

The Messenger

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*

*REGULAR 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.



I Need to Exercise a Little More Faith!

Easter Sunday has been on my mind. Our sanctuary was almost full. We had a number of visitors. The Spirit of the Lord was evident and when our time together was over, I went home with a big smile on my face. I remember thinking, "God is good! Why can't we have this every Sunday?"



And we can ... I just need to exercise a little more faith!

Will you join in this faith journey? It's a walk by faith and I think we all need to live more by faith. Don't get me wrong. I'm aware that many of you do have faith and, like you, I do live each day with faith in my Savior. Maybe we need to ratchet it up a notch? Let's continue on in this year with a stronger trust and faith in Jesus! Let's pray and work hard to possess more of a "blessed assurance" ... more than ever before! Dearborn Congregational ... let's LIVE BY FAITH!

In his book Transformed by Thorns, E. Stanley Jones, the great Methodist missionary to India, writes: *"I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of time; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt, and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath – these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely – these are my native air."*

That's what I want – to "*breathe freely*" in faith and confidence as a Christian! The next time I begin to worry or fret, I'm going to focus in on Jesus. After all, I'm His and He's mine. And Dearborn Congregational is His ... NOT mine! I may never reach the lofty heights of faith, enjoyed by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, but I'm sure going to try! Are you with me?

Living by Faith!

Pastor Bill

Messages from the Diaconate

Guest Speaker – May 14

Dr. Campbell Lovett, UCC Conference Minister, will join Rev. Kren on Sunday, May 14 as our guest speaker.

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate is meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 pm.

Strengthen the Church Begins May 21

Strengthen the Church is a special mission offering that helps support youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard before. Your generosity will awaken new ideas in existing churches and help develop the spiritual lives of youth and young adults.

Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “God is still speaking” which is a campaign that has worked with thousands



of UCC churches and individuals across the country to extend a welcome to all – because no matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here.

Special *Invest in the Vision* offering envelopes will be available in the pews through June 4.

Pentecost – June 4

Acts Chapter 2 tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place when all of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Wear something **Red** on Sunday, June 4 as a symbol of the



power and fire of the Holy Spirit that started the Christian church.

Outdoor Service and Picnic – June 11



We plan to have an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck picnic with hot dogs. We are hoping for a nice, dry pleasant morning, but please dress accordingly for the weather. Unless it is

raining and/or cold, we will be outside to worship God and His glorious June morning.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to everyone who made a special offering to our One Great Hour of Sharing mission. We collected \$245.00. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Moderator:

Feather Bowling in May

Save the date... Wednesday, May 10. That's the date of our annual dinner and feather bowling



night at the Cadieux Cafe in East Detroit. We'll meet at 5 pm in the church parking lot and carpool there. Dinner is at 5:30 and

bowling at 7. The cost of dinner and drinks, plus bowling, is \$10 per person. Alcoholic drinks are extra. You can pay the night of the outing. Please add your name and number in your party to the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary or Mayflower Room so we know how many seats to reserve for dinner.

Church Clean-Up Day—May 13

Mark your calendars: Saturday, May 13 from 8 am -12 noon we gather to spruce up the grounds and clean the inside of the church. A list of jobs to be done is posted on the bulletin board in the

tower entrance hallway. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies! For outdoor work, gloves and a garden rake or trowel are

recommended. For inside, dust rags and furniture polish would be helpful. Show Him your love by beautifying His house!



Rummage Sale at Troy Church

On Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6,

Big Beaver United Methodist Church is holding their annual Rummage Sale. This is the church of Keith and Lynda Meadows who

have helped us out for so many years at our rummage sales. Consider returning the favor and showing your support for their sale next weekend—maybe even volunteering to help!

Their sale runs from 9-5 Friday and 9-1 on Saturday. Big Beaver UM is located on John R between 16 Mile (Big Beaver) and 17 Mile (Wattles Rd.) on the west side of the road, 1/4 mile south of 17 Mile.



