

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 13, 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. Please keep praying!
- A request from our new Financial Secretary: please be sure to put **first and last name on receipts** when you need reimbursement. Thank you!
- **Donors should have received a third quarter contribution statement.** If there are errors, please contact Sandy Diehl. Also, offering envelopes for 2024 for several households are in the Memorial Room.
- The **Adult Sunday School Class** will be watching the third 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 3: When Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath, religious leaders confront him, drawing a riotous crowd. Gaius defies a direct order leading Quintus to take matters—and someone’s life—into his own hands.
- 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. 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.
- **The Deacons are collecting coats, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, new socks, and scarves.** Please put them in the box in the closet in the Memorial room. The last day for donations is Sunday, October 20. They will be given away in October. Thank you for your generosity!

- The **Rummage Sale** scheduled for this week has been postponed. A revised date will be announced sometime later on.
- 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 should have received a **pledge card for 2025**. Please return it as soon as possible, no later than Sunday, October 29. If you have not received it, 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!
- **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 have a supply of lanyards available on the table. For safety reasons, we are not making name tags for anyone under the age of 18. Thank you!
- The Mission Committee has informed us that The Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan is hosting a **Fall Celebration** on November 8 from 5 to 7 pm at the MSUFCU Community Room, Coolidge Road, East Lansing. The special guest speaker is the new Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). For more information, go to www.JusticeLeagueGLM.org.
- 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!
- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone newsletter* to Nancy Sue MacDonald at nancy@masonpresbyterian.org.