

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON
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THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

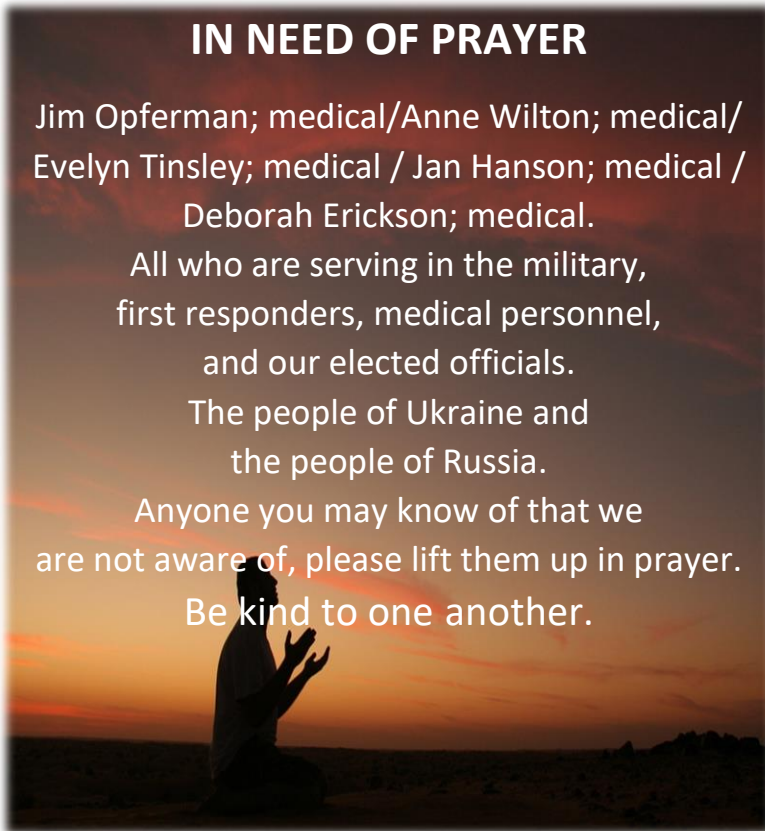
Jim Opferman; medical/Anne Wilton; medical/
Evelyn Tinsley; medical / Jan Hanson; medical /
Deborah Erickson; medical.

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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PASTOR'S POINT, MAY 2022



If there is a major characteristic of the Christian Church, the Body of Christ, it is encouragement. In Scripture, we, as members of the Body of Christ, are constantly reminded that criticism tears down and encouragement builds up.

We read in I Thessalonians 5: 11 “Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

We read in Romans 15: 5-6 “May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

My heart rejoices when I hear one member of this congregation encourage someone else in the work they are doing for the Lord. Through their encouragement, I know that the Body of Christ here on 8th and Wall is being built up in ministry and love.

My heart is glad when I hear people asking for prayer and others praying for their well-being. In praying, I know that there is compassion and encouragement going on in the Body of Christ. God is pleased when we bring our joys and our concerns to Him.

On Sunday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m., following the worship service, you will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of six people (Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennifer Carolan, Jacqueline Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean) being presented as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). As a member of this church and as an encourager for those who have this awesome task ahead of them, I request that you attend worship where communion will be shared (10:00 a.m.) and cast your vote (at 11:00 a.m.) during the Special Congregational Meeting. **Your presence will be an encouraging sign of hope for this congregation and for those taking on the huge task that lies ahead.** I am also requesting

that you keep the PNC in your prayers, every day going forward, so that they sense your support and encouragement.

It says in Hebrews 10: 24-25 “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Let us gather together and encourage one another!

P.S. If you need a ride to church on Sunday, May 1st, call the office and we will make arrangements with you. It will be an important day in the life of this congregation.

Pastor Roxie Davis

VACATION FOR PASTOR ROXIE

In the next few months, Pastor Roxie will be taking vacation for various reasons and to various locations. Here is her vacation schedule:

May 23-June 16 to Quantico, Virginia to visit middle daughter, Christina and fly out to Debrecen, Hungary to be with oldest daughter, Tabitha, Adam, Leon and Isaac, and on their return to this country, to celebrate Christina’s graduation with a Master’s Degree from the U.S. Marine Corp War College, as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.

