

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 New Season Beckons

As we enter a new season and the weather turns cooler and the leaves turn color, we look forward to an October filled with new ways of doing good combined with family fun. On the first Friday, a favorite activity returns with Movie and Pizza Night featuring a modern classic, "Raiders of the Lost Ark". It's a perfect time for Christian fellowship in a casual setting. We hope you'll join us! The "main event" in October is our 2nd annual October Bash on Saturday, Oct. 27. The bash runs from 10-5 and will feature lots of craft booths, product vendors, face painting, a food truck, and a "Trunk or Treat" for kids. New to the bash this year will be a church bake sale. But we need volunteers to make this a rousing success! If you can volunteer 2-3 hours to sell baked goods, pass out candy from your car, or bake yummy goodies, call Pat Stacho:(313) 212-8396. I highly encourage EVERYONE to come out and support our church in this endeavor. It would be most appreciated!

God is also giving the people of Dearborn Congregational new opportunities to be loving Christians. Starting Oct. 7, members and friends can begin making donations to Thanksgiving Baskets that will be delivered to families or individuals who can really use our help. On the last Sunday of October, our annual "Noisy Offering" of loose change will go towards disadvantaged youth who receive aid from Samaritan's Purse. Connected with that organization, members will also be able to donate items to fill shoeboxes for children as part of Operation Christmas Child. This campaign will continue through November. And in the works for the Christmas season is a rather interesting project to raise funds to purchase a "living gift" in the form of a beneficial livestock animal through Heifer International.

We have so much to celebrate, most especially God's love and grace. God is calling us as individuals and the church to do all the good we can, for all the people we can, for as long as we can.

Come and join us and help us make a difference in our church, our community and our world by doing good in Jesus' name!

Blessings to All,

John Peters
Moderator

News and Updates

Thank You! A Big Thank You to everyone who donated school supplies. The supplies were delivered and much appreciated by the students.

Pizza & Movie Night – Friday

Our pizza and movie night is Friday, October 5. Pizza will be served at 6:30pm with the movie starting at 7:00pm. We will be showing **“Raiders of the Lost Ark”**. In addition to delicious pizza, we will also provide soft drinks, water, dessert, and popcorn.

Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry with two-thirds of the offering going to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Special envelopes are available in the pews for this offering through October 7.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Starting in October, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Thanksgiving baskets. We hope to collect enough items to make multiple baskets for the Lennon Pregnancy Center. Any cash donations will be used to purchase turkeys.

Noisy Offering – October 28

Start saving your loose change for our Noisy Offering collection on October 28. This year we will be collecting for **Samaritan's Purse**. This is an evangelical Christian Humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of Christian missionary work. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of Christian evangelist Billy Graham. The name of the organization is based on the New Testament Parable of the Good Samaritan. Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries around the world. Our coins are collected in metal buckets so we hope to hear a lot of noise! Silent dollar bills will also be gratefully accepted.

All Saints' Sunday – November 4

On November 4, we will remember those who have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith. Request forms will be available in your bulletin starting October 14 to present the name(s) of those that have passed away. The form may be given to Rev. Kren or put in the offering plate. You may also call the Church Office (313-271-8552) or email your request to dccucc@gmail.com. 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.

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate currently does not have an October meeting scheduled. Our next meeting is planned for November 14 at 7:00pm

Downriver for Veterans

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Downriver for Veterans located on Fort Street in Wyandotte. Only in its second year, this organization needs ongoing support to assist local resource-limited veterans with food and other needs. Some veterans are on disability income and don't have enough to pay their bills and buy groceries. 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 items have not expired.

