



Deuteronomy 7:13

13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jim Opferman; medical. Anne Wilton; medical.

Peggy Williams; medical.

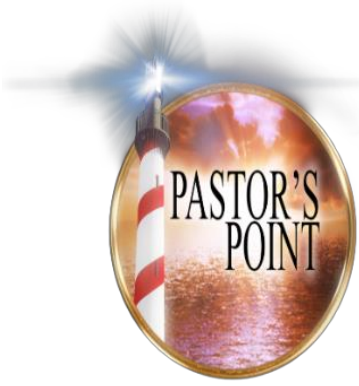
All who are serving in the military,
first responders, medical personnel,
and our elected officials.

Anyone you may know of that we
are not aware of, please lift them up in prayer.

Be kind to one another.

WITH GOD AS OUR LEADER,
MAY WE BE PREPARED TO LIVE
ANOTHER YEAR UNDER HIS GUIDANCE.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Pastor's Point
by Pastor Roxie Davis

Every morning during my devotional time, I repeat the "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5: 22-23,

"Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control." Every day, I strive to show those fruits in my daily walk.

A good friend of mine sent these instructions to me for entering the year 2022.

Apparently, these words were written anonymously but they have been spread far and wide. May we each be reminded to strive to stay with God as we fly through this next year. Worship, Fellowship with other Christians, Prayer and Bible Reading will keep us on track. Happy New Year to all of you!

FLIGHT 2022 INSTRUCTIONS

"Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayer will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be No Baggage allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination—Strength Through Love! Wishing you a New Year filled with new Hope, new Joy and new Beginnings! Stay Blessed! And welcome in the New Year, 2022!”

In Christ’s Love, Pastor Roxie



Remember, the **February** Newsletter article submission deadline is **January 20th**.

COME Worship WITH US

First Presbyterian Church - 10:00 a.m. Sundays;

catch us on our YouTube channel

(1st Presbyterian Church Port Huron),

Facebook page

(@First Presbyterian Church Port Huron),

or our Website (Fpcporthuron.org)

THE PARLOR IS OPEN FOR SUNDAY SERVICES!



Coffee Hours have resumed
and will take place after
worship service every Sunday
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for fellowship!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Hall – 1st
Natalie Barr – 5th
Bill Briscoe – 7th
Christopher Lee – 7th
Judith McLean – 7th
Taylor Matthews – 9th

Helen Weston – 9th
Jennifer Carolan – 13th
Dene Tyrrell – 14th
Sheryl Neal – 17th
Jacqueline Green – 18th
Nancy Hunter – 20th
Robert Budds – 28th
Sally Meier – 30th
Maryann Kiger – 30th



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Evelyn Tinsley – Jan. 30th

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS –
DECEMBER 2021



Regular Session Meeting :
December 13, 2021

- Approved the Holy Communion schedule for 2022. Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.
- Elected the following people as Church Officers: Gail Rosales, President of the Corporation, Tom Andison, Treasurer, Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session.

Submitted by: Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



NURSERY DURING SERVICES

Birth – 3yrs

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

3yrs – 9yrs/3rd grade

After the Children's Moment during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship, children will be invited to attend a special time for children where they will hear and participate in a lesson geared just for them.



SINGING THE FAITH!

Every Sunday, the children will be meeting in the G.I.F.T. room at 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. to practice songs that many children of God have grown up singing. They will sing what they learn once a month during the worship service.

During January, we will practice and sing the song “Alive, Alive”, to be performed during worship service on January 19th. All ages of children are welcome.

G.I.F.T. JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 2: **“The Magi Follow a Star”** – Children will continue to celebrate the Christmas story through the Wisemen’s eyes. They will learn about how the kings fit into the story of Jesus, dress up, and “act out” their role in His story.

January 9: **“Encouraging the Faith”** – This week we will teach how we can help each other have a strong faith in Jesus. Children will make puppets and use them to participate in the story and discussion.

January 16: **“Cold Weather Fun”** - Do you want to build a snowman? Then you don’t want to miss this week’s Sunday School! We can enjoy God’s winter weather indoors and out.

January 23: **“Snow! Snow! Snow!”** – An indoor snowball fight will ensue this week, after the children learn about God’s beautiful gift of snow. After worship service on this day, we will begin practicing for a play that will be performed on Sunday, February 13th. Parents, please talk to Michelle Fisher for details.

January 30: **“Candlemas”** – Children will learn about Jesus being the light of the world, and how Christians let their light shine!



“The Incredibles”

Friday, January 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for popcorn and a movie.

Bring the whole family, bring your friends,
bring your neighbors – It’s Free!

A short discussion will follow the movie.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP

We have had a very successful Stewardship Campaign for 2022. You will see in this Newsletter the comparisons between 2020, 2021 and 2022. We are still calling people who may have misplaced their Financial Commitment Card for 2022 or have just not had the time, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas events to fill it out. We are still accepting financial commitment cards and we encourage you to call the church if you need a card or just call Amanda, our Bookkeeper, and she will be happy to record your financial commitment for 2022. Thank you to all of you who have committed financially to First Presbyterian Church for the coming year. Your commitment speaks of your faith and your hope for the future ministry of Jesus Christ through this church.

