



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

September 4, 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.

POTLULCK NEXT SUNDAY



Next Sunday, following morning services, everyone is invited to stay for a potluck meal. Bring your family's favorite dish (plus a little extra) and let's join together for some great fellowship.

MCREST




October 2-9 is our MCREST week. 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. The volunteer job list and the meal and food lists are posted on the back wall of the auditorium. Check them out today! You will see that there are many chances to give of your time. If you have any questions about what each job involves, you can talk to Bill Nocita, our MCREST coordinator. Cindy Wilson, our MCREST food coordinator, can answer any questions you may have about the meals and/or food items. Pray for this endeavor and how you can be part of it. Working together we can all make a difference in the lives of our guests and let our light shine.


REQUESTING PRAYERS

Pam Stewart has requested our prayers as she struggles with forgiving those who have offended her.


TEACHERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to teach  some of our children's Bible classes: **Wednesday night class** (ages 5 and up) and the **children's worship class**, (K - 4th grade). If you can help, even for a month at a time, please see Lori Mason.


THANK YOU

 **Mark & Cindy Wilson** and their entire family wish to thank everyone for the love and concern shown to them following the recent death of Cindy's mom, Lois Allen. The calls, texts, cards, comforting words, and especially the prayers were all very much appreciated.


CHORUS AUDITIONS

 The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will hold auditions for their 2016-2017 season **this Saturday** between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is open to all students grades 9-12. There is still time to get an appointment. Contact Steve at 313-292-7601 or mdyc2@yahoo.com

ELDER CHAIRMAN

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

GOLF CLASSIC

The Church of Christ Care Center  9th Annual Golf Classic will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 17**, at The Orchards in Washington Twp. The registration fee is \$125, and there is still room for a few more foursomes, but you need to register by this Thursday, Sept. 8. Contact Patti Jenema at 586-285-7125 or pjenema@cofccc.org.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
CLASS ASSISTANT - SEPT.**

Nathan Kaganac

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.

A Forgiving Spirit by Gene Taylor

There is no more important characteristic found in the human heart than forgiveness. Its importance is seen in the home, church, community and nation. Someone has said there are "three kindred spirits in the heart -- giving, thanksgiving and forgiving. Usually where one is found, all are found." A forgiving heart is an essential quality every child of God should have (Ephesians 4:32).

Reasons to Be Forgiving

God commands it (Mark 11:25). This should be sufficient reason for any right-thinking person to be forgiving because God's promises rest upon obedience to His word. But forgiveness on mere obedience to command usually falls short of what it should be. Anything done out of a sense of duty or necessity is usually not from the heart (cf. 2 Cor. 9:5-7). Consider the parent who makes the child say "I'm sorry" when, in reality, he is not sorry at all. He says it but only to appease his parent.

The example of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21; Philippians 2:3-5; Luke 23:34). As our example in all things, He would not require of us that which He would not do Himself. Even when His life was taken from Him, He had a forgiving attitude. It is said of Him, "He gave all, then forgave."

We have been forgiven. God, in Christ, has forgiven the sins of the Christian (Ephesians 4:32). As Christ has forgiven him, he is to forgive others (Colossians 3:13). One who is unwilling to forgive after he has been forgiven is viewed disdainfully by the God of heaven (Matthew 18:21-35).

In order to have future forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15).

What It Means to Forgive

Forgiveness is more than just speaking the words. It must be sincere and from the heart. It must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted to us. It must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness.

Forgiveness involves a kind attitude -- abandoning all animosity and hatred. All bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and evil speaking should be put away (Ephesians 4:31). We can hold no grudges. One must deny the impulse to get even and seek to do the forgiven one good.

Forgiveness involves forgetting (Hebrews 8:12), but what does it mean to forget? It is impossible for a person to completely obliterate the wrong from his mind. Rather it means to not hold the person accountable for it anymore. When forgiveness is granted that should end the matter. It should never again be dredged up or held against the one who has been forgiven.

Forgiveness should be given by the "golden rule" (Matthew 7:12). One should always be willing to forgive -- even at repeated offenses. Matthew 18:21-22 has the apostle Peter asking, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

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

September 4, 2016

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for September

David Anderson Dean Stewart
Ty Filipiak John Kaganac

Audio visual servitors for September

Kara Mason Jenna Mason

FOR THE RECORD

August 28, 2016

Bible School	58
Sunday Morning Worship	128
Avg. attendance for 2016	135
Sunday Evening Worship	33
Mid-Week Bible Study	29
Contribution	\$3,718.31
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,023.66
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$51.00
Total for 2016	\$1,824.62

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