

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON
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THE CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

◆ AUGUST 2022 ◆

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jim Opferman; medical.

Andrew Goode; medical.

Robert Krupp; 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 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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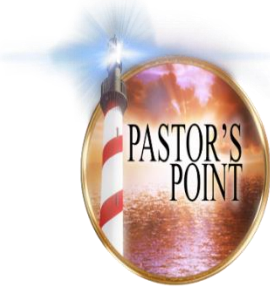
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(M & TH: 9am-3pm)



PASTOR'S POINT, AUGUST 2022

We are the Church. In many places in the Bible, we are called the Body of Christ; all with unique personalities, with different talents and varied perspectives. We are different parts of the same body. We are the Body of Christ who have been called by God to be the hands and feet and heart and mind of Christ in the world. As Christ's Body, we endeavor to relate to each other, help each other and get to know each other, not only on a surface level but also on a deeper faith level. When we know each other, then others outside the Body of Christ realize that we are many individuals but united in our purpose to serve others, as Christ's followers.

In our personal lives, a picture Family Album often reflects who we are and gives a snapshot of what we are like. That helps others to know us better. As the Pastor Nominating Committee (the PNC) moves closer to getting the Minister's Information Form completed, we, as the Church—Christ's Body--will be assembling a digital and hard-copy version of a picture Church Album. Everyone who considers themselves a member/friend of First Presbyterian Church will be included in this picture Church Album. This is not a Church Directory, done by an outside company. We will be producing this picture Church Album for the specific purpose of acquainting a new pastor with everyone here at First Presbyterian Church.

For this to happen in a timely matter, we need some help from all of you. We need a family picture or a self-portrait. Then we need a "short" description of who you are: your likes/dislikes/involvement in the church. We want to make sure that everyone who feels they are a part of this congregation, whether you are a member or friend, get their picture in this Church Album. This will help the new pastor immensely.

Thus, we (a calling team, headed by Pastor Roxie) will be calling everyone who is on our rolls and who are "friends" of the church. We will ask if you want to be in the Church Album with your intentions of being a part of the church when the new pastor arrives. Then we will ask how you might want

to do your picture: send or bring to the church office a “family” picture; OR have one of us come to your home to take a picture; OR have your picture taken when you arrive at worship or some other church event. These calls to church members and friends will be made in August. If we are not able to reach you, even with follow-up calls, the deadline for pictures and a short description of you and/or your family will be September 1. We hope to have the Church Album ready by October 1.

The Church Album will not only be beneficial to the new pastor but for people who are trying to put names with faces—a way to get to know each other better. It should be an enjoyable endeavor. Hopefully, being a part of this Body of Christ is important to you and sharing our unity with the new pastor and new people who come to visit is a worthwhile goal. We are the hands and feet and heart and mind of Christ. May we show forth our unity in Christ as One Body.

Pastor Roxie Davis

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 August will be August 28th, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. And we promise, you won't have to blow out any candles!





PASTORAL
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

The Pastor Nominating Committee's work on the Ministry Information Form is about 80% complete. This is a multi-page document that will serve, along with our Self-Study, as a guide in the search for a new pastor. We have also sent changes to the Membership and Outreach Committee, as well as redesign ideas, for our church website. Overall, the Team feels strong and remain on track.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – JULY 2022

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

- Approved Knight Vernon as Organist/Choir Director.
- Approved participating in the Family Night Out/Boat Week in cooperation with Operation Transformation on July 14, 2022.
- Approved a church-wide event to attend the Tiger's baseball game on August 7, 2022.



Shelley Kamer, Clerk of Session



Linda Hall 8/01
Ronald Boddy 8/08
Thomas Brown 8/09
David Barr 8/15
Jacob Beerbower 8/18
Peggy Dempsey 8/19
Patrick Dempsey 8/21
June Meleg 8/21
Gail MacBeth 8/21
Carolyn Ahlquist 8/22
Olen Hayes 8/25
Thomas Hunter 8/27
Melody Rinn 8/27
Deborah Deaner 8/27
Janet Tuttle 8/31
Lillian Jamison 8/31
Matthew Lozen 8/31

B. Mark & Sheryl Neal – 8/04
Steven & Carolyn Ahlquist – 8/11
Douglas & Sue Hinton – 8/14
David & Marilyn Dunn – 8/16
James & Deborah Langolf – 8/16
Warren & Pat Schattler – 8/20
James & Jane McCandless – 8/22
Ken & Gail MacBeth – 8/28
Kim & Lisa Matthews – 8/28

*Remember, the **September** Newsletter
article submission deadline is
August 20th.*



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.) will be on recess for the summer. Our first day of G.I.F.T. class will be **Sunday, September 18, 2022!**



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!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held AUGUST 22-25, 2022

5:00-5:30 p.m. will be dinner time / 5:30-7:30 p.m. Faith and Fun Activities

Monday – Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Brownies

Tuesday – Tacos, Chips/Salsa, Sauteed Corn, Popsicles

Wednesday – Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cookies

Thursday – Pizza, Salad, Ice Cream Sandwiches

Friday – VBS Celebration begins at 7:00 p.m. - (Please note later start time)

This Friday Night Event is a Church/Community-wide event! There will be popcorn during the VBS Celebration, complete with an outdoor movie (starting at dusk), outside games, Gaga ball, etc.



