



# 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.

## MCREST



The sign up list will be available soon for our MCREST week, **October 2-9**. Once again we will house approximately 30 women and children in our building for one week. This mission of love takes a lot of planning and volunteers. How can you help? For now, pray for this endeavor and how you can be part of it. Then, you can sign-up in as many ways that you can to help carry out the work for the week. You will have many chances to give of your time and also many things that you can donate for the meals and lunches. Working together we can all make a difference in the lives of our guests and let our light shine.

## 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”. Gals, if you can’t stay overnight you can still come for the activities on Saturday. The cost is only \$40 for the whole weekend or \$20 for Saturday only. That includes all your meals, hotel, activities, everything! See Vicki today.





## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Marilyn Jones** is now a resident of the Church of Christ Care Center nursing home. She is in room 409 and would love visits and cards.

**John Dunn** had hernia surgery last week.

**Marsha Arndt** and **Kenneth Glaze** (Francine Cutright's brother) continue to undergo cancer treatment.

### SYMPATHY



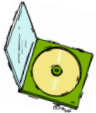
Our sister **Lois Allen** passed away last Friday. Continue to keep Cindy, Debi, Lois' brother, Carlos Cook, and their families in your prayers.

### ELDER CHAIRMAN



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

### SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS



Did you know that our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on a cd? If you would like one, please see our secretary, Vicki Loftis.

### CHORUS AUDITIONS



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will hold auditions for their 2016-2017 season on Saturday, **Sept. 10**, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is open to all students grades 9-12. To make your appointment contact Steve at 313-292-7601 or mdyc2@yahoo.com

### 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.



### **MOLLY POE TURKEY TROT**



Thursday, Nov. 24

Seeking walkers, runners and sponsors!

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Questions? See Brian.

## **Eyes of Faith Looking Upward**

By Dan Jenkins

It is remarkable how often the Bible makes reference to our ability to see. The contrast between righteousness and unrighteousness is illustrated by referring to light and darkness. The Bible uses the spiritual eyes of Christians walking by faith in contrast to those who walk in darkness. Our God wants us to use the eyes of faith to look upward.

David, whose heart was like the heart of God, gives insight into the source of his spirituality. How did he begin his day? Take time to read his words slowly and think about them. “My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up” (Psalm 5:3). Imagine how busy the life of the king of Israel was, yet he found time each day to look upward and spend time with God. How foolish are we when we get so busy that we cannot find time to look up to our God!

The prophet Micah also showed this same use of spiritual eyes. “Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me” (Micah 7:7). Reading his description of Israel is like reading the description of America today. It was a land where men went to bed at night but not to rest. “Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it” (Micah 2:1). Some men practice evil, but the prophet described Israel as those who “...successfully do evil with both hands” (Micah 7:3). How did Micah deal with all of this? He looked upward to God, waiting for God to bring about His salvation. As you are filled with despair about all that is happening in this land, look upwards and wait for God.

The writer of Hebrews dealt with those whose faith was being challenged and who were tempted to turn away from God and choose a less demanding life. What illustration did he use to encourage them? He described life as being like a race. He urged them to lay aside every weight which encumbered them as they ran and to keep going onward with patient steadfastness. Then he said, “Looking unto Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Instead of focusing on our own “crosses” and adversities, we should look upward to see our Lord seated in heaven. He never gave up, and we can look upward and see Him there awaiting our arrival.

So, when you are in the midst of trial, remember the examples set before us by David, Micah and the Lord. We are never alone, for He will never leave us or forsake us. Instead of looking outward at the problems, may God help us to look up. The eyes of faith see things which others will never see!

## 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

August 28, 2016

Opening Prayer - Craig Sims

Song Leader - Bill Nocita

Sermon - Brian Poe

### Communion servants for August

Mike Yuchasz Steve Karwowski

Jay Kramer Jacob Nelson

### Audio visual servitors for August

Bill Nocita Dean Stewart

## FOR THE RECORD

August 21, 2016

Bible School	64
Sunday Morning Worship	125
Avg. attendance for 2016	135
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-Week Bible Study	33
Contribution	\$3,807.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,032.64
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$45.00
Total for 2016	\$1,773.62

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