

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***



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A SEASON OF CHANGE FOR THE CHURCH AND US

Fall has arrived. And the change of seasons seemed to happen quickly. Children have returned to school, the outdoor temperature has dropped, the trees are beginning to turn, and the days are getting shorter. The change of seasons serves as a reminder that we are not in charge...and for that we should give thanks. The world moves and changes without us having much to say about it. We cannot control it, but we always react to it. Likewise, we can't control the fortunes of Dearborn Congregational Church when unforeseen circumstances occur, so we must plan and prepare to change if our desired goal is to save and sustain our church.

We are a unique family that has developed strong bonds and close friendships. As members of this family, we need to consider how we benefit from this union and how we are able to contribute to it. The life of the church depends on each of us, and as we share in that life, we both gain from it and give to it.

As we contemplate the future with our building and property now up for sale, the Way Forward Committee continues to meet and explore all options for hopefully continuing our congregation. We have bright possibilities before us, but a lot of what happens next depends on each of us and our level of commitment. Since the pandemic began in March of 2020, our church attendance has dropped to less than half of what it was, though several of the people who have stopped coming still support DCC with pledges and donations. We are certainly grateful for your support, but it will take participating in worship, in communion, and in fellowship to become a vital, living, breathing church again. While providing an online service each Sunday offers a convenient alternative, it's no substitute for a community of Christian believers gathered together. So, in that light, I ask one simple question of everyone: "What will it take to bring you back to Dearborn Congregational Church?" I'm certain the answers will be varied. But your responses will help our planning committee steer the congregation in the right direction. I would love to hear from you all. Please feel free to call me anytime at (313) 495-1871 or send me an email at joopett13@hotmail.com with your thoughts.

I look forward to sharing the warmth of God's ever present love with my church family. May this season of fall bring you warmth and joy. Be a part of it. Let us share and worship together! I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning at 10:00 am.

Abundant Blessings,

John Peters
Moderator



Join Us for Coffee Hour: We invite everyone for Fellowship in the Mayflower Room after Sunday worship. As of now, we're serving just beverages -coffee, tea, juice, etc... but we soon hope to serve snacks on a regular basis as the Covid situation improves. 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.

Outdoor Clean-up Work Needed: There are a few areas on the grounds of the church that need attention. Leaves and sticks need to be picked up under bushes around the church, tree branches need to be trimmed on the front lawn, and the hedges need to be clipped. Please consider coming by the church when you have free time and help keep the church looking good. Thank you!

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.

Guest Speaker - October 17

Brian Sampson will be out of town Sunday, October 17 and Nancy Wolter will be our guest speaker that morning.

Volunteers Needed to Go Through Rooms: We're looking for people to help go through the rooms in the church to find and throw out things we DO NOT NEED if we move. (Note: This is opposite of messages sent previously about finding things we should KEEP). Need individuals or 2-person teams to go through a particular room, or rooms, in the church. There is a signup sheet in the sanctuary with rooms you can choose. Feel free to come to the church on your own time if you have a key, or you can stop in Wed., Thurs., or Fri. from 1-3 pm when the secretary is here to let you inside. If items can't be easily discarded, please list the item on a sheet of paper and leave it in the Moderator's mailbox. Items we decide we don't need but still have value will be offered to members and friends for sale, or just given away.

*We are pleased to report that the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are in capable hands and will be for the foreseeable future. Many thanks to Jim Haling for his service to the church!

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.

Thanks from Linda!

Dear Church Family,

With supreme warmth and sincerity, I thank everyone who offered positive words, cheerful wishes, loving hugs, uplifting texts and emails, as well as the ultimate: prayers for my surgery and recovery!

You are the best little Church Family!

Lovingly,

Linda

DEDICATION OF FLOWER

October 3 - Mark and Susan Dobronski, in loving memory of Frank and Jane Haling, and in celebration of Jane's 95th birthday, which would have been on October 7th.

October 10 – Available

October 17 – Mark and Susan Dobronski, in memory of Rev. Harry and Mary Philo, long-time pastor of Greenfield Church

October 24 – Lois Clickner, in loving memory of Ethel Lentz

October 31 – Mark and Susan Dobronski, in loving memory of Irene Moxon, long-time member and staff of Greenfield Church



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

PRAYER LIST



Cindy Toma, 10/03, Friend of Tammy Jabtecki, Battling stage liver cancer.

Baby Kayden, 10/03, Friend of Linda Haling, He is waiting for heart transplant

Michelle Campeau, 10/03 Undergoing Treatment

Lew Worthington, 10/03 Responding to Treatment

Gail Waggoner Long-Term Health Issues

Pat Stacho, 10/03 Recovering from Toe Surgery

Sue Wilson, Ongoing Health Concern

Carrie Goldie, Ongoing Health Concern

Unspoken Prayer Request

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.



Treasurer's Report for August 2021

Income- \$2,723.10

Expenses- \$6,106.66

Citizens Account - \$2,887.66

Investments with UBS valued at \$103,848.81

Treasurer

Date to Remember:

October 10 7 pm Diaconate Meeting
Trustee Meeting

I'M JUST SAYIN'with Pat Stacho

OCTOBER! Pumpkins, falling leaves, cooler weather, sweatshirts, forgiving sweatshirts, Halloween, with all the sweet trick or treaters, and the best thing about October....get ready....it's my birthday month!

Only this year, I think I will call it my RE-birthday month!

It's been over a year since I have been one of Medicare's top customers. Believe me, it was not by choice. But I am on my way back. I won't bore you with the details, but I am on the mend.

I've learned a lot this past year. I learned I have the most loyal group of friends ever. Prayers, cards, phone calls and lots of encouragement. Can't buy that folks....it's one of God's most precious blessings.

I learned that you can make room in even the smallest of homes for all the medical supplies an amputee requires. Believe me, it's a LOT!

I always knew my husband, and my son and daughter in law loved me. I underestimated how much. They have put up with my moods, my demands, taking me to my many doctor appointments, and through it all, kept smiling...and kept ME smiling. You take them for granted for years, and then BAM...you need them. And there they are.

I learned my dear husband of over 50 years really loves me. Any man who is willing to empty your bedside commode without complaining is a keeper!! (I'm sorry...too much information???)

Within the next month I will get my prosthesis. I am looking forward to starting physical therapy and learn to walk again. I am not too sure I will be signing up for any marathons, not even the Senior Olympics! But it sure will be sweet to walk into church again.

In the meantime, I will keep my faith, and keep trying. I hope to see you soon. Love and prayers to all of you. It sure has helped me! I'm just sayin'.

