

First Presbyterian Church of Alma

A Note from Rev. Katrina

September 2025



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Every September my friend, Dr. Marcus Hong, who also teaches at Louisville Seminary (and is an Alma grad - go Scots!) creates a list of prompts that include a Psalm for every day of the month. He calls it "Psalmtember" and invites anyone who is interested to join him in following along. Each day you are invited to draw, color, write, or meditate on the Psalm or word listed below. I've done this for a few years now and have found this to be a great spiritual practice. You might remember that I put it in the newsletter last year, and thought I would do it again.

You don't have to be an artist, and your pictures/poems/art do not need to be perfect. They are meant for a meditation to bring you closer to God. I hope you'll consider participating, and let me know if you do! I'd love to hear your feedback.

PSALMTEMBER 2025

Sep 1	Ps 91	DWELLING	Sep 16	Ps 106	WILDERNESS
Sep 2	Ps 92	MELODY	Sep 17	Ps 107	WANDER
Sep 3	Ps 93	ROARING	Sep 18	Ps 108	CLOUDS
Sep 4	Ps 94	DISCIPLINE	Sep 19	Ps 109	GAUNT
Sep 5	Ps 95	KNEEL	Sep 20	Ps 110	DEW
Sep 6	Ps 96	SPLENDOR	Sep 21	Ps 111	CONGREGATION
Sep 7	Ps 97	WAX	Sep 22	Ps 112	UPRIGHT
Sep 8	Ps 98	JUDGE	Sep 23	Ps 113	HEAP
Sep 9	Ps 99	PILLAR	Sep 24	Ps 114	SKIP
Sep 10	Ps 100	PASTURE	Sep 25	Ps 115	IDOLS
Sep 11	Ps 101	HAUGHTY	Sep 26	Ps 116	BOUNTY
Sep 12	Ps 102	OWL	Sep 27	Ps 117	EXTOL
Sep 13	Ps 103	EAGLE	Sep 28	Ps 118	BEEES
Sep 14	Ps 104	GARMENT	Sep 29	Ps 119	LAMP
Sep 15	Ps 105	STRANGERS	Sep 30	Ps 120	COALS

HOOKS AND NEEDLES

**Want to learn to knit or crochet?
Or looking for an hour out of your schedule
To devote to creating and chatting?**



**Join us as we relax with crafty Alma College students
Begins August 26, 2025
Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Alma College Chapel basement (elevator available)**

**Welcoming beginners to advanced crafters.
Come every week or as your schedule allows.**



Questions? Email: pekich-bundy@alma.edu



**9-8 Joanne Allman
9-11 Molly Remsberg
9-15 Charles Hicks
9-25 Ben White
9-30 Tamanda Store**



**9-4 Roger & Joanne Allman
9-14 Rich Frutiger & Sara Wassenaar
9-15 Jimm & Carlene Lyon
9-15 Les & Carol Rosan
9-29 Ray & Kathy Simcox**

Please Note:

If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary Listed on your Month it is because you did not update your information for the Church Directory at the beginning of the year and we do not have the information on file.

Coffee Hour



SEPTEMBER

07 Tim and Anne Lambrecht, Denise and Chris Murray
14 Welcome Back Luncheon DFCL
21 Sue Malone, Joyce and Jeff Elsea
28 Ron and Marsha Turner, Deb and Mark Jewell

OCTOBER

05 Les and Carol Rosan, Mona Hirson
12 Values Discussion, DFCL
19 Sue and Bobby Deel, Darcy Hodges
26 Michael Selmon, Sarah Horn

NOVEMBER

02 Joanne and Roger Allman, Doug and Angie Ballard
09 Carlene and Jimm Lyon
16 Nick and Jeri Piccolo, Sheryle Dixon
23 Bryan and Susan Dinwoody, Melanie Kimball
30 Tincy and Topher Goggin, Mary Hurley

DECEMBER

07 Art of Christmas, DFCL
14 Chuck and Julie Fortino, Julie Frick
21 Sue Malone, Sue Beckett
24 Christmas Eve, Deacons for Parish Care
28 Joyce and Jeff Elsea, Kathy Smith





SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Labor Day 1 Office Closed	2 1:30pm Food Pantry 6:30 Hooks and Needles	3 10:30am Personnel	4 5:30pm Community Café	5	6 11am Barb Marble's Funeral
7 9:30am Bible Study	8	9 1:30pm Food Pantry 6:30 Hooks and Needles	10	10:30am 11 Outreach 5:30pm Community Café	12	13
Choir 14 11:30 Welcome Back Luncheon Fellowship Hall	15	Presbytery 16 1:30pm Food Pantry 4:30 Outreach 6:30 Hooks and Needles	17	5:30pm 18 Community Café	19	20
9:30am Bible 21 Study 	22 6:30 Session	23 1:30pm Food Pantry 6:30 Hooks and Needles	24	5:30pm 25 Community Café	26	27
Choir 28	29	30 No food pantry				



Rummage Sale Thanks!

We held a successful rummage sale at the end of July and cleared a little over \$2100 which will be used to support the programing of the church. And thanks to all who donated and shopped! I would especially like to thank the following individuals: Ann

Baker, Jan Davis, Sue Deel, Bobby Deel, Parker Deel, Joyce Elsea, Jeff Elsea, Sally Geuder, Tadd Godfrey, Topher Goggin, Melanie Kimball, Carlene Lyon, Jimm Lyon, Sue Malone, Matthew Midgett, Jeri Piccolo, Nick Piccolo, Dave Pitts, Katrina Pekich-Bundy, Carol Rosan, Les Rosan, and Michael Selmon.

The remaining items from the rummage sale were left for Community Cafe participants, and taken to Dream Works in Ithaca, and Goodwill in Mt. Pleasant.

Sarah Horn



Start saving those mittens and hats

We will, again, have a mitten tree along Superior Street in December for ***Come Home to Alma for the Holidays!*** Start setting aside mittens and hats for people of all ages so we can give them out during the festivities.



If you want to learn to knit or crochet, come to Hooks and Needles! If you want company while you create, come to Hooks and Needles!



Introducing,,,

Our return to the Sanctuary for worship heralds our return to having the choir serenade us with their musical contributions. Marilee Mouser is our Choir Director and has the responsibility to enhance the congregation's experience of worship and praise through music leadership. She provides an opportunity for members of the congregation and any interested persons in the community to be part of a ministry of music for worship. Everyone is welcome in choir. There is no music reading requirement because Marilee will teach how to read! Marilee is well prepared to do this for us having an extensive background in music. She was born and raised in Ithaca but left to pursue her graduate education in California. Marilee earned her Master of Arts degree in Conducting at California State University Long Beach and her PhD in Historical Musicology at the University of California in Santa Barbara. She remained for 20 years to teach at UCSB in addition to being responsible for two different churches' music programs when the pull to return to Ithaca brought her and her two children, Christian and Elizabeth, home to Michigan. Prior to joining us at First Pres, she established a private vocal studio and, in addition, directed the music program of First Methodist Church in Lansing. Marilee is an avid reader and always has two books going at the same time. She is a "pet momma" to 2 cats, Miss Kitty, named after the saloon owner in Gunsmoke, and Peaches; and to 2 dogs, Little Bear who is struggling with complications from aging, and Teddy, who is a brother of Pastor's new puppy. For non-musical relaxation, Marilee has a glorious flower garden and is enjoying her fresh vegetables. She is accomplished in needlework and we are hoping she will bring her crocheting expertise to Hooks & Needles on occasion! We'll end this with one of her favorite quotes: "Why do I sing? Because it increases my joys and diminishes my sorrows."

