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## Presbyterian Church

### *Midweek Update*

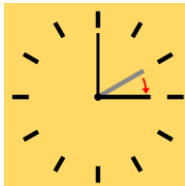
### *March 10, 2021*

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#### **March Mission Focus: MN FoodShare**

**Neighborhood House operates two food markets in St. Paul: Wellstone Center Food Market serving the West Side and Francis Basket Food Market in the Sibley Manor Apartments here in Highland Park.** With the continuation of COVID-19 and its impacts on our community, fundraising for March Food Drive is more important than ever before.

The pandemic's far-reaching effects like job losses and underemployment have made it more and more difficult for families to pay for basic needs like rent and food. As the pandemic continues, the inability to cover these costs only grows. During March, EPC is teaming up with many other organizations state-wide to support our MN food shelves by collecting monetary donations to help restock the food shelves. Donations can be given through our online giving or checks can be made out to EPC with "March Food Drive" in the memo line. If you would like to learn more about them, or would like information on obtaining food for yourself, visit <http://neighb.org/>



#### **Daylight Savings: Spring Forward**

THIS Saturday night 2am (Sunday morning, actually) daylight savings time comes into effect, so please remember to move your clocks forward one hour before worship next Sunday!

#### **New Life, One Year In**

If I remember correctly, March 11 was the day one year ago when the Session decided to meet on Zoom for worship for the first time. We have been in pandemic mode ever since. This past week, the first few people in our congregation received their second vaccination shot, hopefully a sign for more flexibility and hugging and group singing in our future.

Also, the daffodils are sprouting in the garden in front of the sanctuary windows. New life, always new life. Ephesians 2 says:

*This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things.*

What if I approached every moment of my life not as a problem to be solved or a grievance to be addressed but as a gift? What if I started and ended each day with gratitude and not with hurt or anger or fear? What if I truly believed that I was God's accomplishment, made and designed only for good? Do you know what that's called? It's called salvation.

WORSHIP SHARE INVITATION: *Pastor Luna and I would love to have some of you share an experience from either your past or your present where you feel like that little grain of wheat: ready to die to make room for delicious fruit. Let us know if you have a 3-5 minute reflection to share at worship, or we may be calling you!*

## **RJAM**

The book club for RJAM (Racial Justice and Me) will meet this Wednesday (tonight) at 7 PM via Zoom to discuss Chapter 9 "Why can't I say the "N" word?" of the book *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. All are welcome to join this conversation about the power, impact and importance of words.



-The RJAM team (Eleta, Leslie, Connie, Luna, Liz & Rich)

## **Zoom Schedule**

# zoom

We have four Zoom meetings scheduled for our congregation for each week. All of these meetings have been updated and are open to you and to everyone. The links can be found on our church website homepage. Here is our current schedule:

- Sunday morning Worship at 10
- Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm
- Tuesday Centering Prayer at 3pm
- Wednesday Evening Gathering at 7pm

## **Prayers**

- Prayers for Liz and Rich Schiferl after a recent discomfort and unfolding cancer news for Liz.
- Prayers for Ruth Andersen as she prepares for a medical procedure next week.
- Prayers for everybody as we come upon the one-year anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic entering our community.
- Prayers for local school workers and students as learning begins to shift from online to in-person.
- Prayers for our new Session, which meets for the first time together on this Thursday evening.