Please pray for their safe travels and supportive visits to their two daughters and their families.

Roxie will miss four Sunday worships, but the preaching of the Word will be by four church leaders who have been trained and approved as Trained Lay Preachers: Judith McLean (April 24), Alex Ruthven (May 29), Matt Lozen (June 5), Liz Lozen (June 12). They each will bring their wealth of experience and understanding of Scriptures to the preaching of



the Word. Please be there to support them and hear what they have to say. Pray for God's Word to inspire and guide them.

When Pastor Roxie returns to the pulpit on June 19, the Beach Service will begin and Communion will be served on that third Sunday of June rather than the first Sunday of June.

If there is an emergency or a need for pastoral care and counsel, Randy Bennett and Tom Seppo, both of Operation Transformation (a St. Clair County ecumenical organization) will be attentive to your needs. The office has their phone numbers.

MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.



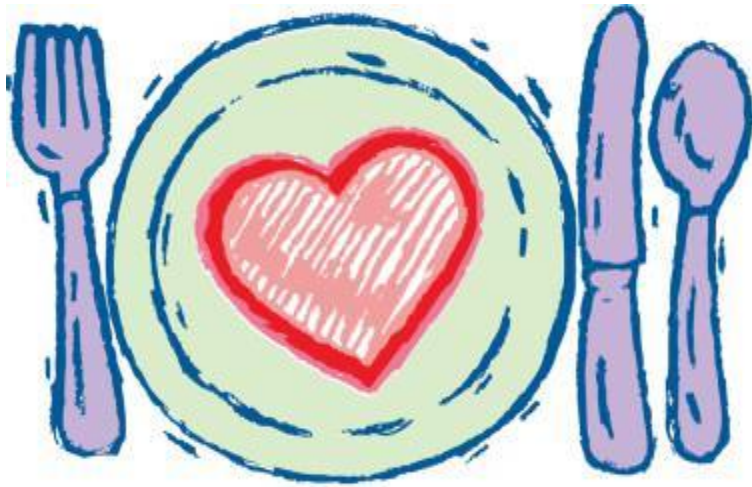
Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit = This animation/adventure film centers on a good-natured, yet eccentric, cheese-loving inventor Wallace and his intelligent, quiet dog, Gromit, in their latest venture as pest control agents. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy popcorn and beverages. There will be a brief discussion after the movie. (Activity bags will be available for children to use during the movie, should they desire.)

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 May will be May 29 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. And we promise, you won't have to blow out any candles!

Do you like to cook? Would you like to be part of a new ministry?



Share A Meal

We are looking for people who would be willing to prepare and deliver a meal to our members of the congregation when needed, due to an illness, loss of a loved one, birth of child, or to support a caregiver. If you are interested in this ministry, please sign up in the church office or email Carolyn Ahlquist at steve.ahlquist@comcast.net.



Pentecost Offering Begins May 1, 2022

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost

offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

May 1, 2022 Be in attendance at worship, with the servicing of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. and then be present for the Special **Congregational Meeting at 11:00 a.m.** to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. Those who are on the slate are:

Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennifer Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean

The worship will be a bit shorter than usual so that we can start

the Special Congregational Meeting right at 11:00 a.m. Being here on that Sunday will show your hope for the future of First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday - May 29th

Recognition of Veterans and Active-Duty Military

Please contact the office if you are a veteran. We will be honoring you on this Sunday.





Dane Peyerk	May 1
Sid LaFrance	May 3
Kim Matthews	May 4
Peggy Ruthven	May 6
Kelly Kerhoulas	May 6
Lindy Carolan	May 9
Jane McCandless	May 9
Anna Kerhoulas	May 11
Maxwell Moore	May 13
James McCandless	May 13
Robert Cronce	May 14
Grant Moore	May 14
Gary Rhody	May 15
Forrest Wyckoff	May 17
Meredith Mills	May 19
Dylan Kiger	May 20
Bradley Seymore	May 21
Sue Hinton	May 22
Michelle Fisher	May 22
Sara Barr	May 24
Kelly Remick	May 25
Dorothy Letzgus	May 25
Lily Falk	May 26
Janet Dent	May 28
Jean Hyslop-Child	May 28
B. Mark Neal	May 29
Paige Cronce	May 29
Janice Bradley	May 29
Donna Whitford	May 30
Carla Sue Lovett	May 30
Danielle Darczy	May 30

