

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 22, 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!
- **Interviews for a new Office Manager** were conducted this past week. Stay tuned for an announcement in the not-too-distant future! 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 second 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 2: Jesus founds his church on unholy ground and Simon goes public with Jesus’ true identity, getting a new name in the process. But can the new “Peter” forgive old wrongs?
- 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.

- Boy Scout Troop 763 is taking orders for the **Thanksgiving/Christmas wreaths**. The cost is \$25 for a 22” diameter fresh fir wreath. See Luke or Andrew Mackey, Bruce Archer, or sign up on the order form outside the office. Approximately 90 wreaths are available and they will be delivered before Thanksgiving.
- Our national church has urged us to deepen our roles as peacemakers, to study together, to reach out in our community, and challenge our ways of thinking about partisan contention, war, militarism, and gun violence. The **Oct 6 collection for peacemaking** keeps 25% for local ministries. Please earmark a check with Peacemaking, or put your contribution in an envelope marked the same. For more information contact Rex Hauser/the Mission Committee. Thank you.
- The **Deacons are collecting food** for the Mason Food Bank. Items currently needed: macaroni and cheese, tuna, peanut butter, canned corn, canned peas, chunky/hearty soups, and chicken noodle soup. Bring your contributions to the table in the Memorial Room by October 12. Thank you!
- **Pastor Bill had a great appointment** with his physical therapist on Tuesday and is back on the road to recovery again. Thank you for the prayers!
- **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.
- 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!