

## **Messages from the Diaconate**

**Guest Minister in March:** We are truly blessed to welcome back Rev. William Kren to lead our congregation in worship in March. Rev. Kren is an affiliate pastor at St. Paul's UCC in Taylor and works as executive director of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce when he's not preaching. He recently led us in worship for two Sundays in March, and we are delighted and deeply grateful he has offered his services to us once again!

**Ash Wednesday - March 5:** As we prepare for our Lenten journey, plans are being made for Ash Wednesday on March 5th. A light supper of a sub sandwich and soup will be served in the Mayflower Room at 6:00 pm with the service, led by Rev. Norman Kirsch, to follow at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in coming to the supper, please sign your name to the list located in the church, contact the church by e-mail, or call on Tues., Thurs, or Fri. between 9:30am and 1pm.

**Easter Flowers:** On Sunday, March 16, we will begin taking orders for Easter flowers. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the church where you can also designate the loved ones you are remembering. We will be ordering tulips and lilies, and possibly hyacinths, if there's enough interest. The cost of the flowers is \$8.00.

**"One Great Hour of Sharing" UCC Mission:** On Sunday, March 9, we will launch our annual OGHS campaign. Special envelopes will be set out in the church pews through March 30, which will be the formal day of offering. Please consider making an offer to this worthy cause whose purpose is to bring Christ's love to individuals and communities around the world who have suffered the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship.

**Care Ring:** Two years ago, we asked for volunteers willing to call other members with news about an ailing member or friend of the church. Please let us know if you no longer wish to continue taking part in the 'Care Ring'. Otherwise, if your contact information (phone / e-mail) has changed since then, send us your updated info by e-mail or check the list in the church and make a note of the change. Thank you!

**Mini-Mission Update:** A reminder that we are continuing to collect warm clothing and personal items for those in need this winter. These can be placed in the bins in the hallway next to the office.



## **Treasurer's Report for January 2014**

Income- \$4,217.00  
Expenses- \$14,202.83

Capital Improvement Fund - \$10,584.55  
Investments with UBS valued at \$213,697.73

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In March

### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Greeters:

- March 2 – Available
- March 9 – Available
- March 16 – Available
- March 23 – Available
- March 30 – Available

#### Ushers:

- March 2 – Polly Fitzpatrick & Roberta Adamson
- March 9 – Doris Bachert & Available
- March 16 – Available
- March 23 – Available
- March 30 – Polly Fitzpatrick & Available

#### Liturgists:

- March 2—Valerie Haas
- March 9 – Available
- March 16 – Available
- March 23 – Available
- March 30 – Available

### 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
Pat Stacho	Medical Concerns
Phyllis Preston	Medical Concerns
Geoff Hubbell	Medical Concerns
Duane Haworth	Medical Concerns
Barbara Kudizius	Medical Concerns
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 John Proctor
- 4 Michelle Fitzpatrick
- 7 Melissa Schilbe
- 10 Elizabeth Paul  
Betty Radatz
- 14 Phyllis Preston
- 22 Grant MacKenzie
- 23 Zoe Martin  
Marge Manspeaker
- 27 Michelle Martin
- 30 Michael Haling
- 31 Linda Meadows

### Dedication of Flowers - December

- March 2 – Available
- March 9 – Available
- March 16 – Available
- March 23 – Teresa Curless
- March 30 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – December

- March 2 – Fred & Doris Bachert
- March 9 – Carol & Mac McAdam
- March 16 – Available
- March 23 – Available
- March 30 – Available

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

March	12	Trustees Meeting	7pm
March	13	Diaconate Meeting	7pm

## I'm Just Sayin'...

### With Pat Stacho

Remember all the things we used to take for granted over the years?

Like the GOOD HUMOR truck? ringing those bells....making you run to mom for spare coins, hoping he wasn't out of toasted almond bars.

The smell of bacon frying on Sunday morning....Eggs are NOT the same incentive for crawling out of a warm bed! Not even the cinnamon ones.

Remember thinking your precious little boy would always wanna marry his mom? That is, until that little chippie in junior high caught his eye!

How about knowing that every Wednesday, the MELLUS, that hometown green newspaper, would find its way to your front porch. Now we can't get a newspaper delivered, let alone know that young boy's name. I miss seeing a smile for that extra change we gave.

I miss finding fresh milk, with the cream rising to the top, just waiting for me in the milk box along with butter, eggs, or anything else I wished for. I know, CALDER'S still delivers, but it's not the same since there's just the two of us. Besides, I knew the TWIN PINES milkman....not intimately mind you, by name.

We used to be able to pay our utility bills, with cash, at Biondi Appliances and turn in burned out light bulbs for new ones...free!

Not much left we can count on, is there?

But the one thing left is.....Can you guess?? It's the mailman!! Ok, maybe that's because my favorite uncle, (that would be Dave) was a mailman, as was his lovely wife, Elaine. Of course, now it's "mail delivery person", but still.

There remains a certain comfort knowing that no matter what, I can walk to the end of my porch, open my mailbox, and TA-DAH....there's mail (most of the time it ours). No matter how hot, cold, snowy, icy, windy or rainy, my mail finds its way to my house. Yay, for the Postal Service.

Of course, I can't blame the mailman for the content in my mailbox. I get a lot of ads for cremation services, that really burns me! Hearing aids, WHAT?? The little blue pill... and I don't mean Advil.

Coupons for all the fast food joints, which my doctor has banned me from for life. Life insurance.....short term, no less. Home security systems...I guess they're not buying the sign in my window.

The list of junk mail goes on and on. A good thing really. It keeps the mailman coming to my house.

And I still smile every time I get a card from my grand-daughter in Georgia.

Or a picture of my great-grandson in England.

Or a quick note from my girlfriend in Hilton Head. Elaine's cards are always a blessing.

Sweet Diva has brought many smiles to me via the post office.

Remember when we talked about sending cards?? Do it!! Make someone happy to go to the mailbox. Not to mention job security for your favorite mail carrier. Next time you see him/her coming, say hello. I'm just sayin'...

Til next month, stay warm...

**MINI MISSIONS**



We continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Please bring them in whenever you collect them. A plastic bin is just inside the tower door.

**Warm Clothing**



New or gently used coats, scarves, hats, socks, and gloves/mittens are needed for mission projects or local families in need of some warmth this coming winter.

Volunteers are needed to deliver our mini-mission collections: pop tabs, warm clothing, and food bank items, etc. We also need people to help out in various ways around the church, including decorating and organizing. If you have an hour or two a week to spare, see if you could come over and spend it with us!

**Food**

We continue to collect non-perishable food items to donate to Gleaner's Food Bank. Please drop these items in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

