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A Letter of Gratitude *from* Sue Winter



As I write this article, I am getting ready for the next chapter in my life – retirement. In March 2014 I was temping and my agency said “I have the perfect position for you. It is an Office Manager at the Presbyterian Church in Paw Paw.”

What a ride this has been for me. You have taken me in and taught me so much. In the past 6+ years, oh what experiences I’ve had here. Worked with Rev. Dick Cushnie and his wife Susan, Rev. Linda MacDonald, Lori Pollitz, Rev.

Kurt Johnson and Rev. Tiffany McCafferty.

I have always been a bit on the shy side therefore to get over my shyness I introduced myself to the congregation on a Sunday service. I wanted you to meet me and I to meet all of you. I helped out at VBS a couple of years, attended Bible Studies by Rev. Cushnie, attended several Teas given by the Presbyterian Women. It was made more memorable by being served coffee by the men of the congregation as well as having them clean off the tables. Working with Wendy Mickle and Randy Thorburn in the children’s ministry by being a part of Trunk or Treat. One awesome event was helping with the Streets of Bethlehem. Working on the newsletter by putting articles here and there written by the “church mouse” and having the children find clues in various areas of the newsletter. I attended many church picnics at Susan Erion’s and Andy Thorburn’s homes. The Deacons had several events I attended like the Growler’s baseball games. Gave items and helped out at the Thrift/Bake sales but bought some terrific items there as well. One big event was being a part of the background for a wonderful Urban Plunge a few years ago. The organization for that was unbelievable.

Being in the office gave me the opportunity to embrace your community. I have more confidence now and learned not to be shy as every day was something different. Phone calls, people coming into the office for answers, concerns, etc. Learned many new software packages, ways to make my time

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Our church has been a supporter of two children living in Montaña de Luz in Honduras. This month we focus on Loida.

Loida has been at Montaña de Luz since she was 10 months old so Montaña de Luz has been her main home her entire life.

When she came to live there the faculty thought she had no family. Then last Christmas the social worker at Montaña de Luz was able to locate Loida's extended family.

Her family had actually been searching for her and were thrilled to be reunited with her. Montaña de Luz hopes that Loida will be able to live with them in the next few years.

Since the onset of Coronavirus, Loida has been doing her school work virtually and she misses the classroom. Math is her favorite subject. Her favorite things to do are making jewelry, playing board games, and cooking. Her favorite color is blue. She loves cats.

Thanks to your contributions made in the "quarter jars" in February we are able to help Loida. You could also help in writing or sending cards to her. Talk to Eleda Zygadlo about how to do this.

You can also visit montanadeluz.org for more information on other opportunities to support this mission to create a home and family for these children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Eleda Zygadlo

Mission Commission Chairperson

Update from Building & Grounds:

Rear entrance, storage building, HVAC, parking lot preparation



As you can see, work continues on our rear entrance project.

Many thanks to Jan Wilder, Jan Ogden, Pat Peters and Mike Seymoure who completed the landscape along the administration building and the new entrance. Many thanks to Tom Shoemaker, Jack Wyatt, Andy Thorburn, Bert Ogden, Dick Schallhorn and Mike Seymoure for landscaping and laying of sod.

We continue to work on our new storage building and scheduling of new HVAC system in Fellowship Hall and parking lot preparation.

Jerry Dundon, Chairperson
Building & Grounds – Long Range Planning

Congratulations new Elders and Deacons

At our Congregational Meeting on October 25, the Nominating Committee brought the names of Joan Pohl, Nancy Turk, Kathy McGuire, and Eleda Zygadlo to the congregation to be accepted into church service as Elders.

The names of Marge McKee, Phyllis Sahr, and Barb Dundon were nominated to serve as Deacons.

All were accepted by the congregation. Congratulations to all and thank you!

Eleda Zygadlo
Nominating Committee Chairperson

Thank you so very much

I would like to thank you so very much for the cards and emails containing well wishes that I have received during the time since my first surgery last September and the second surgery this past August. Your kind words and thoughts have meant a lot to me on this journey. I do feel much better and plan on healing a bit more each and every day.

