

# **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** ***TREASURED VBS*** **AFTERNOON WITH ARTS** **DECATUR / PAW PAW** **C O M M U N I O N**

## **Presbyterian News**

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### **Aug 29 for Food, Fun & Fellowship**

All women of the Paw Paw and Decatur Presbyterian Church are invited to meet Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the Paw Paw Fellowship Hall for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. We will be sharing in a potluck dinner. PLEASE NOTE: hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and beverages will be provided. So bring a dish to share and your own table service and join the fun.

Hoping you can join this combined gathering starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 29th. This is the fifth Tuesday of the month. RSVPs are appreciated. Call or text Crecia Tiffany at 269-267-5417 to let us know if you can attend. If you have questions, call Jan Wilder, 269-352-1450.



Jan Wilder



In Portage

# Afternoon with the Arts:



## An Art Reception Featuring Artist Patrick Thomas and the Paw Paw Community Chorus

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Celebrate our local art and culture scene by attending a special art reception and concert featuring artist Patrick Thomas and the Paw Paw Community Chorus. The afternoon will begin with a short concert of choral melodies with the Paw Paw Community Chorus. Following the concert, guest artist Patrick Thomas will give a retrospective presentation about the art of pastel painting. Attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments, a special meet and greet with the artist, and an artist-guided gallery tour of the exhibit "Fleeting Moments: A Retrospective Exhibition of Pastel Paintings" to conclude the afternoon.



**Artist Bio:** The fusion of two unlikely bedfellows, a Medical Technologist/Microbiologist and a Pastel Artist, resulted in who is known as Patrick Thomas. His artistic inclinations manifested themselves very early in his life, though dormant during his formal paramedical education. Although known as a representational pastel landscape artist, his repertoire includes ancillary subjects: flowers, beach scenes, dunes, lighthouses, barns, some wildlife, a few human figures and still lifes. Because he was an art student himself, he developed a sensitivity to his students as the instructor in his own workshops and classes. He was a Charter Member of the Kalamazoo Area Pastel Society and was inducted into the Pastel Society of America.

The Paw Paw Community Chorus, a non-audition group, was formed in 2000, with Theresa Vaughn directing the group since 2003. The membership is made up of people from Paw Paw, Decatur, Gobles, Kalamazoo, Lawrence, Lawton, and Mattawan, who volunteer their talent and time to present a variety of music at both a Spring Concert and a Christmas Concert, as well as other opportunities on occasion. The concerts are always free to the public.

## Presbyterian Women – PRESS RELEASE!!!

Presbyterian Women of Paw Paw are back and getting excited about up and coming events!

We met for the first time since Covid at Jan Wilder's on July 12<sup>th</sup>. 25 women were present for the meeting and fellowship while enjoying ice cream sundaes.

New officers were elected, Marge McKee and Jan Ogden are go to be co-chairs. Nancy Beck was elected secretary, Frieda Durringer will remain as treasurer. Eleda will be the back-up treasurer and Susan Zygodlo will act as secretary back-up.

We voted to contribute \$5,275.28 to the General fund. A joint potluck with the women of Decatur is being planned. Women signed up to adopt one of the gardens around the church and plans for the fall plant sale were discussed.

We plan to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am, some evening meetings will be scheduled to accommodate for those unable to attend during the day.

