

The Soo Chimes



Pastor's Message

[1](#) Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. [2](#) Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. [3](#) Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. [4](#) For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. [5](#) For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. [6](#) Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. [7](#) Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. [8](#) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. [9](#) Worship the LORD in the splendor of his ^a holiness ;tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalm 91 exhorts us to sing praises to God. As a congregation God has blessed us and it is fitting to praise God for His blessings. On a personal note, Melissa and I were blessed with our first grandchild Lilian Grace born October 13th. Many of the blessings God bestowed on us are in the Annual Report.

A little bit about my year.

The Church

Moderated 12 session meetings.
Attended 5 Trustees meetings.
Prepared Liturgy for 48 Services
Prepared and preached 46 sermons.
Edited, compressed, and uploaded video for 48 services to YouTube channel.
Meet with Men's Bible Study 45 times.
Played wiseman in the Cantata.

Visitation

Took communion to shut-ins 65 times.
42 non-communion shut-in visits.
10 hospital visits
6 funerals (not all were active church members)

Contacts.

Besides visits there are a lot of contacts one has, counseling, personal conversations with members, discussions about the church, etc. These are

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sent by email
unless you have
made other
arrangements.*

Service / Mission



*"This is my
commandment:
love each other
just as I have
loved you."
John 15:12*

In Service This Month

Transportation Deacons

Cathy Akre

Cheryl Thoresen

Pew Maintenance

Jeanne Shibley

Devotions

Jeanne Shibley

Food Pantry Distribution

2/13/2024

Cathy Akre &

Pat Newhouse

2/27/2024

Francie Waybrant &

Mary Frances Morden

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd

Requesting Prayers for...

Family of Patricia Russell, Jamison Strange, Malin Maas,
Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Carolyn Trumble,
Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington,
Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough,
Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess,
Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan,
Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson,
Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody,
and all members of missionaries,
and the U.S. Armed Forces

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Homebound Members

Please remember to stop and see these people—
or drop them a card to let them know you're thinking of them.

Freighter View Assisted Living

605 W Portage Ave

Audrey Bush

Medi-Lodge

1011 Meridian

Jame Kellan

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier

Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor

2023 W 4th Ave

Ardith Bawks

Mary Lee Schmidt

Out of Town

Della Porter

6600 Constitution Blvd

Room 605

Portage, MI 49024

Deacons' Corner

Winter is here and the Deacons are getting ready to help keep the chill away from local area school children by collecting mittens, scarves, and hats on our mitten tree in the Narthex. Gently used coats/outerwear are also welcome for the coat rack we set out during our Food Pantry distribution. The Deacons are always on the look-out for new members. Seek guidance in prayer as you consider how you will greet the New Year and give some thought to becoming a Deacon. Don't want to commit to a monthly meeting? Be a part of our volunteers who assist with food distribution and other tasks. You don't have to be an "official" Deacon to be a part of the Deacons' mission to help others.

-Your Deacons

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conversations that took at least 45 minutes and did not occur during Sunday Service or any church functions. The total was 183.

Presbytery

Attended 3/4 Presbytery Meetings
Proposed a motion on the floor of Presbytery that was passed.

A member of the Presbytery Personnel Committee.
Ever so Briefly chair of the Personnel Committee
Several conversations with the Stated Clerk
Attended 12 meetings of the Personnel Committee
Attended 43 Presbyterian Pastor's meetings.

Community;

Attended 23 Local Pastor's meetings. Helped plan the Community Good Friday
Service. Participated in the Community Good Friday Service.
Gave out food from the food pantry on days individuals who really needed it could not make the Second and Fourth Tuesday.

Peace in Christ
Rev. Mark Gabbard

WBS: February Mission

Our February Mission Project is a new avenue in which we can locally help those in need. It was brought to our attention that Sault Area High School has a fund titled, "Adopt A Blue Devil." The money raised is used for those students who have unmet needs such as a pair of glasses, boots/shoes, jackets and bedding as these items are size specific and not kept on hand. At the holidays, these funds are used for gifts for those who are in need of a little cheer. With over 700 students at the high school, there is no lack of opportunity to give a helping hand.

