

# 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*

*SUMMER OFFICE HOURS MONDAY & FRIDAY **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm**  
WEDNESDAY **Noon - 4:00pm***

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



## Reflections

*Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever — faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.*

**1 Corinthians 13:12-13.**

Not long ago, I officiated a funeral service for the father of a dear friend. Only hours before his passing, I had the opportunity to visit Jimmie in the hospital. We talked about the love of God and the eternity that awaits all who love Jesus. Before leaving, I held his hand, and we prayed. A few days later, and during his memorial service, I preached from 1 Corinthians 13 and stressed the truth of God's eternal love. These words of comfort, shared with a grieving family – are now my words of support and strength.

For the last few days, 1 Corinthians 13 has been on my mind. After the shock of hearing a doctor's diagnosis, then telling my wife and family, and finally, announcing it to my congregation, I now find myself on this journey. It's both a spiritual and a medical journey that has me seeing *"things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror."* Things related to my health status remain a mystery. Next week's biopsy will answer some of my questions – but how this will all work out seems dark and confusing. Oh, I still believe that *"God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God."* But I confess, there are moments when I ask: Why me? And why now?

As your pastor, we have prayed for so many who are battling this disease of cancer – and now I find myself the recipient of SO many prayers and well wishes. Your cards, the phone calls, your words of love and those promises to pray have meant so much. They have been a beautiful reminder that there are *"three things that will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love."*

Thank you for your continued support during these (sometimes) scary days. Just think, when we complete this journey – oh, what a testimony we will have!

With Love,

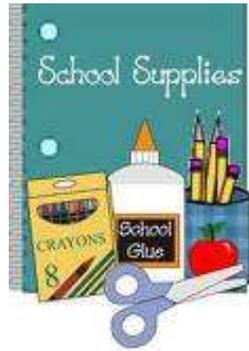


Pastor Bill

## MINI-MISSIONS

### School Supplies for an Area School

The new school year will be starting soon and once again we will be collecting school supplies for elementary students in the area. Bargains can be found on supplies at most large retailers like Target & Meijer or at dollar stores. Items needed most include composition notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, erasers, markers, pens, and scissors.



Donations can be placed in boxes outside the church office. We will be delivering them the week after Labor Day. Thank you for your donations to this cause!

### Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Why Collect Pop Tabs?

Because it is so easy! The tabs on aluminum cans are small, can easily be removed and are easy to store. You may wonder why we collect just the tabs. Whole aluminum cans are both difficult to store and deliver. Tabs are smaller, easier to store and are easier to handle in large volumes. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach others about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising money to help children and their families at the same time.



### What Do We Do With Pop Tabs?

The tabs are taken to a local recycling company and the Ronald McDonald Charities receives money for each pound of tabs collected. It takes approximately 1,200 tabs to equal one pound. Through this recycling program funds are raised to continue providing a "home away from home" for families at the Ronald McDonald House near Children's Hospital.

**Please remember that they can only accept aluminum tabs. If you're unsure if your tabs are acceptable or not, you can see if they stick to a**

magnet. If they do, then they're steel and should not be included with your collection.

### Food Bank Goods

The Church also accepts canned goods and non-perishable items for the needy. We regularly deliver items collected to Fish and Loaves in Taylor. These items may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. Please check your cans and boxes for expiration dates. Your generosity of appreciated



Please visit your Church Library!

There are many books available for your perusal in our library collection.

To make it easier to find them, the library shelf closest to the door has been dedicated to novels.

### Treasurer's Report for June 2017

Income- \$4,257.96  
Expenses- \$8,488.42

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 12,318.60  
Investments with UBS valued at \$183,612.66

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In August

### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Ushers:

- August 6 – Available
- August 13 – Available
- August 20 – Available
- August 27 – Available

#### Liturgists:

- August 6 – Available
- August 13 – Available
- August 20 – Available
- August 27 – Available



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Susan MacKenzie
- 15 Cathie Salach
- 17 Matthew Haling
- 26 Sue Wilson

### Dedication of Flowers - August

- August 6 – Available
- August 13 – Available
- August 20 – Available
- August 27 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – August

- August 6 – Available
- August 13 – Available
- August 20 – Available
- August 27 – Available

## PRAYER LIST



Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Geri 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
Irene Moxon	Medical Concerns
Rev. Norman Kirsch	Medical Concerns
Sheila Jubenville & Family	Healing, spiritual guidance
Lois Clickner	Medical Concerns
Elie Stergiou	Medical Concerns
Jane Haling	Health Issues
Jim Shippee	Medical Concerns
Carrie Goldie	Serious Medical Issues

### Dates to Remember:

- August 5 Farmers Market Bake Sale 10am-5pm
- August 9 Trustees Meeting 7pm
- August 10 Diaconate Meeting 7pm

## I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

When did my "TO DO" list become my "I SHOULD'VE" list?

When I was very young, I dreamt of becoming a go-go dancer. OK...not very ambitious, but I told you I was very young. I loved those white boots! Nancy Sinatra singing about those darn boots later in my life brought back memories of me rocking it. She became my hero; of course, this was pre Viet Nam.

Then was my "I'm going to College" dream. Reality shattered that dream. I had the smarts, but lacked the cash. That's where that white boots dream might've helped!

Soon after, a dreamboat became my dream. Before I knew it, I was married, having babies, and who had time to dream?? Or make lists for that matter.

Back to "to do" list...sorry. My thoughts tend to wander these days. I vowed to eat healthier, and eat less often. Scratch that off the list. We tried the kale, salads, turkey burgers on weird healthy buns...we did eat less often. Just snacked more often. We are most likely the only couple who ate healthy and gained weight in the process. That's one of the "I should've thought this through" items on my list.

Then there's "I'm going to clean my closet". Get rid of half of my clothes. I figured I only needed enough outfits for 6 or 7 days, casual wear would be extra.

Then get rid of the rest. HA! I should've realized that wasn't going to happen. Any woman will tell you that is an insane idea. Unless it's your husband's closet. Much easier to do.

Volunteer...read all of Oprah's book selections...call my brother more often...dust before Pete writes his name on the end table...stop hiding all my junk...find where all my junk is hiding! All were on a recent to do list. Now it is my "should've" list.

I have resigned myself to the fact that lists do not work for me, Now if there's something I need to do, it either gets done or it doesn't. Simplifies my life so much. Besides, who wants a bunch of "should've's" in their life. Not me! No more regret, no more guilt, just satisfaction when I get anything done!! Like this month's article. See?? Done! Off my list.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; come see me at our Farmer's Market. Just don't bring me a list. I'm just sayin'...

**To do**  
**or**  
**not to do?**