



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.


DEVO & "PIE CHURCH"

This Wednesday night we will  have a devo in place of our regular Bible classes. All classes, including the children, will meet upstairs in the auditorium for a devo and then we will all go downstairs for pie. Bring your favorite pie that night and join us for an evening of thanksgiving and friendship.

GUESS WHO DINNER

 If your family signed up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, you need to see Cindy Wilson today to get your "guest list".

KIDS CLUB PARTY

The Kids Club Christmas party,  for kids of all ages, will be on **Sunday, Dec. 11**, beginning after morning services and going until 5:00, just in time for evening services. It will be a fun filled day with food, crafts, games, ice cream, and a movie. There is a need for teens and adults to help in the kitchen and with crafts, and basically keep the kids entertained for the day. If you are planning to be at the party or you want to volunteer to help, you must sign up in the hallway. Thanks to Amy Mickey for organizing this event.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Cheryl Spurlin had successful eye surgery last week.

Pam Stewart will have hand surgery on Nov. 28.

Judy Ward, Pam Stewart's sister, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will have a biopsy on Tuesday.

TEACHER NEEDED



There is an opportunity available for you to bless our precious **2 & 3 year olds** by teaching them during the worship hour for the months of March and November. Please see Colleen Kaganac, Lori Mason or Carla Murray if you are interested. Keep in mind the words in Deuteronomy 32:2 - "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."

PURPOSE SUNDAY will be **Sunday, Dec. 11**. At that time you will have the opportunity to purpose your giving for 2017. Pray for this effort and what you can do to support the works of our congregation.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kara Mason**, who will be leading the Sterling Heights marching band as their drum major in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade on Thursday. Tune in around 10:30 to see their performance.



MEN'S OUTING



We have reached our goal of 24 attendees for our outing on **Saturday, Dec. 3!** We still have room to meet for our devo and dinner, but the breakout room is full. We will meet in the basement and start at 1:15 sharp. An itinerary will be posted in the hallway. See Mark Nelson for more information. Thank you for your participation!

LADIES HOLIDAY EVENT



Hey gals, mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec. 16**, (note change of date) for a Christmas goodie exchange. It can be cookies, candy, fudge, etc. Your goodies do not have to be homemade. All ladies are encouraged to be part of this fun night. Bring 3 dozen of whatever you want and an empty container to gather your goodies to take home. Sign up in the hallway if you want to be part of the festivities. Ladies, this will be our only holiday get together this year. We all get busy during the holiday season and our hope is that you will all be able to attend our goodie exchange so we can share and fellowship at that time.

GIVING THANKS

by Hoyt Smith

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us. It is one of my favorite holidays because of the simplicity of the message—be thankful. It’s a great time for families and friends to gather around the table and spend time with each other, taking time to reflect on the year and be thankful. Sadly, our culture has focused on lots of food, football games, and preparing for Black Friday shopping, while forgetting the purpose of giving thanks. Being thankful for what we have necessitates being thankful for the Provider, doesn’t it? Yet, our culture omits this very important part of Thanksgiving. As Christians, we know that God is the giver of “every good gift, and every perfect gift”, James 1:17. In a sense, every day in the life of a Christian is Thanksgiving Day. In Philippians 4:6, Paul writes; “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Great Americans in our past recognized the importance of giving thanks. There have been a number of Thanksgiving Proclamations given by presidents. I want to share excerpts from two of them; one from Washington, the other from Lincoln:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

George Washington, Oct. 3, 1789

“The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God... No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens...”

Abraham Lincoln

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

November 20, 2016

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

Communion servants for November

John Kaganac Craig Sims
Dean Stewart David Anderson

Audio visual servitors for November

Scott Smith Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

November 13, 2016

Bible School	68
Sunday Morning Worship	113
Avg. attendance for 2016	131
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	45
Contribution	\$2,975.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,969.12
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$45.00
Total for 2016	\$2,352.72

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