

It's Good to Give Thanks

If historians are correct with the dates and details, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held in 1607 in Maine. Following this festive occasion, and for some years afterward, colonists in Jamestown, Pilgrims at Plymouth and settlers up and down the coastline sporadically observed harvest celebrations. There was no “official” day of Thanksgiving. This went on for 150 years, and then politics entered the scene!

Of course, politicians have difficulty agreeing on just about anything – including when to celebrate a holiday. When they met to pick one specific day for Thanksgiving, they argued over what Thursday in November would be the “correct” day of celebration. Would it be the first Thursday of November? Second Thursday? Last Thursday of the month? Finally, in 1941, a joint Congressional Resolution officially set the fourth Thursday of November as our national holiday!

On Thursday, November 24th many of us will be celebrating with family and friends, eating turkey, watching football and enjoying a day of relaxation. Hopefully, we will also be giving thanks to God for the many blessings received.

In Psalm 92:1-2, King David expressed his thanks and praise to God: ***“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,”*** (Note – David did say “every night.”) I think we can learn something from his song of praise. Let’s not limit our attitude of thanksgiving to one day out of the year. Every morning, throughout the day and in the evening before we sleep – giving thanks and praise to God is in order. If you aren’t quite sure about things to thank God for, here is a partial list:

- God’s righteousness and holiness – Psalm 7:17, 30:4, 48:10, 71:16, 99:3.
- All God’s marvelous works – Psalm 9:1, 66:3-7, 71:16-17, 72:18.
- God’s guidance and instruction – Psalm 16:7, 48:14, 71:17.
- God’s blessings and benefits – Psalm 68:19.

Need more? Search the Book of Psalms and I’m certain you’ll find many more reasons to give God thanks.

And so, from our house to yours, have a very **Happy** and **Blessed Thanksgiving!**

Pastor Bill and Sue Kren

Messages from the Diaconate

November 5 - Rev. Wayne Boyd Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Rev. Wayne Boyd, will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Dearborn Congregational Church, at 11:00 am. A luncheon will be provided, immediately following the service and at the church. The family has asked that memorial gifts be designated to Dearborn Congregational Church, 16350 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn, MI 48120 or Residential Hospice, 5440 Corporate Dr., Suite 400, Troy, MI 48098.

November 6 - All Saints Sunday

Tuesday, November 1 is All Saints Day. On November 6, we will remember those who have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith. You may call the Church Office (313-271-8552) or email information to dccucc@gmail.com. The names of your loved ones will be read during worship and a family member or friend will be asked to join Pastor Kren at the front of the Church for a special time of prayer.

November 6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

It's time to "fall" back. Remember to turn back your clocks Saturday night before you go to bed.

November 27 - Advent Season Begins

November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent. The Advent season is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Lighting Advent Candles is a way of celebrating the season. Our tradition here at Congregational Church is to have a different member of the congregation light a candle each of the four Sundays during this season. If you would like to volunteer to light an Advent Candle during the worship service, please let Nancy Wolter know. We will also have a sign-up sheet available in the Mayflower Room.

Volunteers for Sundays in November

Your Diaconate needs help on Sunday mornings. Please see Cheryl Brown and let her know when you can serve as usher, liturgist, or fellowship host or just add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Mayflower Room. It's just that easy. Thank you for your support!

December 2 - Potluck & Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Friday, December 2 for our annual Potluck Dinner. We'll start with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by decorating the Christmas tree and hanging of the greens in the Sanctuary. The Diaconate will provide the ham and you bring your favorite dish to pass. What could be better! Plan to be with us for this evening of good food, fun and fellowship as we prepare our church for this joyous Christmas season.

December 11 - Potluck Fellowship and Concert

We'll have more details in the weeks to come, but mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11. We will have a Potluck Fellowship and then a Christmas concert performed by Maddie Kaplan. Instead of a potluck meal, we are planning a super nice Fellowship hour and are asking you to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, dips, cheese and crackers, whatever you like.



Treasurer's Report for September 2016

Income- \$3,614.73

Expenses- \$6,521.30

Capital Improvement Fund - \$ 16,912.66

Investments with UBS valued at \$124,277.09*

*50,000.00 was transferred from UBS Investment Account to regular bank account

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

OUR CHURCH AT WORK In November



Helpers for Sunday Services

Greeters:

November 6 – Ian Haas
 November 13 – Ian Haas
 November 20 – Ian Haas
 November 27 – Ian Haas

Ushers:

November 6 – Available
 November 13 – Available
 November 20 – Available
 November 27 – Available

Liturgists:

November 6 – Rufus Beardsley
 November 13 – Available
 November 20 – Available
 November 27 – Available

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Pauline Gourlay
 16 Nancy Wolter
 18 John Peters
 19 Teresa Curless
 21 Deb Evans
 25 Diana Schilbe
 26 Kirk Haas
 27 Cheryl Brown
 29 Katherine MacKenzie

Dedication of Flowers - November

November 6 – Diana Lindsey
 November 13 – Available
 November 20 – Available
 November 27 – Available

