

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



News and Updates

Outdoor Service - September 13

Bring a chair and join us for our outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 AM in front of the church steps. *We will continue to wear masks and keep our distance to 6 feet.* We pray you take this opportunity to reconnect with your church family on Rally Sunday after so many months of being apart. Unless it is raining, we will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Let us pray for a beautiful morning and the chance for all of us to see each other again.

The Sunday Bulletin is on Our Website! If you aren't aware, the Sunday bulletin is posted by our webmaster, Tom Brown, every Friday BEFORE the service takes place. To find it, go to dccdearborn.org and click the link on the left at the top, "DCC Home". Then, go to "Weekly Bulletin". Clicking on this link shows you all the posted bulletins, with the first being the current bulletin. The bulletin is broken into two parts: "Worship", which shows you the Order of Worship, sermon title, and hymns. The other part, "Announcements", shows you the news, Prayer List, and Altar Flower dedication.

Fundraiser for the Roof over Mayflower Room: A large section of the ceiling in the Mayflower Room collapsed in May due to water leaking in the flat roof above. The ceiling is covered by insurance, but the roof must be replaced BEFORE the insurance work can be done. The roof is NOT covered by insurance because the leak is due to normal wear-and-tear. The cost is \$25,000. We hope to raise enough money to pay for the entire job. As of this writing, we've raised just under \$7,000. Will you please pitch in to help us reach our goal? In early August, you received a letter in the mail with an offering envelope inside. Please prayerfully consider giving extra funds to Dearborn Congregational Church using the "Improvement Fund" envelope and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. A one-time donation or extra monthly donations for the roof would be deeply appreciated! Running totals will be reported in the Messenger each month. There is also a progress chart in the sanctuary tracking the amount we've raised. Thank you and God bless each of you for contributing!

Give Online at Your Convenience: For greater flexibility in giving to the church, we've added PayPal to accept online donations or to pay your pledge if you'd like. Just go to our website at www.dccdearborn.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button. You DO NOT NEED A PAYPAL ACCOUNT to donate. There is an option to pay with any of 3 major credit cards. Also, if you are a Facebook user and go to our Facebook page, "Dearborn Congregational Church, UCC" you will see a post on the right side of the page with a link to our website button, as well. We invite all to take advantage of this new feature!

Wednesday Morning Coffee, Conversation, & Bible Study with Pastor

Gene: Each Wednesday at 10 AM, Pastor Blair hosts an hour-long Zoom Bible Study: "Twenty-Four Sundays in Pentecost - A Study of the Book of Acts". During this 24-week discussion leading up to Advent in November, we will look at the New Testament church, Paul, and ministry of the church today in response to "Acts". We cover one chapter a week (on Sept. 2, we will be on Chapter 11). Just click on the link shown below if you have Zoom installed on your laptop or cell phone. If you haven't tried it yet, installing Zoom is free and it's easy! Just go to Zoom.com. The link for the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85726573232> The link is valid thru Sept. 9, after which a new link will be emailed. We hope to see you for our morning chat!

Watch the Sunday Service on Facebook OR on Our Website! We hope you've been watching the Sunday services each week featuring music by Brian Sampson and our regular soloist, Maddie Kaplan. If you remain sheltered in place or haven't attended on Sunday since we re-opened church, you can watch every week *in real time at 10 am on Sunday mornings* if you are a Facebook user. Or view the service any time after it ends by going to our website at dcccdearborn.org and clicking the highlighted Sunday Worship Service links on the page. We keep the recorded service for two weeks after it takes place, so you have about 12 days to view it before it's deleted from the website. On Facebook, the posts never expire so all recorded services going back to the first one are still there.

Discussions Between the 'Way Forward Committee' and Pastor Blair: We've been holding regular weekly Zoom meetings with members of the Way Forward Committee to discuss a path to sustainability and vitality for Dearborn Congregational Church with a focus on creating a mission plan for our church. We've suffered some serious financial blows since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including a break-in and theft of lawn and snow equipment from the garage and a major roof leak which caused the ceiling to collapse in the Mayflower Room. These building costs coupled with a shrinking donor base also means fewer volunteers to carry out programs, making the matter of charting a course to ensure our future all the more critical. The situation is even more critical now that most of our church family are staying home instead of attending church on Sunday. We expect to have a proposal to share with the congregation soon.

