

The Messenger

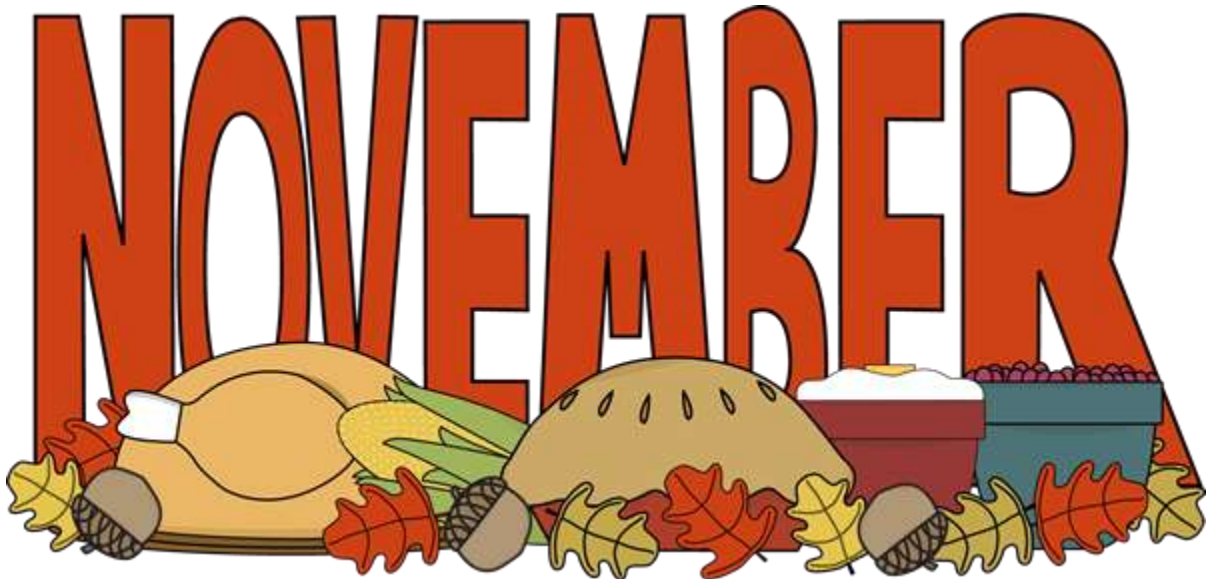
A Newsletter for Dearborn Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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*WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY **SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.** NURSERY CARE PROVIDED*

*OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday **9:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm***

Reverend Kren's Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday mornings 8am—Noon
Monday—Thursday afternoons 1pm until 5pm,
except when visiting members of the congregation.



A Message from the Moderator:

It's hard to believe, but November is here already and the holidays are sneaking up on us. Soon we will be reuniting and celebrating with family members and enjoying a feast anchored by the Thanksgiving Day turkey. We at Dearborn Congregational Church have much to be thankful for, especially the generally good news from Pastor Kren regarding his health and recovery from brain cancer surgery.

For one thing, he's driving again! By the way, a big 'thank you' to those who gave him a lift to and from the church office last month. Secondly, he received a great report from his oncologist at U of M. He won't need chemotherapy! And he's done with radiation too after recently being zapped 5 times in one week. Although admittedly, the side effects of that radiation have knocked the pastor for a loop -frequent bouts of fatigue, grogginess, and a bout with dehydration among them. And then there's the stroke, likely caused by the cancerous brain tumor, which has left him with difficulty using his right hand to type and write. But all in all, Pastor Kren is getting better, little by little. We praise God for every bit of good health news!

So we continue to lift up prayers for Pastor Kren and support him any way we can. One huge way we can show our support is coming up in just over a week. On Saturday, Nov. 10, a pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held at Community United Methodist Church in Romulus from 8 am -11 am. The address is 11160 Olive St. The cost is any donation you wish. High medical bills have created a need for the pastor and his wife. I sincerely hope you can make it to this event.

Meanwhile, as we all know, Pastor Kren has announced his retirement, effective Jan. 2019. Plans are in the works to show our appreciation for his contributions as minister and honor his tenure here with some Farewell Events, including a special tribute sermon in December and a catered dinner at the end of the year. More details to come!

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with God's abundant grace.

Together in Christ,

John

Dearborn Congregational Church recently began the search for an interim minister to become our spiritual leader following the announcement that Pastor Kren will be retiring at the end of December. A seven-person Interim Selection Committee has been formed to accomplish this task. They will be working closely with Michigan Conference Minister Campbell Lovett during this process, engaged in reviewing profiles, interviewing candidates, and inviting them to visit our church. We pray to God for discernment and guidance for the committee throughout this search. Meanwhile, we are preparing to celebrate the five years Pastor Kren spent in the pulpit serving our congregation and its members, as well as the many ways he promoted the church, and extend him a fond farewell along with our heartfelt prayers as he begins the next chapter in his life.

God bless all of you.

