

## ***Happy Mother's Day!***

A group of ministers were having a heated debate over the various versions of the Bible. Which version should be used in the pulpit? Which interpretation is most accurate? Should we promote the New King James Version or the New American Standard Bible?

After they were finished giving the pros and cons of each Bible, a young minister who had been silent spoke up and said, "*The best version of the Bible is the one my mother lived!*"

A godly mother will point her children to God by the power of her example as much as by the power of her words. And when I think of my mother, I remember the sacrifices she made for the family. I vividly recall those difficult times when she demonstrated a steadfast faith and determination to provide for her children. Virginia Kren was responsible for making me who I am—responsible for shaping my life and my personality!

On May 10<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring our mothers and expressing our gratitude for the sacrifices they made in raising a child.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom, and thank you for what you have done to bless all of our lives with grace and faith.

Pastor Bill

## Messages from the Diaconate

**Baby Baptism on Sunday, May 3:** If you attend worship service the first Sunday in May, not only will you receive Communion, as usual, but a baptism will also be performed on the 10-month old daughter of Tim and Ann Duff, a young couple who are dear friends of Pastor Kren. The pastor's wife, Sue, will be singing a solo as part of the occasion too.

**UCC Mission Offering: "Strengthen the Church":** Sunday, May 3 also marks the start of our annual UCC "Strengthen the Church" mission offering. This mission seeks to help the many people looking for hope amid misfortune and turmoil by bringing God's word to those who haven't yet heard His message of unconditional love. Your gift plants the seed for new churches, sparks new ideas in existing churches, and develops spiritual life in our youth. The official offering date is May 24, Pentecost Sunday.



**Outdoor Service -May 31:** The Diaconate is planning another outdoor service for the end of the month like the one we held last September on "Rally Sunday". Weather permitting, we will set up chairs outside on the lawn, Pastor Kren will preach from a podium, and Brian will play the piano as the choir and congregation sing from hymnals. Afterwards, we will enjoy a picnic lunch and we cordially invite all members of the congregation to bring a dish to pass, if possible. We hope to grill hot dogs outside under our new tent canopy, too. So save the date and plan to join us for a special day of worship and fellowship!

**Mother's Day Carnations:** In appreciation for all the mothers in the congregation, the Diaconate will be passing out carnations to all of the ladies in attendance on Sunday, May 10.

**Church Clean-Up Day:** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is Clean-Up Day at Dearborn Congregational Church. There are many things to do, inside and outside the church to spruce it up for the coming year. We will begin at 9:00am. Even if you can only be here for an hour, it could help a great deal.



## Treasurer's Report for March 2015

Income- \$5,328.80

Expenses- \$12,120.48

Capital Improvement Fund - \$12,059.55

Investments with UBS valued at \$245,019.92

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

### **A Note of Thanks**

A heartfelt thank you to all of my church family. You have been a boon to me in the last few months, and I wanted to let you know that the cards, notes, food, and visits have been greatly appreciated.

~~ Irene Moxon

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK

### In May

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#### Helpers for Sunday Services

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##### Greeters:

- May 3–
- May 10 – Ian Haas
- May 17 – Ian Haas
- May 24 – Ian Haas
- May 31 – Ian Haas

##### Ushers:

- May 3 – Jim Haling & John Proctor
- May 10 – Pete Stacho & Available
- May 17 – Available
- May 24 – Available
- May 31 – Available

##### Liturgists:

- May 3 – Susi Wilson
- May 10 – Rufus Beardsley
- May 17 – Valerie Haas
- May 24 – Available
- May 31 – Available

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### PRAYER LIST

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bernice Hartling          | Medical Concerns            |
| Shirley Fedraw            | Medical Concerns            |
| Bunny Hoganson            | Medical Concerns            |
| Geri Sampson              | Medical Concerns            |
| Suzanne Van Ranst         | Medical Concerns            |
| Dotty Klein               | Medical Concerns            |
| R. Ferguson Family        | Healing, spiritual guidance |
| Sean Goldie               | Medical Concerns            |
| Daniel Less               | Medical Concerns            |
| Irene Moxon               | Medical Concerns            |
| Gordon Grozdanoff         | Medical Concerns            |
| Family of Beverly Shippee | Bereavement                 |

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Bunny Hoganson
  - 9 Roberta Adamson
  - 12 Eva Martin
  - 21 Rufus Beardsley
  - 23 Cathy Mackenzie
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### Dedication of Flowers - May

- May 3 – Mark & Susan Dobronski
- May 10 – Available
- May 17 – Available
- May 24 – Polly Fitzpatrick
- May 31 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – May

- May 3 – Pete & Pat Stacho
- May 10 – Available
- May 17 – Available
- May 24 – Available
- May 31 – Available

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| May | 13 | Trustees Meeting  | 7pm |
| May | 14 | Diaconate Meeting | 7pm |

**I'M JUST SAYIN' ...**

...with Pat Stacho

READER'S DIGEST. I love that little magazine. The 1st issue was in 1922. My mother was 2 years old, so I doubt she was enthralled by it, unless her crayons found a new supply of paper. But I bet it didn't take long for my grandfather to find that gem. He always had the current issue next to his favorite chair, always sharing all the information, and of course the humor. I didn't always understand either of his readings, but I loved that he read to me.

His favorite section was the word challenge, and I learned a lot from that monthly lesson. That word power challenge debuted in 1945, so naturally, he had quite a head start on me!

The only time I can recall him upset with Reader's Digest, was the shocking article in 1952, linking cancer to cigarettes. "Cancer by the carton" angered him as he puffed on his Pall Malls, the industrial strength cigarette he always seem to have dangling from his mouth.

Today Reader's Digest is published in 21 languages and in 70 countries. Pretty darn impressive in this digital world we live in. And I still love that little magazine.

I look forward to seeing it in my mailbox. I find so many quotes I keep...my random thoughts notebook. I'll share a few with

you, like it or not. "When it's dark enough, you can see the stars" To me, that means to look for God's blessings, not the devil's work! Those stars are shining for all of us. When was the last time you REALLY took a look? When I stay at my brother's, in the country, the stars are impossible to ignore. But they've been known to hang around downriver too. Check it out tonight.

Some quick quotes;

"If you've done it, it's not bragging."

"It's ok to bend, just don't break."

"Doing your best is more important than being the best."

"I've learned that being in pain does not allow me to be one!"

"For every 60 seconds of anger, you lose one minute of happiness."

And finally, one from my grandfather, learned at a very young age, visiting the Voss farm....."Never kick a fresh turd!"

That's it for this month, my friends.

Don't forget your mom. If you're blessed to have her still with you, let her know she's LOVED. For those of us who've lost our mom, blow a kiss to those stars. She'll get it!

Happy Mother's Day to all.

Enjoy your day.

I'm just sayin'...

