

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 6, 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. Pastor Bill leads the discussion. Today: Chapter 8: “A Remnant Church.”
- 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 chapters: “Guidepost 8: Cultivating Calm and Stillness: Letting go of Anxiety as a Lifestyle; and Guidepost 9: Cultivating Meaningful Work: Letting go of Self-Doubt and “Supposed To.” New participants are welcome. Please contact Michelle Mackey if you would like to join or have a copy of the book.
- We are collecting items to be sold at our **Spring Rummage Sale** which will be held on April 10-11, 9:00 am until 5:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your donations!
- The Liturgical Arts committee will be **preparing the sanctuary for Holy Week** on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am and on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am. Volunteers who would like to participate will be welcomed with open arms.
- It's time to order **Easter plants for our Easter Church Service**. The following are available: lilies at \$14.50, tulips and daffodils at \$12.50. A sign up sheet is by the office until April 13, 2025.

- **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!
- **We invite you to join us as we walk with Jesus through the events of Holy Week.** Our Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 pm on April 17, and our Good Friday service will be at noon on April 18. Communion will be served at the Maundy Thursday service. All are welcome, and invite a friend.
- 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!
- Are you new to the church? Interested in learning about all the things we do here and different ways you can become involved? Want to become a member? If the answer to any of those question is “yes,” please join us for a series of **Explorers Classes** for newcomers and prospective new members, following worship, beginning on April 27 and continuing through the month of May. We will meet in the Dining Room (below the Sanctuary) and we will feed you lunch! Please let Bill or Jessica know if you plan to attend, so we know how much food to prepare.
- **The First Presbyterian Church of Holt** is looking for a part-time Office Support person. If you know of someone looking for part-time employment, please have them contact FPC-Holt at 517-694-8151 or email office@fpc-holt.org. Questions about the position may also be directed to Susan Land at 517-927-5402 or sland1225@comcast.net.
- 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 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.