

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON
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THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

◆ JULY 2022◆

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Gary Rhody; medical. Jim Opferman; medical.

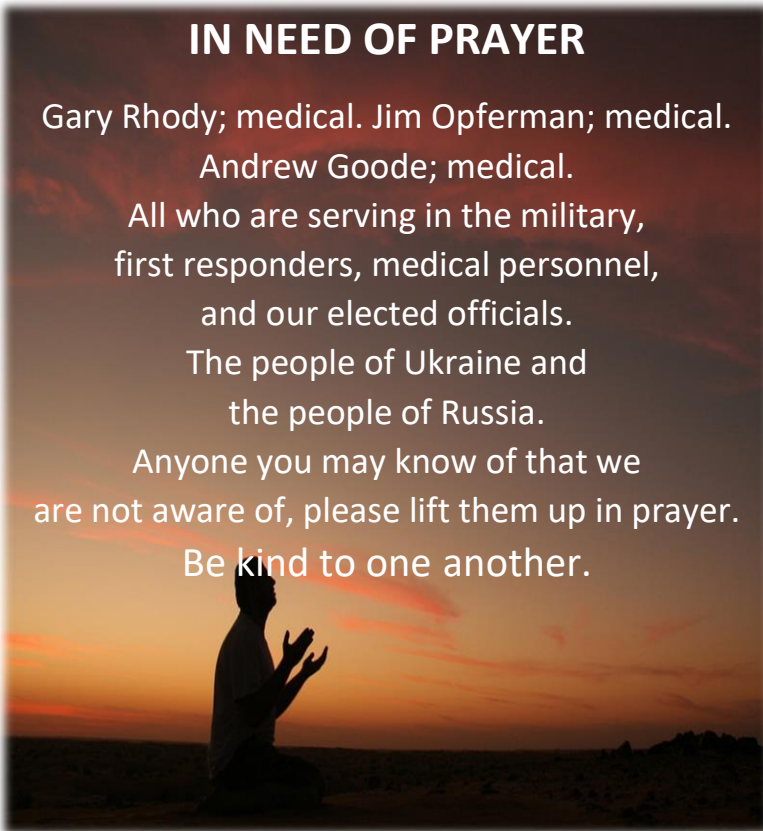
Andrew Goode; medical.

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

The people of Ukraine and
the people of Russia.

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

Be kind to one another.



Come Worship with Us

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Facebook –

@First Presbyterian Church
Port Huron

YouTube -

@FirstPresbyterianChurch

Website – fpcporthuron.org

Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following worship.

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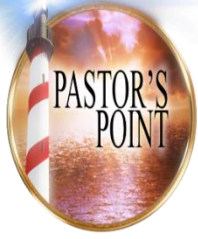
(M-TH: 9am-2pm)

Bill Briscoe

Custodian/Maintenance Director

(M & TH: 9am-3pm)

PASTOR'S POINT, JULY 2022



There is a whole genealogical ancestry list in the Old Testament, First Chronicles Chapter 4. It is long and some might say “boring.” But in the midst of the chapter, we have these words: “Jabez was honored more than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez, saying: “Because I bore him in pain.” Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!” And God granted what he asked.

Sometimes we get overwhelmed: We have some pain, whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual. And we despair because it is overwhelming. I have so many examples from this past week.

I talked with a faithful member of this church, and she has been overwhelmed as a caregiver for her husband and recovering from Covid. Overwhelmed!

I have sympathized with various people who are moving from their present dwelling to a new place. And in the midst of it, they feel overwhelmed with the tasks.

I have sat with the Membership and Outreach Committee, with the input from the Pastor Nominating Committee, about the need to update the church’s Website. The task is huge, but the work needs to be done in a small window of time. Overwhelming!

I have empathized with those who are caring for loved ones, including beloved pets. Making major decisions about the future is overwhelming!

So many have not come back to be a part of this worshipping community. We miss them, and the task of reaching out to so many with our love and care can sometimes feel overwhelming.

So, with all this sense of being “overwhelmed,” we hear the words in Scripture from I Chronicles. Jabez has the boldness to come before God and give voice to his needs. He is specific.

Sometimes we miss out on God's blessings because we fail to ask. Perhaps we feel we are undeserving and insignificant. Jabez asks God to bless him in very specific ways, and God grants his requests.

Let us confidently ask God to bless us, in whatever overwhelming situation we find ourselves. Let us believe that our Creator desires to bless us lavishly. But all the while, hoping to remember that all blessings are given in accordance with God's will and purpose for our lives, our future, and God's church.

