



HAPPENINGS

IN AND AROUND
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PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Wear Red

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red so we're encouraging everyone to wear red to worship that day.



Celebration of Communion

Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the church" and celebrating Communion together during the service is very fitting.

Bring Red (Geraniums, that is!)

Anyone who would like to bring red geraniums to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday are encouraged to do so on Sunday morning. Afterwards they will be planted around the church gardens to enjoy the entire summer.



Mail Date May 2, 2024

Thoughts From Ted



As most of you know, I've been "on my own" for several weeks as DeAnn has been in North Dakota helping her Mom move. She deeply appreciates (as do I) all those who have made sure I'm not starving nor that I have burned the house down (no matter how hard I've tried). I have missed her for a ton of different reasons.

One thing I have missed the most is a little on-going tradition we have where either Saturday night or Sunday morning, she reads over my sermon for that Sunday. Her reading of my sermon makes sure it makes sense and that will hold everyone's interest. It's just a simple ritual but it kind of makes sure I'm ready for the experience of preaching on Sunday. And while I have emailed her my sermons the last several weeks for her to read before Sunday morning, it's not quite the same.

Why isn't that the same? In reflection, I suspect there is something about the personal interaction that I find helpful. Seeing how she responds to my stories or a point I'm making or that she hopes I take my time with that thought, makes my sermon come alive for me as I get ready to share it with you.

I believe that's true for us as Christians in our lives of faith. It is sharing Christ together, with each other, that makes such a difference. There is something about being together in the sanctuary or sharing a treat in Fellowship Hour or even visiting in the hallway that connects us together in a special and even, dare I say, holy way. That's why I love Sunday mornings and always will. It is why it is not only important but special that First Presbyterian is here every Sunday with our doors and our hearts open wide for whoever might need the love of Christ that day.

So when you see her, thank DeAnn for keeping me on track. But most of all, may we rejoice in all that connects us as the family of Christ in this time and in this place.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ted

...A note that Pastor Ted will be out of the office, starting on Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 10. He will be attending continuing education in Omaha on Presbytery Leaders. He will be here for all the Sundays in May.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Looking to have a positive influence on the youth of our church? The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with Sunday School. We have a wonderful group of young people and need volunteers to help staff our Sunday School class.

Lessons are prepared and you would always have a partner. Sunday School Teachers sign up for the Sundays they are available to work with our young people. If you are interested or would like more information please contact

Connie Portice-Brown @
989-928-4444 or
Conniepb1029@hotmail.com

SAGINAW STRINGS SPRING CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAY 18 @ 11:00 AM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
121 S. HARRISON ST., SAGINAW

\$2.00 PER PERSON
SUGGESTED DONATION

www.saginawstrings.com
989-780-0178

There will be more opportunities in May during Coffee Hour for anyone who would like their photo included on the member's picture collage in Fellowship Hall!



FPC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now available for our First Presbyterian Church Scholarships:

**The Gooding Family Memorial
Scholarship**

**Grace Fisher Endowed Scholarship
Muriel Lakey Scholarship**
(One application for all)

Applications, qualifications, and instructions for the First Presbyterian Scholarships above are available near the visitor's desk or you can send an email request to:

generalfirstchurchsaginaw@yahoo.com

Applications should be returned to the church office by May 15, 2024 to:

First Presbyterian Church
Scholarship Committee,
121 S. Harrison St., Saginaw, MI
48602-2193



**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE FOR 2024**

We ask that you fill out the "Graduate Biography" form below and return it to the church office by **May 12, 2024** along with a wallet-sized photo (photo will be returned) or email your photo & biography to: generalfirstchurchsaginaw@yahoo.com.

FPC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE BIOGRAPHY

Full Name _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

School Name: _____ Graduation date _____

Activities: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

Future study? _____

Where: _____

Major: _____ Title: _____

College Graduates can supply us with the following information (no photo needed):

1. Student's name and address
2. Parent's name
3. Name of school
4. Degree
5. Graduation date (include other pertinent information).

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>
May 5: Usher Team #2	Acts 10:44-48	"Impossible Basics"
	Deacon Greeters/Flowers: Kelly Fisher/Vic Lord	
May 12: <i>We will receive the Confirmands during worship</i> Usher Team #3	Acts 1:1-11	"Paying Attention"
	Deacon Greeters/Flowers: Ann Marie Larson/Carrie Lich	
May 19: <i>Communion will be celebrated for Pentecost Sunday. Last Sunday of the season for choir.</i> Usher Team #4	Romans 8:22-27	"The Power of Waiting"
	Deacon Greeters/Flowers: Kathy TenWolde/Marti Wesley	
May 26: Usher Team #5	John 3:1-17	"TMI"
	Deacon Greeters/Flowers: Jenny Agans/DeAnn McCulloch	

