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Heavenly Father, we lift up these people and ask for your healing touch on their lives.

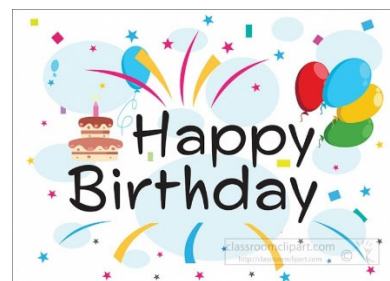


# Presby-Notes

Pat, Debbie E., Linda R., Deb P., Katie F., Terry, Kristen, Evie, Bob (terminal cancer), Brian, Linda P and her parents, Wendy (at Regency Livonia), Erin, Ava and her friend as they recover from an accident, and Nyssa

Continued prayers for members: our shut-ins including Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Lisa G., Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, and Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, Larry and Janice, and Gary Baker.

We also keep in our hearts those people who are suffering from diabetes and any life-long illnesses. We also pray for those who are addicted to drugs and their families trying to cope.



William Cowen	5-Sep
William Thompson	8-Sep
Carolyn Davidson	18-Sep
Mary McCullough	19-Sep
Gail Useted	22-Sep
Donald Tyson	25-Sep



## Fall

This is the period of time during which the shadows lengthen, and we find ourselves saying, “where did the summer go?” There is an oncoming crispness in the air and the co-mingling bittersweetness of putting the less structured days of summer behind us, and a sense of picking up where we left off.

For the church it means getting down to the business of going forward in the ministry God has called this congregation to.

With the Fall, the nominating committee begins the work of finding people to nominate as deacons and elders for the coming year. With new members having joined us in the past couple of years, the task changes from the previous dilemma: Where can we possibly find enough people willing to fill the vacancies? to their new challenge:

How can we identify those God has brought to our community to help lead us; new people who bring their experience and interests to enrich our own, new people to bring their gifts with ours to energize our on-going ministry? We are so blessed to be in this new reality!

In addition to elders and deacons, the church needs people willing to help with our children in the nursery or, occasionally, in the classroom at times.

Our fellowship/outreach committee does a great job of not only providing coffee each Sunday but is looking at implementing regular game nights to provide times of fun and relaxation together. They could use people willing to help on occasion. We encourage each person in our worshiping community to listen carefully for God’s prompting. Is there something you would like to do for the church, is there some gift you’d like to share?

On Sept 8, Rally Sunday we’ll have the chairs of the various committees available during coffee hour. Ask your questions, express your interests, share your ideas. It’s a joy and a blessing to contemplate the coming year as we join together in worship and praise and fellowship and mission. May we use the rich gifts God has provided to glorify and share his name and may we continue to sing:

*Here I am Lord,... I have heard you calling in the night,  
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Pastor Theda



Participation in the life of a church is serving God. If you would like to help on any of these teams, please let the church office know.

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team	Acolytes
09/01	Mary Deykes	2	2	Ava
09/08	John Peters	3	3	Darren
09/15	Susan Lerner	1	4	Emily
09/22	Carol Morgan	2	1	Imrielle
09/29	Debbie Eleson	3	2	Ava

**Leaders are needed as substitutes. If you are willing, please tell Carol**

Usher Teams	
Team 1	Jeff Teichman, Bill Cowen and Josh Beels
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Erik Domino, John Peters
Team 3	Chester Parys, Hawley Harmon, Chris Domino
Team 4	Pam Parys, Dennis Kapelanski, Malcolm McBryde
Counter Teams	
Team 1	John Bates, Tom Morgan
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Jeff Teichman, Erik Domino
Team 3	Carol Morgan, John Peters

Counters and Ushers are needed. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Jobs are not hard and can be done while you are here at church anyhow.

# WEEKLY meeting

Sunday Morning – 9A Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study

# MEETING

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## SESSION



September 19, 2024  
7:00P



## Deacon Ministry

September 12, 2024  
6:00P

Property Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	09/05	7P
Finance Committee	09/11	7P
Visioning Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month	7P
Christian Education	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month	7P



## Our Community Outreach Commitment

Radio Club	Third Tuesday of each month at 7P
AA Meetings	Monday 8P Tuesday 8P Wednesday 7P Thursday 7:30P Friday 8P Sunday 8P
Overeaters Anonymous	1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 1-2 PM
Scouts	Troop 77284 Monday 5:30P Troop 1841 off-site



## Session Highlights in July 2024 Carol Morgan, Bookkeeper

Income	Actual July	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	\$over/ (under) YTD
Pledge Giving	4947.23	63219.53	62347.81	871.72
Non-Pledge	2047.00	18497.41	14341.25	4156.16
Other General Fund Income	1712.13	12858.45	8156.23	4702.22
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>8706.36</b>	<b>95175.39</b>	<b>84845.29</b>	<b>10330.10</b>
Other Income (non-budget)	2093.00	20745.35		
<b>Total All Fund Income</b>	<b>10799.36</b>	<b>118013.74</b>	<b>84845.29</b>	<b>33168.45</b>
Expenses	Actual July	Actual 2024	Budget YTD	\$(over)/ under
General Fund Expense	15148.86	95886.54	91431.76	(4454.78)
Other Expense	1021.80	10102.47		
<b>Total All Fund Expense</b>	<b>16170.66</b>	<b>105989.01</b>	<b>91431.76</b>	<b>(14557.25)</b>
General Fund Net Profit/Loss	(6442.50)	(1311.15)	(6586.47)	(3686.48)
<b>All Fund Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>(5371.30)</b>	<b>11424.73</b>	<b>(6586.47)</b>	<b>(3686.48)</b>

\*\* Note from Bookkeeper: Our monthly pledge offering is not where it should be. As you can see, our monthly budget for pledges should be about \$8000 a month. We use our pledged amount to calculate our annual budget and to pay our bills. We recognize that summer always causes a shortfall because people are away from church and things happen to our personal budgets. We respectfully ask each of you that have pledged to prayerfully consider bringing your pledge up to date. Thank you.

- Nominating – the committee will be gathering soon to not only find a Deacon to replace Barb Keough and begin our search for the new class of officers.
- Personnel – mid-year reviews have been completed.
- Worship – In September, we will return to a common lectionary. September will be Rally Day. Invite your friends to come visit and consider joining us. September 29 will be a Hymn Sing Sunday
- Christian Education – we will meet soon to discuss new curriculum for the fall.
- Fellowship, Care & Outreach – always looking for coffee fellowship leaders.

- Mission – gearing up for the Crop Walk on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We should be receiving our pledge envelopes the beginning of September
- Visioning Committee – presented a revised Mission and Vision statements. Session approved.
- Other Business – a preview of the new directory was shared and approved.



**Board of Deacons  
No Meeting in July  
Malcolm McBryde, Secretary  
and Interim Treasurer**

Your deacons are gearing up this month to donate start-of-school backpacks to students in need in Garden City Public Schools. We're anticipating that we'll need up to 75 backpacks, which will contain grade-appropriate school supplies. Keep an eye on the church bulletin for items you can donate to this effort. We have scheduled a flu-shot clinic for Sept. 22 after church. Rite Aid no longer can help us with the clinic, but we've found a local pharmacist who is willing. We also are nearly ready to install our food blessing box near the John Hauk driveway. We intend the box to supplement our food-pantry work by making food available when the pantry isn't open. Thanks, Hawley Harmon, for building it! Finally, we spent a few minutes at our August meeting mourning the loss of Barb Keough, who was serving as our treasurer. She was an asset to the church and the deacons and was a friend to all. We'll miss her, and we commend her to the Lord. – Malcolm McBryde, for the Deacons