

Presbyterian News

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Yes we are having Vacation Bible School

We will be hosting an exciting summer event called *Treasured*. Kids discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies. Each day concludes with the Closing Quest that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:40 pm.

Kids who are entering 1st-5th grade are invited to sign up online. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are needed too! They can sign up as Assistant Crew Leaders or Crew Leaders. Registration is limited and there will be no in-person registration, so sign up now! Online registration is easy at

vbspro.events/p/pawpaw

For more information, call Cheryl Duncan 251-9042

Returning to Worship!

Joyful news for our worship family! Session met on June 29 and unanimously passed a motion to return to in-person worship following new guidelines beginning with the first Sunday in July. While we will continue to adhere to state recommended protocols, the new procedures we adopted include the following:

- Lifting the mask requirement for fully vaccinated individuals and retaining the mask requirement for non-vaccinated individuals or those who are more comfortable wearing a mask for any reason.
- Removing attendance limits for in-person gatherings and pre-registration to attend worship.
- Congregational singing without a mask for those fully vaccinated and with mask for those not fully vaccinated.
- Communion using the pre-packaged elements for one month then consider distribution of normal or conventional elements thereafter.
- Placing offering envelopes in a plate(s) located at the back of the sanctuary until otherwise determined by Session.
- Fellowship time at the conclusion of worship in the Fellowship Hall with coffee only served until otherwise determined by Session.

Session also decided to place hymnals back in the sanctuary for use during worship. We are ready to welcome everyone back to worship and ask for understanding as we open our doors again. We may not have a plan for all the possible situations that might present themselves but we will use the Golden Rule of doing unto others as you would have done unto yourself as our guide. With love and respect for each other I am sure we can come back to worship safely and joyfully.

We understand there are some who might wish to wait a while longer before coming back to in-person worship. Services will continue to be live streamed weekly for any who wish to join us through technology. Whether you choose to come back immediately or wish to wait a while, the Worship Commission wishes you to know that you are part of our family and we will strive to make worship safe and meaningful for all.

Tom Shoemaker – Worship Commission Chair

A vital force for our region:



[United Christian Services](#) is a local collaboration of churches and social service agencies that provide help to those in need in our area. Rev. Tiffany McCafferty is one of the founding board members of UCS, and Tom Shoemaker has now also joined the board.

Hartford and Bloomingdale have been added to their service area joining Paw Paw, Mattawan, Gobles, Lawton and Lawrence.

Michelle's Community Garden is in full swing and could use volunteers to help with weeding and harvesting on Tuesday nights, 6 pm to 8 pm. The garden provides fresh food for the Porch throughout the summer. Patrick McCafferty is the garden manager again this summer.

United Christian Services is partnering with the Furniture Ministry run by St. Vincent de Paul in Paw Paw. They accept donations. Call United Christian Services for information.

Christian charity in action United Christian Services is totally run by volunteers and in-kind donations for rent and utilities. More than 90% of

donated money goes to help people in need. An example of this help went to a man who lost his job because of Covid and got behind in his rent. The agency referred him to the Housing Assistance Resource Agency to help but funds had been depleted. The Housing Assistance Resource Agency directed him to another agency that helped him. He found a new job and everything was going well until his car broke down. Since he needed the car for his new job, United Christian Services helped again by contacting a local mechanic who donated some free labor. The man paid for some of the parts and United Christian Services paid the balance.

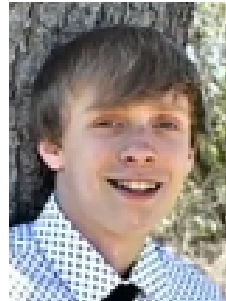
Another man had been living in the woods for four years, getting by with odd jobs and seasonal farm work. After the winter of 2020, his health was suffering and he needed a more stable living condition. At United Christian Services, and together with Housing Assistance Resource Agency, housing was secured for him. United Christian Services paid the utility deposit and utility and phone bills from a donation received especially for the homeless. United Christian Services continues to help him.

We recognize the 2021 graduates



Camryn Baney

Mattawan High School, Summa Cum Laude
Tennis, National Honor Society.
Michigan State University at Eli Broad School of Business.
Daughter of Clint Barney and the late Elizabeth Baney Cummings.
Grandparents Tom and Pam Baney.



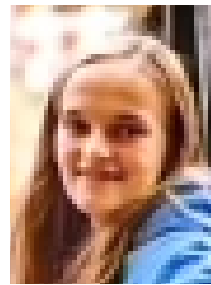
Caleb Vanderveen

Paw Paw High School
Baseball and basketball.
Will study business management at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.



