

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. NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

**OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm**



Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2020
Mayflower Room



Join us
for your Annual Meeting.
Don't miss it!

The Annual Meeting of Dearborn Congregational Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020 in the Mayflower Room immediately following the worship service. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING! We will review significant developments over the past year, church finances, approve a Budget for 2020, and also nominate members to the Board of Trustees & Diaconate Board and relevant Committee positions. Major issues impacting the future of the church and its ministry will be on the Agenda, as well. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available for review before the meeting. *A reminder to all Board and Committee Chairs: a report of your group's activities/achievements in 2019 must be submitted to the Church office to be printed before the Meeting. So please deliver a hard copy or e-mail your report to the office by Friday, January 17. Copies can be placed in the Secretary's mailbox. A packet composed of all reports will be distributed to each member.

Thank you.

John Peters, Moderator

News and Updates

Worship Service - January 5

Brian Sampson will lead our worship service on Sunday, January 5, while Rev. Worthington and his family are out of town.

January 8– Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00pm.



Taking Down the Greens – January 5

Please plan to help us take down the Christmas tree, the greens in the chandeliers, and store away the decorations for another year.



2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards

You should have received a letter and pledge card regarding our 2020 Stewardship Drive. Please remember to return your Pledge Card to the church by **January 12, 2020** in the envelope provided. Cards are also available in the Sanctuary and Mayflower Room. Thank you for being part of our Christian family. Together, with your support, we can continue to do great things.

2019 Men's Club Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Thanks to all who volunteered many hours to support the 2019 Annual Christmas Tree Sale. It was a real team effort! There were about 15 trees left over out of the 202 ordered. Initial numbers indicate that we generated just over \$4,000 in profit. This is about \$400 less than last year, but tree prices continue to rise each year. We're a bit like the old Marine's slogan, "The Few, The Proud" but we get the job done. It was an absolute GREAT success! Thanks again to everyone for all their hard work and support. If anyone has any other tree sale expenses or tree sale monies to turn in, please get the receipts or monies to me as soon as possible.

Many Thanks,
Jim Haling
Men's Club
Christmas Tree Chairman

OUR CHURCH AT WORK
In January

Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

January 5 – John Proctor/Tom Brown
 January 12 – Available
 January 19 – Available
 January 26 – Available

Liturgists:

January 5 – Nancy Wolter
 January 12 – Available
 January 19 – Available
 January 26 – Available

Dedication of Flowers

January 5 – Poinsettias
 January 12 – The Haling Family, in memory of their father, Frank Haling
 January 19 – The Bolton Family, in memory of their father, Lee Bolton
 January 26 – Sue MacKenzie, in memory of husband, David MacKenzie

Fellowship Hour

January 5 – John Peters and Teresa Curless
 January 12 – Available
 January 19 – Available
 January 26 – Available

Dates to Remember:

January 5	11 am	Taking down the Greens
January 8	7 pm	Diaconate and Trustees
January 26	11 am	Annual Meeting

PRAYER LIST



Barb Allen - 12/20	Serious Health Issues
Gail Waggoner - 12/20	Health Issues
Teresa Curless - 12/20	Finished with Chemo
Pauline Gourlay - 12/20	Shut in
Fred Michales - 12/20	Serious Health Concern
Tom Schlaff 12/20	Recovering at home
Jenn Worthington 12/29	Health Concern
Sue Medellin , Friend of Tammy & Teresa 11/17	Serious Health Concern
Prayers of condolence for the family of Doug Davis , Tammy Jabtecki's Uncle	
Katie Evelyn Riley , Granddaughter of Deb Evans, Recovering from lung surgery	

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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Toni Boyd
8	Linda Haling
11	Linda Berndt
27	Cole Haas
30	Marilyn Beardsley

Treasurer's Report for November 2019

Treasurer's Report for November 2019
 Income- \$2,053.86
 Expenses- \$6,483.88

Capital Improvement Fund - \$13,280.32

Investments with UBS valued at \$103,983.27

Matthew Haling, Treasurer





I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED! Do you remember the nightmare of seeing that on the "perfect" gift for your kids? I do !! And that nightmare lasted all the way to my grandkids. This year I got smart. My GREAT grandkids got a box of batteries. All sizes. Best gift idea, ever.

I wish there was a way to charge our bodies back to the days we ran like the Energizer bunny, without that annoying drum! The new year brings memories of days gone by, and dreams for the days ahead. The memories become sweeter...the dreams simpler.

For instance. My earliest Christmas memory involves a new bike, hearing my uncle putting it together, (I was supposedly sleeping in my bedroom) and hearing him singing carols, loudly and off key...way off key. I realized years later that that may have been caused by enjoying some Irish whiskey while attempting to assemble my first two wheeler bike. Fast forward to said Irish drinking uncle

test driving the bike, down the hallway...straight into the end of the hallway! CRASH. Bike was missing a front tire and fender. Pretty important parts, right? In the morning my broken bike was under the tree with an apologetic note from Santa confessing he dropped it from his sleigh....That was the year I realized there was no Santa...and Irish whiskey, in excess, causes trouble. Many years later, that story has become a family favorite.

And I can laugh now. My Irish uncle has passed away, but will always be remembered. (He replaced that bike, by the way, with a much snazzier model) As for dreams ahead....well, I have simple wishes. Much like when I was a youngster. Now it involves wishes for my kids, grandkids and GREAT grandkids. All the wishes only God can grant. But the sense of hope we all feel at the beginning of a new year is universal.

I wish all of you, including all the Irish uncles, a happy, healthy new year. New dreams? I hope so, and I hope you achieve them. Blessings to you all. Start the new year right...share your dreams. Just sayin'.



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Part deux!

Happy New Year. 2020? Really??
Seems like yesterday everyone was afraid of the consequences of welcoming 2000. Unfounded fears...we made it. (More or less)

We're twenty years into it so I guess we can take a sigh of relief....or can we?
So many promises were never kept. Weight Watchers promised me I'd lose, at the least, 2 sizes. You can see how that worked out. But to be fair, I never read the fine print. Pizza should not be excluded. Nor should exercise be made to be such a big deal!

THIS TOO SHALL PASS! Right? They must have meant gas, that's all I passed. Still can't get a decent haircut. Still have too many aches and pains for my age. Ok, maybe not age, but I try to be a nice person.
And whatever happened to "I'll get right back to you?". Still waiting to hear from you Comcast. Although I doubt they were going to give me a break on my bill. Just another promise.

And my dear husband, the guy everyone says is such a great guy....hard worker, etc. Promised to put up our Christmas wreath. It's ok Pete. Christmas is over. Never mind.

Promised to paint the kitchen. Lol
Promised to get a shelf unit for my extra pans, etc. It was going to be in the basement, in the wide open space where our freezer used to be. (Quit working after we lost power in that flood we had.)

Promised to paint the bathroom. Oh wait!
Our son Scott shamed him into helping him. It did get painted. Thank you son, your dad thanks you too.

So...a new year, a new outlook.
No resolutions, I'm avoiding failure.
Not getting sucked in to promises either!
I am taking 2020 a day at a time. That way if my day doesn't go so great, if I have more aches than seems fair, whatever life hands me I will simply smile and thank my dear Lord that a bad day will NEVER last more than 24 hours. That's a promise I can believe in. And as Scarlett always said, "tomorrow is another day!". So there, Florine. My diet will start soon...I promise.

In the meantime, have a blessed New Year.
If you get a promise, don't hold your breath.
BUT, if you make a promise keep it! I'm just saying.

