

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

A COMMUNAL, PENTECOSTAL EFFORT. This Sunday, we would like to cultivate an altar that represents the beauty and diversity of our unified community. To do it right, we invite you to bring in material that represents your heritage, ancestry, or identity, whether it be a table runner, decorative banner, scarf, or swatch of fabric. All are encouraged to bring their piece in tomorrow before 2 pm or before worship service on Sunday, and lend a hand as we create a representative tapestry on our altar table.

A SECURITY WARNING. It appears as though Pastor Deb's work email, debc@woodsidechurch.net, was hacked. If you receive a message from that address, please be suspicious. Though Pastor Deb reads and receives all of the messages sent there, she rarely uses it to respond to folks. If you have any questions, feel free to call her at (502) 550-1236.

Furthermore, Woodside will never ask you to donate money through a link in an email. We will occasionally send out information regarding donations via email, but we will always ask that you bring your contribution to the church, to the office, or make it through the giving link on our website. If you are ever in doubt of a communication you receive, please call the office or Pastor Deb, and let us know what's up. Thank you.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS. For some time now, we have been using text alerts to share Woodside World and special service information in a convenient way. Starting this week, we will also be using our text alerts to announce Moving Work Days and to fill the information gap as Woodside World is published bi-weekly this summer. In order to best keep up with what we are up to, we encourage you to sign up by clicking [here](#).

NEW ADULT FORUM BOOKS. This Sunday, Adult Forum will have copies of our next book for those who wish to take part: *Demolition Means Progress*, by Andrew Highsmith, a case study of how "the perennial quest for 'urban renewal,'" made Flint one of the most racially segregated, economically polarized metropolitan communities in the nation.



TRANSITION UPDATE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Our first worship service at the renovated 503 Garland will take place on June 16! Obviously, there is still a lot to do to get us ready so, to any folks that are able to help: please reach out to Joe Eufinger, and put your name and preferred phone number on the Moving Sign Up sheet in the worship space this Sunday. Moving isn't all heavy lifting so all are welcomed to join in as we finalize this exciting (and labor-intensive) phase of our story.

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: WATCH THE STORY OF STUFF. We have a problem with stuff. We use too much, too much of it is toxic, and, despite having a lot of everything, we don't share any of it very well. That's not the way things have to be. Together, we can build a society based on better, not more; sharing, not selfish; community, not division.

This week, take 20 minutes to watch this documentary, available [here](#), about our relationship with "STUFF." It is a fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life, forever.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

FLINT ART FAIR. Saturday, June 8 at 10 am and Sunday, June 9 at 11 am, on the grounds of the Flint Institute of Arts, presented by the Friends of Modern Art (FOMA), showcasing myriad works of all mediums from emerging artists.

ACHIEVING EQUITY PANEL. Tuesday, June 11, 6 pm, Flint Public Library. A panel hosted by Bill Hammond on the opportunities we have to undo racism, white power, and white privilege.