

# 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

## IN OUR CONGREGATION

**CIVIL RIGHTS FIELD TRIP.** The Outreach and Social Action Committee is organizing a trip to the Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State on Saturday, April 27, followed by dinner and discussion. Please RSVP to Robin or Jay by this Sunday, April 14.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, APRIL 14.** Sunday, immediately after worship, we'll be holding a congregational meeting to consider a proposal relating to renovation financing. Plan to be there.

**ADULT FORUM.** This Sunday, Woodside's Adult Forum will begin a series based on James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, a theological examination of how two of the most emotionally-charged symbols of the African American community are interminably connected to the history and souls of black folks in America, with an introduction to the book by Jay. We meet Sundays at 9:30 am and books will be available at the church.

**LEARNING TO TALK.** Following worship on April 28, we will be joined by our community partner, Leon El-Alamin of the M.A.D.E. Institute, who will walk us through how best to write to and connect with our incarcerated friends. Compassionate connection can make a difference, so join us.

**LAST CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORTS.** Annual Report time is fast approaching. Please submit yours to Hunter by April 21.

**WE ARE INFORMED...** Wise Joseph, of Flint, and Betty Brenner, lately of Tennessee, both long-time Woodside members, have died. We keep their families in our prayers.

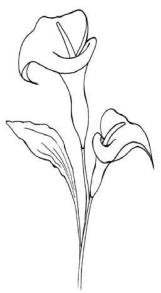
## OBSERVING HOLY WEEK

**MAUNDY THURSDAY.** April 18, we'll share an *Agape Meal* and remember the night Jesus initiated Sacrament of the Holy Communion, 6 pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY.** April 19, we'll reflect on the death of Jesus and of others murdered in our own time by the state, 8 pm.

## EASTER

**A BANNER FOR EASTER.** This Sunday, we'll continue working together to paint a new banner. We'll have Tyvek, brushes and Easter paint colors on hand, set up in the worship area, on the table by the water machine. Join us and leave your mark on this new abstract worship addition. Thanks, Jamie, for organizing.



## GREENING OUR LIVES

*Our Creation Justice Team is initiating the UCC's program called 52 Ways to Care for Creation; they'll include one idea each week here in Woodside World.*

**THIS WEEK: EAT A PLANT-BASED MEAL FROM A LOCAL FARM**

According to the Environmental Working Group (EWG), the production, processing and distribution of a mere pound of meat requires a substantial amount of pesticides, fertilizer, fuel, feed and water while releasing greenhouse gases from manure and a range of toxic chemicals into our air and water. A lifecycle analysis conducted by EWG found that red meat such as beef and lamb is responsible for 10 to 40 times as many greenhouse gas emissions as common vegetables and grains, though the transportation and preservation of out-of-season or non-local produce also relies on fossil fuels.

With this in mind, this week's recommendation is adopting a weekly plant-based meal using plants that are in season and provided by a local farm. With this practice, we can begin to cultivate a greater mindfulness of our consumption practices and reduce the impact we make on a daily basis. It's also great for animals. (If you want to chat, ask Pastor Deb about the vegan life!)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**RECYCLING THE TRICKY STUFF.** The first 2019 Genesee County Recycle Day will take place on June 8 from 10 am – 2 pm to help us easily and safely recycle hazardous household waste. For more info, visit [www.gcmpc.org/environmental](http://www.gcmpc.org/environmental) or call 810-767-7744.

**M.A.D.E. INSTITUTE** has established its second transitional home for returning citizens — this time for women — part of its work to build a new neighborhood on the north side of Flint.

M.A.D.E. is the non-profit organization that Woodside has been in partnership with the last four years, and will soon establish its office at our new home. It provides full service, wrap-around support for returning citizens, to help break the cycle of release and re-capture.



Three formerly incarcerated citizens founded and direct M.A.D.E. (*Money–Attitude–Direction–Education*) because they know what it takes when you get out!