All of February, there will be a locked box in the Narthex each Sunday for donations. If writing a check, please make it out to Sault High Pantry and note in the memo line "Adopt A Blue Devil Fund." As always, our heartfelt thank you for your generosity in supporting these mission projects each month. Like God's Word says "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Women's Bible Study

Service / Mission

Church Meetings/ Gatherings

2/18—Deacons
2/19—Session
2/20—Trustees

2/8—Circle 3
2/20—PW

Textile Social

Each Thursday-9:00a
Social Hall

God's
love
endures
FOREVER.

Psalms 136:1



Women's Bible Study
Each Wednesday-9:30a
(except the 2nd Wednesday)
Westminster Room

Men's Bible Study
Each Friday-9:00a
Westminster Room



Communion Sunday
 February 4th

1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalm 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalm 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalm 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalm 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalm 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalm 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalm 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalm 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalm 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalm 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18

Hebrews 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart....



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Money	02-01	Piper Bernier	02-14
Jan Jobes	02-02	Cole Lussier	02-14
Daniel Reattoir	02-02	Doris Boogerd	02-17
Donna Blair	02-03	Andrew Berneir	02-20
Jordyn Roe	02-05	Andrea Abbott	02-21
Judith Rath	02-09	Joan Hill	02-23
Trudy Campbell	02-10	Margaret Eagle	02-24
Sascha Kuenzer	02-10	Sharon Sheppard	02-24
Dr. Tyler Wall	02-10	Alyvia Lori	02-25
Dave Blackburn	02-11	Jackie Tastor	02-27
Bill Robbins	02-11		
Sophia Welles	02-13		



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Textile Social
Each Thursday-9:00a
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february anniversaries

Ronald & Joyce Cross	02-04
Gary & Pat Lehman	02-25

We
love
because
He first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

What Does That Mean?

Pew: Originally, Christians stood for worship, and that is still the case in many eastern churches. The pew, a long, backed bench upon which congregants sit, was an innovation of western medieval Christianity. Pews were inherited by Protestants from the Roman Catholic Church, and because of their practicality, have spread to some Orthodox churches located in the west.

Anita Weinrick

*“so in Christ we
who are many form
one body, and each
member belongs to
all the others.”*

Romans 12:5



Greetings. I am continuing with a few articles about some of our “Church Treasures” or those members who have helped keep our congregation vibrant and strong. Last month, Kay Boyne recommended that I choose Anita Weinrick for my next article. Unsurprisingly, Anita was sure there had been a mistake and thought she wouldn’t have anything interesting to share. Right...uh-huh...I am in the choir with her and I know better. I assured Anita that I would try to keep our interview simple, casual and worry free.

When I pulled into her driveway for our interview, it was evident to me from the large boat in the driveway that Anita and Lou, her husband of 53+ years, were avid boaters. Anita says that from early summer to late September you can find them out in the boat 2 or 3 times a week. Anita hospitably greeted me at the front door and offered me a beverage and we walked back to a large room in the back of their lovely home. She told me she had relegated Lou to his garage workshop during our interview. When I sat down I could see that Anita had a couple of single spaced yellow legal-size handwritten pages of notes for our interview...a couple of pages turned into 4 pages with sideways addendums in the margins. This was supposed to be easy for her but she obviously spent many hours trying to be prepared. So much for me successfully putting her at ease!

Let’s figure out how Anita got here. From the 1880’s through the 1920’s, more than 300,000 Finns emigrated to the United States and roughly half of them settled in the Lake Superior region. Anita’s grandparents were Impi Marie Hytonen and Aukusti Vaisanen from Keuruu, Finland (above the 62nd parallel) just below the Arctic Circle (above the 66th parallel). From my point of view, Impi and Aukusti were seeking a “relatively tropical” island life down south on Sugar Island in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (above the 46th parallel) when they emigrated from Finland. In order to assimilate, as was common for the more than 12 million people who came to America through Ellis Island, Impi and Aukusti chose to change their last name to Andersen. Impi was Anita’s grandmother but she fondly remembers her as “Mumma” (pronounced “moo-moo”).

