

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 27 at 11:15 AM for the purpose of approving the Call of Rev. William Kren to our Pulpit. You are familiar with Rev. Kren as he has preached numerous times this past year as Guest Pastor.

Your support is needed at this meeting, so plan to be in attendance in the Mayflower Room shortly after our regular Sunday morning Service.

Messages from the Diaconate

Diaconate Meeting: Thursday, July 10 - 7:00 pm

Detroit Churches Tour -Sat. July 12 - Plans are in the works for our 3rd annual Tour of Detroit Churches, scheduled this year for Sat. July 12. We will be visiting Old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in the Greektown district and Old St. John's / St. Luke's Church UCC in the Eastern Market district.

We will gather in our church parking lot at 10:00 am and drive separately (or some can carpool, if they prefer) downtown to Old St. Mary's for an 11:00 am tour lasting about 45 minutes. The suggested donation is \$2 per person. Then we will head over to our second stop, Old St. John's. There, we will have lunch consisting of a German meal served by church staff. The cost of the meal is \$15 and the suggested donation for use of the hall is \$3. So the total cost per person to enjoy the tour of both churches, including lunch, is \$20. Hope you can make it! P.S. If interested, please add your name to the Sign-Up sheet in church so we have an idea of how many people are going.



Treasurer's Report for May 2014

Income- \$8,273.06

Expenses- \$4,226.63

Capital Improvement Fund - \$11,009.55

Investments with UBS valued at \$225,594.13

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

DANIEL PLAN

A reminder that anyone interested in learning more about healthy eating and lifestyle choices is welcome to join our Daniel Plan group on Wednesdays at 7pm. Share fellowship, tips on living healthy, and recipes!



The Book Club
is currently reading *The Forgotten Waltz*, by Anne Enright.
Books are available for checkout in the blue bag in the office.
Check the Sunday bulletins for the next meeting date.

Women's Fellowship

There will be a meeting of the Women's Fellowship after Sunday Services on July 13th in the Library. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK
In July

Helpers for Sunday Services

Greeters:

- July 6 – Available
- July 13 – Available
- July 20 – Available
- July 27 – Available

Ushers:

- July 6 – Available
- July 13 – Available
- July 20 – Available
- July 27 – Available

Liturgists:

- July 6 – Available
- July 13 – Valerie Haas
- July 20 – Available
- July 27 – Valerie Haas

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
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns
Dave Stacho	Medical Concerns
Edith Schwartz	Medical Concerns



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Elaine Stacho
- 6 Dorothy Knox
- 7 Valerie Haas
- 10 Constance Kruper
- 11 Betty Mawhinney
- 24 Colleen Grozdanoff
- 25 Brian Sampson
- 31 Irene Moxon

Dedication of Flowers - July

- July 6 – Available
- July 13 – Joanne Owen
- July 20 – Available
- July 27 – Ruth Smith

Fellowship Hour – July

- July 6 – Valerie Haas & Pat Mangrum
- July 13 – Available
- July 20 – Available
- July 27 – Available

DATES TO REMEMBER...

July	9	Trustees Meeting	7pm
July	10	Diaconate Meeting	7pm
July	27	Congregational Mtg	7pm

Toss Me The Keys ...

It seems like only yesterday. Our oldest son passed all the tests. He was 16 years old and was now a legal, licensed driver in the State of Ohio.

Sue and I stood on the sidewalk near the parsonage, holding hands and silently praying. It was a transitional moment in the life of our family! Reluctantly, we handed Derek the keys to the car for his first solo run.

It seems like only yesterday. We watched him pull away from the curb and out into traffic, confirming to us that something tremendous had just taken place. This was a step of growth. We had given our son an adult responsibility. Derek had been released into an adult world and we realized his life had permanently changed. He was moving forward – he would never turn back.

In the Bible, Jesus did something very similar for His followers. It took place on that first Easter Sunday. The disciples were huddled in a locked room, fearful of the world. They were alone and afraid. In John 20:19 it reads, ***Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.*** Then came that transitional moment. Something tremendous took place. Jesus said, ***"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."***

"So I send you!" Jesus tossed the keys to the Kingdom to His disciples. He demonstrated His trust to the disciples! They had a message to share and would now move forward and never look back!

We have that same Gospel message! We are now the "sent ones." Jesus *has tossed us the keys* and He has given us a great privilege - share the message!

- *Pastor Bill Kren*

I'm Just Sayin' ...

...with Pat Stacho

\Good morning, I'm back! Last month's article is in cyberspace. Floating somewhere beyond Rod Serling's fifth dimension. We'll never know what snatched it from Val's computer, but if you find it, enjoy.

This month I want to I want to publicly acknowledge my dear, sweet husband, Pete. I love and appreciate you and thought it was about time I said so. That, and the fact we just celebrated our 46th anniversary.

Celebrate sounds so much better than survived, don't you think?

And, of course, the obvious question, what is your secret? The "youngsters" at my weekly bingo sessions asked, my peers just smile! They know it's valium, your own car with a full tank of gas, and knowing you would have to train a new man. Not worth it!

And PATIENCE! Lots of patience. You need more patience with a husband than with your children. Children can be sent to their room, a husband's room is generally your room too. Why risk dirty workshoes on your bedspread? And children eventually leave! Again, patience.

I have found over the years, that humming helps too. Internal humming. It helps tune out a lot! Men tend to simply ignore you, I nod and smile, all the while I am humming "I will survive" in my head. It has worked so far, although I now find myself humming "one day at a time, sweet Jesus"

Also, never underestimate the blessings of longevity. As we have gotten older, expectations have eased up, on both sides. I no longer have to wait at the door, anticipating the king of the castle returning from a hard day at

the mill. He no longer leaves the castle. But I still have to clean the moat! I remember the advice my mother gave my sister and me. "Beware of the guy on a white horse. Marry the prince and you'll be cleaning horse @# the rest of your life." Pete was my knight in shining armor. Guess who has to shine that armor??

Another thing...compromise! But beware. You will note promise is in there. Use caution when making a promise.

A man will forget birthdays, kid's names, even what you told him an hour before...but promise to...well, I'm just saying! Be careful with the promises. Pete still remembers an impulse promise made in 1970! (Give it up; ain't gonna happen)

And on a more serious note, he has become my source of strength, comfort and I depend on him. I recently lost my younger brother, Gregg. He suffered a massive heart attack after several years of heart disease. He died a week before his 44th birthday. Tough thing to face, but Pete was my rock. Thank you, for being you. I sometimes wonder where the time has gone. 46 years! WOW! (Sometimes seems longer...sometimes like yesterday)

At any rate, I would do it again. Would I do anything different? You bet, I would! I'd eat more ice cream...

