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NEWSLETTER



BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAIR PARKING - B & G COMMITTEE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS:

The Building & Grounds Team will be raising money during the week of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair by collecting donations to park. We rely on volunteers to park the cars and accept donations. Please call the church office if you can arrange your schedule to help out during one of the following days. (On Friday and Saturday we need several volunteers to fill the three hour shifts.) **Also, if you would like to reserve a parking place for the week you may do so by calling the church office at 925-2987.**



Monday, September 23:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 24:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26:	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, September 27:	8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts)
Saturday, September 28::	8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. (three hour shifts)

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and sisters –Early Christians attracted converts by behaving in a way that was different from the world around them. They forgave and didn't hold grudges. Everyone was welcome, as Paul wrote, "There is no Jew, Greek, slave, or free". This singular way of being is an extravagant, affirming invitation into an inclusive community built on love.

Our faith leads us to this way of being. Practicing prayer and meditation, we grow in our relationship with our welcoming, loving God and strive to be like Jesus. The Bible is a story of God's loving care for all creation, especially those on the margins. Jesus' life on earth models human's potential to live out a divine love.

We live in a world that capitalizes on our differences, pushing us to take sides. When we are radically inclusive, we frustrate the powers and principalities that create insiders and outsiders. When we live according to our faith we are salt and light in a hurting world.

Shalom, Pastor David



MISSION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A devotional is a book that contains readings, poetry, reflections, and Scripture designated for each day of the year. Many people use a devotional as a part of their prayer life. The Mission Committee would like to create a devotional for the church that we could all use.

We would like to collect meaningful stories, poetry, reflections, and/or Scriptures from members of the congregation. It could even be something that you found in another devotional that meant a lot to you! There is more than enough room for people to submit more than one contribution – actually, two or three per person would be great. We will gather these over the next few months. We would like to put them all together during November and produce an APC devotional for the new year.

Please help us with this work and submit anything that is meaningful to you that can be shared with others. You can give that to Lisa or Angela on the Mission Committee, Tracy the Secretary, or Pastor David. We look forward to receiving these and putting them together so that others can grow from what is important to each of us.

Thanks, Mission Committee.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM: Parkview Hospice is providing a Community Candlelight Service of "Remembering Your Loved Ones" in our sanctuary beginning at 7 p.m. Hor d'oeuvres begins at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. Please RSVP by calling 1-800-292-9894 or cathy.petrie@parkview.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Circle will start up again beginning in September. The first meeting will be WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th AT 10:30 A.M in the lounge. This year we will be studying from the 2024-2025 PW/Horizons Bible Study titled "Let Justice Roll Down – God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull. The study books are available now in the church office. The cost of the book is \$10.

Pastor David will lead all the lessons again this year, beginning with lesson one: Environmental Justice. All women are invited to attend.



PW RUMMAGE SALE

October 24, 25, & 26 : 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Presbyterian Women have decided to hold another rummage sale. Items needed are winter clothing (it is easier for the women, if clothing is brought on hangers), kitchen and decorative items, bedding, and holiday decorations. Please be sure your items are in good condition.

If you can spare a day, an afternoon, or even just an hour or two to help sort, mark, sell, or pack, please feel free to join! Don't forget to start saving your strong sturdy shopping bags with handles (from department stores) for the sale. You may drop them off anytime in the church office.

PW needs some strong men and boys to help with moving heavy items for the rummage sale. There are items in the Boy Scout room that will need to be moved to Fellowship hall. Please see Judy or Cheryl if you can help.



SUMMER PICNIC – HOSTED BY THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



Join us in the Biblical Garden on September 15th after the service for an end of summer picnic hosted by the Fellowship committee. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and desserts will be provided so bring a chair and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS:

Dear Friends,

Each Sunday the morning worship service has many volunteers who dedicate their time to help make everything run smoothly. Without our volunteers and their commitment to the church it would be very difficult to hold the meaningful worship service that everyone relies on every Sunday. We are so thankful to each and every one of our volunteers.

One of the duties each Sunday is Ushering. This is the person that greets you on Sunday mornings and provides you with your bulletin. You also get to collect the offering and take it to the Pastor during the Doxology. It is a great way for everyone to get to know you and a way to serve the Lord and His Church! Our ushers are always assisted by a head usher in case there are questions or concerns.

Of course, it's very hard to call everyone to request date preferences so the secretary randomly filled names into the dates. She started by using the current elders and spouses. If you would rather not participate or if the date that was chosen for you **does not work** with your schedule, PLEASE don't hesitate to give her a call so changes can be made. (925-2987) We want to keep everyone happy and proud to be a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church!

2024 USHER SCHEDULE - (Communion days are highlighted)

SEPTEMBER:

- 8: Veronique & David Poudrier / Communion
- 22: Ross & Nancy Clark
- 29: Stan & Mary Wilson

OCTOBER:

- 6: Carl & Melinda Smith / Communion
- 13: Mark Bassett and Susan Buttermore
- 20: Teresa Ewing and Judy Ditmars
- 27: Lisa & Jason Magsamen

NOVEMBER:

- 3: Doug & Barb Morrow
- 10: Melinda Smith & Cheryl John
- 17: Kevin & Stasia Bassett
- 24: Joe Dick & Phil Bryan / Communion

DECEMBER:

- 1: Elaine & Gary LeFever
- 8: Ruth Randinelli & Joey Aiken
- 15: Norm & Peg Yoder
- 22: Mindy Zielke & Jan Nagel
- 24: Joyce Phillips & Polly Bassett
- Christmas Eve Service/Communion
- 29: Ray Smith & Barbara Pietracatella

JANUARY 25:

- 5: Jim & Julia Nixon
- 12: Phil Bryan & Carl Smith – Communion
- 19: Paul & Leah Watson
- 26: David & Cheryl John

Exciting News!!! The church is organizing a trip to see the Broadway Show “Shucked”



WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

WHERE: Wharton Center in East Lansing, MI (<https://www.whartoncenter.com/>)

TIME: Arrive at the Church by 10:45 a.m. -- Musical begins at 2 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: Plans are for the bus to leave at 11:00 a.m. to take everyone to the show. The cost of the bus is yet to be determined but will be included in the final price for this trip. If you choose to drive yourself you will be responsible for obtaining your ticket from Jerri Imus.

TICKET INFORMATION AND PRICING:

Tickets range anywhere from \$51 - \$85 depending on where you choose to sit. The Wharton Center has stadium seating. We currently have 30 tickets reserved but more can be added if necessary.

MEAL FOLLOWING MUSICAL: The bus will be stopping at Schuler's Restaurant & Pub (<https://schulersrestaurant.com>) located at 115 S Eagle St, Marshall, MI 49068.

You will be ordering from the menu and will be expected to pay for your own meal.

SIGN-UP INFORMATION: You will need to sign up for this event by ????? and include a check for the entire amount of the event. (Full Refunds will only be given if you cancel at least 10 days before the trip. You must call the office to cancel at 925-2987)

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions you may call the church office or Jerri Imus (925-2609)