When Impi gave birth on 1/22/1925 on Sugar Island to Anita’s mother, Irma, and her mother’s twin sister, Irja, (pronounced “ear-ee-ah”), there was only a midwife present. The twin birth took place on a very cold day inside a hot sauna. There was no hospital visit or prenatal care in those days. Irma was born first and carried into the house by Aukusti in a woven basket he had made himself. Irja was carried into the house in that same basket. Anita proudly displays that basket in her home today.

Anita’s father, David (Dave) Moon was born in Sault Ste. Marie on 10/5/1922. His parents were from Simcoe, Ontario. Since Irma was raised as a Finnish Lutheran and David had a different religious background, her parents compromised and chose to be married at Saint James’ Episcopal Church (our neighbor to the north) on 8/4/1943. When they returned from David’s military assignment, Irma joined the FUPC.

David and Irma Moon were blessed with 6 children. First is Gayle who married Ken Stevenson who is a retired Air Force veteran, second is Donna K. Moon who passed away at 1 yr old, third is Anita, fourth is Gordon D. Moon (deceased), fifth is Doreen who married Roy Spencer and they reside in Huntsville, AL, and sixth is Richard Moon (his wife is Wendy). Anita says “Uncle Richie” has always been the favorite uncle to all the nieces and nephews and can always make family members laugh.

Anita Moon’s home was always filled with joyful music and dance. She was taught to love the eclectic mix of many genres of music from hymns, country, polkas and a traditional Finnish song and dance known as Raatikko.” Anita’s mother, Irma, had a beautiful alto voice for singing. Amongst singing, playing piano, guitar, mandolin and banjo, the musical repertoire kept the

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Anita Wienrick

Moon household filled with "Joyful Noise."

The Moon children were raised going to the FUPC Chapel on Greenough



Street. Mrs. Moon was

one of the memorable teachers. Anita has fond memories of the annual Christmas Pageant and how the children all played a part in the Nativity story. Her words: "All the children had to exit the Sunday School wing and traipse through the snow and come in through the main entrance of the church - in a kind of reverent manner - and make our way up the aisle to where Baby Jesus was to be born. Imagine, if you can, the kids as sheep, shepherds, wisemen and angels walking up reverently. It wasn't really quiet, but it was spectacular! Lights were dimmed, a bed sheet was hung as a stage curtain, behind which was the Children's Choir. All the

pews were filled with the parents and grandparents of the actors."

Anita is not sure if she was 11 or 12 years old when she sang her first solo for the Christmas Pageant. She's not certain about the song she sang (maybe "Away in the Manger"?), but she is absolutely certain that the piano player was Kay Jacobson (now Boyne). "We were both so young and we're still enjoying the "Word" through music to this day!"

She has other memories of her Chapel days including becoming a Sunday School teacher in her junior and senior years in high school. She is delighted that, on their shared birthday, she recently was able to sing "Happy Birthday" to her Chapel Sunday School teacher Audrey Bush on her 100th birthday. (See Audrey Bush interview elsewhere in this edition of the Chimes.) Anita also remembers the privilege of directing the Junior Choir at the big church. She remembers Brenda Eagle Ransom's voice as a notable standout.

Anita eventually became the Senior High Sunday School teacher at the Church. She taught on alternate Sundays in partnership with William



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(Dyke) Justin. A fun memory was the Sunday morning after a Saturday night high school prom when every single student showed up for her class looking very tired. When she asked them if they hadn't been up too late, they replied, "We couldn't miss our Sunday School class!"

