

# The Messenger

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## A Newsletter for Dearborn Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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## PLANNING A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

September is almost here, and it doesn't seem possible. Summer always seems to fly by quickly, and this one moved faster and felt shorter than others as many of us were challenged by severe storms that led to flooded basements, damaged & lost possessions, and power outages that lasted for days on end...not to mention the stress caused by the unending Covid pandemic and health issues faced by many in our church family that took away from their usual enjoyment of summer. If nothing else, it's been *memorable*. But as a small, close-knit church we forge ahead, make plans, and make the best of it.

One activity that's been talked about for September, assuming Covid infections wane and we get a handle on this troubling Delta variant, is a Potluck Picnic following a Sunday service. This would be a way to invite everyone to come together again in fellowship, particularly those who haven't attended our church in the past 18 months. While we don't have an exact date in mind, we'd prefer to hold the event outdoors, but if necessary, we can move it indoors and spread out between the Mayflower Room and Seniors Room on the other side of the kitchen.

Yet our biggest focus in September will center around the sale of the church and preparing to move. We need to field offers, but we also need to find a new location for our congregation. The proposed new site for Dearborn Congregational Church is a church building where we would have *exclusive* use of their chapel for worship and lounge for fellowship -Christ Episcopal Church on Military and Cherry Hill in west Dearborn. In September, the matter of our becoming a tenant (keep in mind this is NOT a merger, just a relocation) will be taken up by Christ Episcopal's governing board and then furthered to the parish for discussion. In October, our application would then be voted on by parish membership. We pray to God that this process goes in our favor. Christ Church has many programs and missions already in place that we are welcome to get involved in, so we wouldn't have to start over or do all the work ourselves. But we aren't bound to them. Should we become a tenant, the only two events we would be required to participate in with Christ Church is a multi-denominational Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas Eve dinner for the homeless. The important thing is the belief that by moving to a church with so many community projects, it will spark our congregation and give it a sense of purpose, As part of the moving process, we obviously can't take everything with us so we will need to dispose of church property. We will take inventory of LARGE items such as furniture, wall hangings, and the equipment and tools in the garage. Then we will price unneeded/unwanted items that we'd like to sell in preparation for an Estate Sale that hopefully take place in late Sept. or the first weekend in Oct. Ideally, this sale will take place in the east parking lot so we are visible to passing vehicle traffic, weather permitting. And whatever we decide to take with us, we would hire a moving company to handle.

One more thing...if you are feeling out of the loop as it concerns issues concerning the church, the Board of Trustees is looking for volunteers to join. If you want to know more about discussions of the Board of Trustees and be involved in their decision-making, you are welcome to become a member of the Board. There are two openings currently on the Board. Contact the chairman, Arnie Schilbe, or another member of the Board to express your interest.

God bless everyone, and peace be with you.

John Peters  
Moderator

Coffee Hour is Back!: We have resumed fellowship in the Mayflower Room after worship. Right now, we're serving just beverages -coffee, tea, juice, etc... We hope to start serving light snacks again once the Covid situation gets better. We invite everyone to gather for conversation every Sunday.



Altar Flowers: If you'd like to dedicate flowers in memory of, or in recognition of, a loved one or event in your life, several weeks in September are open. Please contact the office by phone (313-271-8552) or email ([dccucc@gmail.com](mailto:dccucc@gmail.com)) and let Liz know the Sunday on which you'd like flowers for the altar and the 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!



Donating School Supplies: Back to School time is here and most kids will be back in the classroom! There are 2 weeks left to bring in school supplies for Bennett Elementary in the Mexican community of SW Detroit, who we've given to in the past. Students in this area are disadvantaged and could use our help. Items needed include composition notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, pens, markers, erasers, and scissors. Major retailers such as Meijer, Target, and WalMart are featuring great deals. Donations can be placed in the basket in the hallway outside the church office. Delivery will occur after Labor Day. Thank you for giving!

Downriver for Veterans & Pull Tabs/Lids: We're still collecting food, personal items, new clothing and pillows for Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. You may place your items in a plastic bag and leave in a box or basket behind the pews. Any and all donations are deeply appreciated by the volunteers at DFV. We're also collecting aluminum pull tabs and can lids for Ronald McDonald House which can be left in the container just inside the tower entrance door.

Position Opening -TREASURER: As of January, 2022, the church will be without a Treasurer unless someone steps up! This is a critical position, of course, but it can be accomplished without a heavy time commitment - just a few hours a week. No accounting background is needed, either. Besides paying monthly bills and tracking income, there are a few other duties done just once a year. The new Treasurer will be trained by the previous Treasurer on what is to be done and when, shown how the software works for entering monthly data in the computer, and how the online banking works. If interested in serving in this post, please contact John Peters at (313) 255-7774 or Arnie Schilbe, Trustees President, at (313)-318-5016.

Position Opening - CLERK: The church also 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) in an annual report. The Clerk also keeps track of vital records of the church. If you can serve in this post, please contact John Peters at (313) 255-7774 or email: [joopett13@hotmail.com](mailto:joopett13@hotmail.com).

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# I'M JUST SAYIN' ... Oldie but Goodie from March 2015

...with Pat Stacho

CAUTION! PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CONTINUING.

1. Read one word at a time
2. Pause at appropriate punctuation marks
3. Writer is not responsible for any conclusions drawn, any emotions evoked, or other reactions.

Isn't that the silliest thing I've ever written?! Instructions are everywhere. I realize it is to prevent frivolous, yet profitable lawsuits, but really...come on!

Did you know that once you lather with any shampoo, you must rinse? And then you are to repeat. It doesn't clearly state, but I'm assuming it's the entire process...lather, rinse. Of course, that way you use more shampoo, hence you will need to buy more, sooner. But do we really need to be told to rinse?

If you have children, grandchildren or even overly curious spouses, proceed with caution to the laundry room. Detergent, fabric softener, bleach, spot removing sprays, none of these are edible, not one. There are instructions, read them.

Instructions on anything going in the microwave will caution you that contents will be hot after cooking . Well yeah...if I wanted something cold, I would've used the refrigerator! (Now where are those instructions?)

Virtually everything with a plug attached, will come with instructions. You must plug it in to use, but use with caution. This seems condescending, but for the Honey Boo-Boos in the world, it may be necessary.

And when I want instructions, they are usually useless. Who can understand the long and confusing instructions included with any electronic products? Really?

Good thing I have a brilliant son in ITT. He doesn't even need the instructions! (Just bragging a bit.) And when we really need them, there are none. For instance, wouldn't it be great if children came with instructions? Not a warranty, that wouldn't be practical; nice, but not practical. Who'd take them after we turned them in? (He is cute, but what's his problem?) But instructions would be awesome. "Here you go Mrs Stacho. You have a beautiful little boy. Here are your instructions for the next 20 years. Of course, you do realize that there is no guarantee with this child, right?" And HUSBANDS! Lol. Need I say more?

So the next time you buy something, anything, check the instructions. I promise you a good laugh. Sad that what once was obvious is now fuel for lawsuits, making millionaires out of people who forget to rinse before munching on Tide! I'm just sayin'...