PLEDGE STATUS
AS OF 12/27/2021

2020:	Total Pledged – 82	\$207,182.00
	New Pledges - 4	
	Increased - 28	
	Decreased - 8	
	Same - 42	
2021:	Total Pledged – 81	\$212,161.00
	New Pledges - 4	
	Increased - 31	
	Decreased - 6	
	Same - 40	
2022:	Total Pledged – 76	\$226,776.00
	New Pledges - 9	
	Increased - 37	
	Decreased - 5	
	Same - 25	



**ANNUAL MEETING
PROJECTED AS FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

Pending the approval of Session at its January 10th meeting, the Annual Meeting of the congregation will be on February 20, 2022, the 3rd Sunday in February, as indicated by our bylaws. Please mark your calendar. Any item can come up during the Annual Meeting and **all reports from all groups** in the church will be reviewed and approved.

Chairs of All Committees and Groups, both Session and Deacons, please turn in your Annual Reports by January 16th so that they can be printed and ready to go on February 20th.

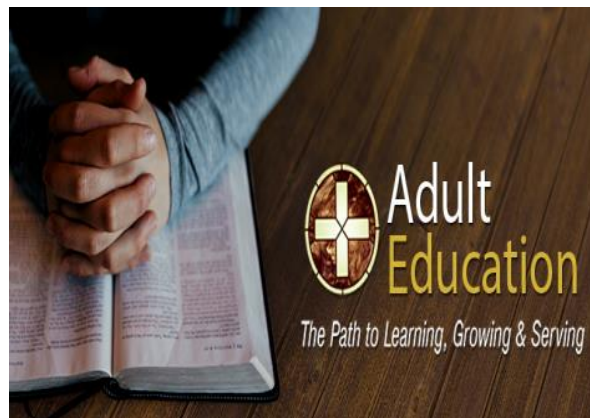


SELF STUDY REPORT

We have had one last hoop to jump through for the Self Study. Once we gain approval from the Committee On

Ministry (COM), we will move forward in forming a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The COM meets on January 6th to discuss our status in the process of calling a pastor. Please pray for wisdom and understanding to dominate the decisions of the COM on that day.

NEW ADULT CLASS IN JANUARY 9:00 A.M. Sundays



This New Adult Class will be every Sunday in January. It is taught by Pastor Roxie Davis and Dr. Alex Ruthven. The teaching and conversation will be around the book, written by Mitch Albom, "The Stranger in the Lifeboat."

It has all kinds of faith implications. One thing you do need to know: **You DO NOT necessarily need to read the book to participate in the class.** However, there are 12 books available at the church office. Please drop by if you would like a book. This Sunday, January 2, is the “soft” start of the New Adult Class. Please come whenever you can!

Blue Water Community Food Depot



Thank you all so much for supporting the Blue Water Community Food Depot throughout 2021. This year’s total was over \$600. Please help us to continue this important ministry by bringing in nonperishable food and personal care items the first and second Sunday of the month. Thanks again!

A huge thank you goes out to our congregation in the continued support of our Angel Tree families. Thank you to the members, who took multiple angels, helped sort the gifts, and assisted in the delivery to the families. A special thank you to Deacon, Carolyn Ahlquist, for her leadership in this effort.



The Board of Deacons
Community Ministry Committee

heartfelt thanks!

Thank You for so much!

From Pastor Roxie

Your generosity is beyond description. I want to express my thanksgiving for your support, your encouragement, your strength to step up to the plate when called upon, your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and your hope for the future of God's church here on 8th and Wall Streets.

But I also want to thank you for your graciousness and over-abundant financial gift to me during our Christmas celebration. It was over-the-top and I was overwhelmed with emotions when I received your Christmas gift. So many times, as I reflect at the end of the day, I thank God for each of you. You are a blessing in my life. Thank you for asking me to be your Interim Pastor. It is my great joy to be among you.

Thank You from Amanda Schwehofer

Your generosity was very much appreciated. Thank you and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Thank You from Jim & Michelle Fisher

Jim and I were beyond surprised, and quite emotional, when we opened our Christmas cards and found we each had a very generous bonus enclosed! Words are not enough to express our gratefulness and thankfulness for all of you! We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. We love working at First Pres and feel very honored to be a part of a great team. Our sincere thanks to each of you for all the ways you have shown us your support.

Thank You from Julie Wendt

What an experience it has been...learning the ropes of FPC and getting to know you all! Everyone has been so patient with me, kind and thoughtful, and I appreciate you all every day. Your Christmas gift (and your individual gifts) were very generous and so appreciated! Best wishes for a happy, healthy, New Year!

Thank You from Bill Briscoe

Thank you for the generous Christmas bonus! I've enjoyed working with the Staff here and it's been a pleasure getting to know you. You're a warm and friendly congregation! I look forward to meeting the rest of you. Merry Christmas!