

Messages from the Diaconate

Our Minister in May

With grateful hearts, we are again blessed to have Rev. William Kren leading our congregation in worship during May. Pastor Kren has been a frequent fill-in since the beginning of 2014 and his sermons have touched all our members in ways that are inspiring, moving, and humorous. He will be preaching the first two Sundays and the last Sunday of the month. A special guest minister will give the sermon on the 18th.

UCC Special Mission: "Strengthen the Church"

Beginning the 3rd week of May, the annual UCC "Strengthen the Church" mission campaign gets underway. This mission seeks to help the many people seeking and yearning for hope amid misfortune and turmoil by bringing our speaking God's word to those who haven't yet heard the message of His unconditional love. Your gift plants the seed for new churches, sparks new ideas in existing churches, and help to develop spirituality among our youth. The official offering date is June 8, Pentecost Sunday.

Mother's Day Carnations

In honor of all the dear mothers in our congregation, the Diaconate is planning to hand out carnations to each of the ladies in attendance on Sunday, May 11.

A Big 'THANK YOU' ...

...to everyone who gave from the heart to the UCC's "One Great Hour of Sharing" mission during March & April. Together, we raised \$663 of support for those in need around the world.



Treasurer's Report for March 2014

Income- \$4,238.36
Expenses- \$5,591.50

Capital Improvement Fund - \$10,784.55
Investments with UBS valued at \$222,350.44

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

Church Council Meeting

There is a Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 21st of May, 2014 at 7:00PM. To assure a productive meeting, be sure all Officers and the chairpersons or a representative from each Board and Committee be in attendance. All Church Members are encouraged to attend.

Arnie Schilbe,
Acting Moderator

OUR CHURCH AT WORK
In May

Helpers for Sunday Services

Greeters:
 May 4 – Available
 May 11 – Available
 May 18 – Available
 May 25 – Available

Ushers:
 May 4 – John Proctor & Teresa Curless
 May 11 – Available
 May 18 – Available
 May 25 – Available

Liturgists:
 May 4 – Marge Manspeaker
 May 11 – Available
 May 18 – Available
 May 25 – 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
Geoff Hubbell	Medical Concerns
Duane Haworth	Medical Concerns
Barbara Kudizius	Medical Concerns
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns
Dave Stacho	Medical Concerns



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Bunny Hoganson
- 9 Roberta Adamson
- 12 Eva Martin
- 21 Rufus Beardsley
- 23 Cathy MacKenzie

Dedication of Flowers - May

- May 4 – Available
- May 11 – Available
- May 18 – Polly Fitzpatrick
- May 25 – Available

Fellowship Hour – May

- May 4 – Matthew and Linda Haling
- May 11 – Available
- May 18 – Available
- May 25 – Ruth Smith

DATES TO REMEMBER...

May	8	Diaconate Meeting	7pm
May	12	Book Club Meeting	7pm
May	14	Trustees Meeting	7pm

I'm Just Sayin'...

With Pat Stacho

SPRING!! Warmer weather, trees budding, promising to bring shade from the sun, which will shine brightly at last. All the beautiful spring flowers, bursting with color, fragrant and fresh. Ahhhh..SPRING!

Spring cleaning!! There goes the joy.

I started slowly, basically thinking about it.

My mother used to plan it out like it was her retirement plans. First, we will wash the walls. ("we" meant my sister and me!)

Washing the walls was a two-step system.

I washed, and my sister behind me would rinse. My mother would supervise, pointing out the smallest of streaks. I'm not doing the walls this year. I don't want to risk the paint fading. Or streaks!

Windows..."Do it at again! Can't you see those streaks?" Again with the streaks. I will not risk it; Pete will have to do the windows, and I will check for streaks. See how this goes full circle?

Take down the curtains, wash them, iron them, hang them up again. I have blinds...case closed. (As are the blinds.

Can't see streaks)

The bathroom would be a full day of intense sanitation. You would think a band of germ carrying strangers used our bathroom. We didn't live at a rest stop for heaven's sake!

But at the end of the day, it would qualify

as a surgical operating room. Everything actually shined, only to be bathed in, dirty hands washed in leaving dirt behind, or peed in! Seems like a waste.

Therefore, I chose beige fixtures for my rest stop.

The kitchen? Too many bad memories to go into the spring kitchen cleaning. Suffice it to say, Mom used that kitchen every day...we cleaned all evidence away. I cook, every day, and I think that's enough time spent in the kitchen.

I did try to make some sense of my closet. I found a belt I haven't even thought about wearing for years. It's a stretch belt, but still.... The only belt in my wardrobe is attached to the seat of my Edge. Once the depression set in, I sat down and waited for Dr Phil came on.

SPRING is here. I'm going to sit on the porch, read a good book and enjoy it! I suggest you do the same...I'm just sayin'...



SPECIAL THANKS

We send a special thank you to our custodians, Jerome & Debbie Nietubicz. They recently went the extra mile in the cleaning of our beloved church. The carpeting in the Mayflower Room, the hallway by the tower entrance, and the basement steps, were cleaned. The Mayflower Room took 4 times! They also cleaned, inside and out, all of the Windows. ALL of the Windows! We can take that job off our spring cleaning list.

It is truly a blessing to have someone who cares about our church as much as we do.

Thank you, Jerome & Debbie. We do appreciate all your extra efforts. God's blessings to you both.

Member News

Valerie Haas is directing the Players Guild of Dearborn production of *Kiss Me, Kate*, which opens Friday, May 2nd and runs through Sunday, May 25th. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00pm, and Sunday matinees at 2:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online through the PGD website: www.playersguildofdearborn.org, the PGD ticket line at 313-561-TKTS, or by at the box office at least 30 minutes before the show.

Thanks from

Snow Elementary School

We received a thank you note from Snow Elementary regarding one of our on-going Mini-Mission projects:

"Thank you to those who contributed their clipped labels with the Campbell's Labels for Education to the Snow Elementary program! We appreciate the donation as we save our points to get things for our school. In the past, we have gotten a CD player for the library and indoor play equipment for our gym. Thanks again and Happy Spring!"



So keep those labels coming and we will continue to deliver them ☺

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!