

## **Messages from the Diaconate**

Our Minister(s) in February: We warmly welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. William Kren for the first two Sundays in February, Feb. 2 & 9. Pastor Kren preached to our congregation the first two weeks of January and was very well-received! He recently completed 8 years as pastor at Romulus United Methodist Church and later went into the superintendency and oversaw a 4-state district. He is currently serving as a fill-in pastor at St. Paul UCC in Taylor and is chief executive of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. Later on in February, on the 16th and 23rd, we extend an enthusiastic 'welcome back' to Rev. Norman Kirsch of Wyandotte, who has graciously agreed to return to lead us in worship.

A Note On "Ash Wednesday": Early notice to all members that on March 5, there will be a light supper of soup and sandwiches at 6:00pm in the Mayflower Room, followed by our usual Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please consider joining your church family as we begin the Lenten journey towards Easter.

Volunteers for Sundays: We need people to help out with worship services in February. If you are able and available to lend a hand as an usher, liturgist, or fellowship host, please see Teresa Curless or sign your name on the sheet in the Mayflower Room. Thank you!



## **Annual Meeting**

Due to inclement weather, many people didn't make it to church on January 26<sup>th</sup>, the scheduled date for our annual meeting. Since we didn't have a quorum present, the Annual Meeting has been re-scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. We are asking for approval of the 2014 Budget, as well as election of board and committee members. Please plan to attend.

Arnie Schilbe  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

## **Treasurer's Report for December 2013**

Income- \$9,882.67  
Expenses- \$5,745.44

Capital Improvement Fund - \$10,559.55  
Investments with UBS valued at \$221,439.36

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In February



### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Greeters:

- February 2 – Available
- February 9 – Available
- February 16 – Available
- February 23 – Available

#### Ushers:

- February 2 – Pete Stacho & Teresa Curless
- February 9 – Available
- February 16 – Available
- February 23 – Available

#### Liturgists:

- February 2—John Peters
- February 9 – Sue Wilson
- February 16 – Matthew Haling
- February 23 – Matthew Haling

### PRAYER LIST



Bernice Hartling	Medical Concerns
Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Bunny Hoganson	Medical Concerns
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Suzanne Van Ranst	Medical Concerns
Ellis Mangrum	Medical Concerns
Pat Stacho	Medical Concerns
Phyllis Preston	Medical Concerns
Geoff Hubbell	Medical Concerns
Duane Haworth	Medical Concerns
Barbara Kudizius	Medical Concerns
Pat Stacho	Medical Concerns

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Autumn Smith
- 6 John Haling  
Pete Stacho
- 15 Ian Haas  
Greyson Hansen
- 25 Tom Brown

### Dedication of Flowers - December

- February 2 – Available
- February 9 – Arnie Schilbe
- February 16 – Available
- February 23 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – December

- February 2 – Available
- February 9 – Available
- February 16 – Available
- February 23 – Available

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

February	2	Annual Meeting	11:30am
February	12	Trustees Meeting	7pm
February	13	Diaconate Meeting	7pm
February	17	Book Club	7pm

## I'm Just Asking...

### With Pat Stacho

One of my dearest friends recently gave me a temporary gift. Let me explain. Her secret Santa gave her a book, Random Acts of Kindness. There was a post it note inside, telling her how much she has done for so many. She was to read the book and pass it on.

She passed it on to me, with an embarrassingly glowing recount of our friendship. Her only request was that I too passed the book on. I got to thinking what a blessing this is. To pass on and on a simple little book, that will surely get the next person thinking.

There are several short stories of random acts of kindness people have performed. Many unknowingly aware of the effect they have had.

I got to thinking, have I been kind enough to my friends...my family...or strangers?

I DO remember acts of kindness shown to me.

Once, I took my youngest son to Mott's Children Hospital at U of M in Ann Arbor. I was just told he had epilepsy. My precious 2 year old...We were sitting on a bench outside and I was crying while he was sleeping so peacefully in his stroller. He and I both were exhausted after a long day of testing. One of the nurses was leaving for the day, and stopped, sat by me and simply took my hand and said, "Not right now, but soon, everything will be all right again."

Those simple words and the warmth of her smile, made me believe those words. I wish she knew how that random act of kindness made a difference in my life. Those words comforted me throughout my son's illness. "Not right now, but soon."

Whenever things get hard to bear, I just tell myself, "Not, now, but soon, everything will be all right again." And it always is....eventually!

Please take the time to pass on an act of kindness this year. A smile and a kind word to a waitress having a bad day can change it to a good day. There are many opportunities to be kind...let's not ignore them. Simple things, even letting your husband live another day counts!

I have faith in my fellow man. I think we all do more than we realize to help each other. Just think what we could accomplish if we thought about it!

Love you all, stay warm.



## MINI MISSIONS



We continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Please bring them in whenever you collect them. A plastic bin is just inside the tower door.

## Warm Clothing



New or gently used coats, scarves, hats, socks, and gloves/mittens are needed for mission projects or local families in need of some warmth this coming winter.

## Food

We continue to collect non-perishable food items to donate to Gleaner's Food Bank. Please drop these items in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

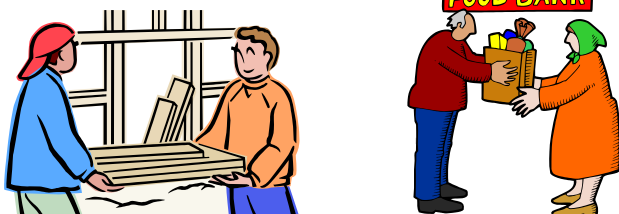
Volunteers are needed to deliver our mini-mission collections: pop tabs, warm clothing, and food bank items, etc. We also need people to help out in various ways around the church, including decorating and organizing. If you have an hour or two a week to spare, see if you could come over and spend it with us!

## Member News



### Book Club

The Book Club is currently reading *The Little Bride* by Anna Solomon. Copies are available for check-out in the blue bag on the shelf in the office. The next meeting will be February 17<sup>th</sup>.



Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of Ray Riske, who passed away December 27<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held January 19<sup>th</sup>. We continue to hold Ray's family in our thoughts and prayers.