

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 6, 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!** Jessica Tessman is our new Office Manager. Jess Weber is our new Financial Secretary. Le Ji (“Claire”) is our new Choral Worship Accompanist. We are very blessed!
- We are also receiving **applications for an additional musician** who can play the organ and provide service music. Your continued prayers are appreciated!
- A request from our new Financial Secretary: please be sure to put **first and last name on receipts** when you need reimbursement. Thank you!
- **Name tags are coming back!** We used to use name tags on Sunday mornings to help us remember people’s name, and we fell out of the habit. With so many new people joining us in the last few years, we are bringing them back. Sheren had started updating the name tags before she passed, and Jessica is currently completing the job. Soon we will be inviting you to pick up your name tag from the table in the Memorial Room, wear it on Sunday, and then put it in one of the two name tag racks. There is a name tag rack at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary, so please store your name tag at whichever entrance you use more frequently. Please do not return your name tag to the table in the Memorial Room. If you would prefer to use a lanyard rather than a clip, we will have a supply of lanyards available on the table. Thank you!
- 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.
- **Remembrance Sunday** will be November 3. We will be remembering beloved souls who passed away between 10/1/23 through 9/30/24. Please submit names on the bulletin board outside the office by October 20.

- 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.

- October is the month where financial planning for the next year is underway, and a critical component of that is knowing the financial commitment of our members and friends. You will soon be receiving your **pledge card for 2025**, and you are asked to return it as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, October 29. If you have not received it by the end of the first week in October, please contact the church ASAP. If you have any questions about the financial aspects of your church, or the importance of your financial commitment, please contact Finance Chair Jerry Ambrose, any member of the Finance Committee, any member of the Session, or Pastor Bill Pinches. Thank you for your commitment to our church, not only in your financial commitment, but in your participation in the life of our church, be it through attending and participating in services and lessons, singing in the choir, reaching out to those in need, and supporting the many activities which provide help to those in need!

- **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 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!

- **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.