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, October 10, at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report for August 2018

Income- \$4,825.24

Expenses- \$9,366.83

Capital Improvement Fund - \$12,905.32

Investments with UBS valued at \$136,855.08

\$10,000 was transferred from UBS to Citizens account

Matthew Haling, Treasurer



Give Online -It's FAST and EASY! For

your convenience, there's a new option for giving to Dearborn Congregational Church. If you can't make it to Sunday service or you're on a long vacation and want to keep up a regular donation schedule, you can now give online from a savings or checking account or by credit card. Please consider signing up today. It only takes 5 minutes to create a Profile and start giving! You choose how much, how often (even just once), and which church fund you want to give to. You will get an email receipt each time, and you can change your giving choices or stop your online donation at any time. And it's secure... so your personal information isn't at risk! So eliminate the time and bother trying to remember if you donated or how much you gave the last time you came to church. Just go to www.dccdearborn.org and click on 'HERE' in the first sentence at the top of the page under the photo of Bill & Sue Kren. There's also an easy-to-use app for your phone. Give anytime from anywhere! Questions about signing up? Contact John Peters at 313-255-7774 (joopett13@hotmail.com) or Tammy Jabtecki (tammy930@yahoo.com).

OUR CHURCH AT WORK
IN OCTOBER

Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

- October 7 – Available
- October 14 – Available
- October 21 – Available
- October 28 – Available

Liturgists:

- October 7 – Available
- October 14 – Available
- October 21 – Available
- October 28 – Available



october Birthdays

- 1 Isabelle Hutton**
- 3 Jay Carter**
- 3 Ray Carter**
- 7 Jane Haling**
- 8 Pat Stacho**
- 23 Arnie Schilbe**
- 26 Ethan McAdam**

Dedication of Flowers

- October 7 – Ann Sadddah
- October 14 – Available
- October 21 – Available
- October 28 – Available

Fellowship Hour

- October 7 – Elaine Stacho
- October 14 – Elaine Stacho
- October 21 – Available
- October 28 – Available

PRAYER LIST

Gerri 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
Family of Suzanne Van Ranst	Bereavement

Dates to Remember:

- October 4 Book Club
- October 10 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- October 27 October Bash

Our next Book Club gathering will be Monday, October 8th at 7pm. **The Book Club** is currently reading *The Dovekeepers*, by Alice Hoffman.

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

Change is good...Change for the better...Make a change in your life. All good sentiments, but other than my underwear, I ain't changing!
I'm ok wearing jeans with no tears at the knees. My legs are not worth showing off at any section.

There is no point in trying to change my attitude. Sarcasm is part of my genetics, a big part. Actually, I still am able to restrain myself, so there really is no need to change. Just keep my cool, right??

I've come to the realization that I cannot change my spouse....ever. And after more than 50 years, I truly doubt. that I would, if I could. Not to mention if ever I chose to leave, I'd have to lose some weight before dating again. Not worth it. Train someone new?? No thanks.

And just between you and me, I kinda like him, just as he is. Tolerance works both ways.

One change I DO like is the changing of the season. The changing colors on the trees...God's beauty for all to enjoy. The changing weather, allowing us to wear our most comfortable sweatshirt, covering the added padding leftover from summer indulgences. Maybe I was wrong, change is good.

I have lived long enough to know, change cannot be stopped. So many stores we used to shop at...gone. Neighbors who were close friends, gone. Mom and pop restaurants, where they knew what you wanted as soon as you walked in, knew your name...gone. Hardware stores where you could buy two screws because you didn't need a pack of 125! Plus, you didn't have to walk a mile and a half to find them.....gone!

But one thing will never change. Acceptance. Keeping up with changes. But never forget those things that have changed. Sometimes keeping memories alive, will make a change.... for the better. I'm just sayin'

HELLO!

Some of you may or may not know that Dearborn Congregational Church has a new but familiar face in the office. Many of you may remember me from a few years ago when I was the office manager.

I want to say how happy I am to be here and to serve this church and work Pastor Bill again.

I will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00-12:30 or longer. This may vary if it's a Messenger week or a holiday week, for example Christmas and Easter.

Feel free to drop in if you need anything. For instance, to drop off candy for Trunk or Treak or some baked goods for the October Bash. Yes, that last part was a shameless suggestion from Pat Staco.

Liz Schlaff