

# 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, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm***



## THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

It appears that Michigan is a bit confused this year and doesn't know what season it is, on any given day. Light jackets worn in December and scarcely any snow gave way to weather most of us are used to in January, only to end on a very chilly note with the "polar vortex", followed by a mixed bag in February.

Although we can't predict the weather, one thing we can predict with certainty is that we can count on the people of Dearborn Congregational Church to be a constant source of support for those among us enduring hardship, illness, family issues, or grieving the loss of a loved one. Sometimes, it can be the only place to talk to someone without being judged. DCC is a warm and welcoming place of refuge for many looking to ease their suffering by turning to God and their relationship with Him, by relying on their faith in His promises. And in doing so, this helps us to reach our full potential.

As the days get longer and we begin to get more rain than snow, "Hope springs eternal". So let us all take a moment to reflect on Who is our constant source of support. Our church is simply a vessel that God uses to help all of us in need. He is the Master of the Universe and without His grace, we are powerless.

On a final note, the season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday - March 6. It is a time when we are called to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and to the cross. It is not meant to be an easy journey, but it should be a meaningful one. We should each take time to examine our own lives and consider the relationships with those who fill our lives. We are all on a journey, and as we travel, we must remind ourselves that we are a vital part of God's creation.

I count it a blessing to be able to serve at Dearborn Congregational Church among such wonderful, like-minded people who support me.  
I hope you do, too.

Blessed Assurance,

John Peters

## **FROM THE DIACONATE**

### **March Worship Services**

We will have Rev. Norman Kirsch leading us in worship and serving Communion on March 3. March 10 we welcome back Rev. Walter Kargus and Rev. Cheryl Schalm will be with us on March 24. Nancy Wolter will be our guest speaker on the March 31. March 17 is still to be confirmed.

### **Ash Wednesday Supper and Service – March 6**

Our Lenten journey of prayer and sacrifice begins March 6. We will start the evening with a light supper of bread and home-made soups and chili. Supper will be at 6:00 pm followed by our traditional Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm. If you're interested in coming to the supper, please add your name to the sheet in the Mayflower Room or Sanctuary and indicate the number of people attending. You can also call the church office at 313-271-8552 to have your name added to the sign-up sheet. Also indicate if you would like to make a soup. We hope you will join us for this special evening.

### **Daylight Light Saving Time Begins - March 10**

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.

### **Join Us For Dinner During Lent**

A Middle Eastern dinner is being planned for Friday, March 29 at Malek-Al-Kabob restaurant at Goddard and Pardee in Taylor. More details to come.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Begins March 17**

We sometimes think that “imagination” means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is essential to God’s hope for creation. And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed. When we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision – and work for! – a world where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved; where no one ever fears abuse or violence; where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all; where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors; where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it; where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need, now and for years to come; where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ’s name.

Can YOU imagine these things? Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Please give generously! Special envelopes will be available in the pews for your gift beginning March 17 through March 31.

### **Diaconate Meeting**

The Diaconate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm.

### **Thank you!**

We collected \$170.00 for Heifer International to purchase an alpaca and a flock of 30 chicks. Thank you for making a lasting difference in the lives of a struggling family. Our gift will help lift them out of poverty and hunger.

### **Downriver for Veterans**

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for Downriver for Veterans located on Fort Street in Wyandotte. 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.



**Book Club:** Book Club will be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult on March 18

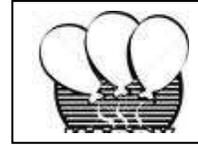
### **Treasurer’s Report for January 2019**

Income- \$5,289.00  
Expenses- \$4,935.01

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 12,905.32  
Investments with UBS valued at \$122,880.09

Matthew Haling, Treasurer





## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In March

### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Ushers:

March 3 – Tom Brown and Deb Evans  
 March 10 – Available  
 March 17 – Available  
 March 24 – Available  
 March 31 – Available

#### Liturgists:

March 3 – Nancy Wolter  
 March 10 – Available  
 March 17 – Available  
 March 24 – Available  
 March 31 – Available

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

### Dedication of Flowers - March

March 3 – Tom Brown and Jim Haling  
 March 10 – Available  
 March 17 – Available  
 March 24 – Available  
 March 31 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – March

March 3 – Karen Lawrence and Ann Saadah  
 March 10 – Available  
 March 17 – Available  
 March 24 – Available  
 March 31 – Available

## PRAYER LIST



Barbara Allen	Serious Health
Issues	
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Jane Haling	Medical Concerns
Carrie Goldie	Medical Concerns
Rev. Bill Kren	Medical Concerns
Rev. Geoff Drutchas	Medical Concerns
Frank Kren	Health Issues
Stephanie	Serious Medical
Issues	
Kathleen Smith	Serious Medical
Issues	
Fred Michales	Medical Concerns
*Gail Waggoner	Recovering from Surgery

\*Gail's New Address:  
 River Glen Home Care,  
 30760 River Glen St.,  
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336

### Dates to Remember:

March 6 Ash Wednesday Potluck 6 pm  
 Worship 7 pm  
 March 13 Diaconate Meeting 7pm  
 March 13 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm  
 March 18 Book Club 7 pm

## I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

There must be a special section in heaven for women. A coffee/wine bar, with unlimited donuts, coffee cakes, no calories....this is heaven, remember? And Bailey's...lots of Bailey's for coffee hour.

On the other side of our cloud there would be down comforters, fluffy pillows, and quiet, peaceful quiet. No kids or grandkids shouting...no husbands asking where something is! It's probably right next to his remote. (No batteries in the remote, my heaven remember?) It would be perfect to read a book. Undisturbed! Or take a nap! No alarm clocks in heaven!

Or watch "Terms of Endearment " We could cry ugly and not be asked, "what are ya crying for...it's a movie!"

I'm sure there will be times when we'll share a cloud with loved ones who have joined us ... but we can go to our cloud with the flip of a wing. We can sit in our heavenly pj's, order takeout and not worry about hair, makeup or scratching where it needs scratching. Heaven...

Evening and Sunday worship will be held on the main cloud. It will be awesome. Because....ready? We are all Angel's, we will have angelic voices. I can finally be in the choir.

There will be no more politics, no more dumb arguments, no racial tensions, no violence...just joy and peace. And WOMEN only clouds, assigned upon arrival.

Granted, I'm not quite ready to go cloud hunting, but it sure will be a reward I've earned. I know, that sounds arrogant, but I'm trying my best to be worthy of my personal cloud 9. There have been a few things God

and I have been working on, but I'm really giving it my best. He knows I'm trying. And, after all, He is my judge.

Thank you God, for being on my side.

I'm still working on my list of cloud requirements, are you thinking about yours?? I'm just sayin'



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[See Upcoming Events Here!](http://www.dccdearborn.org) To quickly check dates of scheduled events, just log on to the Internet, type [www.dccdearborn.org](http://www.dccdearborn.org) in the Search bar at the top of the page and hit Enter to get the latest information on Recent and Upcoming Events at Dearborn Congregational. Our Webmaster, Tom Brown, updates this page weekly so if you haven't been able to make it to church lately or you can't easily locate your current issue of The Messenger, you can see everything going on at our church on this page!