I look forward to being able to play 'live' at church again. As soon as it is safe for me, I will be back!

Again, thank you for all of your acts of love and kindness.

Take care.
Terry Vaughn



ShareNet has resumed meeting and will meet again on Tuesday, November 10 at 10 AM.

ShareNet is a group of church folks who come together to make sure the needs of those who are homebound or otherwise in need of meals, cards, comfort or care are getting some love from the church.

Pat Conner shares this photo of the October ShareNet meeting and as you can see, a seat is waiting just for you.

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Sue Winter - Letter of Gratitude

more efficient and since I was here for several different ministers, each had their own way of doing things and how they wanted things done.

It's been real. Short and sweet. I'm sure you've all heard about me being stuck in the elevator. But in case you haven't heard, I was stuck in there for ½ hour. And some people don't let me forget.

From the beginning I've had the opportunity to work closely with Monica Marlowe, Nancy Turk, Pat Conner, Pat Peters, Jim vanWestrienen, Theresa Vaughn, Kristen Garceau, Bert and Jan Ogden, Dave and Jan Wilder, Dick and Sally Schallhorn, Bonnie Walter, Mary Ellen Smith, Nancy Beck, Jerry Dundon, Phyllis Sahr, Randy and Andy Thorburn, Marge McKee, Pam Baney, Eleda Zygadlo, Tom Shoemaker, Dave Nielsen, Joan Ford, and so many others. Thank

you for the friendships, encouragement and in some cases a shoulder to cry on.

This leads me to last but not least Rev. Tiffany. It has been truly an honor to work with you these past few years. You've always had my back, led me to learn new software even though I was not fast in learning them. I will miss your encouragement, laughs, jokes and your creativity.

I wish you all health and happiness from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings, Sue

NEW MAILING ADDRESS::

When mailing to the church, we now are having mail delivered to:

Post Office Box 435, Paw Paw, MI 49079



STEWARDSHIP 2021

1 Peter 4:10

God had given us some special abilities, be sure to use them to help others, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings

We are pleased to announce that as of November 1, 2020 we are getting closer to our budgeted goal of \$160,000-\$170,000. We have received, to-date, 43 pledge cards totaling \$113,199 for the General Fund, \$11,211 for the Capital Fund, \$9,288 for the Parking lot and \$2,183 for Per Capita. Last year we received a total of 62 pledge cards so we have a ways to go. We are still accepting pledge cards and are hopeful that we will get close to meeting our goal. Anyone who has misplaced or lost their pledge can pick one up at the church office, in the narthex or call the office and another one can be mailed to you.

We have been challenged this year by the pandemic but have been blessed by the response from the congregation. A big thank you goes out to Tom Shoemaker and Keelin Mccafferty for putting together the videos to help get the message to all of you who were able to tune in. Our treasurer Dave Nielsen explaining the pledge card and our budget for 2021. Jerry Dundon with an update on the parking lot and back door project and Pat Conner with thoughts on Time, Talent and Treasure.

Natural disasters and man made disasters will continue, but we have learned that disasters of any kind always bring out the best in people, every small town, big town and medium sized town across this great country and yes, our Church can always be counted on to do their part.

Your response to the 2021 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE has been humbling and we feel confident that your monetary support will continue.

If you have turned in your pledge card, THANK YOU! If you still need to return it or need a replacement see paragraph one. Stay tuned for updates!

Mary Ellen Smith, Stewardship Committee

Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting on Immigration

The Mission and Formation Commissions are sponsoring a special meeting and discussion on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm.

The speaker will be Fernando Urbina, a Paw Paw High School graduate who currently attends Harvard University. He will be speaking about the organization "ImmigrationHelp.org." This organization has a mission to help immigrants find freedom, opportunity and love in the United States without the high cost of an attorney. If you are interested, please contact the office to participate either on Zoom or in Fellowship Hall with a restricted number of people. Hope you can join us for this look into the struggles these people face in order to find peace.

