



The Soo Chimes

Pastor's Message

In Genesis 1:26-28 we are told, "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." {27} So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. {28} God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

God created humanity in his image, male and female and gave them dominion over the earth. This certainly has come to pass. We have filled the earth, 7.53 billion people and subdued it with human civilization just about everywhere on the globe.

In the month of July, we celebrate the blessings God has given us as a nation. In all the countries, the gift we have been given is to live in this country. Our country was unique in its founding and how the desire for freedom played such a central role in the creation of our government.

God believes in freedoms and liberties for his children. In the beginning God created us with the ability to choose. God created us for the very purpose of choosing. We were created to exercise our free will so God could relate to what was other (us). When our choosing took a rather dark turn, expressing itself in harm inflicted on God and others, God did not hesitate or waver about our freedom. In this month we think about a country being formed around freedom. As I think about all the wonderful and amazing things and sacrifices it took to found a country based on freedom, I can't help but think of all the wonderful and amazing things God has done to secure our free will.

When things went wrong with our free will, it amazes me God did not simply start over. Think about it, it would have been a trivial matter for God to have folded creation up and start over, either with the part of creation we represented, or the whole of creation. Much in the way a potter at the wheel just re-purposes clay when what is formed does not work out, God could have started over. The fact that God didn't, that God got personally involved and suffered to redeem our free will.... WOW. It just tells us so much about the God we worship and how much God loves us.

Please take time this month to enjoy the blessings we have been given as citizens of this country. Also take time to remember what our God has done to preserve our free will, not just in this world, but for all eternity.

Peace in Christ,
Mark



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*Newsletters are
sent by email
unless you have
made other
arrangements.*



Galatians 6:2—
*"Bear ye one
another's burdens,
and so fulfil the law
of Christ."*

Requesting Prayers for...

Jan Cavender, Jamison Strange,
Annette Mailes, Dolores Leuvoy, Carolyn Trumble,
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, 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.

In Service This Month

Transportation Deacons

Cathy Akre &
Cheryl Thorensen

Pew Maintenance

Cheryl Thorensen

Food Pantry Distribution

7/9 Pat Newhouse &
Francie Waybrant

7-23 Mary Frances
Morden, &
Francie Waybrant

Shopping & Bagging

Doris Boogerd,
Tina Kay, & Judy Bawks

At Home

Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor

2023 W 4th Ave

Ardith Bawks

Mary Lee Schmidt

Mary Jane Bernier

Freighter View Assisted Living

605 W Portage Ave

Audrey Bush

Out of Town

Della Porter

6600 Constitution Blvd

Room 605

Portage, MI 49024

Rummage Sale

July 20th 9am-1pm

Clean your attics, basement, garages, and cupboards of your overflow and unused items. Drop off will be Monday July 15 thru Thursday July 18th, from 9am thru noon. Also an evening drop off will be available Wednesday, July 17 from 6pm-8pm. We cannot accept TV's with tubes, or computers. We need volunteers to help set up, price, help on the sale day, to pack things up when sale is completed, and pick-ups to take things away. Please contact Anita Weinrick, or Doris Boogerd.

Women's Bible Study: Mission Project

For the months of June, July, and August, we are requesting both food, and non-food items for our church's Food Pantry. The attendance at the food pantry remains high, and the Deacons will continue with the distributions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays throughout the summer. Monetary donations are also welcome, with food pantry envelopes in the pew pockets. WBS will resume with our varied missions in the fall. If you know of any group, agency etc. that could benefit from the missions, please let us know. Thank you so much for your support over the months. The Women's Bible study group will not be meeting for the summer months but will resume in September. Our Monthly Mission Project is ongoing though as we continue to collect items for our church's food pantry throughout the summer. Wishing everyone a fun and relaxing summer!

Hiawathaland Community Chorus

The Hiawathaland Community Chorus, under director Dave Erfourth, has started rehearsals for their Spring/Summer concerts! Join us Mondays at 6:30pm at the Rudyard Christian Reform church on Tilson Road - no experience needed, just a love of music and singing required!

