

*We a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.
We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.*

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- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
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VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.
We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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FROM THE SESSION

Safe Church & Disaster Preparedness; Mandatory Training:

Church Leaders, members and friends who are part of children and youth ministries are required to attend safety training on Sunday, August 26th following worship. Please plan to attend.

Plans for Pastor's Sabbatical: Rev. Lawson's Sabbatical is scheduled for May, June, and July of 2019. Her focus will be on education, family and self-care.

FROM PRESBYTERY

September Presbytery Meeting:



The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, PCUSA Stated Clerk, will be our preacher and facilitator at the next presbytery meeting scheduled for **Thursday,**

September 20th in Tawas. All are invited. Here's a little about our stated clerk.

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the largest Reformed denomination in the United States. He

was elected at the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland, Oregon.

The son, grandson, and nephew of Presbyterian pastors, Nelson is the first African American to lead the denomination, which has a 300-year history in the U.S. As Stated Clerk his duties include interpreting assembly actions, representing the church on various denominational and ecumenical councils, witnessing on behalf of the church to social justice issues, and making statements as directed by an assembly.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many thanks to the nearly 25 people who helped make our Trip Around the World a success. We had 19 children attend each day and they were excited to be here. In our visit to the Philippines, Peru and Zimbabwe, we learned about the country and their flag and made crafts pertaining to the region. Dr. Goodman and Ms. Moore helped them learn "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish and, Zimbabwe they learned to sign "In Christ there is no East or West." Mary Krist and Jeri Taylor fed us great food each night, and Sharon Burton came up with the crafts. The Bolduc men were the game guys and a favorite stop each day. Thank you to all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin on September 9th. The children will begin class after the offering. Their class will end at 11:30 – 11:45. Adult Class will be held after worship until 12:00. Make plans to attend and encourage others.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2018 Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women Trinity United PW Was There

The Church-wide Gathering was held in Louisville, Kentucky on August 2-5, 2018. The Galt House, on the banks of the Ohio River was the headquarters for lodging, worship, and workshops. Sharon Auger, Ernestine Jackson, Georgia McCall and Phyllis Scales participated in the worship services, the Horizons Bible Study Introductions, local tours, a peace and justice march, and the Synod of the Covenant Luncheon. Georgia McCall is the Lake Huron voting representative at the business meeting which took place on August 1, 2018.

The theme for the Gathering was "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come" taken from Isaiah 60:1. The 2018 Church-wide Gathering will give each participant an opportunity to share ideas and interests and to renew and make new friends. We look forward to giving you a report of what happened at the 2018 Church-wide Gathering. Stay tuned!!

The fall season is close and the three PW groups will start in September. We encourage you to become involved in any or all three.

Sarah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 11th at 6pm. This group is actively working with a woman's shelter and the House of Esther, and will continue to do so.

Grandparent's Group meets the 3rd Wednesday at 10am and their first adventure will be a visit to the Eastern Market in Detroit. This will also be a planning meeting to set plans for the new Fall/Winter year. Come and help plan and enjoy lunch.

The Naomi Circle meets the 4th Wednesday at 10:30am. This group has a Bible Study and meeting, then they go out for lunch. We'd love to have more attending.

Georgia McCall is moderator of Lake Huron PW, Ernestine Jackson serves as the Search Committee Chair, and Sharon Auger is the South Area Representative.

MISSION CO-WORKERS



(This photo was taken at the 223rd General Assembly where Rev. Lawson met up with Cathy, Juan and Auriele at the GA World Missions Luncheon)

News from Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, our mission co-workers in the Philippines: *During these first two years of mission service, our family gratefully received your prayers and financial support. This funding is vital for our family. Please continue in your prayers and financial contributions.*

In addition, you have a new opportunity to provide financial gifts that will

strengthen partnership and solidarity with migrant workers and human trafficking victims. Please consider adding your gifts to support the actual programs and services rendered through various partners like Migrante International, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, and Pastor Marie Sol Villalon. You may contribute to these programs directly online or via mail.

To give online, please visit:

www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/eO52147/. On the comments line on the billing information page, please enter "Migrant Workers/Human Trafficking Victims."

If donating by mail, please write "E052147-Migrant Workers/Human Trafficking Victims" on your check's memo line. Thank you for partnering with us in God's mission. *Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez*

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- Aug 13 Personnel Team at 11am
- Aug 13 Finance Team at 1pm
- Aug 17 Soup Kitchen from 2-5pm
- Aug 19 Deacons Mtg. after worship
- Aug 20 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Aug 23 Nominating at 3:30pm
- Aug 26 Safety & Disaster Training
- Aug 28 Game Day at 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 3 Office Closed – Labor Day
- Sep 4 Music Workshop mtg. at 3:30
- Sep 7 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Sep 10 Personnel Team at 11am
- Sep 10 Finance Team at 1pm
- Sep 10 Membership Team at 4pm
- Sep 11 Sarah Circle at 6pm

- Sep 12 GFCC at Noon
- Sep 16 Deacons Mtg. after worship
- Sep 19 Grandparents at 10am
- Sep 20 Presbytery Mtg./Tawas
- Sep 21 Soup Kitchen from 2-5pm
- Sep 25 Game Day at 1pm
- Sep 26 Naomi Circle at 10:30am

SAVE THE DATE

- Oct 4-6 Music Workshop
- Oct 20 PW Fall Gathering

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

- 2 Sydney Graham
- 5 Lynwood Barry
- 10 Barbara Shackelford
- 11 Grace Tucker
- 16 Buffy Wier
- 18 Gwen Barney
- 22 Sharon Burton

August Anniversaries

- 28 Cleatus & Kathy Henderson

September Birthdays

- 6 Catherine Ainsworth
- 10 Anne Shoup
- 11 Yewande Adigun
- 15 Janet Hartzell
- 21 Christine Cook
- 21 Ernestine Jackson
- 22 Tim Graham
- 24 Sharon Auger
- 28 Undrea Fischer
- 29 Jill Bolduc
- 30 Ron Auger
- 30 Debbie Deming

September Anniversaries

- 18 Jerry & Jan Kamrath

If you have a submission for the October-November *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at revlawsond@yahoo.com by no later than September 24, 2018. Thank you.