

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON**  
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## THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

◆ JUNE 2022 ◆

### IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jim Opferman; medical/Anne Wilton; medical/  
Gary Rhody; 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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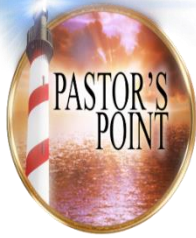
(M-TH: 9am-2pm)

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Custodian/Maintenance Director

(M & TH: 9am-3pm)

## PASTOR'S POINT, JUNE 2022



Just recently I had a conversation with two of my friends about “wasting time.” We were talking about our faith and how we might use our time better by furthering our relationship with God and with others. One of my friends suggested that we need to carve out time to pray, study, and act in the context of growing in faith and acting on what God speaks to us in prayer and in scripture. The other friend said that it might be helpful to keep track of what we do each day, writing down how we spent each 30 minutes; thus, asking the question: How did that 30 minutes help to deepen my faith, serve someone in need, or do the tasks which are necessary to “sustain my life and the life of my family.”

As my friends and I concluded, time is a treasure—a gift from God. And when we waste time or don’t use it to fulfill the great commandment, “Love God and Love Others,” we sense that God could be disappointed in how we use our time. We each decided that we would be more intentional about God’s time, given to us freely.

In today’s world: the brutal war in Ukraine which has shaken the world and the balance of power, the rise of Covid cases *again* and the division in this country over wearing masks, the uptick in shootings in this country and the everyday maneuvers to navigate our personal trials that confront us daily—all weigh on our minds.

It seems to me that faith in God and our actions to put that faith into action is paramount. Those around us need to see our faithful steadfastness in the man, Jesus Christ, who came to save us all from ourselves and from our situations.

Perhaps the question we need to ask at the end of the day is this: “What did I do today to grow deeper in my relationship with God, in my relationship with others (particularly those who do not know Jesus) and what did I do today to further the Kingdom of God? Certainly, we will fail daily in our pursuit of faith. But God’s grace and mercy picks us up and we move forward. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Roxie Davis



## **WORSHIP—AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR LIVES**

Since Pastor Roxie will be overseas the first part of June, our worship services on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be led by Matt and Liz Lozen, both trained Lay Preachers. Liz will preach on June 5<sup>th</sup>, assisted by Liturgist Matt. Matt will preach on June 12<sup>th</sup>, assisted by Liturgist Liz. You are in for an amazing time of worship with this faithful couple. (Please do not stay away because Pastor Roxie is not here). Lay Preachers always bring their own personal experiences and faith to their proclamation of the Word. Since June 5<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost, WEAR RED, which is a tradition in this church. Since Pastor Roxie is away, Holy Communion will not be served on June 5<sup>th</sup>; it will happen on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. upon her return.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day), Pastor Roxie will return to the pulpit. She will preach and lead worship at the first Beach Service at 8:00 a.m. and then at the Sanctuary Service, at 10:00 a.m. She will be preaching on the aspect of strength and courage offered in Fatherly Love. She will share with us her travels and the strength and courage that she saw in her travels to Debrecen, Hungary (50 miles from the Ukrainian border).

## **FPC NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ**



Friday, June 17 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Potluck - Outside on the church lawn

Hot dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, paper goods and plasticware will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, a dish to share (if you would like) and meet neighbors! Enjoy fun outdoor games - Disc Golf, Badminton, Basketball, Gaga Ball, Parking Lot Hockey, Hulu Hoops and more!

## **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 June will be June 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. And we promise, you won't have to blow out any candles!



The annual Nail Sale will be held on June 19, Father's Day. The money collected from the sale will go to the Blue Water Habitat for Humanity's work. Blue Water Habitat for Humanity partners with people from St. Clair and Sanilac counties, helping them build or improve a place they can call home. Homeowners then purchase their home and pay an affordable mortgage. The self-improvement created by this opportunity helps homeowner families eliminate barriers to better, healthier, more financially stable life. We need male volunteers for June 19<sup>th</sup> services (both beach and sanctuary). Please sign-up on the clipboard in the Gathering Room.







We have wonderful news that Amanda Schweihofer, our Bookkeeper, has decided to continue on with us. She will work at her new, full-time position during the week at the St. Clair Township offices and will be at our church during off-hours, (mostly Saturdays), to fulfill her responsibilities with us. We are thankful for her graciously committing to continue her work with us!



### **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)**

Here is what is happening with the PNC. This article is coming from Pastor Roxie but in future newsletters, the PNC itself will update you monthly on their progress. Stay tuned!

Here is what has happened:

On May 1 you elected the Pastor Nominating Committee of six people. Their purpose is to nominate, at a future Congregational Meeting, the next pastor to serve at First Presbyterian Church. The six people elected to the PNC are: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Judy Hall, and Judith McLean.

