



# The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

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## ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children ages 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those under 4 years old, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

## CARE CENTER SERVICES TODAY

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Northeast

will have the opportunity to conduct the worship services at the Assisted Living Facility.



(Please note this is not the nursing home building but the Assisted Living Facility.)

You are invited to come and worship with and encourage the residents.

## POTLUCK



We will have a potluck meal **next week** following morning services. Bring your family's favorite dish that day and plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

**HI KIDS!** Martin Luther King Day was this past Monday. MLK day is not just a day off school. It's a day that we pay tribute to a man who worked hard to bring equal rights to all people. Long before Mr. King shared his dream, James shared with us that brothers and sisters in Christ are to always treat people equally. God loves us all the same. God does not treat one person better than another. God doesn't have favorites, and neither should we! (James 2)

*Lori Mason*

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**Chris Lenhard** was in the hospital last week with heart problems. He will be off work for an extended period of time.

**Dean Purgatori** will have colon surgery around Feb. 25 due to Crohn's Disease.

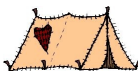
**Marie Hershberger** has a herniated disc in her neck causing much pain. She is unable to have surgery due to other medical problems.

## REOPENING OUR LIBRARY

We have a self-serve library upstairs. For the last few years Scott and Lori Smith have been in the process of reorganizing it and making it more accessible to us. We owe much thanks to them for their work! Go up today after services for an "open house" and see what the library can offer you.



## SUMMER CAMP



Registration for summer camp sessions at **Michigan Christian Youth Camp** is underway. If you register your child by January 31, you get \$40 off their camp fee. Check out the camp's website at [www.mcyc.org](http://www.mcyc.org) for many youth and families activities (girls only retreat, family retreat, etc.) and opportunities to help the camp.

### Name Tags

All members are encouraged to pick up and wear your name tag that is available in the lobby each Sunday morning.

### Hearing Devices

If you have difficulty with your hearing and would like to use one of our hearing devices, see Vicki, our church secretary.

### Teaching Tools

Our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on CD.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CLASS ASSISTANTS

- Jan. 25 - Kara Mason
- Feb. 1 - Joanne Patenaude
- Feb. 8 - Melanie Berger
- Feb. 15 - Jenna Mason

### HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

## **THE JOY OF HOPE**

By Joe Chesser

Sometimes the best part of taking a vacation is the time spent gathering information and making plans for it. Anticipating what you will do when you go camping or traveling or to Disney makes the vacation that much more enjoyable. Getting brochures or checking out the web sites, studying the maps to learn what is available along the way, and marking the days on a calendar fill you with excitement. In fact, there are times when the anticipation of the vacation far exceeds the actual event.

Anticipating heaven should be even better than anticipating a vacation. It's too bad that many Christians haven't learned to enjoy the preparation for heaven. Instead of finding joy in the present (John 10:10), some Christians (and I hope you are not one of them) view the present Christian experience as one of drudgery and travail. They see their walk with God in this life as one of hardship and suffering, and only view heaven as a rest from their current troubles. But the hope of heaven is not intended to be restricted to eternity. There is joy in the hope of heaven right now!

The hope of heaven serves to bring meaning and enjoyment to this present life in several ways.

(1) *Hope in God serves as an anchor for the soul.* The world is constantly in a state of flux, yet God gives Christians the ability to live in this world with stability in the present because of hope for the future. Instead of being "blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Eph. 4:14) Christians are offered "hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Heb. 6:19). Christians have the security now that the world longs for!

(2) *Christians are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24).* This hope is a "confident expectation" that removes fear and doubt. Since we are confident of receiving the salvation of Christ that comes by faith and obedience, joy fills our souls. We find joy in doing whatever God expects of us because of the hope of what He has promised those who are faithful.

(3) *Happy is the soldier that is properly equipped to wage war.* While we are in the flesh we are in a constant battle with Satan, but God has given us all the equipment we need to successfully defeat him. A part of that equipment is having "the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thess. 5:8). Christians are assured that Satan cannot defeat the army of God. We can celebrate our ultimate victory right now, today! Live joyfully as God's soldier.

(4) *Christians know "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 John 3:1).* We know we are the children of God right now! What we don't know yet is what we will be like when Jesus appears the second time, but we do know this: that when Jesus appears the second time, we shall be like him (1 John 3:2). Having this hope gives us the assurance we need to live pure lives in the present (1 John 3:3). Learning to live like God today gives us a joy that anticipates the day we can live with Him forever!

(5) *Despite the trials of life, Christians can "be joyful in hope" (Rom. 12:12).* If we choose, nothing in this life can rob us of the joy and anticipation of life with God.

## TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Home Bible Study group  
5:30 at the Nelson's home

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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January 25, 2015

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason  
Song Leader - Roger Walker  
Sermon - Stan Clanton

### Communion servants for January

Ken Mickey John Kaganac  
Mike Yuchasz Kenny Cummings

### Audio visual servitors for January

Bill Nocita Scott Smith

## FOR THE RECORD

Jan. 18, 2015

Bible School	73
Sunday Morning Worship	133
Avg. attendance for 2015	138
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Mid-Week Bible Study	20
Contribution	\$5,440.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,666.33
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$35.00
Total for 2015	\$75.07



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