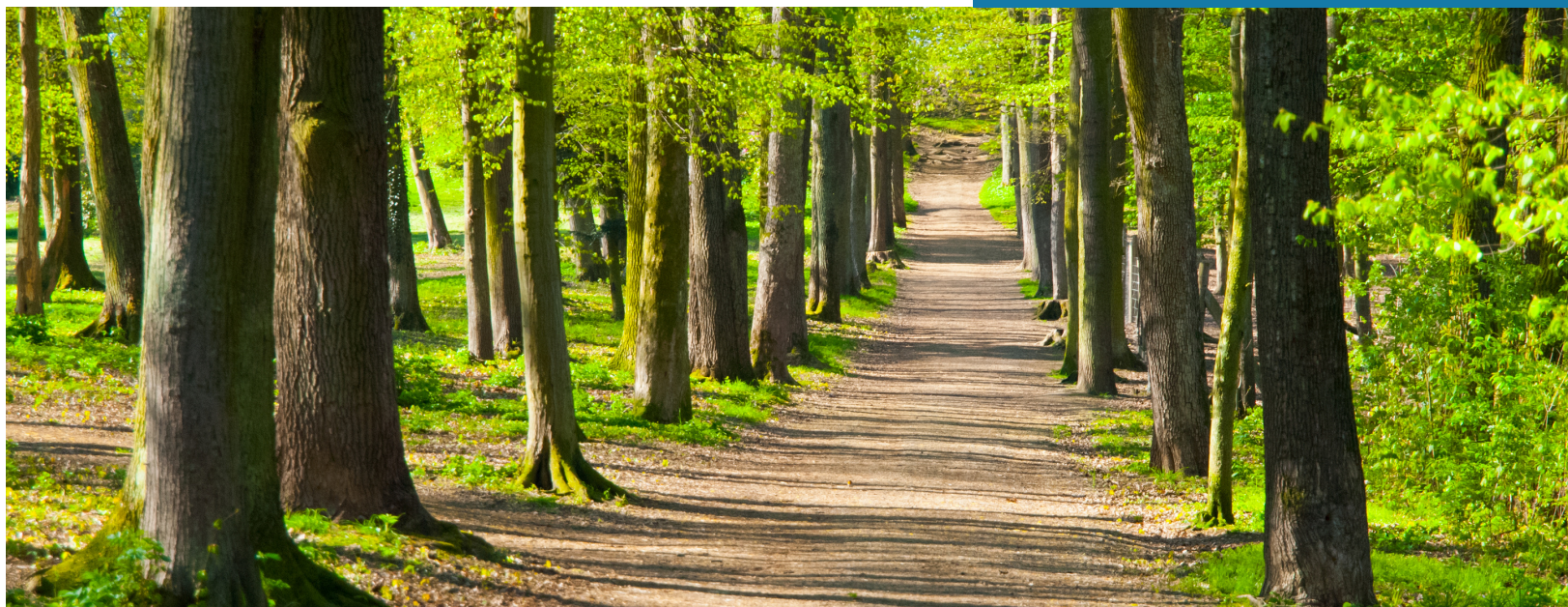


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For Word-Share-Prayer: Proverbs 3:5-8

- 3 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

WORD: Read the scripture passage and underline the words or phrases that stand out to you.

SHARE: Jot down insights from the text. How does this passage apply to your life?

PRAYER: Write down your prayers and pray individually, with family or friends, and groups.

Congregational Meeting This Sunday, August 29, After Worship *To elect a Designated Pastor Nominating Committee*

-Our gratitude to the **2021 Nominating Committee**, which brought new Elders and Deacons for nomination. The committee included **Susan Brown, Jackie Buse, Nick Clark, Arleta Greer, Joyce Leslie, and Rachelle Nyitray**. Special thanks to Nominating Committee Chair **John Coffey**!

-Thank you to the Pandemic Health Team for their time and effort in guiding us throughout the Covid-19 Crisis. Your expertise and caring for this congregation are greatly appreciated! While the pandemic is not considered "over," we hope the need for this team has been completed. The Pandemic Health Team included **Rick Beil MD, Dr. Carter Bishop, Mica Blauw, Deb Brunelle, Dana Burkley, Rev. Judy Shipman, Kurt Leutheuser, Ann Valentine (Chair), Peg Woehrle, and Bill Woehrle**.

Thank You!

2 Session Opens Church Building

The church office hours are 9am-3pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday with a one-hour lunch. Christen works remotely after 3pm those days and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day. At this time, we are asking everyone to email or call the church office to set up an appointment for your visit. All groups that meet onsite are asked to help our Buildings Committee by responding to a special email and filling out a form that ensures we:

- 1) Manage space needs, making sure every group is well-served when they use the building.
- 2) Gauge commercial cleaning needs - we will increase our cleaning services as the building's use increases.
- 3) Make our building work for everyone by following policies outlined on the form.
- 4) Maintain an accurate calendar of events.

