

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 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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- **Pastor Bill will need to leave promptly following this morning's worship service.** He has to go to (another!) meeting at one of the other Presbyterian churches in the greater Lansing area. Thank you for your patience and understanding!
- **The adult education class will continue watching and discussing Season 5 of *The Chosen*** Episode 6: Reunions: As Jesus' followers gather for the Passover meal, His enemies assemble for a man hunt. Judas holds a secret meeting. The class meets at 11:30 am in the library on Sundays. Contact Michelle Mackey for more information.
- **The Deacons are holding a food drive for Mason Food Bank.** Today is the last day for this collection. They are asking for the following items: ranch dressing, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, chili with beans, diced tomatoes and peanut butter. Please see Sandy Leutscher with any questions.
- **Spring yard clean up** will be Saturday, April 4th, beginning at 8:30 AM. The goal is to spruce up the yard and the garden beds will receive a new layer of mulch.
- **Communion in April will be delayed one week** due to the timing of Easter. We will celebrate communion on April 12 instead of on April 5.
- **The Deacons will be collecting NEW pairs of socks** starting April 1st and running until April 30th. The 'Coats for Kids' campaign has added socks to their list and are calling it 'Sock-It-To-Me Sundays in April'. All congregation members are invited to bring in their sock donations with all sizes and colors welcome. There will be a collection box set up in the Memorial Room. Thank you!

- **Holy Week services:** Join us at 7:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 2, to commemorate Jesus's last supper with his disciples. We will celebrate communion. Then join us at noon on Good Friday, April 3, to commemorate Christ's sacrificial death on our behalf. Then join us to celebrate Christ's resurrection at 10:00 am on April 5, Easter Sunday! We encourage you to bring a friend who might be looking for a good church home. Child care will not be provided for either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, but the nursery will be open and available for use if needed.
- The Presbytery of Lake Michigan is inviting church members and friends to participate in an event in Lansing on Sunday, March 29, called **Palm Sunday Path**. The purpose of the event is to publicly voice three Christian values that Jesus identified in Matthew 25: feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the stranger. Participants from multiple denominations will begin gathering at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (125 S Pennsylvania Avenue, across from Sparrow Hospital) around 2:30. At 3:00 participants will begin a humble and peaceful mile-long walk to the Capitol, waving palm branches and singing hymns, imitating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem that we commemorate every year on Palm Sunday. Those who cannot process may join the group at the Capitol. At the Capitol, there will be a 45-minute program including prayers, speakers, and music. There is a choir forming that is open to anyone. Clergy will be wearing red vestments or stoles. Signs promoting the Christian values of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the stranger are allowed. Signs with partisan messages, names of politicians, or foul language are prohibited. Weapons are also prohibited. Bring snacks, water, palms, and a joyful, prayerful heart. The event will end around 5:00. The First Presbyterian Church of Lansing is allowing participants to park in their parking lot, and will bus participants to Pilgrim UCC prior to the start of the event. Please register in advance at <https://mipalmsundaypath.org/>
- **Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement task force is sponsoring a series of Safe Space discussions**, moderated by Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence, to encourage conversations about critical topics. Our first gathering will be after church on Sunday, April 12, 2026 in the dining room. We will be exploring the subject of race through our own stories and experiences, by answering the question "When you were growing up, what did you learn from your family, school, or church about race and racism?" See the latest edition of *The Cornerstone* for more details.
- **Spring rummage sale** will be April 16th from 9 am to 5 pm and on April 17th from 9 am to 12 pm. The Women's Association are currently accepting donations. Please see Gladys Welker with any questions.