

THE MESSENGER

September 2022

Session News for the Pews

New Calendar Feature!



The newsletter will now feature a calendar column to help members track important events. Youth Gr. 6-12 events are in italics. The most up-to-date information is in the Weekly Connect, so please read it carefully in case any information changes. The full church calendar is available at salinepres.org.

Word-Share-Prayer: Romans 12

Live in harmony, be kind and love genuinely...lead with what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Service

Habitat for Humanity Work Day Saturday, September 24, 2022. Contact Bill Armstrong or the church office for more information.



Oct 2 is World Communion Day. We will be receiving the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, and it will be the first Sunday that Reverend Kimberly joins us.

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.*

9/11Y Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Mission Meeting. Ann Arbor Pride at the Park *Youth: Welcome & Nachos, Pride in the Park.*

9/12 Christian Education meeting

9/13 Deacon Meeting

9/14 Good Morning Study Group

9/14 Music Rehearsal

9/14 AA Meeting

9/15 Bell Choir Rehearsal

9/16 Oktoberfest

9/17 First Pres at Ocktoberfest

9/18Y Christian Education Fall Celebration of Offerings. Rev. Renee Roderer's last day. Picnic in the Park-Mill Pond Park. *Youth- great games and fishing.*

9/19 Staff Meeting

9/21 Good Morning Study Group

9/21 Adult Forum

9/21 AA Meeting

9/22 Bell Choir Rehearsal

9/24 Habitat for Humanity Day

9/25 Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders with Reverend Dr. Budge Gere. Bell Choir Performs.

9/25Y *"Who Knows Me Best?"*

9/26 Worship Committee Meeting

9/26 Christian Education Meeting

9/27 Reverend Kimberly's First Day

9/27 Session Meeting

9/28 Good Morning Study Group

9/28 Music Rehearsal

9/28 Adult Forum

9/28 AA Meeting

9/29 Bell Choir Rehearsal



Potluck Picnic in the Park! September 18

Great company, great food! The church will provide hamburgers, Beyond Burgers, hot dogs, and bottled water. The remainder of the potluck is up to you, so show off your best recipes of side dishes, salads, and desserts. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Needed: volunteers to provide grills and to cook. Plus set up and clean-up. If you have questions, contact Barbara Balog.

"I am just not good with Children (or Teenagers; or Babies)" by Linda Brown

Have you ever said these words? In churches everywhere right now, these phrases come up as youth programs are being organized and need people to make them happen. Gifts and abilities are given differently to different people by the One who created all of us. I am often called to serve in areas I didn't think I wanted to try. Sometimes my reluctant "yes" has led to rich blessings and other times have taught me something new about life and myself.

It is a new school year at First Presbyterian Church in Saline, and there are opportunities for every person to share their gifts and talents, especially with ministries for all children and youth, crib through 12th grade. **We need adult volunteers to help plan and lead activities on Sundays or provide rides, meals, materials, and snacks.**

New this year is a role for every single person to love the youth & their families: "Praying for You(th)." We are looking for willing hearts to pray for all of our children, infant through 12th grade. How does this work?

1. Become a Praying Partner. Pray for a specific child/youth and their family.
 - a. Pray regularly and occasionally connect with that child/youth via electronic communications, through US mail, or at church events.
 - b. Attend "Praying Partners" meetings scheduled two times a year
2. Pray for youth ministry in general
 - a. Regularly praying for all the youth & families along with leaders

Praying for You(th) partners will receive support, including:

1. Information from youth & families;
2. Various prayer guides, suggestions, instruction, and encouragement;
3. Scheduled group gatherings, with time for sharing concerns and joys or trying out different prayer formats.

Please prayerfully listen for how the Holy Spirit is calling you to actively be a part of the promise made to all children of the church at the time of Baptism of caring for and nurturing them in the faith of Jesus Christ. For more information and to sign up - contact Linda Brown.

GROW IN FAITH



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Join Us For 10:30am Worship Sunday, September 18th

We will celebrate Fall Christian Education programs and reintroduce "Children's Time" in Worship.



**Nursery Care
Available
9am-12pm
Every Sunday!**



Children Pre-K to 5th Grade

On Sundays, beginning 9/18/22:

- Children's Time** during worship
- Enrichment Hour** immediately following Children's Time in the lower level classrooms, ends at 11:30am.
- Enrichment Bags** Available in the sanctuary for worship.
- Beyond Sundays** Seasonal events. *Details can be found in family emails, Weekly Connect, and on Facebook.* Contact Carey Pellerin (clm_pellerin@yahoo.com)

Youth Grades 6-12 Starts 9/11/22

Sundays @Noon 12-1:30pm with a meal, activities, discussions, service projects & more.

- Enrichment Hour for Children** Sign up to help.
- Leading Worship** Occasionally help lead.

Beyond Sundays

-Variety of activities for serving others, going places and doing things with Jesus. *Details can be found in family emails, Weekly Connect, and on Facebook.* Contact Linda Brown, Director of Youth Ministry (youth.pastor@salinepres.org; 734-945-2615)



Adult Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Sundays The Present Word Bible Study, 9am Lower-Level Room 2. Led by Dr. Carter Bishop.

Wednesdays Good Morning Book Study Group, 9:30am Fellowship Hall. Active Book study discussion facilitated by various group members. Current Book: PRACTICING: Changing Yourself to Change the World by Kathy Escobar.

Thursdays Adult Forum, 7pm Fellowship Hall starting 9/29/22. Adult discussion on how our faith aligns with current and timely topics.

October 2, 2022

Adult Forum Returns by Bill Woehrle

We intend to resurrect Adult Forum with our first meeting on Thursday, Sept 29, at 7pm in the fellowship hall. It will be patterned after the pre-covid Adult Forum series, and we will face and discuss current issues of the day. Bill Woehrle is the contact, 734-255-3296

Sunday, September 25: Farewell to Dr. Budge Gere and Commissioning of New Elders and Deacons

September 25 will be a special day. We will bid farewell with a hearty *Thank you!* to Reverend Budge Gere, and he will commission our new Elders and Deacons that day. Don't miss it!

PEACE
BEGINS
WITH EACH
OF US.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 3, 2022

Session Notes from August 23, 2022

A more detailed version of these notes were emailed on September 1st.

Session met at the church and the Moderator, Rev. Budge Gere, opened the meeting with prayer.

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee continues to coordinate with the Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby regarding her move to Saline. Her daughter Melissa will be coming at the end of August in order to begin her school year in Saline. Please keep Kimberly, Meagan and Melissa in your prayers as they encounter many changes in their lives. Her first Sunday in the pulpit will be October 2 (her first day in the office will be September 27, 2022).

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Brewster Gere for being the Session Moderator for the past 2.5 years. He will return to the pulpit to close out the really long “in-between time” we, as a church, have experienced. He will be conducting the Worship Service and the Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacon on September 25, 2022. The “in between time” made us stronger, kinder and gentler with one another. God bless you Budge.

The updated committee chairs will be announced after the September 27 Session meeting. But always if you have a question, contact the church office or the First Pres website “Ask the Session” or contact the clerk at janyce1950@gmail.com.

Treasurer Report: YTD Income: \$123K; YTD Expenses (\$101K); Net \$22K