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Presbyterian

Church of Monroe

August 4, 2019; 10:00 AM

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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Communion Sunday and Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

OPENING WORDS

Our God is an awesome God!

God's love endures forever and ever.

PRELUDE

“Sweet Jesus, I Adore You”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to the Lord. Our God is an awesome God!

God's love is sure and true. God's love never ends.

Shout to the Lord. Our God is an awesome God!

God fills the hungry with good food, and leads the thirsty to fountains of living water.

Shout to the Lord. Our God is an awesome God!

God's love is sure and true. God's love never ends.

*OPENING HYMN #616

“Our God Is an Awesome God” (sing twice)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, it is so easy to focus on getting our share that we lose sight of our priorities. Like the man who sought Jesus' help to obtain a greater share of his family inheritance, we often look to you to act as judge on our behalf. Help us store up treasure in heaven rather than here on earth. Forgive us so that we may be renewed in your Spirit and revealed in Christ in glory.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***SONG OF AFFIRMATION #581**

“Glory Be to the Father!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Colossians 3:1-11

NT pg. 201

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 12:13-21

NT pg. 74

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How Good Is Your Security System?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***HYMN #175**

“Seek Ye First”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“At Calvary”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, as people raised with Christ help us seek the things that are above, rather than the things that are here on earth. We are grateful for what you have given us. Receive the portion we have returned and use these gifts to bless others. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

you remained ever faithful.

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God,

now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal he has prepared for us.

COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in A”

TODAY

Communion

Presbyterians practice open Communion. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to participate. Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs.

Friendship Registry

This morning we ask that you take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry located in the pew. If you are a first time visitor with us this morning we request that you fill out the registry legibly with your contact information so that we can tell you more about our church.

Fellowship

Please join us for a special time of fellowship after worship in Boyd Chapel for a few moments before going about your day.

Welcome to FPC of Monroe!

We are glad you are here today! We hope you find this a community of faith where you experience God in Jesus Christ. Childcare is always provided on Sunday mornings in the nursery and Wee Believers rooms located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance, wheel chairs, and walkers are also available.

Special Session Meeting

On Tuesday, **August 6**, there will be a Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **August 10**, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please come for a special time of prayer, fellowship, and good food.

IHM River House Tour



On Saturday, **August 24** from 2:00-4:30 p.m. the IHM Sisters will be celebrating 10 years of walking with people on their spiritual journeys at the River House located at 810 West Elm Avenue. The afternoon will include tours, refreshments and children's activities. This event is free and open to the public. Flyers are available in the Narthex and C.E. Lobby.

Leadership Retreat

All those planning to attend the next leadership retreat on Saturday, **August 24** (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) at Oaks of Righteousness (932 East Third Street, Monroe, MI) should RSVP to the Church Office (734-242-1545) by **August 19**. If you received a letter and cannot come please call also. This retreat is another important step in the interim process.

2 Cents a Meal for Community of Need Meals

On Sunday, **August 25** will be our next collection using our unique "2 cents a Meal" cans to benefit our Thursday evening Community of Need Meals. Please bring these cans with you to Worship! We raised \$221.23 from our July 28th collection. Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.

Church Directory

Copies of the 2019 Church Directory are available in the Narthex, C.E. Lobby, and the Church Office. Please pick up your copy!!

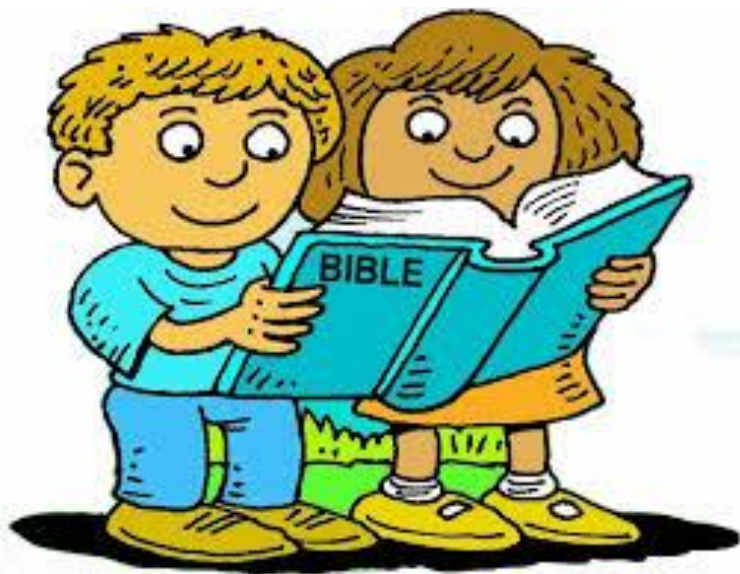
Pastoral Care Needs

Please direct any Pastoral Care needs to the Church Office. Information shared is confidential!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are from the Lectionary. We invite you to take time each day to read the Bible passages in preparation for Sunday morning.

