

Woodside World

NEWS of CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

Joyfully Defiant for the Sake of a Just World

a Congregation of the United Church of Christ, the Alliance of Baptists, and the American Baptist Churches

KEEPING UP WITH WOODSIDE

We've heard from some that Woodside World email isn't arriving, and we find this confusing. We're on it, and will have it figured out in no time.

Meanwhile, we thought you'd like to know how else to read it.

This newsletter goes first by text alert to all who have signed up for that service. (*Along with weather reports, emergency pizza parties and other breaking news.*) You can sign up for that [here](#).

Then, it is posted to our website (woodsidechurch.net). Just click the newsletter link on the home page, and it will take you to the index of newsletters. The latest one is always the first on the list. (Feel free to read the old ones.)

Then, it is sent via email to everyone on three email lists.

All of that happens on Thursday.

Friday, it is mailed to a dozen or so folks who prefer to get a printed copy. It probably arrives Monday.

Finally, Sunday, it is available in worship.

Surely one of those ways will get it in your hands! Have trouble? Call the church office, open Tu-Fr, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

CALL TO MEETING

The congregation will meet after worship Feb. 10 to approve bylaw amendments. Those amendments (*and a summary of the changes*) are available for pick-up in worship Sunday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LGBTQ COMMUNITY CHOIR is getting a delayed start due to frigid weather. Join in, beginning 6 p.m. Wed, Feb. 6, in Woodside's auditorium, 727 East St.

COMING UP

CREATION JUSTICE TEAM meets Feb. 13, 6:30 pm, in Meeting Room A. (*We usually call it the upstairs room.*) Ideas for how to save the planet? Please join in. We'll also be working on a program idea for Lent, and making plans to host the national Baptist Creation Justice Ministries Board, coming to Flint in May.

GUEST PREACHER, Rev. Phiwa Langeni (remember, from our Preachers of Color series last year?) will bring us a word Feb 17, in Pastor Deb's absence. Worship at 11; we know you won't want to miss it.

TRANSITION REPORT

GOOD NEWS! Our plans have been approved by the city and demolition is to start next week. Woohoo!

IN OUR CONGREGATION

WORSHIP TEAM meets 6 pm Thurs, Feb. 7, in Deb's office on East Street. If this is your thing, please join in!

IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A TELEMARKETER. That strange call you keep getting from area code 502 is quite possibly Pastor Deb. If you don't mind, please answer it.

ADULT FORUM, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS, is pondering the intersection of race and sexuality, reading *No Ashes In The Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America*; and *Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships*.

You're welcome! There should be books available at church; if we need more, we'll get more.



WE ARE INFORMED...

...**Brian Rose** continues to recover at Hurley Hospital.

...**Jim Abbott's** memorial service will be 2:30 p.m. this Saturday, Feb 2, Brown Funeral Home, Grand Blanc. If you have photos to share, it is not too late to add them to the picture board. See Karen or drop them by the church office.

...**Clif Turner** will receive a 2019 Award of Excellence from the Genesee District Library, one of 4 folks so honored for making a difference in the community. (*We know he makes a difference at Woodside!*) Awards will be made at the the 18th Annual Black History Month Brunch, this Saturday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. at the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. If you'd like to go and celebrate with Clif, brunch tickets are \$35, available [here](#).