Eleda Zygadlo – Mission Commission Chairperson
Steve McCloskey – Formation Commission Chairperson



Urban Plunge
2020 REMIX
Youth Event Nov. 7, 2020

NOW YOU ARE
THE BODY OF CHRIST
AND EACH
ONE OF
YOU IS A
PART OF IT

Inseparable
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**Contact Pastor Tiffany
to participate:
tkomccaff@gmail.com**

Members and fans of Paw Paw First Presbyterian Church now use Universal Church Directory too

An online directory is available for Paw Paw First Presbyterian Church members and friends to stay up-to-date with contact information. The directory, called the Universal Church Directory, is an app that

runs on both Android and I-Phone cell phones.

Load the app on your phone! Go to either the I Phone app icon or the Android Play Store icon on your cell phone and type "Universal Church Directory". The app will load and



ask for a unique identifier which can be obtained from Andy Thorburn. Once the identifier is entered, the app is populated with church and member contact information.

Should your information in the directory not be correct, please contact the church office at 657-3111 and update our records. Unfortunately, our paper directories become out of date the minute anyone changes their church status, address, phone number, or dependents. Using and updating this on-line version will help keep us all current with changes.

Questions about the on-line directory may be directed to Andy Thorburn at 269-207-0242 or athorburn65@gmail.com. Andy can also assist in loading the app if you have questions or difficulty.

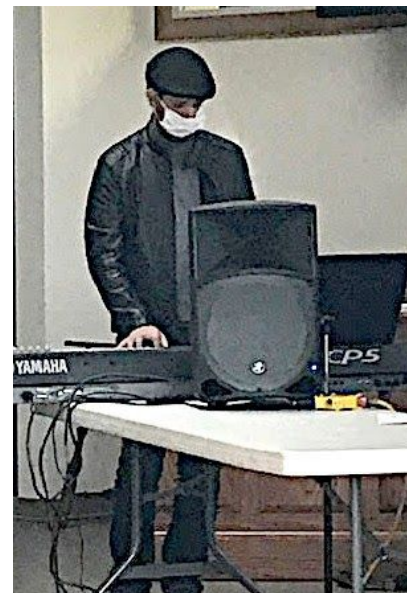
On Friday, October 30 members and friends of our congregation gathered at the front drive-thru of the church to honor and thank Sue Winter for her loyal service as Church Office Manager also known as the happy, friendly face, who was ready to help anyone who stepped into her office.



Amid crowned queen of the day music provided by Chris Gray on the keyboard, friends dancing in the drive, happy conversation with many who "drove through" as well as those who stopped by, Sue was receiving thanks for her service and best wishes for her retirement.



Although we no longer will see her on a regular basis she has promised to return for our future Thrift Sales. Until then, Enjoy your retirement Sue!!



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Happenings

November 7 - Urban Plunge 2020 Remix: service projects, dinner, then connect with other Presbytery youth groups for worship.

November 10 - ShareNet is back! 10 a.m. meetup to care for our homebound friends.

November 11 & 25 - Covenant Bible Study meets at 12:30 in fellowship hall or by Zoom.

November 15 - Cents-Ability Collection at the 10 a.m. Worship Service fights hunger and poverty. Your simple act is an expression of thanks for all we have received.

November 15 - High School/College Lunch.

November 19-27 - Pastor Tiffany off for vacation; Rev. Nancy VanderRoest will lead worship for Christ the King Sunday Nov. 22.

November 26-27 - Offices closed, Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

December 3 - Speaker Fernando Urbina at Special Meeting on Immigration, 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY through Facebook Livestream! You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the livestream—just search “First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw Facebook” to find the link when we go live at 10 a.m. Worship videos will be posted on Facebook and on the **VIDEOS** page at www.pawpawpres.org (link will also be sent out by e-mail). Need something else to stay connected? Call Pastor Tiffany to discuss: (614) 596-1995

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