IRON RIVER—On Saturday, Sept. 29, at 8:30 a.m., the PW Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual fall rummage and bake sale in Fellowship Hall.

"Along with all the rummage items, a coffee café will be set up so you can have our wonderful special, a cinnamon roll and coffee for only $1. You will be able to shop in comfort and enjoy some homemade goodies at the same time," said Marilyn Budzak.

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"We are reminding our members to get their items and baked goods down to the church by Friday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. Baked goods may be in the morning by 9 a.m.

"We will have something for everyone—books galore, toys for the kids, lots of kitchenware, folding chairs, knick knacks, bedding, glass ware, small appliances, furniture for a child's room, trunks and lots and lots of intriguing other things."

The sale will last until noon, said Budzak.

"Rain or shine, we will be there and usually have some specials going on just before closing. Be sure to come and see what that will be. Tell your friends and neighbors."

Also, everyone is reminded it's getting time for the "Operation Christmas Child—Shoe Box Project." This is sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse, "and our church participates every year. If you wish to fill a box for a needy child, just come to the side entrance of our church or up to the Bike Shop in Iron River heights. It is the most wonderful way to say 'Merry Christmas' to a child who never had a gift before or even knew that others cared about them."

The boxes go to boys and girls, ages 2 through 14. They break down into three categories – ages 2-5, 6-9, and 10-14.

"We usually have items at church to help you fill a box if you aren't able to. We are hoping the other churches in the area, the Scouts and many youth groups will join us in helping these poor kids who have so very little.

"It costs $7 to send a box on its way; and so on Thursday, Oct. 25, we will have a spaghetti dinner to raise the money needed."

Adults and take-outs are $7 and kids under 12 are $3.50.

Those who can't fill a box are invited to come for dinner and send one on its way, said Budzak.

The shoe boxes will be here the first week in October, she said.

"If you need extra items for your box, come and see what we have to help. Get a friend, family member or neighbor to get into the spirit of a little early Christmas cheer. The boxes must be on their way by Nov. 9, so be sure to bring your boxes to the church by that date.

"But 'first things first,' be sure to come to the rummage and sale on Saturday, Sept. 29. We will have the 'light on for you.'"