

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*

*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.



DCC's Annual Historic Church Tour

If you aren't in this picture, it's because you missed a super Saturday morning with some super people! But don't despair – we plan on doing this again, next year.

Our Annual Historic Church Tour, organized by [John Peters](#), was Friday, June 23rd in Detroit - and it was amazing! We started at St Francis D'Assisi Church on Wesson St., in Detroit. Our "guide" at the church was Tom Rys. He provided us with the history of this beautiful building, which dates back to 1903. Of particular interest was the original organ – it is a massive musical instrument that was installed during construction of St. Francis. In passing, I asked Tom if it was still being used. In reply, he left us for the organ loft and played us a hymn! Wow!



The church, like so many, is struggling - but they are optimistic that St. Francis D'Assisi will be around for another 100

years. Our group took up an offering for the church and thanked Tom for an enjoyable morning.



Next stop, Holy Redeemer Church at the corner of Junction and Vernor. This is where your Pastor worshipped before our family moved to Taylor. The visit conjured up a lot of memories, which include serving (occasionally) as an altar boy for Sunday Mass. When we entered the Church, I remarked that it "still smells the same." Funny, how something like the scent of old, wood pews and burning candles triggers memories. One of the highlights of the visit (for me) was spending time with Dorothy Alcala and Gloria Gonzales, our tour guides. I mentioned to the ladies that my dear Aunts, Rose Melnick and Bertha Rayha, were devoted members and supporters of Holy Redeemer. When they heard the name of Rose Melnick, both smiled and told me they remember her! They both had worked with Rose in the cafeteria and Dorothy also added that "I still miss her - she was a sweet lady."

The day ended with lunch at Armando's Mexican Restaurant on Vernor Highway, across from Clark Park. (After all, when in Mexican Town, you've got to visit one of the many restaurants!)

It was a very good day – the weather was perfect.
It was a very good day – the sights were amazing.
It was a very good day - the Christian fellowship was wonderful.



In 1 John 1:3 the author writes ***“that which we have seen and heard we also proclaim to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”*** (ESV)

The message is simple – when you have an opportunity to meet with your Dearborn Congregational Church family for fellowship, try not to miss it! Christian fellowship is what strengthens the bonds of Christian love and energizes the Church. We are united to one another by common beliefs, purposes and goals. So when we assemble for events like a Church tour, we are demonstrating to the world, the oneness we have with Christ and with the Father.

Have a blessed Summer – be safe and be holy!

Pastor Bill

Messages from the Diaconate

Summer Bible Study – July 11

Rev. Kren will be leading our summer Bible Study starting Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 PM. Join us for a seven-week study and discover what the Bible says about the many issues of importance in our daily lives. Each week will be a different topic for study. This is a great time to spend together in fellowship while gaining better understanding of the Bible. We hope to see you there!

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

Offering– July 16

OCWM funds the work that is done in the Michigan Conference and also in the national and global church. These funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing. It helps provide pastoral placement and education for church leaders, worship materials, along with resources and training for stewardship and fundraising. Brochures will be in the Sunday bulletins for you to learn more about the works of the Michigan Conference and OCWM. Envelopes will be available July 16 for this special offering.

Singing Sermon Sunday – July 30

Mark your calendars for our second annual Singing Sermon Sunday. Last year's was so well received we're planning another one for July 30. So, start thinking about favorite hymns that you would like to sing. If you would like to volunteer to sing a solo or duet, let us know, it would be a welcome addition. Starting July 2 forms will be available in the bulletin for you to request your favorite hymns. We'll try to sing as many requests as possible and share a little history on each song. The deadline for submitting requests is July 23.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

We collected \$155.00 for this special offering. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

Do you need offering envelopes? We have them available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to pick some up and use on Sunday morning.

From the Moderator:

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 PM

There will be a meeting of the Church Council on the last Wednesday of July at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. This meeting is open to all church members, but the head of each Board & Committee should plan to attend or otherwise arrange for a representative to appear in their place. Several topics will be on the Agenda including the progress of, and issues arising from the Farmers Market; repairing the church roof, emergency contacts for members, and an update on the new hymnals. In addition, the commemoration of the church's 75th Anniversary will be discussed with input from the Diaconate. So save the date and see you on July 26!

Thank you,
John Peters
Moderator

Treasurer's Report for May 2017

Income- \$6,127.00
Expenses- \$8,153.26

Capital Improvement Fund - \$13,589.66
Investments with UBS valued at \$179,377.40

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



OUR CHURCH AT WORK In July

Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

- July 2 – Dave Jabtecki & Pete Stacho
- July 9 – Available
- July 16 – Available
- July 23 – Available
- July 30 – Available

Liturgists:

- July 2 – Sue MacKenzie
- July 9 – John Peters
- July 16 – Available
- July 23 – Available
- July 30 – Available



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Teresa Munson
- 4 Elaine Stacho
- 7 Valerie Haas
- 10 Constance Kruper
- 11 Betty Mawhinney
- 25 Brian Sampson
- 31 Irene Moxon

Dedication of Flowers - July

- July 2 – Available
- July 9 – Sue MacKenzie
- July 16 – Teresa Curless
- July 23 – Nancy Wolter
- July 30 – Available

Fellowship Hour – July

- July 2 – Donuts
- July 9 – Valerie Haas
- July 16 – Available
- July 23 – Available
- July 30 – 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

The **Book Club** is reading *Prepared for a Purpose*, by Antoinette Tuff. The meeting to discuss the book will be July 31st. Copies are available for checkout in the office.



Dates to Remember:

- July 11 Bible Study begins 7pm
- July 12 Trustees Meeting 7pm
- July 26 Church Council Meeting 7pm
- July 30 Singing Sermon Sunday
- July 31 Book Club 7pm

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

I've come to the conclusion that being in my 70's is not such a bad deal. It has taken a lot of convincing to get there, but I have arrived!

One definite plus: my sons were not part of the "pants around your hips" nonsense. I diapered those bottoms, wiped those bottoms, and smacked those bottoms when required. When those cute cheeks were babies, I even kissed them! But there was no way I wanted them exposed to passersby. For the life of me, I cannot figure out why the young men of today think that's attractive!

Another plus: A lot less is expected of me. My hubby drops me off at the door when we go shopping. Of course, the drawback is, he sometimes forgets he dropped me off! But we're in the cell phone era, I can call him. Convenient, especially when he remembers to turn his phone on!!



Holidays are another plus. I love cooking; HATE the cleanup. Now that I am grandma, the youngsters do the cleanup. Not a bad deal. Plus, the majority of holidays are spent at my son's house. I don't even have to vacuum.

Discounts...lots of discounts. Of course, it's automatic, nobody asks my age anymore. Sigh!! But hey, nothing comes without some sort of compromise. Besides, I know I can never pass for 55 again, ever again!

And we like the "early bird" specials. It gives us time to get a little nap in before bedtime.

When I was young, sooo many years ago, I would have three or four young men waiting for a date with little 'ol me. I am now deliriously happily married.

OK, happily married, but still spend a lot of time with Arthur and Ben. My husband is aware of my dependence on them, my obsession with Arthur Ritis and Ben Gay.

They both are a big part of my life.

So you see, the seventies ain't all bad, my friends. I've made the necessary adjustments, accepted the obvious drawbacks and am learning how to stay young at heart. Remember my message last January? Gratitude attitude?

Despite all the aches, pains and so on...life is good. God is good. Sure hope the 80's will be too. I'm just sayin'...