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### A Word From Our Pastor....

Hello everyone! Today's article will be a bit different.. JayE and I would like to say "Thank You" to all of you, especially to those who helped us with food, our Thanksgiving Dinner, our yard work, eggs, picking things up at various stores, and all of your prayers. As you know, we had some health issues and then JayE's wreck. We are both mending well. JayE was a bit more serious than I, but she is progressing. Please continue to pray for her and our family as she returns to work.

As you read this article, Christmas has, on the calendar, past, but we hope and pray Christmas stays in your heart all year round. The New Year is also behind us and we are still dealing with various variants of COVID. However, some things are coming back around to being acceptable, or "normal." We pray that the Lord, who is Jesus the Christ, watches over each of you as we enter into this coming New Year. 2022 is here and it will not slow down for us. In that vein, let us endeavor to put God, by His Holy Spirit, foremost in our lives. How better are we when God is in control than when we try to run things on our own. We see many sad things happening, not only in our lives, but in our community, nation, and the world. Yet we know that as humanity follows self, these sad things come to pass. Let us make a conscience decision to be united in our faith—first as a family as the Lord works in us, and then as a Church, a body of believers, respecting the righteousness of the Lord.

In the coming months of 2022, we will be looking for ways to reach out to others, to increase our family of worshipers, wherever they may be found, and to grow within ourselves in the love, grace, and mercy of our Lord. If at anytime you have needs, or just want to talk, come by the office or call to set up a time when we can meet. JayE and I are honored to be here and are working hard to become what we need to be for you, our church, and this community. Praise be to God!

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Pastor - The Rev. Charley Shurtz  
Church Secretary -  
Choir Director/Accompanist -  
Donna Baskin  
Audio/Visual -  
Director of Christian Education -  
Cindy Hodges  
Nursery - Carol Petersen and Karen  
Trobl  
Custodian - Angelica Alfaro  
Ministers - The Members of  
First Presbyterian Church

### **Committee Chairpersons for 2022**

Building & Grounds - Doug Huebner  
Christian Education - Karin Hill  
Congregational Care - Debbie Dennard  
Finance/Stewardship - Greg West-  
moreland  
Nominating - Greg Westmoreland and  
Doug Huebner  
Outreach & Mission - Carol Petersen  
Personnel - Jim Coe  
Worship - Donna Baskin

Please be  
Praying for...

Prayer List

Peggy Badders, Ann Bond, Marcus & Clinton (requested by Donna Baskin), Hubert Boeker, Sharon Bumgardner, John Cerceo, Jim Coe, Rowan Collier, Jackie Dancer, Family of Joan Dickerson, Flo Dreher, Autumn Eggleston, Family of Jesse Findley (Linda Townsend's father), First Presbyterian Church in Bay City & growth, Rob Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Marie Hestand, Frank Hill, John Hodges & Family, Doug Huebner, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Family of Adam Kimball, Dr. Bob Kelly, Nancy Knapik, Ruth Leissner, Sarah Leverett, Lyne McAlester (jaw surgery), Judy Metcalf, Natalie Mullen, Brenda Owen, Reeselyn & Brad Pierce (Donna Baskins' great niece), Father James Ramsey, Zelda Regalado, Virginia Rhymes, Nancy Ryman, Rev. Frank Seaman, Search for Church Secretary, Pastor Charley, JayE Shurtz's recovery, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Charlie Wayne Smith (cancer, former classmate of John Merck), Family of Amelia Poole Suddereth (Dr. Mark Poole's daughter), Mark Svatek, Mrs. Thomas (loss of her daughter), Donna Townsend, Karen Trobl & Family, Ann Uher, Ethel Williams, Natalie Willard (spinal surgery), Kim Wink (Linda Brown's sister, gall bladder surgery).

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Students and school personnel for safe spring 2022 semester.

Our local homeless community.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, our border crisis.

**Faith Funday!**

**For Who?: Kids, 3rd—8th Grade**

**Where?: Robbins Hall**

**When?: Starting Soon!**

**4:30-5:30 PM**

**What Is It?: A time to gather in fellowship, faith, and fun. We will have a snack, build on our faith, and enjoy a fun activity together.**

**It's That Time Again!**

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

For anyone interested, come to the church office and pick up one up. The guidelines are attached to the application. Just remember, the deadline for applying is April 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Karin Hill, Chair of Christian Education Committee.