John Peters, Moderator

News and Updates

Daylight Saving Time Ends - November 4

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

All Saints' Sunday – November 4

On November 4 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 your request to dccucc@gmail.com. to present the name(s) of those who have passed away. The names of your loved ones will be read during worship on November 4 and a family member or friend will be asked to join Rev. Kren at the front of the Church for a special time of prayer.

Guest Speaker – November 11

Jim Haling will be leading our worship service on this Sunday.

Diaconate Meeting

The next Diaconate Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 14 at 7:00 pm.

Potluck & Hanging of the Greens – November 30

Mark your calendars and join us on Friday, November 30 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 a 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 a joyous Christmas season.

Advent Season Begins December 2

December 2 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. The lighting of Advent Candles is a way of celebrating the season. Our tradition here at Dearborn Congregational is to have members of the congregation light a candle each of the four Sundays during this season. Please volunteer to light an Advent Candle during the worship service. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Mayflower Room.

2018 Men's Club Annual Christmas Tree Sale

The Trees are Coming; Saturday, November 17, 2018 !!! The Men's Club is pleased to announce that we will again sell Christmas Trees this year. Save the date of Saturday, Nov. 17th for 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 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 17th .

To volunteer, just contact: John Peters, Pat Stacho, or Tammy Jabtecki to be put on the schedule.

John: joopett13@hotmail.com
Pat: patstacho44@gmail.com
Tammy: tammy930@yahoo.com

Jim Haling

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, November 14, at 7pm.



Treasurer's Report for September 2018

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Income- \$3,432.46

Expenses- \$7,598.17

Capital Improvement Fund - \$12,905.32

Investments with UBS valued at \$131,276.06

\$5,000 was transferred from UBS to Citizens account

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



OUR CHURCH AT WORK
In November



Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

November 4 – Teresa Curless & Pete Stacho
 November 11 – Available
 November 18 – Available
 November 25 – Available

Liturgists:

November 4 – Ann Sadaah
 November 11 – Linda Haling
 November 18 – Available
 November 25 – 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 4 – Elaine Stacho
 November 11 – Diana Lindsey
 November 18 – Teresa Curless
 November 25 – Available

Fellowship Hour

November 4 – Cheryl and Tom Brown
 November 11 – Available
 November 18 – Available
 November 25 – Available

PRAYER LIST



Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Pauline Gourlay	Medical Concerns
Lois Clickner	Medical Concerns
Elie Stergiou	Medical Concerns
Jane Haling	Health Issues
Carrie Goldie	Serious Health Issues
Rev. Bill Kren	Serious Health Issues
Della King Family	Medical Concerns
Walter Crawford	Medical Concerns
Barbara Kudizus	Medical Concerns
Ron Kupersmid	Medical Concerns
Phyllis Preston	Medical Concerns
Rev. Geoff Drutchas	Health Concerns
Frank Kren	Serious Health Issues
Stefanie	Serious Health Issues
Derek Kren	Serious Health Issues
Kathleen Smith	Serious Health Issues

Dates to Remember:

November 14 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
 Diaconate Meeting 7 pm
 November 17 Tree Lot Set up and Breakfast 8 am
 November 23 Hanging of the Greens/Potluck 6 pm

Our next Book Club gathering will be Monday, November 12th at 7pm. **The Book Club** is currently reading *Grand River and Joy* by Susan Messer.

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

While watching the 6:00 news, I was shocked by the projected amount Christmas shoppers will spend this year. Ready?? 1 trillion dollars....1 TRILLION dollars !! Have we all gone insane??

We obviously have forgotten the meaning of CHRISTmas. Buy for those we love, but we don't have to buy that love. It has become obscene the frenzy our shopping has become.

Children get so much from Santa, they get bored. Or worse, more demanding.

I saw a story about a young mother who decided her young kids were spoiled brats. (Her choice of words, not mine) She decided her kids would receive three gifts each, even her pre-teen. One they want...one they need and one to read. I love that idea.

Bring back the spirit of CHRISTmas. Midnight mass with the family....caroling in your neighborhood, or for seniors, but sing, sing of the joy of the season. Bake cookies with your kids, or grandkids. Bake to give to friends instead of rushing around trying to find the perfect gift. To me, homemade goodies are a true gift of love. And I will be grateful for any and all such gifts.

If you're wondering why I've started my Christmas rant so early, it's because I want you relax at thanksgiving. No worries about the crazy shopping season. It is not a competition. Relax.

Happy Thanksgiving. Spend time with friends and family. Enjoy that extra piece of pie....and make a pact.

NO MORE GOING IN DEBT TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Hey, we could have another Thanksgiving dinner in December, with a gift exchange. Ta dah. Problem solved. Plus, by cutting back, you might consider giving a few dollars to the local police station. They take kids shopping every year. Help finance that venture. (Or your favorite charity)

Enjoy the coming holidays, stay warm, love each other, and please, please continue praying for Pastor Kren and Sue. I'm just sayin'

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

