

# The Messenger

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## 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, THURSDAY & FRIDAY **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm***

Reverend Kren's Office Hours:  
Monday—Thursday mornings 8am—Noon  
Monday—Thursday afternoons 1pm until 5pm,  
except when visiting members of the congregation.



## Inspired by Our Neighbors

Just down the block from our Church and across the street, we have the Detroit Lions Headquarters and Training Camp.



A few weeks ago I decided to walk down and view the activities. The Lions Mini-Camp was in session! Naturally, being a diehard fan, I'm getting "pumped" about the 2018 NFL season. The Lions have a new head coach, new players, and a renewed hope for a successful year on the gridiron.

As I walked by the camp, I could hear the coaches call out instructions. The grunts and groans were contributing to a wave of sounds – a cacophony of football madness! I found this inspiring!

I know that serving the Lord and pastoring is a 24/7 adventure. Nevertheless, there are days when I find myself getting comfortable – almost complacent. I've been in ministry for 38 years. It's tempting to "put it in cruise control" and finish up my season of laboring. However, what I discovered going on down the street - a football team in training and "honing" their skills, was a source of inspiration! I want to apply myself and sharpen **my skills** for Jesus.

St. Paul wrote a letter to the Ephesians, giving instructions to young Christians who were trying to live out their new faith in Christ. In Ephesians 6, Paul begins by "*calling out instructions*" for children and parents.

***Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. "Honor your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, "so you will live well and have a long life." Fathers, don't***

***exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.*** (Ephesians 6:1-4 MSG)

Great advice for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian family! And then, Paul has this to say to employers and their workers (I'll change the wording just a bit – pastors and their congregation).

***Pastor, respectfully obey your church leaders but always with an eye to obeying the real master, Christ. Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God. Good work will get you good pay from the Master, regardless of whether you are slave or free.*** (Ephesians 6:5-8 MSG).

In May, the Detroit Lions Mini-Camp was a reminder that I must continue to **“work heartily ... with a smile on [my] face ... keeping in mind that no matter [what] happens ... [I'm] really serving God.”**

Have a safe and blessed summer!



Pastor Bill Kren

## News from the Diaconate

### Pizza and Game Night - June 15

Mark your calendars for Pizza and Game Night on Friday, June 15. Pizza will be served at 6:30 PM with games starting at 7:00 PM. Bring your favorite game if you have one, and if you don't, that's ok too. Pop, dessert and snacks will also be provided. Feel free to invite family and friends to join us. Please sign the sheet in the Sanctuary or Mayflower Room so we know how much pizza to order.

### Guest Speakers – June 17 & 24

The Krens will be vacationing in June and while they are away, our worship services will be led by Jim Haling on June 17 and Brian Sampson on June 24. We pray for the Krens' safe return and look forward to Jim and Brian filling the pulpit.

### Ushers Needed

Would you like to help with Sunday morning worship services by being an usher? This is a very important activity. Friendly and efficient ushers help Dearborn Congregational present a welcoming atmosphere to both visitors and members. Anyone interested please see Nancy, Teresa, Cheryl, Pat, Sue Wilson, or Jay Carter.

### Downriver for Veterans

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Downriver for Veterans located on Fort Street in Wyandotte. Only in its second year, this organization needs ongoing support to assist local resource-limited veterans with food and other needs. Some veterans are on disability income and don't have enough to pay their bills and buy groceries. You can place your donations in the Totes of Love bin in the back of the Sanctuary. Please check the expiration date to make sure items have not expired.

### Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 PM.



### Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, June 13th, at 7pm.

### Church Clean-Up Day - June 2

Please join us **Saturday, June 2** from 8 am - 12 noon as we gather to spruce up the outside grounds and clean the inside of the church. A list of jobs to be done is posted behind the glass in the tower entrance hallway. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies. For outdoor work, gloves and a garden rake or trowel are recommended. We need volunteers able to carry loads of wood chips in wheelbarrows, especially! For inside work -dust rags and furniture polish would be helpful. So join in the effort, show Him your love, and help to beautify His house!