May Birthdays

2nd	Dick Garber Jr.	15th	Morrison	21st	Bryan Engel Justin Engel
3rd	Jane Gugino		Stevens, Jr.	23rd	JoAnn Dembinski George Gugino Emma Kricher
5th	Montez Friebe		John Surprenant	24th	Katherine Yang Anne Gardner
7th	Ruth Shultz	16th	John Hilbrandt	25th	Danielle Breault Sloan Demetriou
8th	Logan Gilbert	17th	Wendy Dorey	26th	Glen Roe
9th	Autumn Schneider		Roger Wight	28th	Curt Dalton Sr. Jessica Schocker
11th	Kathy Scheib Garrett Lich Fred Gardner	18th	Kip Engel	29th	Molly Moore
12th	Jase Hoffman	19th	Becky Sanford	30th	Gordon Provenzano
14th	George Roe, Jr.	20th	Gabriel Hunter Ernst Wuckert	31st	Ronald Sny Jan Bonnau

GOLD + ANNIVERSARIES

- 17th** John & Shirley Hilbrandt
MARRIED 66 YEARS!
- 18th** Mike & Jill Keaner
MARRIED 50 YEARS!
- 24th** Ken & Jane Bellen
MARRIED 55 YEARS!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Known to be recently hospitalized:
Ruth Sny Brenda Jahnke

Recent Deaths: Harold Moldenhauer Jr. passed away at home on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Funeral services were held at FPC Saginaw on Monday, April 8th with Rev. Ted McCulloch officiating.

and Anniversaries

- 5th** Rick & Jan Bonnau (40)
- 11th** Tom & Tammy Schneider (28)
- 14th** Curt & Dianne Dalton (41)
- 14th** Pat & Ruth Shelley (25)
- 16th** Brian & Lindsay Eggers (15)
- 22nd** Karen & Walt Cox (20)
- 25th** Tom & Nancy Sanderson (46)
- 25th** Morrison & Dawn Stevens, Jr. (22)
- 28th** Herbert & Judi Lincoln (46)



Financial Update

This report reflects **ONLY** the needed funds from the Congregation to meet the budgeted expenses—does not include Endowment or pass thru such as Food Pantry, OGH, etc.

	Jan.-Feb. 2024	March 2024	Total 2024
Amount needed for our ministry	41,600	20,800	62,400
Amount Collected	59,505	12,751	72,256

We are grateful to you for your faithfulness in giving!

MARCH SESSION REPORT

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2024, the Session...

...opened with prayer at 7 PM.

...noted the next Presbytery meeting will be held at Alma College on June 4, 2024.

...There have been many water leak events related to the boiler this winter. Dan Losano will continue to routinely walk through all the rooms in the church checking for water leaks and any other complications.

...The youth have formed a new usher team and served for the first time on March 24th and it went very well.

...Christian Education Committee reported that the Cupcake Wars event yielded \$201. Those proceeds will be used to finance the upcoming Potato Bar fundraiser. The proceeds from the Potato Bar will go to the deacons and the food pantry. The last Sunday school day for this year will be April 28.

...The Deacons provided eight Easter food baskets this year. They distributed the student snack baskets during finals week. Ten students received these.

.....adjourned with prayer at about 7:37 PM.

Drive-Thru Food Giveaway

Our Ecumenical Food Pantry has a drive-thru food giveaway every Wednesday starting at 10:00 AM and continues until the boxes are gone.



If you are thinking of making a monetary donation it would be much appreciated! If you can help please make checks out to *First Presbyterian Church* and indicate it is for the Food Pantry. Thank you very much!

GIVING SLIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

We have been very blessed in our financial life of the church through everyone's faithful giving. Please know how much all the thoughtfulness and different contributions have meant to keeping things going here at First Presbyterian!

First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw	Giving Slip June 2, 2024			
	Name: _____	_____		
	Amount: _____	Giving # _____		
Please Indicate Fund: General Fund Deacons Food Pantry Mission Per Capita (\$29.50 for 2024) Building Utilities Snow Removal Funeral Fund				

First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw	Giving Slip June 9, 2024			
	Name: _____	_____		
	Amount: _____	Giving # _____		
Please Indicate Fund: General Fund Deacons Food Pantry Mission Per Capita (\$29.50 for 2024) Building Utilities Snow Removal Funeral Fund				

First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw	Giving Slip June 16, 2024			
	Name: _____	_____		
	Amount: _____	Giving # _____		
Please Indicate Fund: General Fund Deacons Food Pantry Mission Per Capita (\$29.50 for 2024) Building Utilities Snow Removal Funeral Fund				

First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw	Giving Slip June 23, 2024			
	Name: _____	_____		
	Amount: _____	Giving # _____		
Please Indicate Fund: General Fund Deacons Food Pantry Mission Per Capita (\$29.50 for 2024) Building Utilities Snow Removal Funeral Fund				

First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw	Giving Slip June 30, 2024			
	Name: _____	_____		
	Amount: _____	Giving # _____		
Please Indicate Fund: General Fund Deacons Food Pantry Mission Per Capita (\$29.50 for 2024) Building Utilities Snow Removal Funeral Fund				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT FIRST CHURCH

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM + Child care provided +
Sunday School for children ages 3—12 years old after Children’s Sermon**

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