Pastor Roxie Davis

HAPPY DAYS! Birthdays and Anniversaries are meant to be shared with family and friends (and who can't help but smile at the mention of cake and ice cream). We plan to honor these happy occasions with a special coffee hour featuring - what else? - cake and ice cream. On the last Sunday of each month, we will acknowledge all the birthdays and anniversaries celebrated by our church family and friends that month. The celebration in July will be July 31st, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. And we promise, you won't have to blow out any candles!





PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

The Pastor Nominating Committee – Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall and Judith McLean – have been meeting each week since May 22. Following a training session with our Presbytery liaison, Wendy Beck, the committee has been working on our Ministry Information Form, a multi-page document that will serve, along with our Self-Study, as a guide to the type of pastor we are searching for to lead our congregation. We are also looking at changes we would like made to our website to aid us in this search.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE 2022

The following actions were taken at the Regular Session meeting on June 20, 2022:

- Approved Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the church Monday, August 22 through Thursday, August 25, 2022. It will be from 5:00-7:30 p.m., with dinner from 5:00- 5:30 and VBS programming from 5:30-7:30.
- Approved to hold an end of VBS party for all church members, families that participated in VBS, and neighbors of the church. There will be snacks, games, and a movie held outdoors. The event will be Friday, August 26th in the evening.
- Approved holding a Yard sale on Friday, August 12 and Saturday August 13th as part of the 2022 Bay to Bay Yard Sale Trail. It will be held on the church lawn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



Patricia Schattler	July 02
Howard Owen	July 04
Mary Lou Moen	July 05
Sandra Morrison	July 07
Debra Burns	July 08
Scott McCandless	July 10
Erin Peyer	July 12
Dolores Eveningred	July 17
Wayne Furman	July 19
James Lovett	July 20
Louis Darczy	July 20
Sara Liter-Kuester	July 20
Eileen Furman	July 21
Paige Roe	July 24
SueAnn Ostrom	July 26
Marvin Ohrling	July 27
Lavetta Campbell	July 30
Latalia Middleton	July 31



Alex & Peggy Ruthven	July 15
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*Remember, the **August** Newsletter
article submission deadline is
July 20th.*



NURSERY DURING SERVICES

Birth – 3yrs

A cry-room is available with a screen for watching the worship service in the Nursery, which is a comfortable, warm place to hold and rock your baby.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

3yrs – 9yrs/3rd grade

Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) will be on recess for the summer. We will resume class again in September.



SINGING THE FAITH!

All Ages

Singing The Faith will be on recess for the summer. We will resume class again in September.



VBS will take place August 22-26, 2022. We are still in need of volunteers and people to distribute the VBS doorhangers around the neighborhood after church on Sunday, July 31st. If you know of children who would enjoy attending the VBS week, you may sign-up through the VBS link: <https://forms.gle/ZXR29vghUuMEyek76> or use the QR Code:



The Mission Committee is preparing for its garage sale to be held August 12th and 13th as part of the Bay-to-Bay Yard Sale. This is a fundraiser for local missions helping homelessness as well as a donation to the Village of Lake Huron Woods Expansion Building Campaign.

It's a good time to clean out your closets. You can start bringing items now to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 2pm, and put them in the Teen/Youth room in the Christian Education wing. Thank you for your help.



OT's Family Night

July 14, 2022 5:00-9:00 pm

NE Corner of the 10th Street Bridge

Operation Transformation is sponsoring FREE Family Activities on Thursday night of the Blue Water Fest (during the Mackinac Sailboat Race Week). The date is July 14th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. The positive, family-friendly events will take place on the lawn just Northeast of the 10th St. Bridge. The fun activities include: Pony rides, petting zoo, live music, face painting, hair braiding, carnival games, crafts, giveaways and so much more! FPC will have a table at the event. Come help us spread the Good News! If you are available to help, please speak with Mark Schian or Laura Nurnberg to schedule your time and sign-up on the clipboard in the Gathering Room.



*"Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game."*

Put on your baseball cap and join us at the Detroit Tiger's game on Sunday, August 7th - Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 1:40 p.m. We will leave right after church and load on the bus in the parking lot, so you can just leave your car! (Yes, the bus does have a Restroom.) Details are being compiled. If you are interested, please sign-up on the clipboard in the Gathering Room.



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

OUR MISSION:

Is to KNOW the love of God,
to provide tangible Christian GROWTH
and to GO live our faith in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME