

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON
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OUR MISSION:

KNOW the love of God,
GROW in the Christian faith,
GO share our faith in Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

◆ **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022** ◆

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jim Opferman; medical.
Andrew Goode; medical.
Mark Schian's friend, Barb; medical.
David Wright; medical.
Pat Schattler and Family at the
passing of Pat's husband, Warren.
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 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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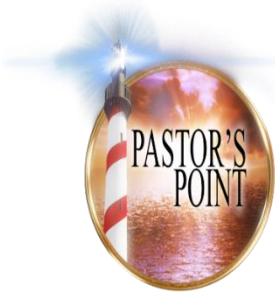
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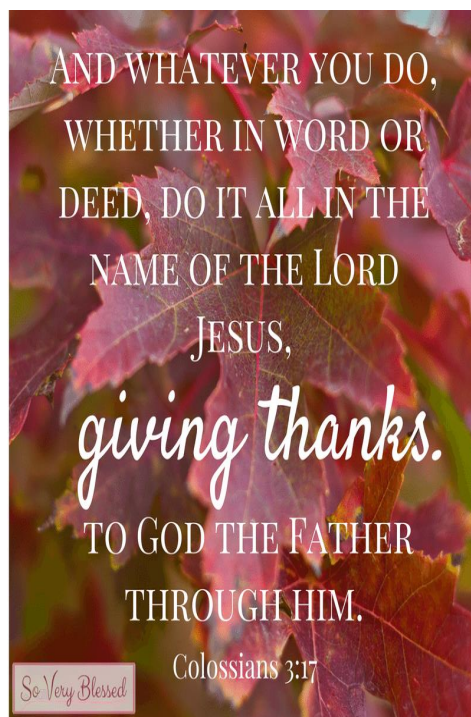
Custodian/Maintenance Director
(M & TH: 9am-3pm)

PASTOR'S POINT FROM ROXIE - October/November 2022



The Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I enjoy the crispness of the air. I marvel at the formation of the geese in their v- shaped skyward trek towards the south. I like raking leaves. It reminds me of the cycle of life. The tree's leaves burst forth in the Spring and die in the Fall, making life and death a reality not only for the leaves of the tree but for all of creation—including us human beings.

In October, I enjoy when the kids come to the door at Halloween, with the opportunity to generously give little candy gifts to them, in response to their voices chiming, "Trick or Treat." In November, I like our approach to "Thanksgiving" day, as we endeavor to reorient our lives, remembering how to say "thank you" to each other and to God, our generous Creator. In December, our journey of blessings seems to culminate with Christmas, the generous gift of Jesus, the Savior of the world. With grateful hearts, we try to emulate the graciousness of God by giving meaningful and treasured gifts to each other in celebration of the greatest gift of all--Jesus.



I am convinced that generosity comes out of gratitude for what God has given us. We are showing our gratitude to God when we give generously of ourselves---whether it is giving our time to those around us, our talents to accomplish God's purposes, or our treasure to support God's work in this world. Giving Thanks gives way to Giving Thoughtfully of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. We are always given opportunities to have our gratitude bloom into generosity. In the months to come, may we enjoy the growth of our gratitude and our generosity, in our personal lives and in the life of God's church. We, individually and as a church, are called to be the beacon of God's graciousness in this world.

Thanks be to God! Pastor Roxie Davis

PREACHING SERIES COMING UP
The Last Part of the Preaching
Series: “The Fruit of the Spirit”
New Preaching Series: “The Art
of Generosity” and “The Attitude
of a Grateful Heart.”
Sanctuary Worship, 10:00 a.m.
each Sunday Morning.



- October 2 **“The Fruit of the Spirit” Preaching Series**
“The Fruit of Faithfulness and Self-Control”
World Communion Sunday
- October 9 **“The Fruit of the Spirit” Preaching Series**
“The Fruit of Generosity”
Recognition of 50-year members during worship.
Chili Cook-Off following worship, with a cake
to celebrate our 50+ Year Members.
- October 16 **“The Art of Generosity” NEW Preaching Series**
“How to be Generous with our Time without
Losing Our Perspective”
Congregational Election Meeting, following worship,
to elect our church leaders.
- October 23 **“The Art of Generosity” Preaching Series**
“How to be Generous with the Artistic Tools of Our
Treasures (Our Resources)”
Adult Christian Education Class, “How to Manage
Our Resources for God’s Purposes,”
following worship, taught by Pastor Roxie and others.
October Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration.
- October 30 **KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTANS Worship Service**
“The Art of Generosity” Preaching Series
“How our Ancestors were Generous with their Talents,
Encouraging us to do the Same.”
A “Taste of Scotland” at Fellowship Hour.