This form will be available on our website or you may call the office for help if you are not online. Once group leaders have received a confirmation of your group meeting onsite, you will receive a keycard since one is now needed for entry into the building. Staff, the Session Clerk, and leaders of groups will have access to keycards. Please note this opening does not include either of the houses on Hall Street.

July Congregational Meeting Notes



Saline First Presbyterian Church held a Special Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 11, 2021. The congregation voted to change the church's by-laws to reflect that there shall be twelve, not nine, elders on the Session.

The congregation approved the slate presented by the Nominating Committee for Elders Class of 2022: Bill Woehrle; Class of 2023: Bill Armstrong, Keith Brown, Lisa Clark, and Bari Livsey; Class of 2024: Barbara Balog, Laurie Champion, Dianne Newberry, and Nancy Ryan. Deacons Class of 2023: Terrie Eroh, Joyce Leslie, and Dianne Young; Class of 2024: Susan Brown, Nick Clark, and Doh-Yeel Lee.

Report on the Action of Session regarding a request for a Designated Pastor was presented by Keith Brown, Chair of Administration and Personnel. It was reported that Session approved the process and the Clerk of Session sent a letter to the Committee on Ministry of the Detroit Presbytery requesting permission to begin this process with the COM and the COM approved our request.



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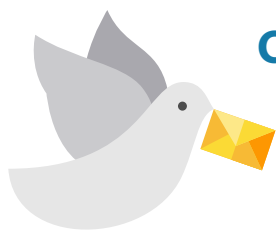
Clerk Janyce Durnell To Serve Another Term



Session named Janyce as Clerk to serve the 2021-2022 term. Janyce has served as our faithful Clerk since January 2013 and we are very grateful for her service! According to the Presbyterian Book of Order, the Clerk shall record the transactions of the council, keep its rolls of membership and attendance, maintain any required registers, preserve its records, and furnish extracts from them when required by another council of the church.

Mission and Vision Task Force Update

In the July 20 Session meeting, Nancy Ryan, Co-chair, presented a Vision and Mission Statement to Session. Session will be meeting with the task force to discuss details and formulate next steps on August 24. The task force includes Erica Brown, Laurie Champion, Jim Dell'Orco, Taylor Jacobsen, Shannon Janeczek (Co-Chair), and Mark Pellerin.



Communications Task Force Becomes a Formal Committee

Open and continued communication is a high priority for Session. We are excited to share that what began as a task force is now a formal committee! This status ensures a commitment to communication.

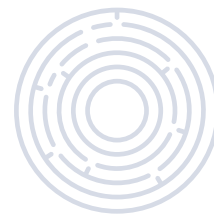
The Communications Committee will publish the Messenger Newsletter, review all communication platforms, and foster two-way communication. The committee welcomes questions from you. Questions? Subjects you'd like more information about? **Please use the "Ask Session" form on the church website or call the office.**



The IPT has settled into retirement with a gift card given to each of us in the name of the congregation. We sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. With our thanks go our very best wishes and fervent prayers that the Saline congregation will thrive in ministry, always trusting in God and showing Christ's love to the world. With gratitude for our time with you,

Bill, Judy, and Budge

From the Worship Committee



Music News: We are pleased to have Tyler Driskill serving as our accompanist for the foreseeable future. Our Handbell Choir will resume playing monthly, usually on the last Sunday. We encourage the congregation to share their musical gifts in support of worship. If interested, please contact Dianne Newberry.

Worship has arranged for the following pulpit supply schedule. Pastoral care will be provided by our Deacons during this time.

Aug. 22 – Doug Campbell, Hope Clinic

Aug. 29 – Rev. Dr. Budge Gere

Sept. 5 – Rev. Marjorie Welhelmi

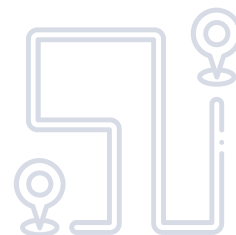
Sept. 12 – Youth Director Linda Brown

Sept. 19 – Rev. Dr. Loren Scribner

Sept 26. Rev. Janice Langwig



Session Meeting Notes, July 2021



The session notes below are edited—see full notes on the website or in your Session Notes Email. You may also contact the office for a complete set of notes.

Session met virtually via MS Teams Tuesday evening, June 20, 2021, and the Rev. Budge Gere opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Budge Gere welcomed the newly elected Elders to Session: Dianne Newberry, Laurie Champion, Nancy Ryan, Bari Livsey, Bill Armstrong, and Barbara Balog.

This was followed by Lisa Clark presenting Word, Share, Prayer using Proverbs 3:5-8. The Clerk of Session, Janyce Durnell, was elected for another one-year term.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH BUILDING-- please see article page 2

VISION AND MISSION TEAM REPORT-- see article page 3

DESIGNATED PASTOR PROCESS REPORT--Session will be in contact with the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit regarding details of the nominating process of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.

NEXT MEETING--Tuesday August 10, 2021,

Janyce Durnell Clerk of Session