When Anita graduated from high school she attended Davenport College of Business in Grand Rapids, MI. She worked in secretarial positions until 1972. She met Louis (Lou) Weinrick at the Caramel Corn Bakery in town. They also occasionally met each other while "Slashing Ash." As a relatively new resident of the Soo, I needed an explanation: I understand Slashing Ash to be the "tires burning rubber" motor event of driving up and down Ashmun street while the police pretend they don't notice as long as the reckless driving is controlled and only moderately reckless.

Lou and Anita were married 9/5/1970. They were blessed with the birth of Stacey Leigh on 12/23/1972. Stacey married Ralph Hale in 2009 and they have a son Owen (12) and a daughter Molly (9). They live near the "Big House" in Ann Arbor, MI (Go Blue!). They were also blessed with the birth of Patricia (Patty) Suzanne on 8/25/1975. Patty married Ben Palchick in 2003 and they have a son Aidan (17) and a son Adam (13). They live in Columbus, Ohio (Go Buckeyes!) Although she didn't say so, I am confident that there is no competitive banter between the Hale (Go Blue!) and the Palchick (Go Buckeyes!) families. In any event, the Weinrick family remains cautiously neutral...

An interesting FUPC fact is that Anita's mother Irma's memorial service was the last memorial service in the 1902 church before it tragically burned down in 2000 and the marriage of Patty and Ben was the very first event in the newly rebuilt church 8/16/2003. The first church worship service was the very next day.

Everyone knows that Lou Weinrick is an excellent mechanic. Anita swelled with pride when she told me that it was recommended to Lou that he apply for a brand new position that was opening at Kinross Correctional Facility (KCF) as the Automotive Instructor. He was hired, and over 27 years later, he retired. During his

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Anita Wienrick

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tenure at KCF, he was awarded the North American Instructor of the year by Mitchell Automotive Manual Company. Anita has been grateful for the security that Lou has provided for his family with his stable career and talents as a mechanic.

"I was a stay-at-home Mom for the most part until the girls started school. We had the beach just 4 houses down from us, the woods out back, and time flew by. They started school, and I was able to work outside the home as I wanted, for a few days a week or every day. Eventually I made a couple of challenging career choices that I'll never regret. I was asked to apply for, and was then hired to be the Program Director of the Anchor House Campus Ministry at LSSU and our home became a blended family. I did this for 11 years, and as rewarding as this position was, it was time to delve into another challenge."

Anita inquired with Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) to see if she was too old to become a Home Health Aide. She was assured that any age is welcome and soon found herself immersed in Hospice Volunteer Training. (Editorial Note: Emotionally speaking, this sounds like jumping from the frying pan into the fire...sorry...) After two years, Anita again went back to school at Bay Mills Community College to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She passed her LPN exam and became a nurse at age 49. She worked in a doctor's office for 12 years and then joined Lou in retirement.

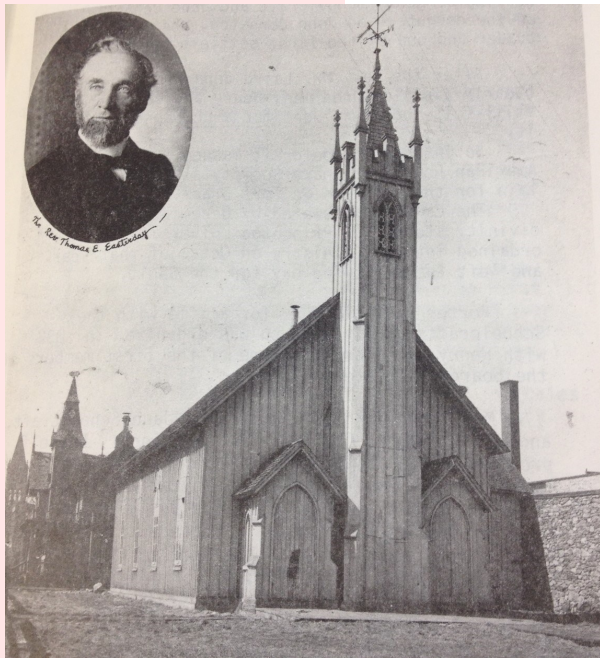
Anita and Lou have loved traveling with family and traveling to see family, and as I mentioned at the beginning, they have been boating enthusiasts for 53 years.

