



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

January 31, 2016

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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 kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, 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.

CHORUS CONCERT



Two weeks from tonight, **Feb. 14**, we will have the pleasure of having the Metro Detroit Youth Chorus at Northeast. We will have an abbreviated service beginning at 5:30, followed by the concert. The chorus and board members are served a meal at our building before the concert. Finger desserts and fruit trays are needed for the meal. If you can help with any of these, please bring in your goodies on the morning of the 14th. Invite your family and friends to join us that evening.

DIAPER SHOWER



All families are invited to a diaper shower for **Julianna Stocker**, Hollie's infant daughter, **next Sunday** immediately following morning services. Pita sandwiches, chips, and cake will be served. Please sign up in the hallway with the number from your family that will be there. Hollie has shared some other gift suggestions for Julianna: diapers (size 2-4), diaper wipes, baby wash, and clothes (size 9 month & up). Gift cards from Meijer or Target would also be welcome. We hope you can all make it as we welcome Julianna to our Northeast family.

REQUESTING PRAYERS



Lee Webber

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have all heard about the water crisis in Flint. The Elmwood Park Church of Christ in Detroit is gathering bottled water that will be taken to the North Central Church of Christ in Flint for distribution. You can help ease the situation by bringing in **cases of bottled water** and placing them in room 15. Craig & Nina Sims will see that it gets to Elmwood Park.




FAMILY PICTURES



Mark Nelson will soon begin taking family pictures to update our pictorial membership board. All families are encouraged to have your picture taken or updated. This picture board is a great way to get to know your Northeast family.

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The **Metro Detroit Youth Chorus** will perform a concert tonight at the **Gateway Church of Christ**. All concerts are at 5:30 p.m. If you can, come out and support our Northeast chorus members, **Kara Mason** and **Rachel Stone**, plus all the young people of MDYC. *The chorus is scheduled to be at Northeast on Sunday, Feb. 14.*

MEN'S STUDY GROUP



The Men's Group will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 9**, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the church building.

KIDS CLUB



All kids (and moms and dads), mark your calendar for the Kids Club **2nd Annual Sleepover on Feb. 26-27**. Details will be available soon. We appreciate Amy & Ken Mickey for planning and organizing a lot of fun events for the kids and everyone.

CARE CENTER EVENT



The Church of Christ Care Center is excited to announce a benefit event. The internationally acclaimed performing group, **Acappella** (a member of the Christian Music Hall of Fame), will perform a concert on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater of Avondale High School. Ticket prices are \$30 for general admission and \$25 for youth 18 and under and seniors 62 and older. On February 15 all tickets prices increase by \$5.00. They expect all 800 seats to be sold out, so get your tickets now. Contact Esther Simmons at 586-285-7104 or you can get your tickets online at www.cofccc.org.

ELDER CHAIRMAN



Bill Nocita is the chairman of the elders through March. You can contact him if you have any questions or concerns.

Opening the Windows

By Max Lucado

When a believing person prays, great things happen. (James 5:16)

Imagine yourself in a dark room. Windows closed. Curtains drawn. Shutters shut. In the darkness it's hard to believe there's daylight beyond the drapes. So you grope and try to feel your way across the floor. You take a step, disoriented and unsure where you're headed. Progress is slow and the journey painful. Stubbed toes, bruised shins, broken vases. It's hard to walk in a dark place.

Harder still to walk in a dark world. But many try. And, as a result, many are wounded in the effort: tripping over problems, bumping into one another in the shadows, ramming into walls. But occasionally one of us makes a discovery. Reaching through the blackness, a hand finds curtains and a window latch. "Hey, everybody! The walls have windows!" The drapes are pulled back and the window opened. The sun floods into the room. What was dark is now bright. What was opaque is now clear. What was stale is now fresh. With the light comes a peace, a power, a desire to move closer to the light, and a confidence to step forward. Our timid steps are replaced by a certainty to our walk. A certainty to move through the corridors of life, opening one window after another to illuminate. What a difference! And all it took was one small gesture of opening curtains and raising the window.

Prayer does the same thing for us. Prayer is the window that God has placed in the walls of our world. Leave it shut and the world is a cold, dark house. But throw back the curtains and see His light. Open the window and hear His voice. Open the window of prayer and invoke the presence of God in your world.

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.

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

January 31, 2016

Opening Prayer - Mike Serilla
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for January

Ken Mickey John Kaganac
Dean Stewart Ty Filipiak

Audio visual servitors for January

Craig Sims Bill Nocita

FOR THE RECORD

January 24, 2016

Bible School	80
Sunday Morning Worship	127
Avg. attendance for 2016	135
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-Week Bible Study	40
Contribution	\$3,269.75
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,534.44
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$19.00
Total for 2016	\$138.05

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