

The Messenger

A Newsletter for Dearborn Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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

*Christ
is
Risen!*

April, 2021

This Easter, Find Renewed Hope in Christ

Restart. Repair. Reevaluate.

As the world begins to emerge from a challenging year of loss, strife and isolation, this Easter season presents a special opportunity to find a renewed sense of hope in Jesus Christ, the living Son of the living God. All of God's children can start again — starting today — because of how one day started over 2,000 years ago.

Easter is the most joyous day of the Christian year. It's a time that calls for celebration. And it's in the message of Easter that we truly see opportunities for new beginnings.

During the pandemic, some may have lapsed into a kind of “spiritual quagmire”. It's certainly possible that a lot of us, including myself, have been a little lax in our observance of worship and other things. This Easter is a perfect time to sort of shake off the cobwebs and recommit ourselves to Christian living.

Because of the Savior's atoning sacrifice and Resurrection — which we remember at Easter — we have the opportunity to seek, receive, and help others be blessed by His divine power to heal hearts and lift burdens. His divine grace is available to all who will turn to Him, hear His voice, and follow His example.

He left the tomb behind. We can leave our past behind. His teachings can reshape us. His redemption can rescue us. His Resurrection can reunite us. His love can renew us. And across the world, we pray this message spreads to all those seeking new hope, deeper faith, and greater joy in life as we try to become more like Him.

It is the season of Easter, a time of new beginnings. We are not the church we once were, nor are we the church that we can be. God is calling us to new and exciting ways. Let us rejoice and be glad...

Wishing you and yours a blessed Easter!

John Peters
Moderator

Thursday Evening Bible Study

You are invited to join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom to study the Book of Romans. Our next meeting is March 4 when we are studying Chapter 3. If you're not available every week, that's no problem. Just join us when you can. If you are interested, please email Cheryl Brown at cherbrown27@yahoo.com and she will include you in the Zoom meeting invitation that is sent out each week.



Good Friday Service 3 PM - April 2

Please join us in person or on-line April 2 at 3:00 PM for a special Good Friday service led by Nancy Wolter.



Easter Sunday Service and Communion - April 4

Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Please plan to attend and celebrate Easter morning with us at 10:00 AM when we will share in our Lord's Supper.

Church Council Meeting- Sun., April 18: An important meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 18 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary, after the worship service, to discuss the results of the survey of our congregation in February and how it will impact the immediate future of the church. All Board and Committee chairs, plus Men's Club and Women's Fellowship officers must attend, but the meeting is open to ALL members. We will be following Covid safety procedures and attendees will be required to wear a mask. There is enough room in the pews for each person to maintain a safe social distance. And we hope that most of you will have received both shots of the vaccine by this time. Everyone with an interest in the church should be there, so mark your calendars!

Position Opening - CLERK: The church has an opening for Clerk in 2021. Duties include recording the Minutes at Council meetings, Congregational Meetings, and the Annual Meeting; and tracking membership changes (additions/subtractions). The Clerk also updates annual UCC yearbook data and keeps track of vital records of the church. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact John Peters at (313) 255-7774 or email: joopett13@hotmail.com.

Altar Flowers in April: If you'd like to dedicate flowers in memory of, or in recognition of, a loved one or event in your life, there are open weeks available in April. Please contact the church office by phone (313-271-8552) or email (dccucc@gmail.com) and let Liz know the Sunday on which you'd like flowers for the altar and to whom you are dedicating them. The cost is \$15, payable to the church. Payment should be turned in BEFORE the week of dedication.

Give Online at Your Convenience: Now you can make an offering or pay your pledge online! Go to www.dccdearborn.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button. YOU DO NOT NEED A PAYPAL ACCOUNT. Pay by major credit card and just enter the information asked for. If you use Facebook, go to the "Dearborn Congregational Church, UCC" page where you'll see a 'Pinned' post on the right-hand side of the page with a link to Donate, as well. We invite you to take advantage of this feature!

Downriver for Veterans Donations & Pull Tab/Lid Collection: We're still collecting non-perishable foods, personal items, unwrapped clothing, and new pillows for Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. Place your items in a plastic bag and leave it in the basket in the church behind the pews. We're also collecting aluminum pull tabs and can lids for Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for donating!

View our Sunday Bulletin Before Every Service: Each week, usually by Friday, a copy of the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday service is posted on our website at www.dccdearborn.org (click on 'DCC Home' at top of page and then scroll down to 'Weekly Bulletin'). Or, if you go to the church Facebook page, "Dearborn Congregational, UCC", look for the latest post promoting the upcoming service and click on the highlighted links. Once you have selected 'Weekly Bulletin', to see the Order of Worship, click on 'Worship'. To see the Prayer List and Altar Flower dedication for the week, click on 'Announcements'.

NOTE:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, which was postponed in January, is tentatively being planned for late May.

Further details to come.

DEDICATION OF FLOWERS

April 4 – Available
April 11 – Available
April 18 – Available
April 25 – Available

PRAYER LIST



Ashley Fassett, 03/22 Friend of Brian Sampson Surgery
Michael Nastle, 03/28, Friend of Liz Schlaff,
Recovering from Brain Surgery
Diana Schilbe, 03//22 Recovering from Broken Shoulder
Lew Worthington, 03/22 Undergoing Chemotherapy
Dorothy Brown, 03/22 Mother of Tom Brown
Health Concern
Cindy Taylor, 03/22 Sister of Tom Brown Health Concern
Gail Waggoner, 03/22 Long-Term Health Issues
Pat Stacho, 01/24 Home, recovering from Surgery
Sue Wilson, 01/24 Health Concern

You may want to brighten the day of those listed on the prayer concerns with a card or note.

If you don't have their address, please call the office.

Date to Remember:

April 14	7 pm	Diaconate Meeting
		Trustee Meeting
April 18	11 am	Council Meeting
Thursdays	7 pm	Zoom Bible Study



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7 Jim Haling
8 Jaclyn Meadows
17 Kathy Hren



Treasurer's Report for February 2021

Income- \$3,501.84
Expenses- \$5,860.02
Citizens Account - \$6,649.80
Investments with UBS valued at \$104,643.28

I'M JUST SAYIN'...
with Pat Stacho

I'M BACK!!!! After almost three months, 2 surgeries,
and terrific, caring and kind nurses and doctors.

It was horrific losing my leg, but I am coming back.

Therapy....support from my beloved family, cards of support and love from so
many of you, and God has heard all the prayers. Thanks to all of you. I love each and every one
of you.

Now, on the brighter side. I am getting stronger every day. (I am just so darn tired.)

My socks will last me twice as long. (Wonder if I can get my shoes half price??)
I no longer feel bad if my fit-bit doesn't register 10,000 steps a day.

It's still in my dresser drawer. No use torturing myself!
Pete goes everywhere I go. Someone has to push the wheelchair!

I don't know when I will see you, but I will, I promise. I missed Christmas...Valentine's day...St
Patrick's Day and didn't see my family or friends due to Covid-19. Loong time.

So I am determined to see this through and win. I might not walk for awhile, but I sure won't crawl.

In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep all of you in mine.

I'm Just Sayin'.

