



# 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.

## CARE CENTER DINNER

This year the Church of Christ Care Center celebrates their 75th anniversary. In celebration of that milestone, everyone is invited to a dinner on **Saturday, August 20**, at 5 p.m. at the Fern Hill Country Club. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by comedian Heywood Banks and the speaker for the evening will be Jack Dempsey, chairman of the Michigan Historical Commission and an elder at the Plymouth Church of Christ. *Today is your last chance to get the early bird ticket price of \$75.* After today tickets will be \$85. A student ticket for \$30 is available for those 18 & under. You can purchase your ticket today from **Barb Kramer** or you can contact Esther Kuhn at 586-285-7104.



## MCREST



We recently had a very successful VBS, with lots of involvement from our congregation. Let's keep the momentum going and rally together for our MCREST week. **October 2-9** we will again house the women and children. Pray for this work and plan what you can do to make a difference in the lives of our guests.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Debi Giannetti**, Cindy Wilson's sister, had major jaw reconstruction surgery last week. She is recovering at home. Her address is 56104 St. Andrews, Macomb Twp MI 48042.

**Mary Jean Langford** has returned to her apartment after continued rehab.


**Marsha Arndt** and **Nina Sims** continue to struggle with health concerns.

**Rita Kopjo**, Vicki Loftis' aunt, got good test results that her cancer had not spread.



**Colleen Kaganac** wants to thank the congregation for your kind words, cards, flowers and especially prayers during the illness and death of her sister, Charmaine Wray.

### SYMPATHY


Our thoughts and prayers are with  **Muriel Smith** and her family on the recent death of her step-grandson, who was recently killed in a motorcycle accident.

### TEACHERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to teach the children's Bible class, ages 5 and up, on **Wednesday nights**. If you can help, please see Lori Mason.

### ELDER CHAIRMAN


**Joe Mason** is the chairman of the elders through September.  Contact him if you have any questions or concerns.

### WEDDING SHOWER



All families are invited to a wedding shower for **Dena Stewart** and **Darryll Boggs** on Saturday, **August 13**, at 1 p.m. at our building. Dena & Darryll have registered gift suggestions at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond. A light meal will be served. Please sign up on the list in the hallway so we can plan for the meal.

### LADIES RETREAT

The Northeast Ladies Retreat  will be **Sept. 17-18**, at the Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills. All our ladies, 18 and up, are encouraged to be part of this time as we become "Quilted Together". If you have interest, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway and indicate if you will be staying overnight. Ladies, you are encouraged to turn in your registration form and deposit to any of the committee members as soon as possible.

## HEAVEN: HOME SWEET HOME

By J. D. Conley

Thomas Wolfe said, “You can’t go home again.” How true. Several times in my adult life I’ve returned to the places of my childhood. Though they are geographically in the same place, they are not the same place. They look smaller to me – old and sort of run down. All that remain are the memories that filled those houses and yards. In the exhilaration of youth the grass seemed greener, the trees taller, the family dwelling newer and larger. By using Google maps I recently looked at the house I grew up in while I was in high school. Back then the house was brand new, to my dismay it now appears old and dated. It’s hard to believe it’s been thirty five years since I lived there. Time ravages everything it touches, and it touches everything.

But Heaven, the home of the soul, cannot be effaced by time. John Newton wrote, “When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise then when we’ve first begun.” Our home in heaven is made sweet because we will never have to leave (Matthew 25:46; 1 John 2:25, et. al.). Our celestial abode will be enriched because of who will be there. Heaven’s ranks will be populated with all the redeemed including our loved ones who have “died in the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 14:13). All the faithful will be there (Hebrews 11). The prophets, the apostles, and the angels will be there (Revelation 4:10; Luke 15:10). Most of all God will be there. God will “...wipe away all tears from our eyes” (Revelation 21:4). We shall “...see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

Just seeing God is worth any and all effort to reach heaven. But to bundle that blessing with seeing Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the angelic host, the heroes of faith, and a reunion with our loved ones who died in the Lord, is a sublime thought upon which to dwell! Then to add on top of all this the fact that Heaven is a beautiful place of perfect peace and unity that we never end, that’s bereft of any pain, sorrow, sickness or death is to refer to the title of this article as an understatement!

It’s true, you can’t go home again. But you can go to Heaven, your real home and the sweetest. Lets do all in our power to get there (Revelation 21:27)!

### 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

July 31, 2016

Opening Prayer - Mike Serilla

Song Leader - Mark Nelson

Sermon - Brian Poe

### Communion servants for July

David Anderson    Dean Stewart

Ty Filipiak        John Kaganac

### Audio visual servitors for July

Mark Nelson        Bill Nocita

## FOR THE RECORD

July 24, 2016

Bible School	61
Sunday Morning Worship	108
Avg. attendance for 2016	137
Sunday Evening Worship	35
Mid-Week Bible Study	43
Contribution	\$2,956.48
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,083.73
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$46.00
Total for 2016	\$1,595.62

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