

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2, 2025

- **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.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.
- **If you need gluten-free bread for communion**, please pick it up from the table at the rear of the sanctuary before worship or during a hymn.

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- A ten-week discussion of the book **The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy** by bestselling author Jim Wallis (the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Chair in Faith and Justice at Georgetown University) continues today at 11:30 am in the multipurpose room in the back wing of the church. Pastor Bill leads the discussion. Today: Chapter 4: “Lies That Demand Our Loyalty,” focusing on John 8:32.
- **There will be no book study today on *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brene Brown.** It will be continued next week.
- Delta Presbyterian Church in Lansing and the First Presbyterian Church of Dimondale are inviting all Presbyterians in the area to come to a **Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner** on Tuesday, March 4, between 5:30 and 7:30 pm at the Dimondale church (162 Bridge Street, Dimondale). They are requesting a \$20 donation per person; all proceeds will be given to Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Services, whose federal funding was eliminated within the past few weeks.
- **Ash Wednesday**, which marks the beginning of Lent, is on Wednesday, March 5. Join us for a brief worship service including communion and the imposition of ashes, at 12:00 noon in the Chapel or at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room. The services will be identical. The 6:00 service will be followed by our Lenten Meal, a simple dinner of soup, bread, cheese, and fruit. Donations for the meal are appreciated. All are welcome.

- Mason Community Services is offering **VITA—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**. If your household income is \$67,000 or less, call 313/591-0822 and schedule a time to come in!
- **The Deacons are taking up a new collection for the Food Bank.** Items currently needed are: canned corn, canned red kidney beans, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, rice side dishes, au gratin potatoes, scalloped potatoes, and low sugar cereals. Please bring donations to the table in the memorial room. The end date for this collection is April 13 (Palm Sunday). See Bill Leutscher for more details. Thank you!
- **Thank you very much for your contributions to the Deacons’ food drive.** We just donated 142 pounds worth of food to the Food Bank!
- The Liturgical Arts committee will be **preparing the sanctuary for Holy Week** on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am and on Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 am. Volunteers who would like to participate will be welcomed with open arms.
- **Has your name tag found a home yet?** There are still many name tags on the table in the Memorial Room that need to be placed in one of the name tag racks near the entrances to the Sanctuary. We would like to encourage you to place your own name tag on one of those racks, so that you will know where to find it. We made name tags for every active member (over the age of 18), and also for numerous other people whom we see regularly. If your name tag hasn’t found a home yet, please help it find a home!
- The Mission Committee is once again planning an adult mission trip to the **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota**. The trip is through the Re-Member Organization and takes place during Senior Week which is September 13-19, 2025. Thanks to a generous donation, the lodging, meals, and transportation expenses while on the reservation are all being covered, so there is no cost to participants from our church this year. The Mission Committee will cover any remaining travel expenses, including hotel rooms, meals, and gas money for the trip there and back. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, feel free to contact Debbie Markiewicz or any member of the mission committee.
- **Jess Weber (our Financial Secretary) is now keeping office hours** on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am, or by appointment, in her office on the lower level of the church, near the elevator. She can be also reached at [jess@masonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jess@masonpresbyterian.org) or 517-980-2060.
- **Need a good book to read?** Come check out our library!