



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 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.

VBS MEETING TODAY



Plans are being made to have VBS on **July 18-20**, in the evening.

There will be a short organizational meeting **this morning** following services for anyone who would like to help. If you have any questions please see Amy Mickey.

KIDS CLUB FUN



The next Kids Club activity will be on **Sunday, April 24**. We will have lunch after morning services in the basement and then head over to Great Skate in Roseville for roller skating from 1-4. The cost is \$7.50, and that includes skate rental. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT



All ladies are invited to dinner out on **Thursday, April 28**, at Roger's Roost on Schoenherr, just north of 14 Mile Rd. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. This is a great opportunity for all the Northeast ladies to get together and share in some fun and friendship. The restaurant's menus is posted on their webpage at www.rogersroost1.com



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Betty Riddle is at home with hospice care.

Leonard Monst, Carla Murray's father, is recovering from a stroke.

Charmaine Wray, Colleen Kaganac's sister, is doing good and recovering from a procedure to treat a blood clot.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



It's time to update our membership directory. The current directory entries are posted on the back wall of the auditorium. Please take the time to check the information for your family and make any necessary changes, corrections, and/or additions and then initial the changes. If you have any questions see Vicki.

WORSHIP CLASS HELPERS

Helpers are needed for the **children's worship class** that meets downstairs during morning service. There is a rotation schedule so you would not have to be down there every Sunday. If you want to volunteer, please see Lori Mason.



BAKE SALE



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 22**, after morning services. At that time you will be able to purchase some delicious & scrumptious home made goodies. Amy Mickey is planning a bake sale to help defray the cost of materials for our upcoming VBS. There will be a sign up sheet soon if you can help make/donate some items.

CARE CENTER AWARD



We are proud to share with you that the Church of Christ Care Center recently received a **top 5 Star Rating** for the care of the elderly. A 5 Star Rating is only given to the top 10% of elderly care centers in the state of Michigan.

SENIOR HONORS BANQUET



Everyone is invited to a dinner honoring our 2016 graduating seniors on **Tuesday, May 31**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Vintage House, on Utica at Masonic. Our 2016 seniors are **Joe Lauwers, Jenna Mason, and Matthew Wooldridge**. The cost of your meal is \$15 per person. You can sign up today in the hallway and please indicate how many from your family will attend.

ELDER CHAIRMAN



Mark Wilson is the chairman of the elders through June. You can contact him if you have any questions or concerns.

CHOICES

By Jeremy Green

In my kitchen there is a piece of art that has very special meaning to me. The piece has the following words printed over it: "Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

This is a very powerful verse for several reasons. Firstly, it shows that Joshua was willing to challenge the Israelites to decide who they were going to worship, and he was also willing to declare that he and his house would be servants of God. This is a statement that we can still make today as we decide to raise our families according to God's commands and serve him throughout our lives. So, in a very real way, we still face the same choice that Joshua did today.

Secondly, this particular verse has great meaning because it is a daily reminder that our life is a series of choices. Joshua had a choice to make to serve God or serve himself. Every time we make a choice we face the same options, serving God or serving our own desires. Lot's wife was faced with a similar decision in Genesis and making the wrong decision cost her her life. This should be a sobering reminder of the consequences of our bad decisions.

Our decisions to serve own desires can cost us much more than our lives; it can cost us the salvation of our souls. James tells us that we are drawn away by our own desires and enticed, but it is the **choice** to give in to those desires that leads to sin. And then sin, when it is full grown, brings death, or the consequence of our sin (James 1:14-15). Thanks to God, however, our sin can always be forgiven and washed away by the blood of Christ. Still, we must always remind ourselves to make good decisions that serve and glorify God every day.

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

April 3, 2016

Opening Prayer - Scott Smith
Song Leader - Mark Nelson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for April

Craig Sims Mike Yuchasz
Steve Karwowski Jay Kramer

Audio visual servitors for April

Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

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Bible School	63
Sunday Morning Worship	171
Avg. attendance for 2016	138
Sunday Evening Worship	11
Mid-Week Bible Study	40
Contribution	\$3,834.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,155.71
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$58.00
Total for 2016	\$655.62

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