

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17, 2026

- **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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- **We are holding a series of Explorers Classes for prospective new members and any others who would like to learn more about our church.** You will learn what it means to be Presbyterian, explore many different ways you can get involved in the ministry of the church, and have an opportunity to get to know many of our staff members and volunteer leaders. This class will take place following worship downstairs in the Dining Room. It will continue through the end of May, except we will not meet on Mother's Day and on the Sunday during Memorial Day weekend. We will feed you lunch each week.
- **Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2026** are now available on the table in the Memorial Room. A few have been mailed.
- **Our Office Manager Jessica Tessman** is back holding normal office hours, Monday—Thursday 9am to 12pm.
- **The second Safe Space discussion, hosted by your Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement task force,** will be after worship on Sunday, May 31. The topic for this discussion will be "How have racial relations changed in your lifetime?" Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence will again serve as moderator of the discussion. If you were unable to join our first discussion, when we addressed the question "When you were growing up, what did you learn from your family, school, or church about race and racism?", please plan to come on May 31. Time will be allotted at the beginning of the gathering for those who did not share a story on this topic, and wish to do so. We hope you will join us on May 31.
- **The Leffew family has invited** everyone to join them for an open house to celebrate the graduation of Jasmine Leffew. This will be happening on June 13th from 2pm to 4 pm here at the church.

- **The Mason First Presbyterian Church offers scholarships for higher education,** funded by a dedicated investment account and annual donations. Awards will be given in early June after reviewing applications. Donations can be sent to the church or placed in the offering plate. Your support helps students reach their educational goals. Please consider contributing and making a difference in a student's life today.

- **Scholarship applications are being accepted now.** Printed copies are available outside of the office. All students currently in college or beginning college in the fall, and any other member of the congregation who is pursuing any form of higher education degree, may apply. Contact Lori for an electronic application. The due date for all applications is May 17th.

- **We are still looking for a few more Deacons or Elders** (past or present) to help serve communion to our homebound members periodically. Please contact Sandy Leutscher or Bill Pinches for more information. Thank you!

- Thanks to the generosity of a donor, children and youth from our church are able to go to one week of **summer camp at Camp Greenwood** for free, and bring a friend along, also for free. Camp descriptions are available at [www.campgreenwood.org](http://www.campgreenwood.org). The camp is located northeast of Grand Rapids, approximately 90 minutes from here. *Very important: to get the free week, you must call the camp at 616-754-7258 and tell them you are from Mason First Presbyterian Church. Do not register online!*

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### Ongoing opportunities

- **Midweek Prayer** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a brief time (approx. 10 minutes) of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.
- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a liturgist?** Talk to Pastor Bill.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a greeter?** See Jane Hamelink.
- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone* newsletter to Jessica Tessman at [jessica@masonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jessica@masonpresbyterian.org). Weekly announcements should be brief. The deadline for the newsletter is the 20th day of each month; the deadline for the weekly announcements is each Wednesday at noon.