

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**



The Way Forward Committee – Charting a Course for Dearborn Congregational

For the past two months, a task force composed of lay leaders and members on the Board of Trustees and the Diaconate, and chaired by John Proctor, has met in church after Sunday services to discuss various options to ensure the sustainability of the church. The group has addressed the potential for selling the property, either wholly or in part, to raise revenue so we may continue operating. We have examined records on the property and consulted with a real estate professional. In the process, legal questions have arisen concerning our property lines and exactly what we own. We hope to resolve this issue soon. Another focus of the group is how to attract new people to worship with us and fulfill our purpose to "make everyone welcome". Growth can only be accomplished with an influx of people. We wish to emphasize that planning is in the very early stages, and absolutely NO decision has been made to sell the church! We are open to entertaining any and ALL ideas from you, both members and friends, as to the best way(s) to keep the doors open to our beloved church.

Together in Christ,

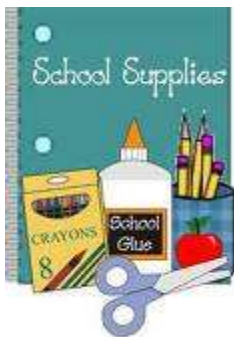
John Peters
Moderator

Church Fundraiser for Utility Bills: *Coming in October...* To bolster our stewardship ministry, we have planned a congregation fundraiser to collect donations to cover the church's utility bills. We hope you'll prayerfully give to this special fund in addition to your regular support of the church. There will be specially marked envelopes in which you can place donations. The goal is to raise \$5,000 in one month's time to cover heat and electric bills we incur through the winter.

Group Study: *Coming soon...* John Peters will lead a series of group discussions of the book, "Weird Church: Welcome to the Twenty-First Century", which explores how to create a new form of church emphasizing spiritual growth tied to becoming more welcoming to outsiders and becoming relevant in the community. Dates and times TBD.

Sunday Fellowship Hosts Needed!: Are you able to provide refreshments for coffee hour on Sunday morning? We are looking for volunteers to bring in goodies. Just a couple of snacks are all that's needed...like a coffee cake, a package of cookies, or some fruit. Just add your name to the Fellowship sign-up on the card table in the Mayflower Room on the date of your choice in Sept. Thank you.

News and Updates



School Supplies: LAST chance to donate school supplies for Bennett Elementary in the Mexican community of SW Detroit. Please drop off your items **by Tuesday, Sept. 3** in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you for giving!



**DOWNRIVER
FOR VETERANS**

Downriver for Veterans

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Downriver for Veterans located in Wyandotte.

They provide support to assist local resource-limited veterans with food and other needs. Please place your donations in the Totes of Love bin in the back of the Sanctuary. Check the expiration date to make sure items have not expired.

Fellowship Dinner - September 13

Save the date! Our last Fellowship Dinner in June was so enjoyable and so well received that we are planning another one for Friday, September 13th. This time we will have a *taco theme* for dinner with more details to come. So, mark your calendars!

Book Club

The Book Club is currently reading *The Girl with Seven Names*. Our next Book Club gathering will be Monday, September 16th at 7pm.



Blankets for Kids: We are hosting a program called Blankets 4 Kids, a program of Child's Hope. It is going to be on October 16 at 7 pm. It's kind of like a quilting be, only instead of quilting we will be making fleece blankets for children who are experiencing abuse and neglect and entering the foster care system. The contact person is Judy Buck or Carol McAdam who lives in Springwells. There's a sign up sheet in the Mayflower Room.

'Restorative' Yoga at the Church: Karen Lawrence is looking to re-start yoga sessions at the church -most likely on Thursday nights at 6 pm. This time around, a less-intensive version called "restorative yoga" will be offered. In this type, poses are held in a more relaxed manner and breaks will be given during the one-hour sessions. Ideal for ALL AGES! Participants need to bring their own yoga mats or blankets. Classes will take place in the Mayflower Room. The cost is \$5 per session with all proceeds going to the church. If you're interested, please contact Karen by email at karenka347@yahoo.com Once there are enough participants, the sessions will begin.