On May 8 they were commissioned with questions answered by the PNC, the PNC family members, the church family, and the membership-at-large. Here are the questions and the promises we made:

### Pastor Nominating Committee:

- Will you make every effort to work diligently together, to share in all committee decisions, trusting in God's direction through prayer? PNC: I will.
- Will you endeavor to work cooperatively, and with respect for the others on the committee, even when opinions differ? PNC: I will.
- Will you maintain an openness about the persons you interview, recognizing their God-given call to ministry and talents for ministry? PNC: I will.
- Will you maintain the confidentiality of your work as the Pastor Nominating Committee? PNC: I will.

### Families of the Pastor Nominating Committee:

- As you experience the new demands placed on your loved one's time, will you encourage them, and help out at home when they cannot be there? PNC family members: I will.
- Will you pray for them and for this church, as we go forward into the future? PNC family members: I will.

### The Church Family—the membership at large:

- Will you keep these PNC members, by name, in your daily prayers? Church Family: We will.
- Will you, as God's church family, be patient when the process seems slow, and cooperative when the PNC needs your understanding? Church Family: We will.

### All of us:

- Will you trust God as you do ministry together now and in the future? Everyone: We will.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Pastor Nominating Committee met with Wendy Beck, the Committee on Ministry Representative from the Detroit Presbytery. She went through the process with the PNC, and they are off and running. This is a joint effort for all of us. I, as your Interim Pastor, will be the cheerleader for those of us who are supporting and praying for the work of this PNC. We give thanks always for God's grace.



Shelley Kamer	June 1
Jim Fisher	June 2
Linda Boddy	June 3
Tami Cronce	June 4
Sarah Brown	June 6
David Dunn	June 6
Jules Becker	June 9
Andrea Fletcher	June 15
Linda Bartley	June 15
Amy Tinsley	June 18
Rachelle Laidlaw	June 19
Megan Ahlquist	June 20
Allan Andreoni	June 21
Doug Hinton	June 23
Bill Kerr	June 24
Jim Opferman	June 27
Kim Matthews II	June 27
Emily Smeltzer	June 29
Mac Domke	June 29
Reta Zochowski	June 30

Ron & Barb Neal	June 7
Andy & Jennie Carolan	June 11
Jim & Starrla Opferman	June 14
Andy & Gail Rosales	June 14
Gary & Shirley Rhody	June 15
Bruce & Sandy Morrison	June 15
Tom & Nancy Hunter	June 17
Bob & Helen Weston	June 20
Jim & Linda Hall	June 20
Richard & Amy Rinsley	June 22
Larry & Janet Dent	June 27
Troy & Erin Peyerck	June 28
Mac & Nancy Domke	June 29
Chris & Laura Nurnberg	June 30

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*Remember, the July Newsletter  
article submission deadline is  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>.***

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 2022

The following actions were taken at the Regular Session meeting on May 9, 2022:

- Approved Pizza and a Movie Night for Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved the recommendation from the Elevator Committee to have necessary repair work done.
- Approved calling a Special Congregational Meeting on May 22, 2022, for the purpose of considering and approving changes to the Church By-Laws.



Submitted by: Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



### **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/3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) will be on recess for the summer. However, on Sundays, June 5 & 12- (10:15 to 11 a.m.)- a simple program/activity will take place during the worship service in the G.I.F.T. room. Starting Sunday, June 19, there will not be a children's program through the summer during Sunday services.



## **SINGING THE FAITH!**

All Ages

Program has ended for the summer. We will resume class again in September.



The Pentecost Offering is being collected now. The local portion (40%) of funds received will support our Christian Education Summer Bible School and the end-of-the-week party which will include an outdoor movie on a blow-up screen! VBS will take place in August 22-26, 2022. Please give generously to invest in our children, both in our church body, and the community.

## Local Opportunity to serve

June 19-25 - Group Mission Trip Camp

Approximately 450 teens and adults from all over the country will be in Port Huron to work on fixing and repairing approximately 50 homes in a week. The Mission Group provides devotional times, organizing of the projects, the materials, meals, and travel expenses of getting them here and housing them.

How can you help? There are three areas of need:

1) Volunteer at the welcome/arrival party Sunday, June 19 -help everyone arriving to move into Central Middle School (where they will be housed for the week).

2) Bake Cookies - 400 dozen cookies are needed to be enjoyed at each close of day devotionals.

3) Volunteer to be part of a crew to complete minor unfinished projects the weekend of June 25.

Available, interested, have questions? Contact Stephanie Chisholm from St. John's United Church of Christ (810) 434-9685



## OUR MISSION:

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

WELCOME