

# 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**



## ***“Hit the Ground Running”***

A few years ago, a friend of mine, who was an avid runner, invited me to a 5k. I've never been dedicated to running, but I figured it couldn't be too bad: A kilometer is much smaller than a mile. Plus, 5 is a pretty tiny number. How hard could it be?

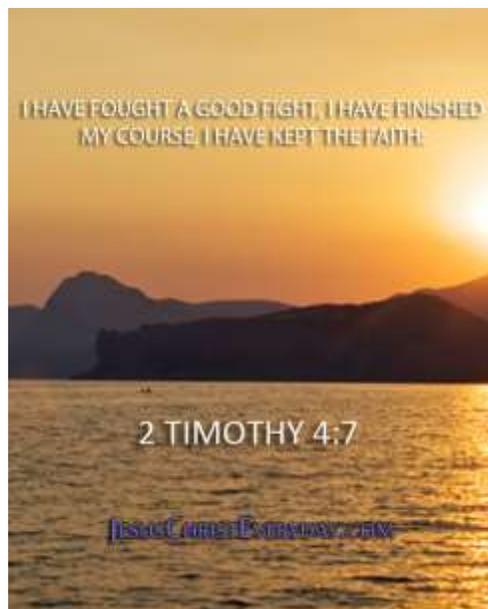
So I trained. Once. I conditioned myself in other ways, though: Tracking down tennis balls my partner hit at me and chasing down my daughter who was a few months old at the time. It wasn't much, but it was enough to imbue my soul with unmerited confidence.

After the gun started us, I enjoyed the feeling of the breeze flowing through my hair and the lightness of my step. But after the first 50 yards, it started to feel like work. A half-mile in, my lungs were threatening to go on strike. When I reached the halfway point, my exhaustion evolved into total body pain. I was a full mile and a half from the finish line when my face turned pale and I felt like I was going to donate my breakfast or pass out or both. But my innermost being protested: I started this thing and I'm going to finish this thing!

The Apostle Paul, when he thought he was near death, declared that he fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith. There's so much in the New Testament that reminds us that it's not enough to start -- even if our start is an enthusiastic sprint.

Our journey together has hit the ground running. Let's take a breath and prepare for the race ahead!

*Pastor Lew*



## **BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY – JUNE 1, 2019**

**Save the date! On Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 am to noon we will gather to clean the inside & outside of the church. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies! Please add your name next to a task of your choice. What better way to help your church? For more 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 loft.**
5. Clean, adjust, change oil, and sharpen mower and lawn equipment.
- 6. Wash outside walls of sanctuary and windows. (Cleaning ingredients posted in garage).**
7. Wash all outer doors (inside & out)
8. Clean glass in lawn lights (and re-paint?)
9. Dispose of used oil from garage.
- 10. Spray for bugs near all entrance doors.**

### **INSIDE**

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

**\*Items in bold are a priority.**

## **Result of the Congregational Vote at Special Meeting of April 14**

The outcome of the vote by our members to fill our ministerial vacancy and to amend the church's by-laws at the Special Meeting on Sunday, April 14 passed unanimously by a vote of 30-0! As a result, effective April 14, the Rev. Lewis Worthington (Rev. Lew) became Interim Minister of Dearborn Congregational Church in a part-time capacity. The vote on the second proposal now amends Article XIX of the church By-laws to state that a Quorum for any congregational vote now consists of 19 members, a reduction by six from the previous Quorum of 25 members.

## **Feather Bowling - May 15!- Save the date - Wednesday, May 15**

Join us for an evening of good food and good fun at our Annual Feather Bowling outing at the Cadieux Cafe in East Detroit. We always have a great time enjoying some spirited competition. Dinner will be at 5:30 followed by bowling on the dirt courts at 7 pm. The price is only \$10 per person for dinner AND bowling. Alcoholic drinks are extra. You can pay the night of the outing. There are sign-up sheets in the church sanctuary and Mayflower Room.

Please add your name and the number in your party so we know how many reservations to make for dinner. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5 pm on May 15 and then carpool to the bar. Those who are familiar with the route to the bar can opt to meet us there, too. Hope you can join us! Many thanks to the Men's Club for helping defray the cost of this outing!

## **Church Cleanup Day - June 1**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1 from 8 am -12 noon.** That's when we'll gather to spruce up the outside grounds and clean the inside of the church. A list of jobs to be done is posted elsewhere in this newsletter and in the tower entrance hallway. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies. For outdoor work, gloves and a garden rake or trowel are recommended. For inside work - dust rags and furniture polish would be helpful. If you'd like to bring a vacuum, please do. Let's all join the effort and be good stewards of His house!