Treasurer's Report for March 2017

Income- \$5,112.81

Expenses- \$9,954.43

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 13,564.66

Investments with UBS valued at \$177,235.67

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Once Upon a River*, by Bonnie Jo Campbell. The next meeting to discuss the book is Monday, May 22, at 7pm

OUR CHURCH AT WORK In May

Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

- May 7 – Available
- May 14 – Available
- May 21 – Available
- May 28 – Available

Liturgists:

- May 7 – Available
- May 14 – Available
- May 21 – Valerie Haas
- May 28 – Valerie Haas



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Roberta Adamson
- 12 Eva Martin
- 21 Rufus Beardsley
- 22 Ann Saadah
- 23 Cathy MacKenzie
- 27 Dave Jabtecki
- 28 Bev Traver

Dedication of Flowers - May

- May 7 – Available
- May 14 – Available
- May 21 – Polly Fitzpatrick
- May 28 – Available

Fellowship Hour – May

- May 7 – Available
- May 14 – Available
- May 21 – Available
- May 28 – Available

PRAYER LIST



Bernice Hartling	Medical Concerns
Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Suzanne Van Ranst	Medical Concerns
R. Ferguson Family	Healing, spiritual guidance
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Annika Koch	Medical Concerns
John Langley	Medical Concerns
Kathy Gideon	Medical Concerns
Cathy MacKenzie	Medical Concerns
Tom Schlaff	Medical Concerns
Carol Burroughs	Medical Concerns
Irene Moxon	Medical Concerns
Family of Arthur Triplett	Bereavement

Dates to Remember:

- May 10 Trustees Meeting 7pm
- May 10 Feather Bowling-meet @ 5pm
- May 11 Diaconate Meeting 7pm
- May 13 Church Clean-Up Day 8am-Noon
- May 14 Guest Speaker:
Dr. Campbell Lovett
- May 22 Book Club 7pm

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

TV commercials are out of control. Really, out of control. The 30 minute 'info-mercials' are their own insanity brand of advertising. When did it become commonplace for a thirty minute rant to be shown over and over? When networks found a new way to get money for ads. But, we can easily change the channel, after the 20th mention of 4 easy payments.

My latest aggravation is lawyers. Remember when they were blatantly ambulance chasing? Well, we passed a law making it illegal to do it. Sooo, they



now are doing commercials asking YOU to call them! I'm sure you've seen Mike answering the phone, assuring the caller he can help. My question

is, should Mike be the type of person you call when a loved one is being loaded into an ambulance? I don't care if Mike's mom **is** boasting about her son, the attorney. And the last straw for me was Mike looking up "win" in the dictionary, only to find his picture. Talk about arrogance.

We've become The United SUITS of America. Spill hot coffee on yourself: sue McDonald's. Child climbs on his dresser and falls: sue Ikea. Did your little one think the Easter bunny brought goodies, but it was actually laundry detergent? Sue Proctor & Gamble. I guess parents don't have to monitor their children any more. Call a lawyer. It wasn't your fault. As the TV lawyers say, "make them pay!" Levine & Benjamin, Michael Serling, Goodman & Aker...the list is endless.

I think I have a solution. Let's call Sam! We can start a class action lawsuit for annoyance, false hope, and general aggravation. Sam has a big family of lawyers to help us. We can get rid of these ads. And, by the way, am I the only one who thinks these ads are offensive? If it's against the law to be an "ambulance chaser", isn't this type of advertising basically the same thing? "I can't contact you, but here's my number...call me!" And they will work hard to get you a big settlement. Don't forget, they get at least 1/3 of your settlement.

Sorry Mike. If my loved one is in an accident, think I'll be calling my doctor. In the meantime, Happy Spring! Get out and enjoy the sunshine. Be careful, lol. I don't want any of you calling any 800 numbers. I'm just sayin'...

BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

Save the date! On Saturday, May 13 from 8:00am to 12:00 noon to clean the inside & outside of the church. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies. Please put your name next to a task of your choice. What better way to contribute to help your church? For info, call John Peters: (313) 255-7774

OUTSIDE

1. Spray weed killer around walks, cracks, and elsewhere, if necessary.
2. Remove leaves and trash from around the buildings & shrubs.
3. Pull weeds and trim bushes if needed.
4. Remove A/C doors from Sanctuary.
5. Clean, adjust, change oil, and sharpen mower and lawn equipment.
6. Wash outer sanctuary walls and windows. (Mixture ingredients posted in garage).
7. Wash all outer doors (inside & out)
8. Clean glass in lawn lights (and paint?)
9. Dispose of used oil from garage.
10. Clean, sand & paint handrails at all entrances.
11. Spray for bugs outside all doors.



INSIDE

1. Wash pew woodwork.
2. Vacuum and rotate pew cushions.
3. Clean and paint white table at rear of Sanctuary.
4. Clean chandeliers and wall sconces.
5. Dust and vacuum around radiators.
6. Clean around piano, minister's bench, pulpit, and railings.
7. Clean coat racks/closets in Sanctuary
8. Clean the altar.
9. Wash and defrost both refrigerators as necessary.
10. Dust shelves in Library.
11. Clean furnace room and check furnaces