I am sure we could have continued for hours but when the interview with Anita was over, Lou showed me his marksmanship trophies and led me through his garage where he has an extensive workshop.

Anita has served the church since she was very young including singing, teaching, and serving on Session.

Anyone who knows her loves her. I think it is obvious that Anita is an invaluable treasure and asset to our congregation and I hope you'll greet her and thank her the next time you see her.

Thank you.
Tom Corbin



Chapel



Audrey Bush

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Audrey Bush

The Session members have been appreciative of these articles and so I have agreed to provide another article each month whenever possible. I have also been encouraged by kind words from many readers about my articles. I must admit that I started this task last summer knowing that if the readers enjoyed the articles that I would inevitably have suggestions from readers about other members I should interview. I tried to avoid this situation by letting each successive person interviewed choose the next candidate. Alas, this did not work as I had hoped. I find myself receiving many suggestions for other members I should interview. In reality, this situation is scriptural and why I am delighted to be counted and included as a member of this warm, loving congregation. Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Indeed, every member I have interviewed has been a paragon of humility.

Last fall, two of our lovely members, Cathy Akre and Cheryl Thoresen told me that Audrey Bush wanted to pass on her compliments to me for the Church Treasures articles. Of course, they subsequently suggested that I interview Audrey Bush. Within a day, I received a follow-up call saying "Never mind, we spoke to Audrey and Audrey does not want to be interviewed."

During my entire working career, I have been told what to do even when I knew what was needed. I confess that I am a bit obstinate and willful and so, when I heard that Audrey had just celebrated her 100th birthday in December to become our congregation's newest centenarian, I knew I had to try to interview her anyway. It took boldness, patience and persistence. I decided I would "drop in" on Audrey at the Freighter View Assisted Living Community to introduce myself to her.

I had been told how vivacious she is for her age and indeed I was pleasantly surprised by her friendliness, focus and energy. We had a warm conversation and although she was initially dismissive of the idea of an interview, I was able to persuade her to think about it for a week or so. I made sure to call



"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

her precisely at the time I promised to call her to ask her again. When I did, she consented to an interview later that day on December 27, 2023, but she insisted that it was contingent on me not impinging on her meal time! I certainly understand that sentiment!

Now, imagine, if you will, that you are a 17 year old graduate of the old Soo High School and you are on a movie date with your high school sweetheart at the Soo Theater (when they still showed movies...). Suddenly, in the middle of the movie...it stops! The theater lights go on, and a man in an Army uniform walks to the front of the theater and up onto the stage and announces that all military personnel must leave immediately and report for duty at Fort Brady and Coast Guard personnel are also to immediately report to their commander. The next day, you read in the newspaper about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii...but first...

Audrey Maxine Bush (nee Moore) was born on December 11, 1923. 1923 was the year when the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamun was first opened in Egypt after nearly 3300 years. It was also the year that marked the recognition of The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) replacing the Russian Empire. Audrey was born in a building on the corner of Bingham and Spruce Street in the days before War Memorial Hospital opened. Her parents were married in 1911. Audrey was the youngest of 4 children. Her brother Guest was born in 1913, her sister Annie Orva was born in 1915, and her sister Violet Catherine was born in 1917. Audrey was the "surprise" for her parents six years later. She

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Audrey Bush

has always lived in the Soo and when she graduated from the old Soo High School she immediately went to work for the Soo Hardware Wholesale company at Ashmun and Waters St.

I asked Audrey why Sault Ste Marie needed both a Soo Hardware Wholesale and a Soo Hardware retail store. She explained to me that before I-75 was brought into the U.P. that it was very expensive to have hardware brought to the Soo. She told me that the Soo Hardware Wholesale had bulk hardware brought to town on ships and then distributed to most of the U.P. Apparently the Soo Hardware Retail store was created simply to keep an unruly brother occupied and busy. Audrey spent time working in both businesses. When I-75 and the Mackinac Bridge were opened it lowered demand for a wholesaler in the Soo and the Soo Hardware Wholesale moved to Marquette.