Sadie Imus

Paw Paw High School
Student of the month, will attend Michigan Technical Institute to be a Certified Nursing Assistant.
Granddaughter of Dick and Sally Schallhorn.



Taryn Welling

Paw Paw High School
Golf, tennis, bowling, NHS, DECA and Science Olympiad.
First Presbyterian Magnify the Light.
Plans: Finish Van Buren County Middle College then continue to Grand Valley State University for medicine.



Nathaniel McCloskey

Paw Paw High School
Science Olympiad, Choir, E-Sports, Leo's Club.
First Presbyterian A/V Tech Team, Urban Plunge, Magnify the Light.
Future: Western Michigan University.



Abigail Wilson

Tomball Memorial High School, Texas.
Youth Bible Study Leader and vocalist in Praise Band in Texas.
Attending University of Texas with a soccer athletic scholarship.
Will study Forensic Criminal Justice.



Brian Barbarini

Mattawan High School, Summa Cum Laude.
Will attend Purdue University studying Chemistry.
National Honor Society, band, cross country, swimming, and track and field at Mattawan.



George Jacob Bolton V

Candidate for degree Doctor of Ministry with Distinction at Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises, George Fox University.

[This year's Annual Covenant Gathering is online. Click to learn more.](#)



JULY 11-16
"CREATION SPEAKS"

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SUNDAY

Email devotions, links,
and video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

**LIVE! Welcoming and
connecting**

5PM EDT/4PM CDT

**LIVE! Community
gathering Guided by
Light**

7PM EDT/6PM CDT

MONDAY

JULY 12, 2021

Email devotions, links,
and video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

LIVE! Prayer center

11:30AM EDT/10:30AM CDT

**LIVE! PreK-5th, Middle,
& High School
breakouts**

1PM EDT/12PM CDT

**LIVE! Movie
Heroes/Villains &
Biblical Ethics**

3PM EDT/ 2PM CDT

**LIVE!
Photography/Poetry
Spiritual Practices
breakouts**

5PM EDT/4PM CDT

**LIVE! Community gathering
Refreshed by Water**

7PM EDT/6PM CDT

TUESDAY

JULY 13, 2021

Email devotions, links,
and video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

LIVE! Toddler StoryTime

11:30AM EDT/10:30AM CDT

**LIVE! PreK-5th, Middle,
& High School
breakouts**

1PM EDT/12PM CDT

**LIVE! On Earth As It Is
In Heaven:**

Transforming Mission
3PM EDT/ 2PM CDT

**LIVE!
Photography/Poetry
Spiritual Practices
breakouts**

5PM EDT/4PM CDT

**LIVE! Community gathering
Shaped Like Earth**

7PM EDT/6PM CDT

WEDNESDAY

JULY 14, 2021

Email devotions, links, and
video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

LIVE! Prayer center

11:30AM EDT/10:30AM CDT

**LIVE! PreK-5th, Middle,
& High School
breakouts**

1PM EDT/12PM CDT

**LIVE! Movie
Heroes/Villains &
Biblical Ethics**

3PM EDT/ 2PM CDT

**LIVE!
Photography/Poetry
Spiritual Practices
breakouts**

5PM EDT/4PM CDT

**LIVE! Community gathering
Kinship with the Animals**

7PM EDT/6PM CDT

THURSDAY

JULY 15, 2021

Email devotions, links, and
video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

LIVE! Toddler StoryTime

11:30AM EDT/10:30AM CDT

**LIVE! PreK-5th, Middle,
& High School
breakouts**

1PM EDT/12PM CDT

**LIVE! On Earth As It Is
In Heaven:
Transforming Mission**

3PM EDT/2PM CDT

**LIVE!
Photography/Poetry
Spiritual Practices
breakouts**

5PM EDT/4PM CDT

**LIVE! Community gathering
Purpose for Humanity**

7PM EDT/6PM CDT

FRIDAY

JULY 16, 2021

Email devotions, links, and
video content
BEFORE BREAKFAST

**LIVE! Community
Gathering Inspired by
Creation**

10AM EDT/9AM CDT

**NOTE: THERE WILL
COMMUNITY FUN TIME EVERY
EVENING AT 8 EDT/7 CDT**

PLEASE BE SURE TO
CHECK YOUR DAILY
EMAILS FOR THE MOST
UPDATED INFORMATION

This year's Covenant Gathering is online



Taking place every day from July 11th to the 16th, Covenant Gathering is excited to welcome many amazing presenters and intergenerational experiences in a highly interactive, online format.

