

# 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***



August, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of the Church,

Following the vote approving to sell the church at the June 20 Annual Meeting, we are now seeking *more* people to participate in helping us transition to a new place with new leadership and sell the property. The tasks of selling & moving are a lot for one small committee to handle alone, and we need to know that you will be part of the future in our proposed new home at Christ Episcopal Church in Dearborn. There were 19 votes at our Annual Meeting in favor of selling and moving, so we hope those who voted that way will step up and be involved in this process! The minister at Christ Episcopal also wants to get a feel for how many in our congregation are committed to the move and joining forces with them in their programs and missions.

As such, you are hereby invited to stay after the Sunday service on August 15 for a short meeting to hear new information about our move and to pledge your help in any way possible. The meeting will begin after coffee hour at about 11:30. Please plan to attend so that we can get moving on the transition to a new location.

NOTE: Before the meeting, in early August, we hope to arrange a date when everyone can stop over to Christ Episcopal Church to see the chapel and other parts of the church. You can carpool with others to get there, as an option. Thanks for your support.

John Peters, Moderator

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### **Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Malcolm "Mac" McAdam Saturday, August 14**

On the 2nd Saturday of August, we invite you all to gather at the church to remember a longtime member and friend to many, Malcolm "Mac" McAdam, who devoted so much of his time to outdoor projects and maintenance, and who was a faithful and honorable servant of our church for over 50 years. His wife, Carol, is organizing a very special event on **Sat., August 14 starting at 11 am**. There will be a 45-minute service in the sanctuary followed by an outdoor celebration for Mac. The service will feature a piper playing the bagpipes and a soloist, while a tent will be set up on the lawn in front of the chapel with a catered picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken kabobs. Pop and water will be available to drink. Then, visitors will have a chance to tell stories and recall favorite memories of Mac, who made many friends during his lifetime. A big turnout is expected, so mark your calendars!

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### **Memorial Gifts for Dottie Brown, Tom Brown's Mom.**

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Tom Brown's mother, who passed away on July 9, you can contribute to the following organizations:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Disabled American Veterans  
Ecorse Community Bible Church

Offerings can be left at the church for the Brown family by placing an envelope in either the offering plate or the church office. Thank you.

Coffee Hour is Back! With Covid restrictions having been lifted in Michigan, we have resumed Fellowship/Coffee Hour after Sunday services. For now, we will just be serving beverages -coffee, tea, juice, and water- until people are comfortable eating in public. Hopefully, later in the month we can begin serving food, such as light snacks. We invite everyone to join us on Sundays for conversation in the renovated Mayflower Room!



Altar Flowers: If you'd like to dedicate flowers in memory of, or in recognition of, a loved one or event in your life, the last 2 weeks in August are open. Please contact the office by phone (313-271-8552) or email ([dccucc@gmail.com](mailto:dccucc@gmail.com)) and let Liz know the Sunday on which you'd like flowers and the details of your dedication. The cost is \$15, payable to the church, which can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or dropped off/mailed to the church. Payment should be made prior to the Sunday of dedication.

Outdoor Clean-up Work Needed: There are a few areas on the grounds of the church that need attention. Leaves and sticks need to be picked up under bushes around the church, tree branches need to be trimmed on the front lawn, and the hedges need to be clipped. Please consider coming by the church when you have free time and help keep the church looking good. Thank you!



Donating School Supplies: The new school year is approaching and kids will be back in the classroom this year! So, we will collect school supplies for Bennett Elementary in the Mexican community of SW Detroit, who we've given to in the past. Families in this area are poor and could use our assistance. Bargains on items can be found at stores like Target, Meijer, and dollar stores. Items needed include composition books, pencils, colored pencils, pens, markers, erasers, and scissors. Donations can be placed in boxes or bags in a bin in the hallway outside the church office. Delivery will occur after Labor Day. Thank you for giving!

Downriver for Veterans & Pull Tabs/Lids: We're still collecting food, personal items, new clothing and pillows for Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. You may place your items in a plastic bag and leave in a box or basket behind the pews. Any and all donations are deeply appreciated by the volunteers at DFV. We're also collecting aluminum pull tabs and can lids for Ronald McDonald House which can be left in the container just inside the tower entrance door.

Give Online at Your Convenience: Make your regular offering online...or schedule automatic payments! Go to [www.dccdearborn.org](http://www.dccdearborn.org) and click on the yellow "Donate" button. You DO NOT need a PayPal account. Pay with a credit card by simply entering 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 side of the page with a Donate link. We invite you to take advantage of this feature. Thank you for your support!

Watch Past Sunday Services on YouTube!: If you go to our website and click on a Sunday service to view it, click on 'Dearborn Congregational Church UCC' under the video screen, then wait for the next page to load and choose the 'VIDEOS' menu item on that page to bring up a complete library of our Sunday services for the year, dating back to the end of February.



Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, August 2 at 7 pm to discuss Things You Save in a Fire, by Katherine Center

## DEDICATION OF FLOWERS

- August 1 – Polly Fitzpatrick in memory of Jim Quick, Dad
- August 8 – Polly Fitzpatrick, in memory of Harry Fitzpatrick, Father-in-law
- August 15 – Sue MacKenzie, in memory of Dr. Grant and Katherine MacKenzie
- August 22 – Available
- August 29 – Available



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Sue MacKenzie
- 17 Matthew Haling
- 26 Sue Wilson



## Treasurer's Report for June 2021

Income- \$3,104.60  
 Expenses- \$4,563.98

Citizens Account - \$14,139.33  
 Investments with UBS valued at \$102,333.80

Treasurer

## PRAYER LIST



**Family of Don Drys**, who passed away this week.  
 He is a friend of Jabteckis.  
**Linda Haling**, 08/01 - Other knee replacement on Aug. 9  
**John Morgan**, 08/01, Friend of Jabteckis  
 Surgery was a success, he has a long road for recovery

<b>Baby Kayden</b> , 08/01	Needs heart transplant
<b>Teresa Curless</b> , 08/01	Recovering from Hernia Surgery
<b>Michelle Campeau</b> , 08/01	Undergoing Treatment
<b>Lew Worthington</b> , 08/01	Responding to Treatment Health Concern
<b>Gail Waggoner</b> ,	Long-Term Health Issues
<b>Pat Stacho</b> , 08/01	Recovering from Toe Surgery
<b>Sue Wilson</b> ,	Ongoing Health Concern
<b>Carrie Goldie</b> ,	Ongoing Health Concern
<b>Unspoken Prayer Request</b>	

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:**

August 2	7 pm	Book Club
August 11	7 pm	Diaconate Meeting
		Trustee Meeting
August 14	11 am	Celebration of Life for Mac McAdam
August 15	11 am	Congregational Meeting
August 5-26	7 pm	Zoom Bible Study

# **I'M JUST SAYIN' ... Oldie but Goodie from August 2017** ...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" 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?**