

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

- **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.
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- There is an **Explorers Class** for anybody who wants to learn more about our various ministries or who might be considering membership. It started two Sundays ago following worship and continues through May 5. You'll learn about our Presbyterian identity, all the different things that go on around this church, and different ways you can get involved. Lunch will be provided. Please let Sheren or Bill know if you are interested!
- This Sunday following worship, the **Adult Sunday School** class is watching Season 3, episode 7 of *The Chosen*, a show about the life of Jesus told from the point of view of the people whose lives he touched. Previous episodes are available at thechosen.tv.
- **Barb VanDyke's mother's obituary** is online at <https://www.mitchellfuneral.com/obituaries/mary-dorene-white>. Visitation will be today from 4-7 pm at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. The Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge on Monday, April 22 at noon. The family will receive friends from 11 am until the time of the service.
- **The Deacons are taking up a collection for the Food Bank.** Items currently needed are: low-sugar cereal, crackers, and macaroni and cheese. The deadline for donations is Monday, April 22 before 11:00 am. Please bring donations to the table in the Memorial Room. Thank you!
- The next **Women's Association Craft and Lunch** will be Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 am. The cost is \$5.00 for materials. Lunch is provided. Contact Gladys Welker or Debbie Shellenbarger or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

- **The Winsome Women Retreat** will be on May 8-9, 2024, at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Petoskey, Michigan. Speakers include: Karen Ehman, Susie Larson, and Tasha Layton. If you are interested in attending, talk to Michelle Mackey. for more information and to get registered. We have funds available from a generous donor to cover the cost of registration and hotel for all interested ladies.

- Mason First Presbyterian Church offers **higher education scholarships**. The scholarships are awarded annually to individuals who plan to continue their education beyond the high school level. Each year the Finance Committee recommends the total award amount to Session for approval. The Session also approves Scholarship Commission members who will convene to review the applications and determine the award amount for each applicant. In addition to investment income, the scholarship awards depend on donations from individuals. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarships for 2024, please do so prior to May 15th.

- **Heartland Hospice** is looking for volunteers. Contact Mark Dehetre, Volunteer Coordinator at 517/244-0404.

- The **Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement Task Force's** next meeting is in the process of being rescheduled.

- **Upper Room devotionals** for March/April are available at each entrance.

- Thanks to a generous donor, our church will once again be offering a **free week of summer camp** at Camp Greenwood (campgreenwood.org) to all our church youth and one friend each. *Important:* to receive the free week of camp, parents must register their child by *calling the camp* at (616) 754-7258. This is a change from previous years because there were too many times when discount codes were not entered properly!

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Ongoing opportunities

- **Join us for dinner** each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! You don't need to bring any food. Donations are appreciated.
- On Wednesdays from 10:30 to about 11:00 am, volunteers pack **sack lunches to be delivered to Advent House**. New helpers are welcome!
- **Prayer Fellowship** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a rich time of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.