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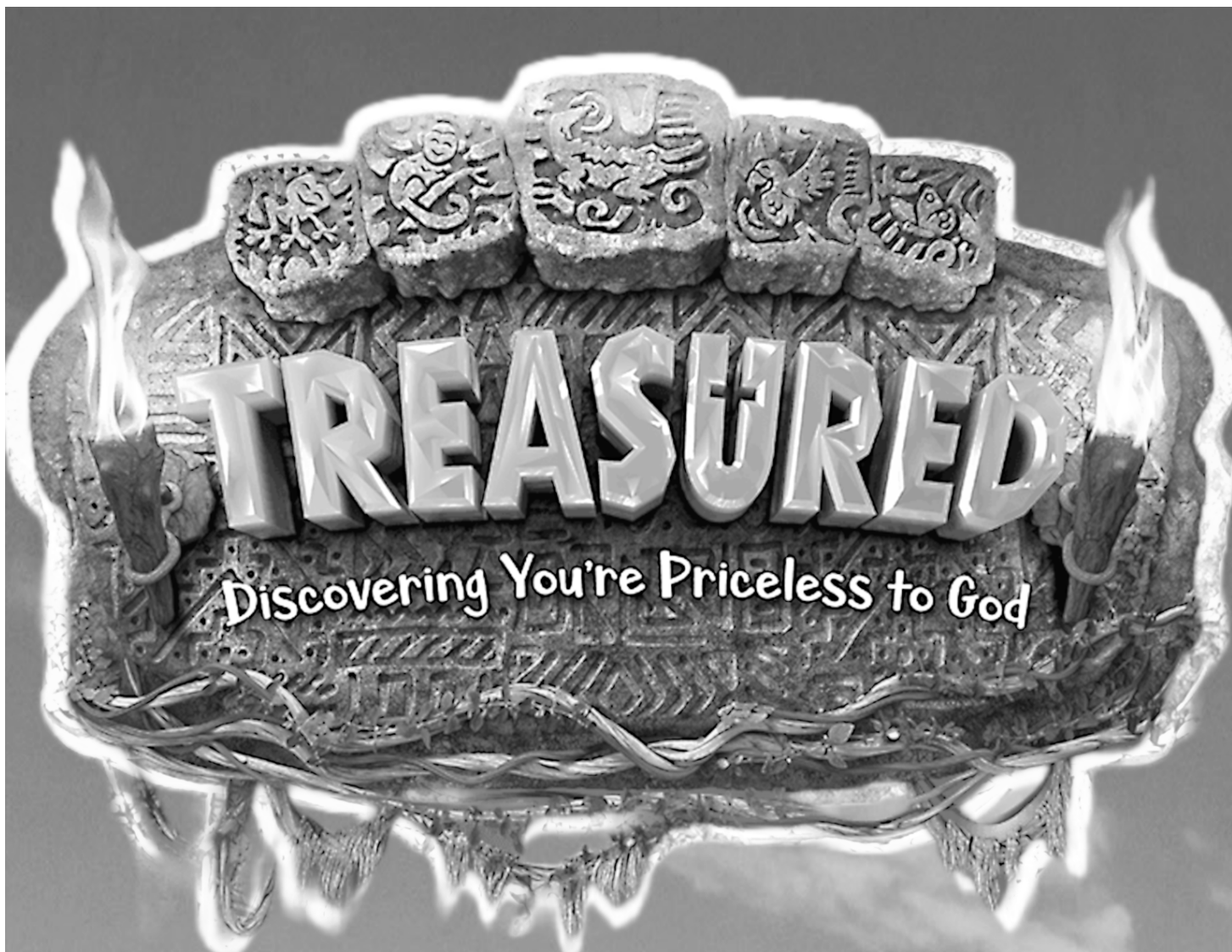
Hope to see you August 1<sup>st</sup>!

Marge McKee & Jan Ogden, co-chairs.



ShareNet now offers  
Holy Communion for  
those confined at home  
or in the hospital.

Contact Joan Pohl 269-655-6443 or Jan Wilder 269-352-1450



# **Vacation Bible School** **June 18 - Aug 27** **Sundays 11am to Noon**

**This year's Treasured Vacation Bible School runs every Sunday, June 18 to August 27, 2023 from 11 am to 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw. In this fun summer event kids discover God's greatest treasure is them! The event is packed with activities, catchy songs, and crafts. Middle and high schoolers invited too as leaders.**





Story time, collection, crafts,  
and activities with Treasured  
VBS at First Presbyterian  
Church of Paw Paw.

Pat Conner



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### What no calendar?

That's right no more calendar in the newsletter! Sorry. That's because you can always see the up-to-date church calendar at [pawpawpres.org/calendar](http://pawpawpres.org/calendar).

Chuck Williams

### AUG Anniversaries

8/2 Steve and Kathy McCloskey

8/4 Craig and Lynn Hess

8/10 Tom and Mary Ellen Smith

8/10 Wayne and Kathy Weisner

8/13 Ric and Danean Baker

8/20 Harold and Zoe Schuitmaker

### AUG Birthdays

8/3 Rick Boven

8/6 Kendall Welling

8/7 Rhonda Riegle

8/8 Amanda Conner

8/9 Gene Sahr

8/15 Crecia Tiffany

8/16 George Bolton

8/18 Eilene Summe

8/18 Debby Williams

8/20 Taryn Welling

8/22 Arianna Hamrick

8/26 Nancy Turk

8/29 Tammy Hulst