Come Join Us! Sign-up to register using the QR code or visit the website: <https://forms.gle/ZXR29vghUuMEyek76>



The Mission Committee is preparing for its annual garage sale to be held August 12th and 13th as part of the Bay-to-Bay Yard Sale. This is a fundraiser for local missions helping homelessness as well as a donation to the Village of Lake Huron Woods Expansion Building Campaign.

Any donations can be brought to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 2pm, and placed in the Teen/Youth room in the Christian Education wing. We could really use your help to organize/help with the sale/pack up/teardown. Please sign-up on the clipboard if you can help.



*"Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game."*

Put on your baseball cap and join us at the Detroit Tiger's game on **Sunday, August 7th** - Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 1:40 p.m. Wear your baseball clothes to worship. We will load the bus in the church parking lot at **11:00 a.m.**, right after the shortened Sanctuary Worship. There will be no Coffee Hour on this Sunday but peanut treats will be available as you leave the church.

Easy traveling for you! Sid LaFrance will be our driver and yes, there is a restroom on the bus. Our stadium seats are close to where the bus is since we will walk to the bus at the end of the game. We will be sitting in the Upper Reserved Section, where there is an escalator and ramp to get to our seats. Also, everything is right there on that level: snack bar, toilets, etc. A good place for us to have a great time together!

At present, we have 30 people signed up. The bus holds 54. Invite your friends and church members whom you haven't seen in a while. We will fill the bus, no matter what! Please sign up on the counter clipboard in the Gathering Room.

The cost of your ticket is \$30. Please put your payment in a pew envelope or an envelope provided at the Beach Service. Mark your envelope with your name(s), designated for the Tiger's Game.

Specific instructions once we get there. On the Tiger Website it says: Single compartment bags, wallets, and clutches smaller than 4"x6"x1.5" with or without a handle or strap are permitted. Any larger than that will be prohibited. Guests will need to empty their pockets of keys, mobile phones and other items before walking through the metal detector screening or alternative screening procedures.

The Membership and Outreach Committee is sponsoring this exciting event, so if you have any questions, please direct your questions to Mark Schian, Chair of the committee. It will be so much fun to be together at a ballgame. Now, if the Tiger's can just have a winning game!



WEBSITE REDO!

With the direction of the Membership and Outreach Committee, Jim Fisher, our Technology and Marketing Staff Person and the Pastor Nominating Committee, we are re-doing and re-building our Website, from the bottom up. Several people have looked at other websites and made suggestions.

But we need everyone's help! We are realizing that we don't have a lot of current pictures of the congregation and church activities. If you like to take pictures, please get busy and forward your pictures to

Jim Fisher (portpresby.social@gmail.com) or the Church Office (portpresby@gmail.com). Thank you, in advance, for your contribution.

Also, if you have any suggestions for the Website, please direct your comments to Pastor Roxie, Jim Fisher and/or Judith McLean. The Membership and Outreach Committee is responsible for making the Website the best ever. Our aim is to have a brand-new website by October 1. Thanks for your help.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped put together our table at the Operation Transformation Family Night Out during Boat Week this year. The event was very well attended! FPC volunteers handed out bags to the kids containing a bag of Goldfish crackers, our Mission Statement bracelet, a scripture puzzle piece, and information on our Vacation Bible School event (August 22-26). The kids were attracted to our bubble machine and all the various wands to create their own bubbles. Pastor Roxie was our friendly clown, handing out information about the church and our worship service. It was so nice to meet new people and invite them to First Presbyterian Church!

OUR MISSION:

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

WELCOME

NEW PREACHING SERIES
A new preaching series,
“Managing the Heat”
will begin on August 7th.
Here is the line-up:

August 7: **The Generated Heat of Unity**
(Shortened Sanctuary Worship)

August 14: **The Heat of Illness**
(Sacrament of Communion)

August 21: **The Fire of Anger**

August 28: **The Increasing Heat**

Sept. 4: **The Heat of Conviction**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
Fort Gratiot Park
on Metcalf Road

(No Sanctuary Service this Sunday)

Please join us for an outdoor Worship and Church picnic! More details to come next month.
You may bring a comfortable chair! Don't forget to invite your family, friends & neighbors.
There will be fun activities for the kids.