Audrey's father was Camble Read Moore from St. Catharines, Ontario. (Although St. Catharines is now the largest city in the Niagara Region of Ontario with a population of over 140,000 people, Audrey remembers visiting when it was a quaint, small village.) Audrey's father Camble started work as a hay broker whose business "went bust" (her terminology) during the Great Depression. As a result, he took a job with Great Lakes Dredge and Dock company and spent the rest of his life supporting his family from a ship. That ship took him to any harbor or waterway that needed workers. The life of a dredgeman is a hard life and it meant that he was away from home every March through December. Audrey said she remembered that he was on the Tugboat Lyden for a time but she wasn't sure about the spelling of the name.

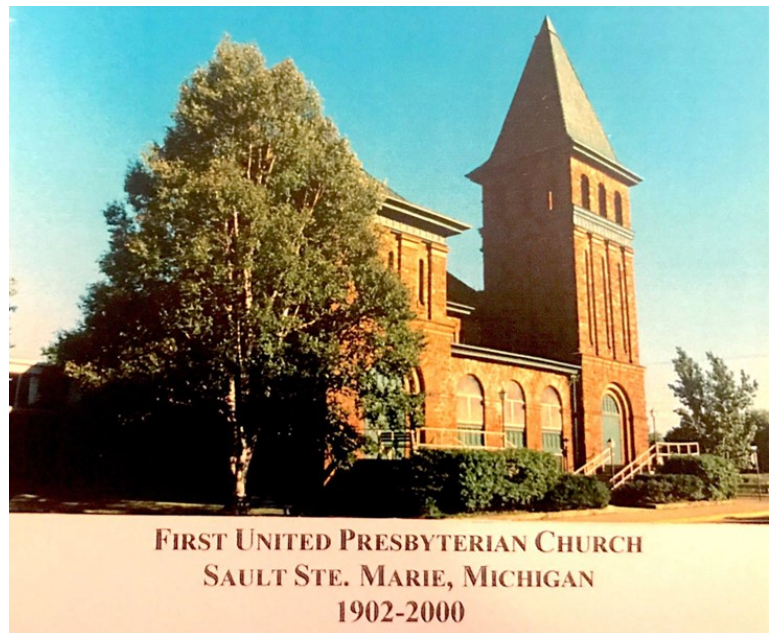
Audrey's mother was Leoma Guest Moore born in 1892. Audrey's mother was from Larch Township, Michigan which no longer exists but was southwest of Dafter, Michigan. Dafter eventually annexed Larch Township. Audrey said her mother was a wonderful mother, dredgeman's wife and a capable person. She managed the homestead and four children alone for 10 months of the year.

Remember the movie interrupted in 1941? Clarence Edward Bush was born April 9, 1921 and was Audrey's high school sweetheart at Soo High School. Clarence was drafted into the Army soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was deployed to New Guinea in the South Pacific to fight and serve during World War II. He was offered and quickly accepted the opportunity to become a typist at Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. Although his duties in Manila were far less perilous than "island hopping combat missions," it meant that he was not discharged until February, 1946. For five years, his romance with Audrey consisted of hundreds of handwritten letters while Audrey worked for Soo Hardware at home. Japan may have surrendered on August 14, 1945 but Audrey did not surrender to Clarence until September 12, 1946 when she married him at First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan with the Reverend Dr. John VerStraate officiating.

Audrey and Clarence Bush had 2 daughters, Catherine Ann Bush born in April, 1950, who lived in Florida until she passed away in 2013, and Janet Irene Gomez was born in September, 1952 and lives with her husband Robert in Gillett, Wisconsin. Neither of Audrey's children have had children. Everyone knows the expression, "You should not have to bury your child." Audrey quickly welled up and turned red when she told me about the passing of her daughter and frequent traveling companion, Catherine so I quickly changed the subject.

