

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 7, 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.
- **The congregation is invited to a lily garden party** on Sunday, July 14, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, at the home of Jane Hamelink and Ron Dlouhy, 271 Holt Road, Williamston. The iris garden party earlier this summer was lovely; now it's the lilies' turn! Call Jane at (517) 897-1999 with questions.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held at the Methodist Church on July 16, 17, and 18 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. It's called Camp Firelight. Register online at [masonfirstumc.org](http://masonfirstumc.org). For more information, please contact Lori Filka.
- **Bill had ankle surgery on June 11.** He is currently primarily working from home (with his foot elevated) and is available by phone, text, and email. He will not be able to drive until late July. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these challenging times!
- **Sally Hughes is currently volunteering in the office** most weekday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am to answer the phone, check the church email account, and greet people who come in. Thank you to Sally for her invaluable assistance!
- **Ginnie Gibson is currently serving as the church's Temporary Financial Secretary** in Sheren's absence. Please submit all receipts needing reimbursement and all orange voucher forms to her. For questions pertaining to your contributions please contact Sandy Diehl, who is currently recording contributions and overseeing the money counting process. Thank you to Ginnie and Sandy for their invaluable assistance!

- **The Deacons are starting another collection for the Mason Food Bank.** Items currently needed: Spaghetti pasta, hearty soups, low-sugar cereals, white rice, tuna fish, ketchup, and mustard. Bring your contributions to the table in the Memorial Room Thank you!
- Deacons are in need of empty, plastic cottage cheese or yogurt containers to use for the **sanctuary flowers** on Sunday mornings. Please leave them on the counter across from the upstairs kitchen. Thank you!
- **Heartland Hospice** is looking for volunteers. Contact Mark Dehetre, Volunteer Coordinator at 517/244-0404.
- Thanks to a generous donor, our church will once again be offering a **free week of summer camp** at Camp Greenwood ([campgreenwood.org](http://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.
- **The July/August issue of *The Upper Room* daily devotional** (regular or large print) is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. (Free!)

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### Ongoing opportunities

- 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!