

Woodside Briefs

NEWS of CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

*Woodside Church is a progressive Christian community
committed to nurturing freedom, honesty and diversity,
where members and friends live Jesus' way of social justice.*

a Congregation of the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches

MICAH'S TABLE: *all about justice...*

RACE & HOUSING. The Sloan exhibit, An Equal Opportunity Lie, about Flint housing segregation in the 1950s & 60s, runs thru 5/27.

FOOD SECURITY: Bread for the World notes that the US House of Representatives could vote on the Agriculture and Nutrition Act (H.R.2), also known as the farm bill, as early as this week. The bill's changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) would put millions of Americans at risk of hunger.

To call Rep. Dan Kildee: 800-826-3688. Want more info about SNAP? [Check here.](#) To follow this bill, [click here.](#)

MEDICAID: Michigan is about to take another ugly step toward a racially-biased social safety net. A bill, passed by the State Senate and winding its way through the House, would impose work requirements on those receiving Medicaid, but exempt much of rural (read: white) Michigan. You can read more in the New York Times (from two UM law profs) [here.](#) Then, call your Representative. If you live in Flint, it's probably Sheldon Neeley.

GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT HUB: This local organization does all kinds of things to strengthen neighborhoods, including management of a fabulous tool shed that is sort of like a lending library for lawn care.

Learn more over lunch, Friday, June 1, noon-1:30 pm, 3216 ML King. No cost, but [RSVP please.](#)

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN: *a national call for moral revival*

"**40 DAYS OF NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION**" begin Monday! This week's issues are Women/"Me Too", LGBTQ+, Disabled, Youth/Child Poverty/Right to Education.

WE HAVE A GOAL OF 25 WOODSIDERS! Can you join in? Bring a friend? We'll meet at Central UMC, northeast corner of the Capitol. Or, want to carpool? Meet at church 9 am Monday.

- 10 AM:** Gathering/Registration
- 11 AM:** Pre-action Training
(required if participating in non-violent civil disobedience)
- 12 NOON:** Lunch/Relationship Building
- 1 PM:** Preparation for Direct Action
- 2-4 PM:** Direct Action

To join the campaign: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org. *And watch this space for more info.*

DENOMINATIONAL NOTES

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF METRO CHICAGO: Pastor Deb is attending the annual meeting May 19, in Evanston IL. The theme is "Equipping the Church for a New Day."

ASSOCIATION OF WELCOMING & AFFIRMING BAPTISTS: First Baptist Church of Fairmont, WV, has been disfellowshipped from their regional Baptist Association for taking a stance to support LGBTQ inclusion. *Woodside knows what that feels like!* We know they could use some support. If you're inclined to express solidarity, notes are welcome:

Rev Valerie Giddings
First Baptist Church of Fairmont
901 Fairmont Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

TRANSITION NOTES

Nothing to report this month. We continue to settle into our temporary home and look for our next long-term location.

IN THE CONGREGATION

ART INSTALLATION: Woodsider Desiree Duell, completing an MFA, has created her thesis, Homebody, "an examination of the feminization of poverty and its impact on the body politic through personal narrative."

She writes: *Homebody is an act of restorative justice for healing a fragmented identity despite the structural violence on the body. Each room of the house tells a specific story about the artist's position as a woman, single-mother, activist, artist, and survivor.*

The opening is June 8, 1:00 PM-10:00 PM, 810 S. Franklin Ave.

JUSTICE TEAMS: *opportunities to engage...*

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, a BRAND NEW team, meets for the first time Wed, May 16, 6 pm.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION, older than Woodside itself, meets monthly. Next up is June 4, 4:30 pm. You're invited!

NEXT WEEK AT WOODSIDE

SUN	9:30AM	Adult forum
	11 AM	Worship, then fellowship
TUES	8A-6P	Wildroot Coffee!
TUES-FRI	10AM-2PM	Office Open
WEDS	6 PM	Environmental Justice Team