### Treasurer's Report for April 2018

Income- \$4,573.00  
Expenses- \$9,073.12

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 12,830.32  
Investments with UBS valued at \$150,611.71

\$6,000 was transferred from UBS to Charter One to meet expenses

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



**OUR CHURCH AT WORK**  
**IN JUNE**



Helpers for Sunday Services

**Ushers:**

- June 3 – Henry Zawu & Dave Jabtecki
- June 10 – Available
- June 17 – Available
- June 24 – Available

**Liturgists:**

- June 3 – Sue Wilson
- June 10 – Available
- June 17 – Available
- June 24 – Available

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Keith Meadows**  
**Kevin Schilbe**
- 3 Dr. Alice Lindsey**
- 9 Robin Hansen**
- 11 Andrea Schilbe**
- 24 Carol Labonowski**

**Dedication of Flowers - JUNE**

- June 3 – Available
- June 10 – Available
- June 17 – Gail Waggoner
- June 24 – Available

**PRAYER LIST**



Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Annika Koch	Medical Concerns
Kathy Gideon	Medical Concerns
Tom Schlaff	Medical Concerns
Carol Burroughs	Medical Concerns
Lois Clickner	Medical Concerns
Elie Stergiou	Medical Concerns
Jane Haling	Health Issues
Carrie Goldie	Serious Health Issues
Rev. Bill Kren	Serious Health Issues
Della King Family	Medical Concerns
Wanda Silvey	Medical Concerns
Walter Crawford	Medical Concerns
Barbara Kudizus	Medical Concerns
Ron Kupersmid	Medical Concerns
Phyllis Preston	Medical Concerns
Laura Cleaver	Serious Health Issues

**Fellowship Hour – May**

- June 3 – Tammy Jabtecki
- June 10 – Available
- June 17 – Available
- June 24 – Available

**Dates to Remember:**

- June 2 Clean Up Day 8:00am - Noon
- June 13 Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- June 13 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- June 15 Pizza & Game Night 6:30pm

## I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

It's June! We are half way through the year. There is a lot going on in June. School is getting out for the summer (which, by the way, begins on June 21st).

Flag Day is June 14th. Don't forget to remember all who gave their lives for our country over the years. Celebrate the American flag, which was made official in 1777.

Father's Day is June 14th. This is the day we honor all the Fathers. Let him vegetate on the couch, watching sports all day. Bring him cold beer if so desired...supply him with snacks, hugs and silence. Lol, seems like any other day to me!

But this Father's Day, let's take time to say a special prayer for our dear Pastor Kren. It was one year ago on Father's Day, he received the devastating news that he had stage 4 cancer. But by the grace of God, he is doing well. Continued prayers for you, Rev Kren. You are loved.

But June has a special meaning for me. June 12th, 1968, to be exact. That was the day I became Mrs. Peter Stacho. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. My dream became reality. Reality being the key word. FIFTY YEARS !!

People have asked me the secret to a long marriage. If I knew that, it wouldn't be a secret. There are no easy answers, but we stuck with each other because divorce lawyers are so expensive!! And unfortunately, we do not have sufficient assets to split,; neither of us could survive. But together, we'll be ok.

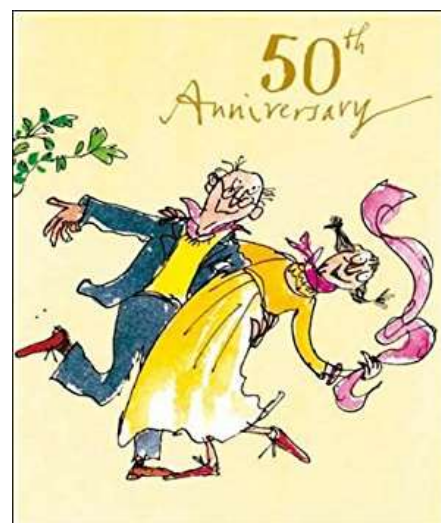
Compromise...accept each other rather than try to change each other. If you loved each

other enough to marry, why try to change each other?? In love became love. There is a difference, think about it. Love is less exhausting than being "in love."

I've always tried to be someone he would be stupid to give up. Cooking has saved my butt more than once. As far as me leaving him; it has never reached that point. I'm not stupid, either. Besides, I am too old to train another man, and not up to living alone. Again, compromise. (Note that promise is in compromise.)

There are probably fifty reasons why we get on each other's nerves...but there are fifty more reasons why we make it through each day together. At the risk of embarrassing my husband, I just want to say....."I love you, Pete Stacho. The last 50 years have all been worth it, because you were by my side." Now, the big question....where are you taking me for dinner?!?

I'm just sayin'...





**SUMMER**  
**IS TIME FOR** WARM NIGHTS  
WATERMELON  
**BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES**  
SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS  
**RIP EPICNICS CAMPFIRES**  
TOMATOES LEMONADE  
**LIGHTENING STORMS LOVE**

