

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 25, 2024

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will take place today following worship. The Nominating Committee will be presenting two additional nominees for the Board of Deacons. The Annual Report is done and copies are available for pick up this Sunday.
- There will be no **Adult Spiritual Growth** class today due to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation taking place after worship.
- The next **Women's Association Craft and Lunch** will be Tuesday, February 27, at 10:30. The cost is \$5.00 for materials. Lunch is provided. Contact Gladys Welker or Debbie Shellenbarger or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.
- The **Mission Committee invites you to attend a panel discussion** at the East Lansing Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The discussion, entitled "How Did We Get Here?" and moderated by Prince Solace, President of the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan, will address the topic of the racial wealth equity gap and reparations for the descendants of enslaved African Americans. Reservations recommended at <https://bit.ly/ELPL-RSVP>.
- Our church sponsored **Boy Scout Troop will be having a pancake breakfast** on March 9th, from 8-11 AM at the Masonic Hall. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance (contact a Scout).
- There will be a **Game Night** in the church dining room for adults and children at 6 pm on Saturday, March 9th. Tacos will be served.
- **Upper Room devotionals** for March/April are available at each entrance.

- The **Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement Task Force** (members: Jenny Bond, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Mari Nicol, and Monte Shuck (we welcome more members!)) was formed to address the issue of racial inequality within our church, our community and beyond. They have begun work on several fronts:

- * As mandated by the Presbyterian Church (USA), they have developed an Antiracism statement, which will be available for your review and comment, and, once completed, will be adopted by Session.
- * Performing research on the racial makeup and history of our community.
- * Begun development of racial issue education for our congregation.
- * Requested the purchase of several books on race and racial issues for the Church library.

They acknowledge that race, discrimination, racism, and white supremacy are not comfortable terms and do not make for easy conversations. But, as proclaimed in the PC(USA) Antiracism statement (and included in ours, as well): "Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, we must stand against, speak against, and work against racism. Antiracist effort is not optional for Christians, it is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ."

- The Deacons are starting a **new collection for the Food Bank**. Items currently needed include 16 oz. peanut butter, applesauce, crackers, canned tuna, chicken noodle and tomato soup (10 oz), and any size cans of hearty soup. Please bring donations to the table in the Memorial Room. Thank you!

- **Mason Community Services** is in its third year of being a tax site to serve families struggling to make ends meet. Residents can get their taxes done for free by trained volunteers. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board outside the office.

- Thanks to a generous donor, our church will once again be offering a **free week of summer camp** at Camp Greenwood (campgreenwood.org) to all our church youth and one friend each. *Important:* to receive the free week of camp, parents must register their child by *calling the camp* at (616) 754-7258. This is a change from previous years because there were too many times when discount codes were not entered properly!

- **Join us for dinner** each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! You don't need to bring any food. Donations are appreciated.