Sunday	Luke 12:13-31	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; Ecclesiastes 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A reason for hope
Thursday	Job 42:1-9	Job is humbled
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17	Christ gives meaning to your life
Saturday	Psalms 29:1-12	Don't depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:30	No Bell Choir
	7:30	No Choir practice
	7:30	S-Anon
THURSDAY	10:00	No Bible Study
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fifth Wheel)
	10:00	Downtown Monroe Fine Art Fair
SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:00	Downtown Monroe Fine Art Fair/River Raisin Jazz Festival

Church Leadership

Elders

Class of 2019

Jim Heisler
Kathy Lee
Dan Batista

Class of 2020

Cheryl Eder
Jennifer Hueston
Alan Schroeder

Class of 2021

Diane Adams
Jim Crammond
Dale DeSloover

Committee Chairperson(s)

Building and Property: Jim Heisler; Dale DeSloover

Congregational Life: Kathy Lee; Cheryl Eder

Finance: Alan Schroeder

Mission and Outreach: Jim Crammond

Personnel and Policy: Jennifer Hueston; Cheryl Eder

Worship: Diane Adams

Deacons

Class of 2019

Ann Lux
Karen Sobieralski
Mary DeSloover
Jeffrey Haman
Judy Chesman

Class of 2020

Liz Cunningham
Ann Orwin
David Nielsen

Class of 2021

Lynn Geiman
Gwen Peters

Moderator of Deacons: Ann Lux

Vice Moderators of Deacons: Mary DeSloover and Gwen Peters

Church Staff:

Co-Interim Pastors: Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley and Rev. Dean McGormley;

Ellen: (734) 652-7147 (cell) and Dean: (734) 497-8069 (cell)

This Week they will be in the office on Tuesday (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) and Thursday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Director of Music Ministries: Robert Edwards;

Administrative Assistant: Sara Jones; **Financial Secretary:** Suzanne Bondie;

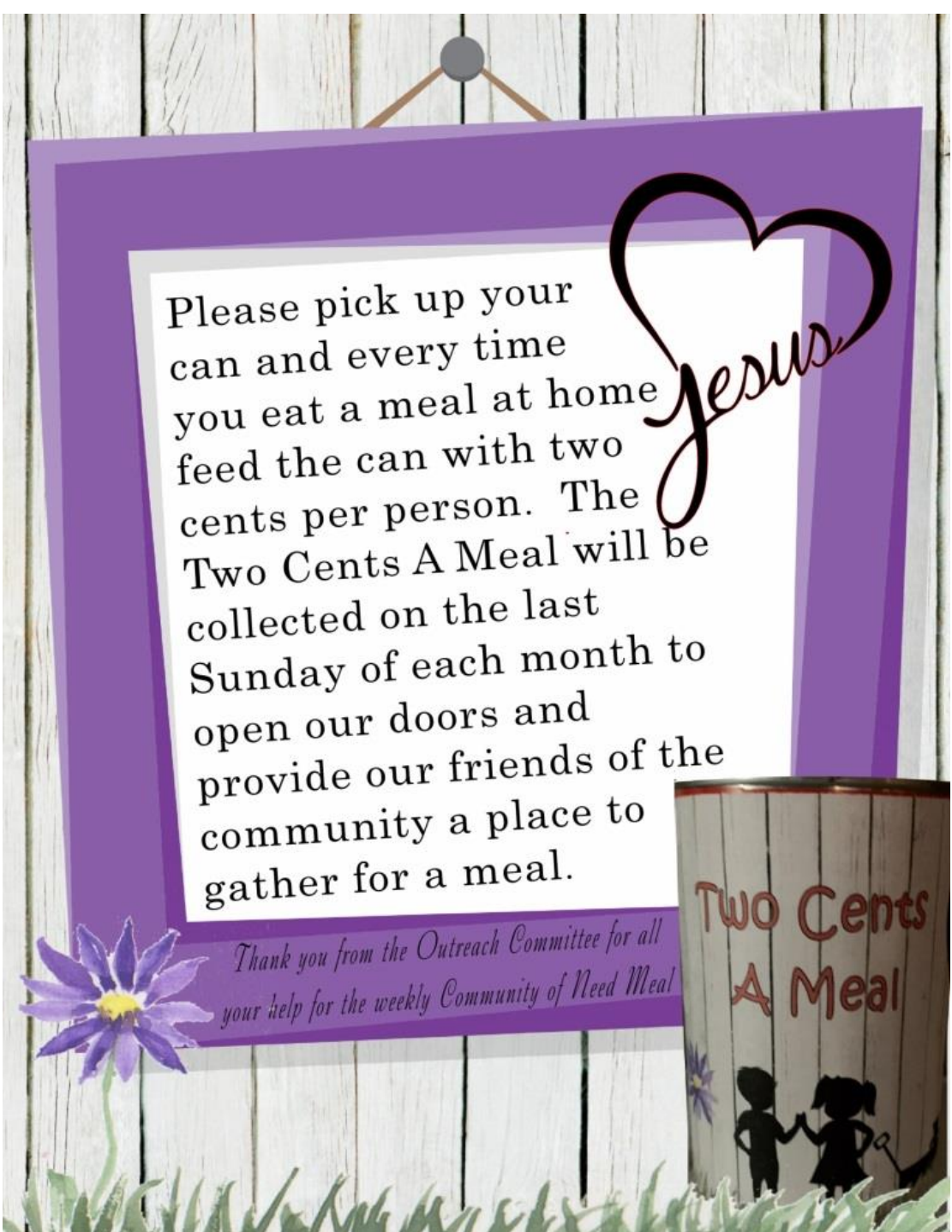
Sexton: Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Suzanne Bondie, Amy Morgan;

Custodian: Sean Farris

Liturgist: Rev. McGormley

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

Sermon Notes



Please pick up your can and every time you eat a meal at home feed the can with two cents per person. The Two Cents A Meal will be collected on the last Sunday of each month to open our doors and provide our friends of the community a place to gather for a meal.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee for all your help for the weekly Community of Need Meal

Two Cents
A Meal



Communion Sunday

