

The Messenger

A Newsletter for Dearborn Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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MUSINGS AND REFLECTIONS ON NOVEMBER

Hello! I hope that as you read this, you're looking forward to the Fall season and approaching holidays with a smile on your heart. By the Grace of God, our church leaders, and devoted members and good friends of this church, we are in good stead to handle a few hurdles as well as feel excited as we look to the future! We will always have needs and issues, but we have the faith and trust in each other and the Holy Spirit that will always pull us through. There are times that the outcome is not what's expected, hoped for, or intended, but we press onward, knowing things will work out for the best.

In the month of November, we invite you to join us for an All Saints Day observance that will take place during the Sunday, November 7 worship service, as we remember those in our church family who have been called to their heavenly home and dwell in the House of the Lord. At this solemn ritual, we will recite the names of those we've lost in the past 3 years and toll a bell in each one's memory.

And, of course, Thanksgiving is coming. Often cited by people as their favorite holiday (yes, even more than Christmas), it is a time to express our thanks and count our blessings as we join together with family to celebrate with a feast, reach out to show caring and concern for people we have minimal contact with, or serve those in need. Expressing thanks is a gift in itself and not something we should reserve only for the 4th Thursday in November. May each of us take time to reflect and truly express our gratitude. When you consider what you are thankful for, I hope and pray that Dearborn Congregational Church is on your list. It is on mine.

Among our many blessings, we are blessed to have the ability to bring our Sunday services from the chapel, in real time, to folks on Facebook – and by Sunday evenings, to YouTube, on which we have a channel housing all the services ever recorded and can be accessed from our website at dccdearborn.org. With this capability, we can thereby share our worship services with people in other states, and with those who simply are unable to come to church. And lest you feel that we have been adrift without a Pastor at the helm, Brian Sampson has faithfully risen to the challenge of delivering the morning message to us every Sunday, capably filling in until our future for the church becomes clearer. He has truly been a blessing to us, and we are grateful for his time and talent.

At the end of this month we'll enter the season of Advent, the time set aside to prepare once again to receive the greatest gift ever given. It's the demonstration of God's forever covenant with us to provide and care for us. Let's approach this season with eyes and spirits attuned to the promise of the Holy One.

Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

John Peters Moderator

Join Us for Coffee Hour: We invite everyone for Fellowship in the Mayflower Room after our Sunday worship. We served cider and donuts throughout the month of October, and we'll be serving more light snacks in November. For beverages -besides coffee, there will be tea, juice, and hot cocoa available. Please join us for refreshments and conversation!

Altar Flowers: If you'd like to dedicate flowers in memory of, or in honor of loved ones, special occasions, or people connected with the church, contact the office by phone (313-271-8552) or email (dccucc@gmail.com) and let Liz know the Sunday on which you'd like flowers for the altar and details of your dedication. The cost is \$15, payable to the church, which can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or dropped off/mailed to the church. Payment should be made prior to the Sunday of dedication.

Donate to Downriver for Veterans: We're still collecting non-perishable food, personal care items, clothing, and pillows for Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. You may put your items in a plastic bag or a small box and leave them in the bin or the basket behind the pews. All donations are deeply appreciated by the volunteers at DFV. We thank those in our church family who've generously given already and continue to give!

Give Online at Your Convenience: Make your regular offering online...or schedule automatic payments! Go to www.dccdearborn.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button. You DO NOT need a PayPal account. You can pay with a credit card by simply entering the information asked for. If you use Facebook, go to "Dearborn Congregational Church, UCC" and you'll see a 'Pinned' post on the right side of the page with a Donate link. We invite you to take advantage of this feature. Thank you for giving and God bless you all!

Position Opening - CLERK: The church has an opening for Clerk. The duties of the Clerk include recording the Minutes at Council meetings, Congregational Meetings, the Annual Meeting; and tracking membership changes (additions/subtractions) annually. The Clerk also maintains vital records of the church. If you can serve in this post, please contact John Peters at (313) 255-7774 or by email: joopett13@hotmail.com.