- November 6 **“The Attitude of a Grateful Heart”**
New Preaching Series
 “The Signs of a Heart for God”
Holy Communion shared
- November 13 **“The Attitude of a Grateful Heart”**
Preaching Series
 “The Biblical Lessons of Thankfulness”
Music Concert at 4:00 p.m. in grateful tribute for
the life and generosity of Annette Johnston
- November 20 **“The Attitude of a Grateful Heart”**
Preaching Series
 “A Thanksgiving List”
- November 27 **ADVENT BEGINS**



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Minister Information Form the committee has worked on for the past several months has not only been approved by the Detroit Presbytery but has been posted on the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connections national job site. The multi-page document, which serves as a job description for the type of pastor we are searching for to lead this congregation, has already generated interest and has propelled the PNC into its next _ and most important _ phase: Selecting the right pastor for us. We also are continuing to work on our segment of the redesigned Website to further aid us in this endeavor.

Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers,

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

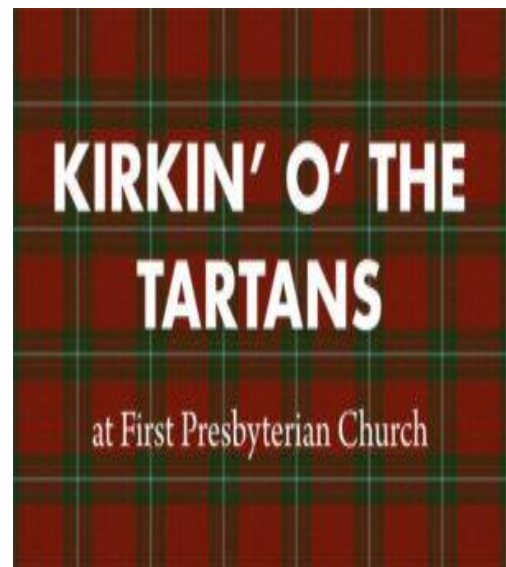
MISSION EVENT

On the evening of October 6th, the Mission Committee is inviting you to join them in attending the Operation Transformation (O.T.) 20th Anniversary Celebration. For 20 years, Operation Transformation has been trying to “Shine the Light” of Christ’s transforming spirit by bringing the faith communities together. It will be a special night because Tom Seppo, the Executive Director, will be stepping aside to allow Andrew Seppo to step forward with a fresh and younger perspective.



The Mission Committee is providing a table for First Presbyterian Church members to share the meal together (there is no cost for the meal) and for each person to hear the transforming work of O.T. The event takes place on Thursday evening, October 6th, at Alexander’s (1200 Gratiot Blvd, Marysville). The purpose of the evening is to highlight the work of O.T., and to raise 50% of their annual budget. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy a delicious dinner, Silent Auction, hear a personal testimony, and get an update of OT’s recent projects.

On October 30th, we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday with our iconic Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans service. Featuring emotionally filled beautiful bag pipe music, you’ll also find plenty of kilts, family Tartans, Scottish dancers and many delicious treats! This traditional event brings our whole church family together, as whether you have any Scottish heritage or not, we are all one family in the love of Jesus Christ. Hope to see you for this truly unique service!