Audrey grew up in the First United Presbyterian Church and attended church at the Chapel. She later taught at the Chapel with Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Moon (Anita Weinrick's mother) and Mrs. Shadnows, among others. She has been an active church member for her entire life.

Audrey loves to travel. She has visited 5 continents and is not even sure how many countries she has visited. She traveled much of Europe, visited Egypt and New Zealand, and she traveled all over Australia. She visited China and walked on the Great Wall (not a smooth walking surface she said) and had the opportunity to



visit the World Heritage site of the TerraCotta Warriors of China's first emperor Qin Shi Huang. Audrey beamed with the memories of traveling the world. She also loved seeing many Broadway shows. She remembers flying to New York on a Broadway Show tour to see multiple shows in one trip. I asked her what her favorite show was and with no hesitation she told me Phantom of the Opera.

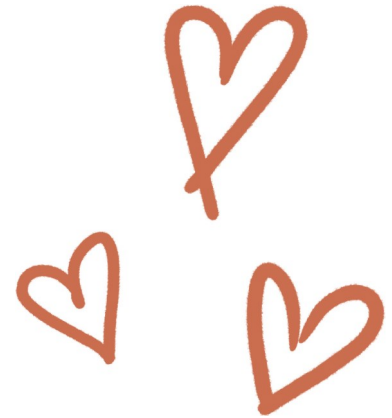
Audrey expected the interview to be under an hour but we talked for 2 hours and 15 minutes. She has had a fascinating and storied life. I am sure we could have covered so much more but dinner was 15 minutes away and when she realized that, she promptly dispatched me to the Freighter View parking lot. She is a delightful lady and grateful for the visits from church members. She specifically mentioned Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen and Anita Weinrick.

Before I was summarily dismissed (with a smile), Audrey gave me a picture of the 1902 church which I have included. Our congregation has been blessed with many treasures. Audrey Bush is certainly a blessed Treasure of this congregation. Go see her! But don't visit during mealtime!

Thank you. Tom Corbin

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Audrey Bush



Kids Page

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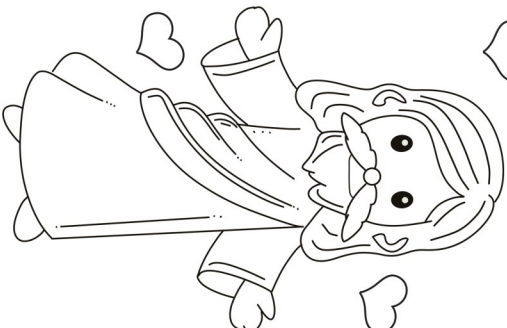
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LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9:00a Textile Social (SH)	9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00p A.A. (WR)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)		6:00p Choir Practice (S)	9:00a Circle 3 (WR) 9:00a Textile Social (SH)	9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00p A.A. (WR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service Ordination of Officers	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3:30p Food Pantry	9:30a Women's Bible Study (S) 6:00p Choir Practice (MR)	9:00a Textile Social (SH)	9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00p A.A. (WR)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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LB—Library MR—Music Room S—Sanctuary SH—Social Hall WR—Westminster Room						

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Core Values

- 1) Biblical Preaching / Teaching
- 2) Involved Congregation
- 3) Godly Leadership
- 4) Christian Education for All Ages
- 5) Care for People
- 6) Prayer / Spiritual Growth
- 7) Awareness of God's Presence
- 8) Celebration of Sacraments
- 9) High Quality Programs / Ministries
- 10) Lordship of Christ in Our Lives
- 11) Commitment
- 12) Thankfulness of God

Who We Are and What We Value...

The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:

*Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit*

Vision Statement

- Quality Christian Education for all ages
- Congregation caring for itself and others
- Worship and preaching that is biblically grounded and currently applicable
- Ministry to our community and those in need
- Support of world mission and local outreach ministries
- Spiritual growth of members by encouraging the practice of spiritual disciplines

Our Motto

A Joyful Past - A Hopeful Future - A Celebration of Today

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