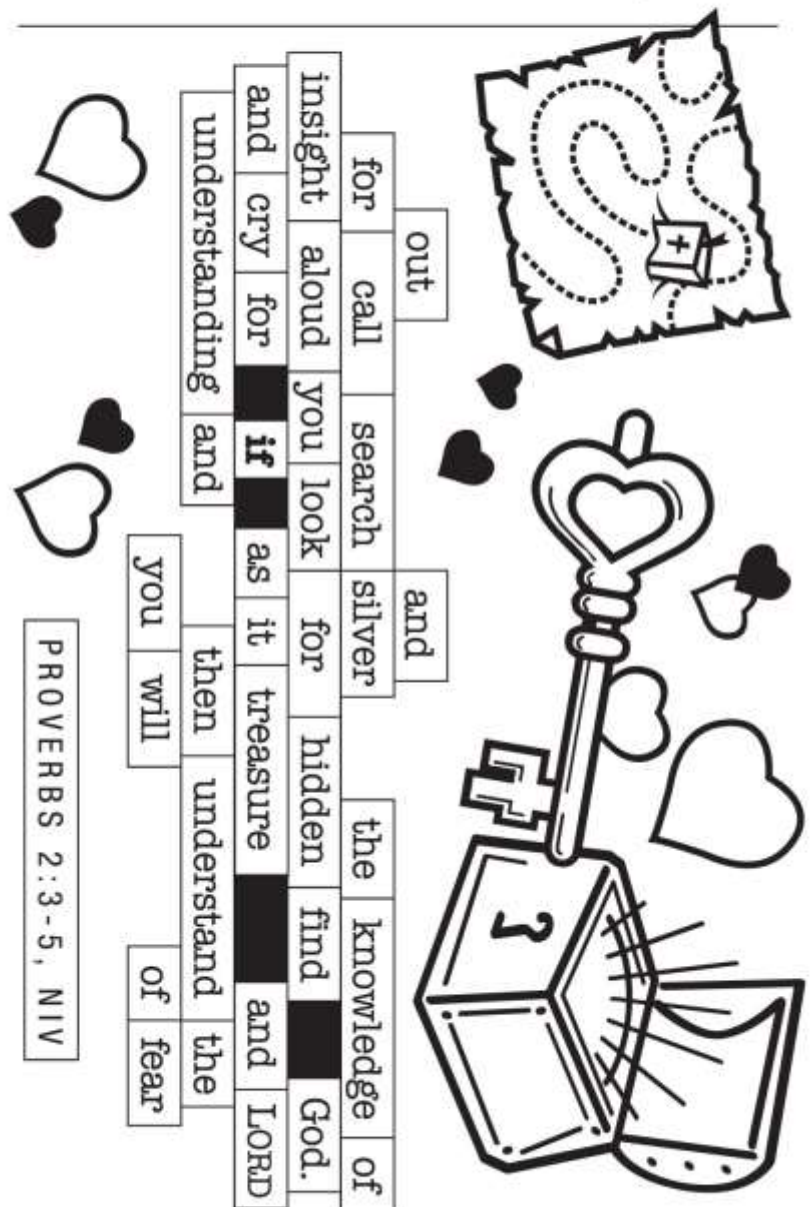
### Puzzle Letter

Draw and color a picture of you and your friend. Sign your name and then cut your picture into 6 or 8 pieces. Don't make the pieces too small or it will be hard for your friend to put them together.

Put your letter or puzzle pieces in the envelope. Address the envelope, put the stamp on and mail it to your friend or deliver it in person.

# Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.



Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV



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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, Administrative Assistant  
Jason Fuller, Sexton

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

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together, we can help end  
hunger in our community.

**double match day**  
**September 9**

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Your donation will provide funds for the  
food pantry at First United Presbyterian Church

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