

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15, 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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- **Welcome to our new staff members!** Frances Miller is our new Financial Secretary. Le Ji (“Claire”) is our new Choral Worship Accompanist. We are very blessed!
- **We will be conducting interviews for a new Office Manager tomorrow.** We are also receiving applications for an additional musician who can play the organ and provide service music. Your continued prayers are appreciated!
- **The Adult Sunday School Class** will be watching the first episode of Season 4 of *The Chosen* this morning at 11:30 am in the library with a brief discussion following. Join us as we watch this captivating series of Jesus’ ministry. Episode 1: An intoxicating dance leads Herod to put an end to John the Baptizer, but no one can stop what or who he’s ushered in.
- Issie Nielsen has polar fleece to donate and is looking for folks to **help make simple hats for the coat drive** in October. She will need someone to cut out hats, one or two to fringe the top of hats, and others to sew hats. Dark green, red, gray, or white threads will work. If you can help on Wednesday, September 25th from 10 am until 12:30 pm in the large classroom on the main floor of the church, please text her at 517-676-5210 to let her know which part you can help with. Thank you!
- **Welcome Back to Members and Friends!** Parish Life is hosting a Welcome Back Potluck Dinner immediately after worship on Sunday, September 29th to be held in the downstairs Dining Room. This will be a good time to enjoy fellowship with one another after the summer vacation and as fall activities begin.
- **Pastor Bill greatly appreciates all the prayers and well-wishes** with his recent series of medical issues resulting from complications following his ankle surgery this summer. It’s been a very rough road!

- Join us for **dinner each Wednesday night** at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! Dinner is open to the whole church and you don’t need to bring any food. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the food expenses; the cost to hold these dinners has increased. Thank you!

- **The Presbytery of Lake Michigan will be hosting a study** of *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by Rev. Dr. William Yoo. The study will be held both in-person (at the Presbytery office in Portage) and by Zoom, and it will be on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm from September 30 through November 4 (excluding October 28). Rev. Dr. Fran Lane Lawrence, our Executive Presbyter / Stated Clerk, will lead the discussion. Advance registration is required. Dr. Yoo will be speaking at Peoples Church in East Lansing on November 11 and 12. More information is available here: <https://lakemichiganpresbytery.org/2024/08/15/join-us-for-a-book-study-focusing-on-what-kind-of-christianity-by-rev-dr-william-yoo/>

- **The Deacons are collecting coats, hats, gloves, mittens, boots and scarves.** Please put them in the box in the closet in the Memorial room. They will be given away in October.

- The **Security Team** is looking for new members that can help out on Wonderful Wednesdays. Anyone interested can email Tim Hammond.

- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone newsletter* to Nancy Sue MacDonald at [nancy@masonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nancy@masonpresbyterian.org).

- **The September/October 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 10:15 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.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a liturgist?** Talk to Pastor Bill!
- **Interested in serving periodically as a greeter?** See Jane Hamelink.
- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.