Fellowship Hour – November

November 6 – Available
 November 13 – Available
 November 20 – Available
 November 27 – Available

PRAYER LIST



Bernice Hartling	Medical Concerns
Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Suzanne Van Ranst	Medical Concerns
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns
R. Ferguson Family	Healing, spiritual guidance
Gordon Grozdanoff	Medical Concerns
Arline Prois	Medical Concerns
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Colleen Grozdanoff	Medical Concerns
Annika Koch	Medical Concerns
John Langley	Medical Concerns
Kathy Gideon	Medical Concerns
Cathy MacKenzie	Medical Concerns
Mary Ellen Matchynski	Medical Concerns
Tom Schlaff	Medical Concerns

Dates to Remember:

November 5 Memorial Service for Rev. Wayne Boyd
 November 6 All Saints Sunday
 November 9 Trustees Meeting 7pm
 November 10 Diaconate Meeting 7pm
 November 12 Rummage Sale Workers Luncheon 2pm
 November 19 Christmas Tree Set-Up

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

Why are there hairs on my chin?? There are less on my head, but why are there stray, ugly hairs elsewhere? And my eyebrows have become clones of Jack Nicholson! Not funny, Mother Nature.

I celebrated my birthday last month. I was surprised by all my workers at the rummage sale. The last day of the sale was actually my 72nd birthday. (I told Pete next year he's taking me somewhere else, lol). They took a cake from the bake sale, lit it up with 4 candles—thankfully they didn't have 72!—and serenaded me with a rousing rendition of the birthday song.



It was very sweet, and I felt blessed to be remembered. And the best part...they picked the cake I made for the bake sale!

This rummage sale was bittersweet. It was our last! We have reached the point where there just aren't enough members

to do it anymore. But we are not giving up. We have plans, and YOU are part of it. Our Craft Show will be held December 3rd. We will have a variety of crafters, talented people, so stay tuned for details. We're fortunate to have a Pastor with a vision. Lots of ideas we're working on!

Speaking of ideas, here are a few we rejected. There will not be any square dancing in the parking lot. Knitting for kittens mittens is out. Although I always liked the 3 little kittens nursery rhyme.

No one liked the idea of car washes. So, it's back to the drawing board!

If I seem to be rambling, I am. Sorry, I'm not sure where I was going with this, but I don't think I got there. I'm in Georgia for my grand-daughter's wedding and to get acquainted with my great-grandson, Noah who is 3, and my great grand-daughter, 3 month old, Madelyn. Such cuteness....and they're mine! Until Maddie is hungry (mommy has the milk factory). And once Noah wants to climb on the monkey bars, grandma lets Aunt Heather take over. I am enjoying every minute of my time with my family, but find myself going to bed earlier than usual.

I'll be home soon...with lots of pictures of some really adorable kids. Be prepared, I'm just sayin'...

2016 Men's Club Annual Christmas Tree Sale

The Trees are Coming
Saturday, November 19, 2016 !!!

The Men's Club is pleased to announce that we will again sell Christmas Trees this year. Save the date of Saturday, Nov. 19th for a hearty breakfast, setting up the lot and unloading the trees. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am. We will unload the truck and set up the lot after breakfast. The truck is scheduled to arrive at 9:00 am. We are always looking for plenty of volunteers: whether cooking breakfast, setting up the lot, unloading the truck, pricing trees, or selling trees. For selling trees, sign-up sheets will be available at church. Selling times will be in the usual 3 hour blocks. As you can see, there is plenty to do, but every year, we as a church community rise to the occasion and make a successful annual tree sale. Bring a friend or guest, all are welcome. See you on Saturday, November 19th.

To volunteer, just call me at 734-454-4555 or email me at JH12253@peoplepc.com.

Jim Haling



NOTICE -Counters Needed

Dearborn Congregational Church is looking for one or two people willing to serve as a Counter to help count the Sunday morning offering after the service is over. As a Counter, there is much responsibility, but it is a very important role in the church. We have an immediate need for a 'backup' to our regular Counters and someone who would be willing to be part of the rotation of church counters on a monthly basis.

If interested, please see either Jim Haling, phone: [\(734\) 454-4555](tel:7344544555), or contact John Peters, Moderator, by phone: [\(313\) 495-1871](tel:3134951871) or e-mail: joopett13@hotmail.com.



LUNCHEON

Thanks for all the Sales

Saturday, November 12th at 2pm is the date for the luncheon for the Rummage Sale. This is not a potluck. All you have to bring is yourself.



90th Birthday Celebration

Congratulations again to the four very special ladies who reached a happy milestone birthday this year—90 years! Marge Manspeaker turned 90 years young on March 23, Irene Moxon on July 31, Edith Schwartz on September 5, and Jane Haling on October 7. The cake and ice cream reception was fun and the ladies in attendance were happy indeed to have a fuss made about them.

Special thanks to Sue MacKenzie for her donation in honor of these wonderful ladies and their birthdays!