

Council Meeting: There will be a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm in the Library. ALL members and friends are invited! The heads of both Boards and Committees should attend. Discussion will focus on the work and initiatives of the Way Forward Committee, restructuring and refocusing that committee, and options for hiring a settled minister. The meeting will also serve to set the record straight on actual church plans.

NEW- Fundraiser for Utilities: To bolster our stewardship ministry, instead of a general pledge drive in October, today we're launching a congregation fundraiser to collect donations to cover the church's utility bills this winter. We hope you'll prayerfully give to this special fund in addition to your regular support of the church. There are *special envelopes* in the pews to use to donate. The goal is \$5,000 to cover anticipated heating, electricity, and water bills which make up a large chunk of the operating costs of our church. Thank you!

Memorial Service for Jane Haling: The memorial service for Jane Haling will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10:30am at Dearborn Congregational Church. Jane passed away peacefully on August 05, 2019 at her residence in Cambrian Senior Living in South Lyon at the age of 92. There will be a luncheon following the service at the church in the Mayflower Room.

'Restorative' Yoga at Church: Karen Lawrence is trying to start a yoga class. This time, a less-intensive version called "restorative yoga" will be offered. Poses are more like gentle stretching, and there will be a break during the sessions. Participants should bring their own yoga mats or towels and 2-3 pillows for support. Classes will take place in the Mayflower Room. The fee is \$5 per session with all proceeds going to the church, and we're asking for a 5-week commitment from people to ensure participation. If interested, please let Karen know in person or by email at karenka347@yahoo.com

Group Study: The next gathering to discuss the book, "Weird Church: Welcome to the Twenty-First Century", that explores a shift in thinking about the future of church & ministry to become more connected to God's work and the community is at **6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 16th in the Library.** Participants should buy the book. Used copies can be found at Amazon for \$10-\$15, including shipping. A Kindle version is available, too. There is also a free Study Guide you can download at www.epicentergroup.org. The study sessions should be eye-opening and inspiring! We hope you'll join in!

Blankets for Kids: We are hosting a program called Blankets 4 Kids, a program of Child's Hope. It is going to be on October 16 at 7 pm. It's kind of like a quilting be, only instead of quilting we will be making fleece blankets for children who are experiencing abuse and neglect and entering the foster care system. The contact people are Judy Buck or Carol McAdam who live in Springwells. There's a sign up sheet in the Mayflower Room.

(Please see back page of bulletin for more announcements)

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**Prayer Concerns
October 6, 2019**

Barb Allen - 9/15
Gail Waggoner - 8/12
Teresa Curless - 8/12
Pauline Gourlay - 8/12
Fred Michales - 8/12
Tom Schlaff 8/25

Serious Health Issues
Health Issues
Cancer Treatment
Shut in
Serious Health Concern
Heart failure

You may want to brighten the day for those listed on the prayer concerns with a card or note. If you don't have their address, please call the office.



The altar flowers this morning are from Teresa Curless in honor of Pat Stacho's 75th birthday on October 8th.

SERVING TODAY

Minister:
Music Director:
Liturgist:
Ushers:
Fellowship Host:

Rev. Lew Worthington
Brian Sampson
Nancy Wolter
Jim Haling and Deb Evans
Polly Fitzpatrick