

# The Messenger

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## A Newsletter for Dearborn Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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*WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY **SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.** NURSERY CARE PROVIDED*

*OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm***

Reverend Kren's Office Hours:  
Monday—Thursday mornings 8am—Noon  
Monday—Thursday afternoons 1pm until 5pm,  
except when visiting members of the congregation.



## We Have a Story to Tell!

A few years ago there was an article in the news, I found it interesting and saved it for future reference. Here is a portion of that story, as it appeared in the *Washington Sun*:

**Tiny bone fragments believed to be from Buddha's bones have been found in a temple, the President of the Buddhist Association of China, said yesterday. The fragments were found in a stone box about the size of a thumbnail ... the bones had been pressed into two pieces in the shape of millet grains, which were attached to two green pearls in tiny gold bowls. The box containing the bowls was filled with four progressively larger boxes.**

When this news was released – 400 million Buddhists were in ecstasy! This discovery, along with the “**Temple of the Tooth**” (a place of worship where Buddha's Eye Tooth sits on a golden lotus blossom, surrounded by rubies and flowers) has become the most sacred objects on earth – if you are a Buddhist.

Think of it: Today, 400 million Buddhists REJOICE, because of 2 small bone fragments and a tooth to worship!

**We have something greater!** We have AN EMPTY TOMB AND A RISEN SAVIOR.

In Matthew's Gospel, it reads that an angel of God told three women who visited Our Lord's tomb on that first Easter: “***He isn't here. He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...***” (Matthew 28:6-7 NLT).

Let's continue to tell the story!

**REJOICE .... DON'T BE AFRAID ... TELL OTHERS!**



Pastor Bill Kren

## **Notes of Note**

### **Downriver for Veterans**

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Downriver for Veterans located on Fort Street in Wyandotte. Only in its second year, this organization needs ongoing support to assist local resource-limited veterans with food and other needs. Some veterans are on disability income and don't have enough to pay their bills and buy groceries. You can place your donations in the Totes of Love bin in the back of the Sanctuary. Please plan to give to this worthy cause.

### **Diaconate Meeting**

The Diaconate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm.



### **Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 7pm.

### **Feather Bowling Coming in May!**

Save the date -Wednesday, May 2 -and join us for all the food and fun at our annual Feather

Bowling outing at the Cadieux Cafe in East Detroit. We have a great time at this



event every year while enjoying some spirited competition. Dinner will be at 5:30 followed by bowling at 7 pm. The price is just \$10 per person for dinner AND bowling! Alcoholic drinks

are extra. You can pay the night of the outing. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church beginning April 8. Please add your name and the number in your party so we know how many to reserve for dinner.



### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 24 @ 7 pm**

There will be a meeting of the Church Council on the last Tuesday of April at 7:00 pm in the Board room. This meeting is open to all church members, but the head of each Board and Committee should plan to attend or otherwise arrange for a representative to appear in their place. Several topics will be on the Agenda including hearing a proposal for a memorial garden, evaluating the need for certain committees and corresponding revision of the By-Laws, the procedure for recording member giving, planning our annual Spring Clean-Up Day, and discussing the use of church property by outside interests. Please mark the date on your calendars and see you on April 24.

### **Treasurer's Report for February 2018**

Income- \$ 7,025.00  
Expenses- \$12,320.51

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 12,830.32  
Investments with UBS valued at \$166,651.91

10,000 was transferred from UBS to Charter One to meet expenses

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In April



### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Ushers:

- April 1 – Pete Stacho & Marty Warren
- April 8 – Fred & Joanne Michales
- April 15 – Available
- April 22 – Available
- April 29 – Available

#### Liturgists:

- April 1 – Sue Kren
- April 8 – Available
- April 15 – Available
- April 22 – Available
- April 29 – Available

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 7 **Jim Haling**
- 8 **Barb Fritz**  
**Jaclyn Meadows**
- 17 **Kathy Hren**
- 19 **Joanne Owen**  
**James Martin**
- 25 **Diana Lindsey**

### Dedication of Flowers - April

- April 1 – Easter Flowers
- April 8 – Polly Fitzpatrick
- April 15 – Available
- April 22 – Sue Wilson
- April 29 – Available

## PRAYER LIST



Gerri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Annika Koch	Medical Concerns
Kathy Gideon	Medical Concerns
Cathy MacKenzie	Medical Concerns
Tom Schlaff	Medical Concerns
Carol Burroughs	Medical Concerns
Rev. Norman Kirsch	Medical Concerns
Lois Clickner	Medical Concerns
Elie Stergiou	Medical Concerns
Jane Haling	Health Issues
Jim Shippee	Medical Concerns
Carrie Goldie	Serious Health Issues
Rev. Bill Kren	Serious Health Issues
Della King Family	Medical Concerns
Wanda Silvey	Medical Concerns

### Fellowship Hour – April

- April 1 – Pat Stacho & Elaine Stacho
- April 8 – Linda Haling
- April 15 – Fred & Joanne Michales
- April 22 – Available
- April 29 – Available

### Dates to Remember:

- April 1 Happy Easter
- April 11 Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- April 11 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- April 24 Church Council Meeting 7pm

## I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

Just wanted to share a funny story with you. My husband and I went out to dinner the other night. Walking through the parking lot, he says, "oh-oh. I left my wallet in the car." I said not to worry, I had cash with me. "I've got the money, I don't have my ID with me. I'll need it for the senior discount!" Really!? He was offended when I couldn't stop laughing. Even more so when the teenaged cashier didn't ask for ID. He's 75...he gets the discount.

Speaking of our age, ahem, when I was waiting for my prescription at my favorite pharmacy, I happened to mention to the young lady at the register that the rain was kicking up my arthritis. Aches and pains!! She sweetly replied, "I know Mrs. Stacho. My grandmother is in the winter of her life too." WINTER OF MY LIFE!! What the...

Age doesn't matter. Wrong! It most certainly does.

Pros and cons: Pro: I am no longer expected to make the big holiday dinners. My son and daughter in law do it.

Con: Sometimes I'd really like to, providing they do the cleanup.

Pro: I can take a nap whenever I'd like.

Con: The phone always rings and I sound drunk when I answer. Other women I know have that sexy sleepy voice, I sound drunk!

Pro: I get to choose what we watch on TV...(Pete falls asleep soon after he has been fed.)

Con: I'm doing entirely too much binge watching!

Pro: I no longer care if I have matching socks, if I'm not wearing makeup, or if I'm not wearing a girdle. (Does ANYBODY wear one??)

Con: others can tell my fashion faults. But another Pro...I don't care.

Senior citizenship is not so bad. It has more pros than cons. Not everyone is blessed to reach the "winter" of their lives. Complaining has never reversed seasons. So my advice, enjoy your discounts! We can complain, but we better be grateful. We can determine what memories we make for our children, grandchildren, and now, great grandchildren. I prefer to have them remember me with laughter, not just a grumpy old lady!

I guess the point of all this is this....if you catch me complaining, give me Cher's one liner from *Moonstruck*..."SNAP OUT OF IT!"

I will continue enjoying the winter of my life, for as long as my Lord lets it snow. It may be Spring on the calendar, but it's going to be a looong winter in my world! I'm just sayin'...