**Diaconate Meeting:** The Diaconate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM.

**Strengthen the Church Offering:** Our Strengthen the Church special offering will begin May 26. As God calls our congregations to be the Church in new ways, your offering will help create new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Special envelopes will be available through June 9.

**Save The Date!:** Plan to join us on Friday, June 14 at 6:30 PM for a Fellowship Dinner of pasta and salad. It will just be a relaxing evening of good food and good fellowship. We hope you can join us. More details to come.

**Prayer List Update:** If someone is in need of our prayers, please contact the church office at 313-271-8552 to have their name added to the list. To keep our list current, we will date when the prayer request is received and after a month, unless it is renewed, it will be removed.

**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. 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 the items have not expired.

## **Treasurer's Report for March 2019**

Income- \$2,876.64

Expenses- \$7,183.07

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 13,205.32

Investments with UBS valued at \$114,447.96

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



## OUR CHURCH AT WORK In May



### Helpers for Sunday Services

#### Ushers:

- May 5– Available
- May 12 – Deb Evans
- May 19 – Available
- May 26 – Available

#### Liturgists:

- May 5– Available
- May 12 – Available
- May 19 – Available
- May 26 – Available

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Roberta Adamson
- 12 Eva Martin  
Jaclyn Meadows
- 21 Rufus Beardsley
- 22 Ann Saadah
- 23 Cathy MacKenzie
- 27 Dave Jabtecki

### Dedication of Flowers - April

- May 5– Available
- May 12 – Available
- May 19 – Ann Saadah, In memory of Bev Traver
- May 26 – Available

### Fellowship Hour – April

- May 5– Deb Evans
- May 12 – Available
- May 19 – Available
- May 26 – Available

## PRAYER LIST



Barbara Allen 3/3	Health Issues
Jane Haling 3/3	Medical Concerns
Rev. Bill Kren 3/3	Medical Concerns
Gail Waggoner 3/3	Health Concerns
Theresa Arrington 3/17	Health Concerns
Bill Hotchkiss 3/17	Health Concerns
Teresa Curless 3/17	Health Concerns
Pauline Gourlay 4-21	Shut in

You may want to brighten the day for those listed on prayer concern list with a card or a note.

### Dates to Remember:

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| May 8  | Diaconate Meeting          | 7 pm         |
| May 8  | Board of Trustees Meeting  | 7 pm         |
| May 15 | Feather Bowling and Dinner | 5 pm<br>7 pm |
| May 27 | Memorial Day               |              |

## I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

### TODAY'S AMAZING TRIVIA FACT

I have been doing this monthly attempt at entertaining you since January, 2012. Either you guys are not really reading these, or I am getting better. Most likely, 50/50, but I enjoy it, so I plan on continuing, and hope to improve. In the meantime, it fills up the empty space on the back page.

I have shared secrets, complaints, funny stories, sad stories, and just plain nonsense. But this month is different. I am going to vent about my latest pet peeve. Littering!! It is taking over our streets, parks, neighborhoods, our country! That is NOT an overstatement. Look around next time you're going for a walk, or driving home. Even the malls look like trash bins exploded.

I have neighbors, who have children who do not know what the trashcan on the side of their house is for. It may well be the cleanest thing in their yard. Plastic water bottles are simply thrown on the ground, sometimes MY ground. Candy wrappers...paper plates, (some with remnants of lunch) all and more..... I was so frustrated picking their trash off MY lawn, I picked it all up, put it in a bag, knocked on their door and politely told their mother her sons left this on my lawn. She called them on it. They took the bag from her, no apologies, and threw it in the direction of the trashcan. They missed.

But adults are just as bad...worse because we are supposed to set examples. Instead I see drivers toss trash out the window. Litter is everywhere. Our beautiful cities are a disgrace. Idea...what if we all stopped being so careless?

Wouldn't it be awesome if we all took a bag for trash when we went for a walk?

Let's clean up after ourselves. And maybe the litterbug's trash once in awhile. See someone throw something, pick it up and return it to them. "Sir, you dropped this." I've done it. The look on their face is worth it. Lol.

Sorry if I disappointed you this month. There are times you must vent. This was my time. I'm just saying

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[See Upcoming Events Here!](#) 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!