Best wishes,

John Peters, Moderator

DEDICATION OF FLOWERS

- September 6 – Available
- September 13 – Available
- September 20 – Available
- September 27 – Available



PRAYER LIST



Gail Waggoner	Health Issues
Pauline Gourlay	Shut in
Tom Schlaff, 07/21	Waiting for Heart Transplant
Cary Goldie, 05/31	Health Concern
Kristie Riley, Daughter of Deb Evans, 06/07	COPD
Donna Hire, Aunt of Polly Fitzpatrick, 06/21	

Pat Stacho, 06/21	Health Concern
Deanna Sample, Friend of Tammy Jabtecki, 06/21	Recovering from Surgery
	Major Health Issues

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Susan Hutton
- 30 Tammy Jabtecki

Treasurer's Report for June 2020



Income- \$6,111.18
Expenses- \$9,996.96

Citizens Account - \$13,751.75
Investments with UBS valued at \$101,963.16

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for July 2020



Income- \$3,088.00
Expenses- \$6,999.70

Citizens Account - \$5,878.88
Investments with UBS valued at \$104,933.47

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

Date to Remember:

September 9	7 pm	Trustees Meeting Diaconate Meeting
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHURCH TREASURER WANTED



After many years of faithful service, Matthew Haling is leaving his post as Treasurer, effective October 1. As a result, we need to find a replacement very soon. The Treasurer is an Officer of the church and has an important responsibility, however the job is not particularly time consuming nor does it require special training. Duties include mailing payments to reimburse people for purchases (minimal), monitoring the bank account, and doing some work at month's end to record the bills and generate financial reports for the Board of Trustees. Payroll is handled by another company, though, and monthly bills are paid thru online banking, thus reducing the time commitment necessary to complete the required tasks.

Matthew will be glad to coach his successor in using online banking and the accounting software for reports. (A QuickBooks spreadsheet, and a program, "Gnucash", to record monthly bills).

If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Arnie Schilbe at agschil@att.net or (313) 318-5016 (cell).

Thank you,
John Peters

I'M JUST SAYIN' ...

...with Pat Stacho

Well, we still are dealing with COVID-19, along with the rest of the world! I have decided to try and look on the bright side of things. There are surely things I can either control or change.

So....here I go!

First, I can change my attitude! Due to my health, my doctor wants me quarantined, no visitors in, no me going to visit my friends. At first I thought, "no big deal" WRONG!! It is a big deal, I miss my friends. I can't change it, or control it. So I'm moving on to things I can.

Certainly cannot change or control my dear husband, but I can change how I react. For instance, "is THIS dinner?" Yep, unless you're in the mood for Cheerios. He loved his dinner. See?? Solved.

I am doing a lot of reading. Calming, entertaining and relaxing. Until I read the Betty Brodrick story. Man, what a story. Her poor family. But poor Betty too. Her behavior just kept getting worse. Changed to Erma Bombeck. Solved.

I was missing shopping. Cracker Barrel with Elaine, (the awesome clearance sales in the rear corner, AND we have a great lunch)..kitchen gadgets at Bed bath and beyond, Ollie's, for just about everything, but great prices on my k-cups, Target, just because! And Home Goods. where you can dream of becoming an interior designer. There was a point I was close to tears. Everything was closed, even if I could ignore my forced quarantine, there was nowhere to go. BUT, I made a change...VISA & AMAZON. Solved.

I don't know when this world will get back to normal, or if we will have to adjust to a whole new normal. Either way, we will have to adjust. I am slowly getting adjusted. I am learning to appreciate the birds chirping in the morning, hiding in my tree. I sit on my front porch, with a cup of chi tea and my latest book. I very seldom took the time to do that. My friend Barb does it. Its nice... great way to start my day. Boredom? Solved!

So for now, I'm going to stay safe. I love and miss all of you. I love you enough to stay away. And I will be working on my attitude! The pending election will be a challenge. Pray for us, tough choices to make.

Don't forget, wear your mask, social distancing, wash your hands, and be nice to each other, whenever possible! Screaming is a bad idea, but you can stick your tongue out IF you have your mask on.

Talk to you next month. In the meantime, take my friendly advice, if you can't control it or change it, forget it !! I'm just saying.

