

JANUARY 2022

THE MESSENGER

Session News for the Pews

Gratitude

We received an anonymous donation of \$27,300 to cover the recent installation of the HVAC system and air purification units.



Word-Share-Prayer: St. Teresa of Avila

"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses all the world."

Pulpit Supply Schedule

January 2 - A Service for the New Year

January 9 - Rev. Neeta Nichols

January 16 - Rev. Jill Mills

January 23 - Rev. Dr. Judy Shipman

January 30 - Rev. Brendan Ashley

February 6 - Rev. Dr. Budge Gere

Pastoral Care

Members in need of pastoral care should reach out to their Deacon and have that contact information saved to their phone. Deacons' contact information is in the phone directory and you may call the office if you need more information.

2022 Annual Meeting

Session has set the Annual Meeting for February 6, 2022 in the Church Sanctuary. Please save the date and plan to attend. The agenda includes the election of the Nominating Committee for 2022, a report from the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee, and a presentation by the Facilities Task Force regarding potential future uses of the properties on McKay St. and Hall St. If you didn't receive the December 22 letter regarding these plans, please contact the office for a copy.



Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Saline will be a Church that seeks to make God's story our story by joyfully growing in faith and serving in love.

Session Covenant *At the December meeting, Elders reaffirmed the Session covenant.*

As the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Saline, we covenant to:

Seek God's Will as individuals and as a Body of Christ through:

- Prayer
- Scripture reading and study
- Listening
- Discernment
- Recognize that Jesus is in our midst at all times
- Listen for God's will and keep room in our heart for the unimaginable
- Call for prayer when the need arises
- Keep a sense of humor
- Safe atmosphere where we invite and respect differing opinions
- Respect time/stay on task
- Do committee homework so we can come to the table with good information
- Support and stay united in final decisions
- Honor the work we do

Action toward each other, we covenant to be:

- Loving and kind
- Compassionate and considerate
- Patient
- Honest
- Nonjudgemental
- Respectful (including not interrupting each other)
- Trusting with each other
- Constructive and Supportive
- Grateful, forgiving and forgiven
- Praying for each other

Action toward ourselves, we covenant to be:

- Be humble
- Incorporate joy
- Keep a positive perspective
- Stay focused
- Be vulnerable
- Don't confuse opinion with truth
- Be confident to speak for yourself
- Accept ideas of others
- Listen intentionally
- Keep commitments



Clerk's Session Notes - December

Note: a more detailed version was emailed to the congregation on 12/16/2021

Session met at the church Tuesday evening, December 14, 2021, and the moderator Rev. Budge Gere opened the meeting with prayer.

Session will continue following the recommendations set forth by the Washtenaw County Health Department and CDC that everyone (including fully vaccinated individuals) wear a mask in public indoor settings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This policy includes memorial and/or funeral services held at Saline First Presbyterian Church.

The Next Mission opportunity is assisting to host the Delonis Homeless Shelter for Men.

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee reported it is their hope to begin reviewing pastor resumes in January, 2022.

We continue to worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30am in person in the Church Sanctuary and on-line at salinepres.org. Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service for conversation, coffee and snacks.

Treasurer's Report - YTD Income - \$190K; YTD Expense \$(168K); YTD Net \$22K.

Next meeting will be January 18, 2021.

If you have questions, go to salinepres.org and click the "ask Session" button.

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