

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 27, 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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- **Name tags are back!** We are inviting you to pick up your name tag from the table in the Memorial Room, wear it on Sunday, and then store it in one of the two name tag racks. There is a name tag rack at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary; please store your name tag at the 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, a supply of lanyards is available on the table. For safety reasons, we are not making name tags for anyone under the age of 18. Thank you!
- The Bridge Builders For Racial Atonement Task Force invites you to view a shortened (45-50 min.) version of the video **“They Even Took The Dirt”** in the Sanctuary after worship **TODAY**. This documentary shows what life was like in the vibrant Black neighborhood in Lansing that was wiped out by Interstate 496 in the late 1960s. There will be light refreshments, and childcare if needed. Please join us. Thank you!
- You should have received a **pledge card for 2025**. Please return it as soon as possible, ideally **TODAY**. 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!
- Save the date for **UKirk’s fall trivia night!** Friday, November 1 from 7-9 pm at the Okemos Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$20 a per person. This is such fun event and all the money goes to support UKirk at MSU. Questions? Ask Sarah Fay-Koutz 517-927-2594

- 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.
- **Rev. Dr. William Yoo** will be coming to East Lansing to deliver the Larzelere lecture at The Peoples Church on Sunday, November 10 at 1 pm. His talk is titled “Striving and Struggling for a More Perfect Faith and a More Perfect Union: The Past, Present, and Future of Racism and American Christianity.” On Sunday afternoon at 4 pm (following the Larzelere lecture), the Presbyterian Church of Okemos will host a discussion with William about his book “What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church.”
- The next meeting of the **Bridge Builders task force** is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:15 pm in the library.
- The **fall yard and garden clean-up** will commence at 9 AM on Saturday, November 16. The church has some yard tools but you are welcome to bring your own. Any further questions, contact Greg Lang or Bruce Archer.
- **Thank you very much for your contribution to the Deacon’s food drive.** On October 16, we donated 141 pounds worth of food to the Food Bank!
- The Deacons are collecting items for this year’s **Christmas Family project**. Here is a list of the non-perishable items we will be collecting. As we get closer to Christmas, we will announce some of the remaining perishable items to be collected. Spaghetti noodles, ready rice, canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter, strawberry jam, apple sauce jars, instant potatoes, cheerios, corn Chex, Ritz crackers/generic brand, cans of soup, Hershey’s miniatures candy, liquid hand soap – soft soap pump bottle, and bottled dish soap.
- **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 available stock of **Thanksgiving/Christmas wreaths** from Boy Scout Troop 763 has been committed to orders for delivery prior to Thanksgiving. See Bruce Archer if you wish to be on a waiting list should there be any changes to orders.
- **Welcome to our new staff members** Jessica Tessman (Office Manager), Jess Weber (Financial Secretary), and Le Ji (“Claire”) (Choral Worship Accompanist). We are very blessed!