Circle 3





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
 July 7th

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| 1 | Mark 11:1-14 | 1 Kings 1 | Hosea 4:1-5:4 |
| 2 | Mark 11:15-33 | 1 Kings 2 | Hosea 5:5-15 |
| 3 | Mark 12:1-27 | 1 Kings 3 | Hosea 6:1-7:2 |
| 4 | Mark 12:28-44 | 1 Kings 4-5 | Hosea 7:3-16 |
| 5 | Mark 13:1-13 | 1 Kings 6 | Hosea 8 |
| 6 | Mark 13:14-37 | 1 Kings 7 | Hosea 9:1-16 |
| 7 | Mark 14:1-31 | 1 Kings 8 | Hosea 9:17-10:15 |
| 8 | Mark 14:32-72 | 1 Kings 9 | Hosea 11:1-11 |
| 9 | Mark 15:1-20 | 1 Kings 10 | Hosea 11:12-12:14 |
| 10 | Mark 15:21-47 | 1 Kings 11 | Hosea 13 |
| 11 | Mark 16 | 1 Kings 12:1-31 | Hosea 14 |
| 12 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-17 | 1 Kings 12:32-13:34 | Joel 1 |
| 13 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | 1 Kings 14 | Joel 2:1-11 |
| 14 | 1 Corinthians 2 | 1 Kings 15:1-32 | Joel 2:12-32 |
| 15 | 1 Corinthians 3 | 1 Kings 15:33-16:34 | Joel 3 |
| 16 | 1 Corinthians 4 | 1 Kings 17 | Amos 1 |
| 17 | 1 Corinthians 5 | 1 Kings 18 | Amos 2:1-3:2 |
| 18 | 1 Corinthians 6 | 1 Kings 19 | Amos 3:3-4:3 |
| 19 | 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 | 1 Kings 20 | Amos 4:4-13 |
| 20 | 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 | 1 Kings 21 | Amos 5 |
| 21 | 1 Corinthians 8 | 1 Kings 22 | Amos 6 |
| 22 | 1 Corinthians 9 | 2 Kings 1-2 | Amos 7 |
| 23 | 1 Corinthians 10 | 2 Kings 3 | Amos 8 |
| 24 | 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 | 2 Kings 4 | Amos 9 |
| 25 | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 | 2 Kings 5 | Obadiah 1 |
| 26 | 1 Corinthians 12 | 2 Kings 6:1-7:2 | Jonah 1 |
| 27 | 1 Corinthians 13 | 2 Kings 7:3-20 | Jonah 2 |
| 28 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 | 2 Kings 8 | Jonah 3 |
| 29 | 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 | 2 Kings 9 | Jonah 4 |
| 30 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 | 2 Kings 10 | Micah 1 |
| 31 | 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 | 2 Kings 11 | Micah 2 |

Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:22-24 NRSV

Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Coby Piche | 07/01 | Julie Martin | 07/10 |
| Mary Moran | 07/02 | Catherine Agar | 07/14 |
| Dolores Sundstrom | 07/03 | William Krempel | 07/17 |
| Addison Gerrie | 07/05 | Gavin Averill | 07/20 |
| Kacie Corbiere | 07/09 | Marsh Cross | 07/20 |
| Kris Dunbar | 07/09 | Gary Gorsuch | 07/21 |
| Ginger Stratton | 07/09 | Kamryn Corbiere | 07/22 |
| Tom Woodgate | 07/09 | Danielle Robinette | 07/22 |
| Suzanne Worsham | 07/09 | | |

Church Life

Church Meetings/ Gatherings

Session: 7/15
Trustees: 7/15
Deacons: 7/21

Circle : 7/11
PW: 8/20

Textile Social

Each Thursday-9:00a
Social Hall





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| Jim & Suzanne Worsham | 07/03 |
| Connie & Theodore Lawrence | 07/05 |
| Wayne & Mary Frances Morden | 07/11 |
| Richard & Corrie Rath | 07/25 |
| Steve & Cathy Gerrish | 07/28 |



