

## Change is Coming!

Just for the sake of discussion, imagine that you are in your car motoring on Rotunda Drive and hurrying to church! You look at your watch and see that it is a few minutes past 10:00 am. You'll be late, but you won't miss much!

Turning into the Dearborn Congregational parking lot – you recognize many of the parked vehicles and you are pleased that so many of your friends have made for Sunday worship. However, there is a strange automobile parked in the Pastor's spot. "Maybe Pastor Bill has purchased a new car?"

You enter the sanctuary, the congregation is singing the opening hymn and standing in the pulpit is ... A STRANGER! He is wearing a robe and stole which indicates he's a minister. But he's NOT Pastor Bill! How would you react? How would you feel with this unexpected change?

Let's face it, change happens just like that. It's sudden and unexpected. The world you once knew is off kilter. . . And let's face it – when predictability disappears, so does your comfort zone. It's no longer comfortable

I'm writing all this to prepare our congregation for a change! It's a pulpit switch. Unlike many unexpected or unwanted changes, this is not a permanent change and it should be fun and exciting. On Sunday, July 19, 2015, the Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas and his wife Eileen Vernor Drutchas will be our special guests in Morning Worship. Rev. Drutchas will be bring the morning sermon while your pastor and his wife are visiting St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor. It's a pulpit switch that will bring us all an added blessing. After all – we are ALL part of the family of God!

Now why would you want to miss something this special? So mark your calendar and plan on welcoming the pastor of our sister church!

*Pastor Bill*

## **Messages from the Diaconate**

### **Installation Service & Reception for Rev. Kren -Sunday, July 12 at 3:00 pm:**

SAVE THE DATE and join us on this special day as we and the Detroit Metro Association of the UCC officially recognize the calling of Pastor Kren as our minister! The service involves our pastor taking the charge of office, acknowledging his responsibilities and duties, and serves to remind the congregation of their duty to follow the pastor's lead. Several other area UCC ministers will attend and speak, a singing group will perform, and hors d'oeuvres will be served afterwards courtesy of Park Place catering. The reception menu will be a smorgasbord of delights including swedish meatballs, spinach pie, egg rolls, quiche, and a customized cake to celebrate the occasion. It's an event you don't want to miss!

**Pulpit Switch -July 19:** The Rev. Geoff Drutchas of St. Paul's UCC in Taylor will be our guest minister on Sunday, July 19. At the same time, Rev. Kren will take Rev. Drutchas place at St. Paul's. Pastor Drutchas has been senior minister at St. Paul's for over 25 years and is Pastor Kren's former boss when Rev. Kren was associate pastor there. So be sure to come and hear God's Word spoken and interpreted by this beloved and dedicated servant of the Lord on July 19!

**Volunteers for Worship Service in July:** The Diaconate is looking for people willing to serve as usher, liturgist, or fellowship host in July. If interested, please sign the sheet in the Mayflower Room or see John Peters. Your volunteering is deeply appreciated!



### **Treasurer's Report for May 2015**

Income- \$3,009.33  
Expenses- \$9,645.14

Capital Improvement Fund - \$12,084.55  
Investments with UBS valued at \$240,444.56

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

## **THANK YOU!**

We'd like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU TO THE MEN'S CLUB and Jim Haling, in particular, for picking up the tab on Feather Bowling Night at the Cadieux Cafe in April.

The Men's Club covered the cost of food and soft drinks for ALL 20 people who went, as well as the bowling court rental fee.

We are deeply grateful and just want to say 'thanks again' for making a fun evening possible for so many of our members!

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In July

### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Greeters:

July 5 – Ian Haas  
July 12 – Ian Haas  
July 19 – Ian Haas  
July 26 – Ian Haas

#### Ushers:

July 5 – Marge Manspeaker & John Peters  
July 12 – Available  
July 19 – Available  
July 26 – Available

#### Liturgists:

July 5 – Irene Moxon  
July 12 – Irene Moxon  
July 19 – Available  
July 26 – Marge Manspeaker

### PRAYER LIST



Bernice Hartling	Medical Concerns
Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Bunny Hoganson	Medical Concerns
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Suzanne Van Ranst	Medical Concerns
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns
R. Ferguson Family	Healing, spiritual guidance
Sean Goldie	Medical Concerns
Daniel Less	Medical Concerns
Irene Moxon	Medical Concerns
Gordon Grozdanoff	Medical Concerns
Arline Prois	Medical Concerns
John Adams	Medical Concerns
David MacKenzie	Medical Concerns
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Audrey Langley	Medical Concerns



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

### Dedication of Flowers - July

July 5 – David & Susan MacKenzie  
July 12 – Available  
July 19 – Available  
July 26 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – July

July 5 – Available  
July 12 – Available  
July 19 – Available  
July 26 – Available

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

July	8	Trustees Meeting	7pm
July	9	Diaconate Meeting	7pm

**I'M JUST SAYIN' ...**

...with Pat Stacho

I do NOT do fast food. No Burger King...no McDonald's...no White Castle. (Okay, once in a while. But just when I need to check to be sure my probiotics are working.)

I don't know the last time I walked into Taco Bell.

I'd like to think that Weight Watchers had a part in that decision. But, alas I can't say that's the case. To be truthful, it was fear of local police. I knew they would find me, charge me with assault and put me away for too long. I was just too close to hurting the "workers" at such establishments.

I would order a hamburger, small fries and a diet Coke. "You want fries with that?"

Yep, small fries. "Something to drink?"

Okay, a diet Coke. "That's a cheeseburger, large fries and a Coke" NO... a hamburger, no cheese, small fries and diet Coke.

"Ma'am, we don't have cheese fries." I don't want cheese on my hamburger OR on my fries! "That'll be \$4.83" I handed this manager trainee a \$5 Bill and three pennies.

Do not ever do this, it confuses the cashier and evidently will jam the register. You'll have to wait for the real manager to straighten out the mess you created. By now your lunch just doesn't seem worth it.

And these are the geniuses who think \$15 an hour is a reasonable request. I will admit that there are dedicated, intelligent, young people in the work force today. I salute them, and

always acknowledge their smiling service, both of them!

And it's not just fast food....lack of customer service is at epidemic proportions. Go to almost any big box store, department store, grocery store, any one, and try to find someone who can assist you. "Not my department" "I'll be right with you" (lol) "I think we're out of it"

Years ago when I was working, at Sears actually, we were expected to treat the customer as the most important person we would encounter that day. They're the reason we had our job. Times have changed, my friend.

That's my rant for today. Thanks for listening. I have managed to avoid the trigger spots that set me off. I will allow Pete to pick up carry-out, as long as I am not involved with ordering or paying. I know my breaking point! No burger is worth jail time. If YOU must indulge in fast food frenzy, don't say I didn't warn you.

Hope everyone is enjoying summer. Have a safe, happy 4th of July. (Happy Birthday, Elaine! The fireworks and parade are for you!)