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet September 11 at 7pm

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, September 11, at 7pm.



Treasurer's Report for July 2019

Income- \$3,820.00
Expenses- \$9,556.57
Capital Improvement Fund - \$13,230.32
Investments with UBS valued at \$111,693.37
Matthew Haling, Treasurer



OUR CHURCH AT WORK IN SEPTEMBER



Helpers for Sunday Services

Ushers:

September 1 – John Peters and Ann Saadah
September 8 –
September 15 –
September 22 –
September 29

Liturgists:

September 1 – Nancy Wolter
September 8 –
September 15 –
September 22 –
September 29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Susan Hutton
30 Tammy Jabtecki

Dedication of Flowers

September 1 –
September 8 – In memory of Kathy Gunn, from Elaine Stacho
September 15 – In memory of Mother, Joanne, from John Peters
September 22 –
September 29

Fellowship Hour

September 1 – John Peters and Teresa Curless
September 8 –
September 15 –
September 22 –
September 29 – Deb Evans

PRAYER LIST



Barb Allen 8/25	Health Concern
Rev. Bill Kren 8/25	Serious Health Concern
Gail Waggoner 8/25	Health Concern
Teresa Curless 8/25	Chemotherapy
Pauline Gourlay 8/25	Shut In
Fred Michales 8/25	Health Concern
Pat Stacho 8/25	Recovering from shoulder surgery
The Haling Family	Grieving the loss of Jane Haling
Carrie Goldie 8/25	Vascular Hand Surgery
Dr. William R. Ramienecki	Serious Illness
Tom Schlaff 8/25	Heart Failure

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

Dates to Remember:

September 11 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
September 11 Diaconate Board Meeting 7pm
September 13 Taco Fellowship Dinner 7 pm
September 16 Book Club at 7 pm

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

SEPTEMBER is here! Fall is my favorite season--beautiful colors that God shares, back to sweatshirts and comfy pants, hot chocolate and a good book...no more sweating as you walk out to get the mail! And for the young mother's....school is back in session. Let the teachers answer their questions. They get paid to do it!!

Speaking of questions, I have a few. As you may know, summer sucked for me this year. I spent a lot of time watching TV. Watching commercials which left me asking WHAT??? Especially the lawyers, "Call me. I'll be right there." Sure you will....with a fist full of papers to sign.

And trust me, neither Sam, Lee or Mike will show up. One of their flunkies associates will be there with apologies and phony excuses from their big shot bosses.

And what's up with the medical ads? The guy with the funny wiggle as he dances through the office....cuts his grass and even walks his dog with the same silly wiggle. Is it just me, or does that poor dog look extremely embarrassed??

I marvel at the nonsensical disclaimers on all the ads recommending the latest drugs. After warnings about the possibilities of all sorts of health threatening ailments, including death, which a pretty big threat, they say, "Do not use if you are allergic to (fill in the blank). If this is a new drug, one you haven't yet heard of, let alone used, how in the world would you know you were allergic??!? Smart move. The 'ol CYA trick. And I used to think aspirin was the world's leading medical miracle. Seems it's the

things people get away with.

Which brings me back to September, my favorite month.

One more month to my birthday. Another quick question, why does everyone in the medical field ask me by birth date?? (Told you I spent a lot of time with them lately) I tell them, and I never get a call, no card or gift ever. Doesn't seem fair. I'm just saying

Fall Craft Show



**Our annual craft show will be held
Saturday, October 19th
from 10 am-5:00 pm.**

We will also have a bake sale. Teresa and I would certainly appreciate your help. Please consider contributing your favorite baked goods. We may be a smaller group, but we are working together to make this a successful craft show.

We hope you will join us.

Attention Amazon Shoppers: If you currently have an Amazon account (regular or Prime) your purchases can now earn our church .5%. All you need do is sign into **Amazon Smile** and log in just as if you were on your regular Amazon account, designate our church as your charity and shop. Please share our Charity with friends and family – anyone who has an Amazon account can donate to us
See Diana Schilbe if you have questions.