Presbyterian Women

A big “thank you” to all who helped with the PW Summer Luncheon. We had 50 attendees and a good time of fellowship, food and learning was enjoyed by all. Thank you Brenda and Andie for the very informative presentation on “Helping Hands”. It was good to learn more about this group of volunteers in our community and how we can help them. It is these small, little known groups, that are doing so much good for our community and we were glad to learn just what they are doing for the area. Thank you Margaret for sending out all the invitations and being our point of contact. Thank you Doris for presenting our devotional message for the day... always uplifting. Thank you Kathy, of Sault Realism, for donating time and materials for making our suncatchers. Everyone enjoyed creating their own suncatcher and taking it home to put in their window. Also a big thank you to all who made salads and desserts, and our setup and cleanup ladies who did a fantastic job. We have received many positive comments from outside our church family and how much they look forward to this event each year. This was another successful PW event. Due to the Rummage Sale preparations there will not be a July meeting. Our next meeting is August 20 at noon. We will have a wrap-up on the rummage sale and finalize our bazaar plans. Mark your calendars, we need your help.



Scholarship Opportunity

The Synod of the Covenant seeks to develop leadership for the Church of Jesus Christ by awarding scholarships to full or part-time students seeking a first baccalaureate degree or certification at colleges, universities, and vocational schools, or a first time Masters degree in theology. To be eligible, applicants must be an active participant in a PC(USA) congregation, new worshipping community, or campus ministry within the bounds of the synod, and have an endorsement of a leader from that ministry. Applicants shall have and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the priorities of the Mathew 25 Initiative (building congregational/ministry vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty). The synod will give special consideration for leaders emerging from communities of Black, Indigenous, and people of Color and those with financial need. The amount of the scholarship will vary based on the number and financial need of the applicants and Christian leadership that they have shown. In 2023 scholarships ranged from \$500-\$2000.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Amy Duiker aduiker@sugarcreekchurch.org, chair of Scholarships/Grants committee.

2024-2025 scholarship applications are now available. Completed applications are due by September 1, and awards will be announced October 15, 2024.

Puzzle!

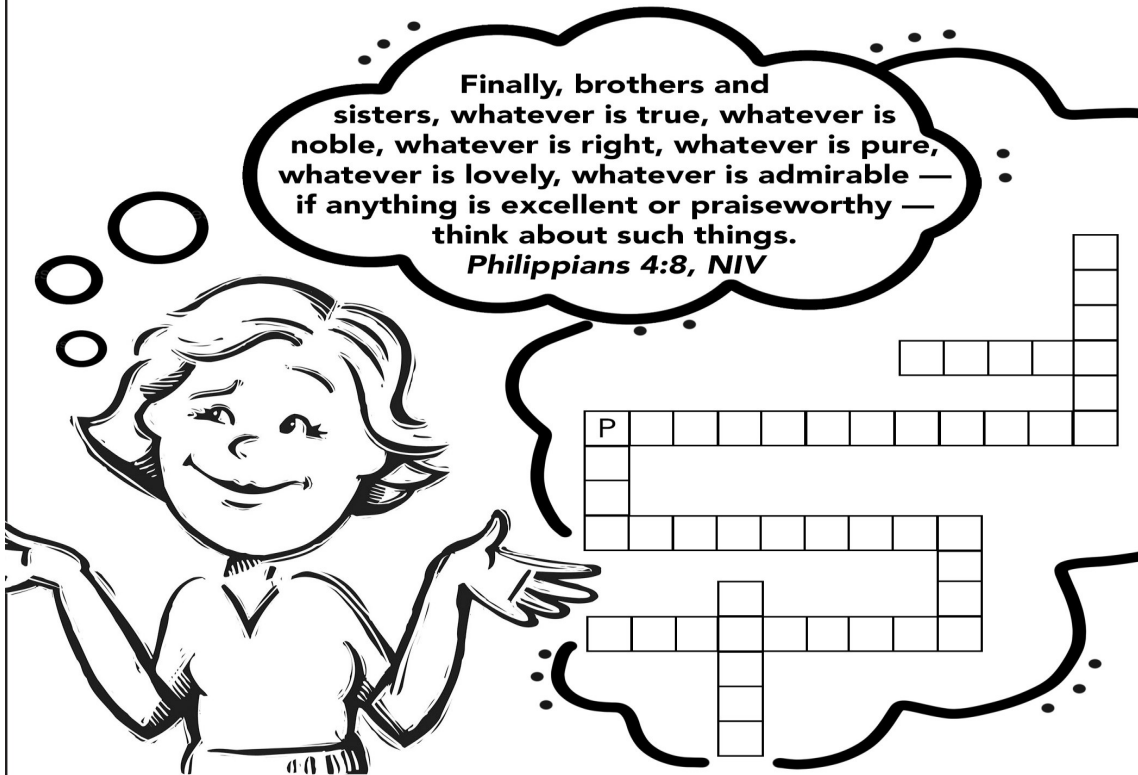
Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2.
Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