Update on Church Rooms Project:

We extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who has helped with the effort to go through the rooms of the church to separate what to keep from what to discard. And for throwing away things we no longer need. Your work is deeply appreciated! The four classrooms, including the senior room, and the nursery and Mayflower Room have been covered. The Library is in progress. We have people signed up to go through the office and basement storage room, to be done next. If you can help with the garage, the Board Room (choir rehearsal room), or the small storage room behind the choir loft, the signup sheet is still in the sanctuary. Feel free to come to the church on your own time if you have a key, or you can stop in on Wed., Thurs., or Fri. from 1-3 pm when our secretary, Liz, is at church to let you in. If items can't be easily discarded, please list the item on a sheet of paper and leave it in the Moderator's mailbox. Soon, we will decide what to sell and what to simply donate among the things we're hanging onto. Members will be given first chance to make an offer on valuable items like furniture.

DEDICATION OF FLOWER

November 7 - Mark and Susan Dobronski,
In honor of Marge Manspeaker
November 14 – Polly Fitzpatrick, In memory
of loved ones
November 21 – Thanksgiving Display
November 28 – Mark and Susan Dobronski,
In honor of Paul and Janet Iovan



PRAYER LIST



Mary Ann Clough, 11/07, Friend of Tammy Jabtecki,
Health Concern
Scott Manspeaker, 11/07, Recovering from Health Concern
Cindy Toma, 11/07, Friend of Tammy Jabtecki, Battling stage
liver cancer.
Dee Schilbe, 11/07, Mom of Kevin, Health Concern
Joann Herron, 11/07, Friend of T. Curless, Stomach Cancer
Baby Kayden, 11/07, Friend of Linda Haling, He is waiting for
heart transplant
Michelle Campeau, 11/07 Undergoing Treatment
Lew Worthington, 11/07 Responding to Treatment
Gail Waggoner Long-Term Health Issues
Pat Stacho, 11/07, Rehabilitation
Sue Wilson, Ongoing Health Concern
Carrie Goldie, Ongoing Health Concern
Lois Clickner Ongoing Health Concern

You may want to brighten the day of those listed on the
prayer concerns with a card or note. If you don't have their
address, please call the office.

Dates to Remember:

November 7 10 am All Saints Day
November 10 7 pm Diaconate Meeting
Trustee Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Treasurer's Report for September 2021

Income- \$1,596.62
Expenses- \$4,221.98

Citizens Account - \$6,934.68
Investments with UBS valued at \$100,408.12

Treasurer

I'M JUST SAYIN'with Pat Stacho

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

I know, it's a little early. But I won't be back until December. By then I'll be ranting about Christmas.

Since I have a lot of time to kill, I have been doing a lot of coloring, which is calming and actually therapeutic as well. Got that straight from my physical therapist so it must be true. My neighbor bought me an adult coloring book...really ADULT. lol. It helps when I don't want to cuss out my hubby, I just color the "off-color" pages. Very therapeutic indeed.

I have also been spending time on my tablet, especially on PINTEREST. I love that site. There are thousands of recipes, hints, book reviews, jokes, cards for every occasion, even household hints! Come on, who couldn't kill a couple of hours? Unfortunately, I write down the ingredients for a great recipe, send Pete to the store with a list, and BAM! I cannot find the recipe. Guess that's why they call it PINterest...PIN IT DUMMY!

But I'm back in therapy 3x a week so I'm killing it on the parallel bars. When I get home I always complain, "they're killin' me!" (I usually can kill an hour or two with a nap.) I just realized I may be overusing the word kill. Did I mention I watch a lot of TV? Snapped is a favorite of mine!

I am beginning to think I may be either boring or frightening you, so I better wind this up. I really am ok. But keep me in your prayers...just in case. Again, Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Enjoy your dinner, your family, friends and each other, I certainly have a lot to be thankful for!

I'm just sayin'.