Looking for Lay Leaders!

Are you feeling nudged by God to expand your devotion to Him?

If the answer is "yes," then please contact Marie Hestand and sign up to be added to the Lay Leader rotation. We need you!

**DIAPER DISCIPLES**

**February 12**

**February 26**

**February Birthdays**

**Martha Osina 2/14**

**Chandler Hill 2/19**

**Greg Westmoreland 2/23**

A Note From Karin Hill

Please excuse the appearance of this month's newsletter. I am a volunteer that is doing her best to keep the congregation informed of the church's happenings. If any information contained herein is incorrect, I apologize in advance.



**In-Person Worship**

10:30 AM

Sunday Mornings

**Online Worship**

For a complete worship experience, please visit

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)



**February KITCHEN CREW**

**Priscilla Obermeyer,  
Chair  
245-2360  
Marie Hestand  
245-2800  
Sharon Bumgardner  
476-0974**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**February 6**

Doreen Bounds

**February 13**

Ronnie Mullen

**February 20**

Linda Brown

**February 27**

Karin or Marc Hill



**Bible Readings**

**February 2022 - Lectionary Readings**

**February 6—5th Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) and Psalm 138;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

**February 13—6th Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Psalm 1;  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

**February 20—7th Sunday after Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 and Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

**February 27—Transfiguration of the Lord**

Exodus 34:29-35 and Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)



From The Music Stand

Why is it that a song can move you when nothing else can? Your heart is broken and there is a song that will get you through your brokenness, or when you are so happy for an event that has occurred, a certain song will help you to express this joy. These songs are considered heartsongs, for they make sure your heart will be able to handle whatever is going on.

My sweet daddy was an attorney, consequently his ability as an orator was profound. Yet, God did not bless him with a voice for singing, but he loved to listen to Mama and us girls as we sang and he supported our love for music. He had two songs that were interchangeable as far as he was concerned... "My Darling Clementine" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee." These songs he would sing, loudly, and we would all just smile—for these were songs that touched his heart. Due to Daddy's singing of these songs, they became favorites for us.

What songs represent your heart? Popular, country or sacred? If the song speaks to your heart, then it is a good song. The songs we listened to in our youth may still be the ones that speak to you as an adult. These are heartsongs!

I ask that you share your heartsongs with others. Let us know which songs and hymns lift you up when you are sad, help you to praise when you are glad, and those that bring you to tears for whatever reason. These may be the songs that others have forgotten temporarily and can brighten their hearts also.

Your Sister in Christ  
Donna Baskin

### Current Schedule

Sunday School — Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Youth and Adult Classes Available

Worship — Every Sunday at 10:30 AM

Children's Church — Every Sunday at 10:45 AM

Prayer Group — Every Tuesday, 10:00 AM, Conference Room

Bible Study — Every Tuesday, 10:30 AM, Conference Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Worship Committee — 2/8/22, 1 PM

Christian Education Committee — 2/8/22, 4 PM

Afternoon Women's Circle — 2/9/22, 1:30 PM

Second Sunday Lunch — 2/13/22, 11:30 AM

Sunday Women's Circle — 2/13/22, after lunch

Newsletter Deadline — 2/15/22

Diaper Disciples — 2/12/22 and 2/26/22, 10:00 AM-Noon

Wednesday Night Supper — 2/23/22, 6 PM

Session Meeting — 2/27/22, 11:30 AM, Robbins Hall

## How You Can Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring this year...

Dear Friends,

This year is different for many reasons.

But, one thing that is the same: the need to tackle hunger with the

Souper Bowl of Caring. This year, the need for hunger relief in our community has grown exponentially. Our local food charities need our help!

The Youth will be collecting money to donate locally to help feed those in need. A specially marked soup pot will be in the back of the sanctuary through the end of February. Please consider dropping a few dollars (or more) into it. You can also drop a check or cash off to Norma in the office. Be sure to mark it designated for Souper Bowl of Caring. Remember we are following mask, social distancing and hand sanitation protocols.

Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger! *Cindy* 🍲