COLUMN 1

correct
commendable
extremely good
having high moral principles
deserving respect
pleasant
real
wholesome

COLUMN 2

excellent
lovely
noble
admirable
pure
praiseworthy
true
right



Match Answers: correct - right, commendable - praiseworthy, extremely good - excellent, having high moral principles - noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, right, true, lovely

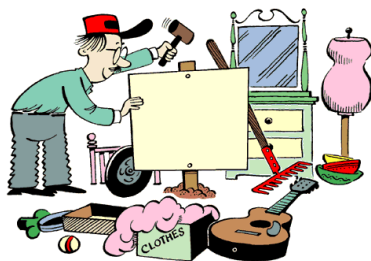
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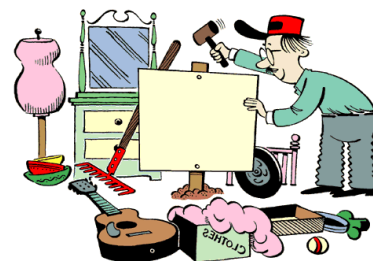
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)  | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 6 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 7 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service Communion | 8 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 9 3:30p Food Pantry | 10 | 11 9:00a Textile Social (SH) | 12 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 13 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 14 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service 11:15a Deacons Mtg (LB) | 15 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee Mtg (LB) 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 16 | 17 | 18 9:00a Textile Social (SH) | 19 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 20 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 21 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | 22 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 23 3:30p Food Pantry | 24 | 25 9:00a Textile Social (SH) | 26 9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR) | 27 7:00p A.A. (WR) |
| 28 9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service | 29 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) | 30 | | | | |
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LB—Library MR—Music Room S—Sanctuary SH—Social Hall WR—Westminster Room

Rummage Sale



Saturday July 20th



9:00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Clean out your attics, basements, garages,
and cupboards of your overflow and unused items.

Please keep the rummage sale in mind as you downsize this summer.
This is one of our best fundraising events for our yearly mission projects.
We cannot accept TV's with tubes, computers, mattresses, or box springs.

SCHEDULE

Drop off

Monday July 15th — Thursday July 18th
9:00 a.m. until noon

Evening drop off

Wednesday July 17th
6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Please contact
Doris Boogerd or Anita Weinrick
to signup to help or for more information.

Doris (616)901-4299

Anita (906)440-8849



Volunteers needed!

We need lots of help setting up
the week prior and
during the day of the sale

Helpers needed to:

Unpack, set-up, price, work the sale,
clean & pack up.

Also pick-up truck's & drivers
needed to take things away after the sale.

First United Presbyterian Church

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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Sunday Worship: 10:00a

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Kay Boyne, Music Director/Organist
Nicole DuFresne, Administrative Assistant
Jason Fuller, Sexton

Deadline for Newsletter Articles: 15th