Marshall & Shelley Kamer
May 20th

*Remember, the **June** Newsletter
article submission deadline is
May 20th.*

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 11, 2022

The following actions were taken at the Regular Session meeting on April 11, 2022:

- Approved Jerrydeanna Pretty, Helenann Hoblet, and Kerry Norwood for membership at FPC.
- Approved money from Endowment to be used for 10 scholarships for anyone who wants to attend the Great Lakes Pilgrimage in May.
- Approved Dinner & a Movie night on April 15th, Easter breakfast on April 17th, and attending a Faith based Tiger's baseball game on May 14th.
- Approved 3 billboard advertisements during July and August to promote the beach services at Lighthouse beach. Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



Submitted by: Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Did you enjoy playing a role in the Maundy Thursday drama? We would love to have you join the children for their Mother's Day play titled: "My Mom is Amazing!" Please speak with Michelle Fisher for more details.

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

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.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) MAY ACTIVITIES

- May 1** -- "Like a Spring of Water" – God wants us to open our hearts to feed the hungry.
- May 8** -- No G.I.F.T. – "My Mom is Amazing!" Mother's Day Play - presented by the children.
- May 15** -- "Follow Me by the Sea" – We can invite people to church.
- May 22** -- **(LAST DAY OF G.I.F.T.)** "Pentecost" – The Holy Spirit helped the apostles tell the world about Jesus.
- May 29** -- No. G.I.F.T. – Memorial Day Weekend.



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 the month of MAY, we will not hold "Singing the Faith" class. We will be practicing for the upcoming play:

- Sunday, April 24 – 1st Mother's Day play practice. – 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 1 – 2nd Mother's Day play practice. – 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 8 – Final Practice for Mother's Day play. – 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 8 -- "My Mom is Amazing!" presentation during service.



A huge THANK YOU to the following women who faithfully volunteered their time and resources in teaching the children for the 2021-2022 school year! We are truly BLESSED by all of your servant's hearts. Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Gwen Spiess, Paula Cameron, Carolyn Ahlquist, Erin Peyerck, Laura Nurnberg, Jill Emery, Elizabeth Lozen, Lisa Matthews, Cheryl Frank and Linda Bartley. Also, a huge THANK

YOU to the Christian Education Committee members: Laura Nurnberg, Rob Williams, Linda Holekamp, Jennie Carolan, and of course, Pastor Roxie. Well done, faithful servants!

“COME AWAY AND...” Great Lakes Pilgrimage:

This Faith Renewal Weekend is May 20-22 (Friday to a Sunday) at Echo Grove Camp and Retreat Center in Leonard, Michigan, about 45 minutes west of Port Huron. If you have questions, Pastor Roxie is one of the Spiritual Advisors for the weekend and would be happy to encourage you to come. FPC is offering \$100 scholarships to help cover costs. Please let Pastor Roxie know if you are interested.



CAREGIVERS
go through more than they
will tell you.
They give up a lot and
rarely have a social life.
They can get sick and
emotionally worn out. It's a
lot for one person and you
will never know until you
have walked the road of
a caregiver.

Caregiver Informational Gathering
Sunday, May 1, 11:15 to 12:15
following the
Special Congregational Meeting

If you are a caregiver to someone in your family, this class is for you! If you think you may become a future caregiver for someone in your family, this class is for you! If you are a friend of a caregiver and you are giving support to that person, this class is for you! Speakers, Mary Beth Fleury and Tony Babin will be here from the Port Huron Life Skills Center to walk us through some helpful hints about faithfully caring for others, as God has cared for us. Ideas of how to help those we are caring for but also how to take care of ourselves will be highlighted in the presentation. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat at fellowship time in the Gathering Room and head to the Lower Level for this presentation.

OUR MISSION:

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

WELCOME