**Congregational Election Meeting,
October 16, 2022**

On Sunday, October 16, after worshipping together (11:15 a.m.), we will gather for our Annual Congregational Election Meeting. At this meeting, we have the opportunity to elect our church leaders: Elders and

Deacons, who will serve God and God's church. They will use their God-given talents and leadership skills for the next two years, beginning in January, 2023. We have seven Elders and seven Deacons to elect. At this time, we have one Elder and one Deacon position still to fill. If you sense that God is leading you to fulfill one of those offices, please talk with Pastor Roxie or one of the Nominating Committee Members. Here is the list of those who have said "yes" to the call to be nominated as your future leaders. Be sure to come on Sunday, October 16 to encourage and support your new leaders. Your Nominating Committee: Carolyn Ahlquist, Tom Andison, Shelley Kamer, Bill Kerr, Gail Rosales

ELDERS (7)

S Ahlquist has agreed to serve 1 year more
D Crowell will serve another 2 year term
M Schian will serve another 2 year term
Sid LaFrance
Gail MacBeth
Judith McLean
Vacancy

DEACONS (6)

L Campbell has agreed to serve 1 more year
H Weston has agreed to serve 1 more year
J Penzien will serve another term
Jerry Deanna Pretty
Robin Pentland
Vacancy

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2022

The following actions were taken at the Regular Session meeting on September 12, 2022:

- Approved the Nursery Attendant Job Description.
- Approved with regret Michelle Fisher's resignation as Sunday Morning Attendant.
- Approved special music by New Horizons during worship on September 25th.
- Approved hosting a concert as a tribute to Annette Johnston at 4:00 p.m. on November 13th.



Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session

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 October will be October 23rd after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The celebration in November will be November 27th after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. And we promise, you won't have to blow out any candles!





Annie Carolan	Oct. 1
Andrea Mills	Oct. 2
Mary Jo Heck	Oct. 4
Robert Weston	Oct. 10
Marshall Kamer	Oct. 11
Jill Emery	Oct. 11
Steven Ahlquist	Oct. 14
Chelsea Burns	Oct. 14
Sheri Kaiser	Oct. 16
Linda Tift	Oct. 17
Lisa Matthews	Oct. 18
Jennifer Rise	Oct. 21
Jill Moore	Oct. 21
Chris Nurnberg	Oct. 24
Judaline Darczy	Oct. 25
Conner Tinsley	Oct. 25
Brendan Tinsley	Oct. 25
Zachary Kerhoulas	Oct. 27
Jennifer Lee	Oct. 27
Elizabeth Lozen	Oct. 28
Jane Schuster	Oct. 31

Richard & Melody Rinn – Oct. 15

Allan & Tamara Andreoni – Oct. 24

David & Barbara Wright – Oct. 21

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Forrest & Adeline Wyckoff Nov. 25

Doris Gardner	Nov. 1
Luke Fletcher	Nov. 2
Jonathan Nurnberg	Nov. 3
Vincent Falk	Nov. 3
Richard Tinsley	Nov. 5
Barry Meier	Nov. 6
Tamara Andreoni	Nov. 10
John Groustra	Nov. 10
Margaret (Rose) Biessel	Nov. 11
Stephanie Darczy	Nov. 12
Helen Ingram	Nov. 11
Skye Owen	Nov. 14
Mila Peyer	Nov. 15
Andrew Rosales	Nov. 16
Dorothy Morehead	Nov. 20
Thomas Andison	Nov. 23
Vivian (Matthews) West	Nov. 24
Darcy Roe	Nov. 24
Kathryn Groustra	Nov. 24
Ty Fletcher	Nov. 30

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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.) has begun!

Please meet us in the Christian Ed wing for fun, faith, and friends.

Sunday, October 2 / Sin Enters God's World- "God always loves us....even when we want to be in charge."

Sunday, October 9/ A Flood Covers the Earth- "God always loves us...and gives us do-overs."

Sunday, October 16/ God Calls Abram- "We can trust God....even when we don't understand."

Sunday, October 23/ Isaac is Born- "We can trust God...because God keeps his promises."

Sunday, October 30/ Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing- "We can trust God....because he's in control."

Sunday, November 6/ Jacob and Esau Make Peace- "We can trust God....to help us get along."

Sunday, November 13/ Shepherds Hear About Jesus' Birth- "Jesus loves everyone....even if we feel like outsiders."

Sunday, November 20/ Jesus Befriends Zacchaeus- "Jesus loves everyone....and sees our potential."

