

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 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.

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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. Pastor Bill leads the discussion. Today: Chapter 6: “Peacemakers, Not Conflict Makers,” focusing on Matthew 5:9.
- The book study on *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brene Brown continues today. “This book is an invitation to join a wholehearted revolution. A small, quiet, grassroots movement that starts with each of us saying, ‘My story matters because I matter.’ Revolution might sound a little dramatic, but in this world, choosing authenticity and worthiness is an absolute act of resistance.” Today’s chapter: “Cultivating Authenticity: Letting Go of What People Think.” New participants are welcome. Please contact Michelle Mackey if you would like to join or have a copy of the book.
- The church office is going to have somewhat irregular hours for the next couple months due to **Jessica’s maternity leave**. We suggest you call before you come in. Thank you for your patience and understanding!
- The next **Women’s Association Craft and Luncheon** will be Friday, March 21, at 10:00 am. We are asking for a \$5 donation for the craft supplies and lunch. Please let Debbie Shellenbarger or Gladys Welker know if you would like to attend.
- The **women of our church are invited to attend the annual Lenten breakfast** at the Methodist Church on Saturday, March 22, starting at 9:30 am. Please let Gladys Welker know if you plan to attend.

- **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!
- It’s almost **UKirk Trivia time!** Let’s get a team (or two) together! The spring Trivia night will be held Friday, April 4th at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. This fundraiser supports MSU UKirk students. Cost/donation is \$20 a person. See Sarah Fay-Koutz for questions.
- 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.
- 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!
- **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 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 or 517-980-2060.