

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 5, 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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- **If you need gluten-free bread for communion**, please pick it up from the table at the rear of the sanctuary before worship or during a hymn.
- This Sunday following worship, the **Adult Sunday School** class is discussing How to Talk About Faith Without Getting Personal (Part 2).
- The **memorial service for Kathleen Miihlbach** will be held on Tuesday, May 7 (her birthday), at 11:00 am at the church. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 9:30 am.
- **The Winsome Women Retreat** will be on May 8-9, 2024, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Petoskey, Michigan. Speakers include: Karen Ehman, Susie Larson, and Tasha Layton. If you are interested in attending, talk to Michelle Mackey. for more information and to get registered. We have funds available from a generous donor to cover the cost of registration and hotel for all interested ladies.
- Mason First Presbyterian Church offers **higher education scholarships**. The scholarships are awarded annually to individuals who plan to continue their education beyond the high school level. Each year the Finance Committee recommends the total award amount to Session for approval. The Session also approves Scholarship Commission members who will convene to review the applications and determine the award amount for each applicant. In addition to investment income, the scholarship awards depend on donations from individuals. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarships for 2024, please do so prior to May 15th.
- The **Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement Task Force's** next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

- The **obituary for Fred Greene** (Lucinda Davenport's husband), who passed away in January, is online at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/dewitt-mi/frederic-greene-11646023>. Our apologies for not sharing this sooner (we somehow did not see it when it was published).

- **Heartland Hospice** is looking for volunteers. Contact Mark Dehetre, Volunteer Coordinator at 517/244-0404.

- **Upper Room devotionals** for May/June are available at each entrance.
- 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!

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Ongoing opportunities

- **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.
- On Wednesdays from 10:30 to about 11:00 am, volunteers pack **sack lunches to be delivered to Advent House**. New helpers are welcome!
- **Prayer Fellowship** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a rich time of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.
- Ladies in the church who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join the **Yarners**, which meet on 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon, via Zoom. They make dish cloths/washcloths for the Christmas baskets; hats, scarves, and headbands for the Coat Drive; and prayer shawls for ailing church members. Contact Mary Torrey for more info.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a liturgist?** Talk to Pastor Bill!
- **Interested in serving periodically as a greeter?** See Jane Hamelink.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a communion server?** See Jane Hamelink. In accordance with PC(USA) policy, only members of the church are allowed to serve communion.
- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Thanks!