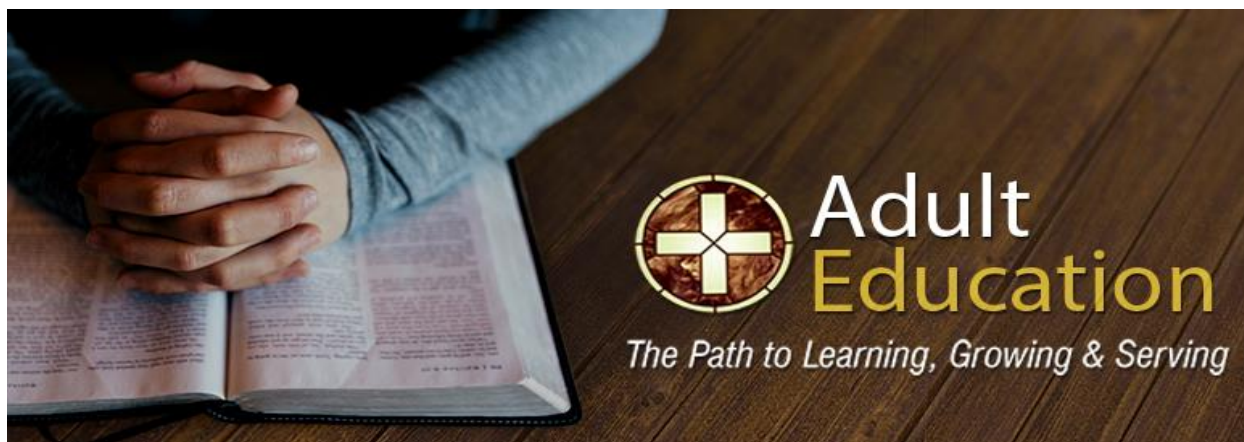
Sunday, November 27/ Jesus Welcomes Children- "Jesus loves everyone....and pays attention to us."



SINGING THE FAITH!

All Ages

Singing The Faith will be on recess for the summer.
Our first day of Singing the Faith will be **Sunday, October 2, 2022!**



NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

On Thursday mornings, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., there will be an Adult Bible Class led by Pastor Roxie. This will be an opportunity for you to read and discuss in depth the Scripture passages that will be proclaimed and preached on the following Sunday. You will learn some of the back story of the Scriptures and you will have an opportunity, if you desire, to share your ideas about the Scripture passages. You will not only have a more in-depth understanding of the scriptures, but you will help Pastor Roxie come up with the interpretation of those Scriptures for her sermon the following Sunday. Are you interested? Then check it out. The first class will be on Thursday, October 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH ALBUM

Thank you to everyone that have submitted their photo and short bio for our Church Album. This is not a Church Directory. A Church Album will help all of us to know better those who are members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron. If you haven't submitted your photo and information yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. This Church Album will be a great help to the new pastor and to all of us.





A Musical Tribute to Annette Johnston

On Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 PM, we will be welcoming William Henry Russell, classical guitarist and Janet Carmody, recorder, to our sanctuary for a special musical tribute in a memorial honor of our friend, Annette Johnston. Mr. Russell is an extraordinarily gifted and award-winning classical / fingerstyle guitarist, with a distinctive approach that helps listeners connect with his selection of classical music. He enters into every performance with this J.S. Bach quote in his heart and mind: "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." Additionally, Janet Carmody will be playing selected songs on her recorder, paying homage to Annette who was an avid recorder player in our church and around the blue water area.

Following the concert, the Deacons will host a reception featuring coffee, tea and snacks, a chance to meet the musicians and enjoy fellowship in memory of our good friend Annette. The event is free to all with a good-will offering being taken in consideration of the musicians.



TO GIVE BEYOND OURSELVES

Throughout the month of September, ending on Sunday, October 2, World Communion Sunday, we have had the opportunity to give to the "Peace and Global Witness Offering". It is an opportunity to give to ministries and missional projects here in our local community, in the state of Michigan and in the whole world arena. 25% of the funds will be donated to the Zion Cathedral Church here in Port Huron who, several months ago, suffered the loss of everything in their church, including the church building. 25% of the funds raised will go to ministry projects operated by the Presbytery of Detroit for the benefit of people who are in need of assistance. 50% of the funds raised will go to global causes which strive to bring peace to a divided world, distributed by the national Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

There is still time to give to this offering, even beyond the October 2nd date. Please make sure you specify that your gift is directed to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering is a great way for you to show your generous spirit by caring for others, near and far.