Covenant Gathering includes an email each morning with devotions, links and video content.

Then, throughout the day, various live presentations and interactive events will be held for children, youth and adults.

Like previous years, the 2021 Covenant Gathering provides worship and community time for participants as well. See the schedule on the previous page and look for your favorites.

Register now at covenantgathering.com.



So cute! Found in pew during cleaning

It's a crayon drawing of a church pew with cut-outs of Eleda Zyglado and Sue Zyglado seated and attending service. Sue's note to Pastor Tiffany, on back, says, "I really miss our church family — but **I love your Sunday services**. Stay well and be safe. Blessings and hugs, Susan."

Congratulations and Thank You to Pam Baney

Throughout rain, wind, sleet, snow, scorching sun and a long Covid shut-down, Pam Baney has faithfully updated our church sign every week to let people know we are here, actively worshipping, and serving God.

Pam recently retired from over 46 years in mental health, serving many in our community. Pam also

wishes to now retire from church sign changing duties, so if you are looking for a simple but important way to serve our church on a weekly basis, please contact the office for details.

Happy! Happy!

Happy Birthday!

Nicholas Bolton - 7/19
George Bolton VI - 7/07
Amelia Bradish - 7/21
Leslie Buhl - 7/22
Elliot Burns - 7/14
Maureen Faul - 7/27
Russ Heinsen - 7/08
Keelin McCafferty - 7/20
John McNeil - 7/25
Steve Racette - 7/28
Tom Shoemaker - 7/30
Robert Tiffany - 7/23
Fred Triquet - 7/04
Bonnie Walter - 7/05
Jan Wilder - 7/28
Jared Yarbrough - 7/22

Happy Anniversary!

David & Judith Combs - 7/02 - 65 years
Susan & Michael Paynich - 7/02 - 39 years
Brandon & Brenda Mattson - 7/07 - 14 years
William & Kristen Welling - 7/13 - 25 years
Bill & Ruth Johnson - 7/19 - 37 years
Todd & Kallie Pena - 7/28 - 9 years



Our tailgaters at the June Kalamazoo Growlers vs. Battle Creek Bombers baseball game: Gene and Phyllis Sahr, Chuck and Debby Williams, Marlene Tucker and Orville Griffith, Jan and Bert Ogden

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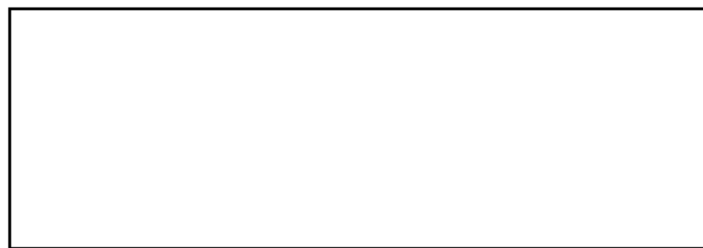
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What's Happening in July

Find more activities at www.pawpawpres.org/calendar

Sunday church service at 10:00 am. No pre-registration. No limits. Fellowship with beverages only afterwards. Livestream will continue through Facebook, with videos posted afterwards to our website.

Get your **new church wi-fi password** from Office Manager Billie Brooks or Building and Grounds, Jerry Dundon.

Property Improvement Fund Pledge Reminder: Your donation is needed now! Can't remember what you pledged? Contact Joan Ford by email at fpcpawpawbookkeeper@gmail.com

TUESDAYS from 6 - 8pm will be **volunteer night at Michelle's Community Garden**, 811 Hazen Street, Paw Paw. Join Farmer Patrick and friends from [UCS](http://www.ucs.org) and other area churches preparing beds, planting, weeding and enjoying God's creation.

Recorded and livestream worship services are available on Facebook and at our website www.pawpawpres.org or call the church office at 657-3111 to request a DVD.

STAYING CONNECTED — Access to the church building is resuming ***church groups that wish to meet soon, or want to hold a spot to resume meetings this fall, should contact the office ASAP.** The church office is staffed **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 - 3:30.** You may leave a message for staff at any time or contact them through email: Office Manager Billie Brooks at firstpres120@gmail.com; Bookkeeper Joan Ford at fpcpawpawbookkeeper@gmail.com or Pastor Tiffany at TKoMcCaff@gmail.com. You can also call or text Pastor Tiffany on her cell (at reasonable times please) at **(614) 596-1995.**

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