



# 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.

## KIDS CLUB PARTY

The Kids Club Christmas party, for kids of all ages, will be **next Sunday**, 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.



*Give unto  
the Lord*

**PURPOSE SUNDAY** will be **next Sunday**. 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.

## WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2017, held in Gatlinburg, TN, is quickly approaching. We will leave early **Thursday, Feb. 16**, and return in the evening of **Sunday, Feb. 19**. If you want to go you need to let Mark Wilson know by next Sunday, and also give him a \$50 deposit. This is a spiritually uplifting weekend and we encourage all of our youth group to attend. You won't be disappointed.





## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Pam Stewart** had successful hand surgery last week.

**Joyce Loftis** is in Heartland Health Care Center-Grosse Pointe for rehab following a fall.

### LADIES GOODIE EXCHANGE



Gals, mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec. 16**, at 6:30 p.m. 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. We will enjoy a meal together and then share our goodies. 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. Hope all you ladies will be able to be part of this festivity.

### FOOD BASKETS

We will again distribute food baskets during the Christmas season. If you want to help with a donation and/or food please see **Paul Klemczak** or **Paul Wooldridge**.



### YOUTH CHORUS



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will be at Northeast on **Sunday night, Dec. 18**. Our evening service that night will begin at 5:30, followed by the chorus concert. Invite your family and friends to join you for an uplifting and inspiring evening.

### GIVING TREE



Once again this year we have the opportunity to help a needy family with Christmas gifts. Amy Mickey has put up the giving tree in the back of the auditorium with gift suggestions for the family. Take one or more of the ornaments, purchase the item, and put the wrapped gift in the basement. Please *lightly* tape the tag on the outside of the package. Do not wrap gift cards. Your gifts need to be at the building no later than Sunday, **Dec. 18**.

### 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.

### HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE



As we know, **Christmas day** and **New Years Day** fall on Sunday this year. To allow for more special family time, there will be no Sunday School classes or evening services on those days.

## WHY MUST I GIVE?

By Bobby Dockery

Sometimes people accuse the church of putting too much emphasis on money. Some even seem to believe it is somehow inappropriate to bring up “money” when talking about “spiritual” things. But Jesus refused to believe that! He talked about money constantly. Two-thirds of His parables involve the proper use of money. He insisted that it is impossible to separate religion from giving (Luke 6:38). In fact, giving is mentioned more than 7,000 times in the Bible! Clearly, if we are going to get serious about living for God, then we must talk about giving!

Here’s why:

1) ***Giving Is An Expression Of Worship.*** It is impossible to worship God without giving! The first time the word “worship” appears in the Bible it is closely associated with an act of sacrificial giving! (See Genesis 22:5). Worship is to pay homage, show honor, respect, adoration and reverence. Giving does all of this. In fact, our actions often speak louder than our professions!

2) ***Giving Is An Expression Of Discipleship.*** We cannot be followers of Christ without giving. We are reminded by the Apostle Paul: “*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich*” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus is our example in all things; to be His people we must do as He has done. He was the greatest giver in all of history! It was the unwillingness to give which prevented the Rich Young Ruler from become a disciple; Poor attitudes about giving can keep us from following Christ today!

3) ***Giving Is An Expression Of Love.*** Giving demonstrated the genuineness of our love. Love reveals itself in giving (John 3:16). In encouraging the Corinthians to give, Paul wrote: “*I am putting your love to the test*” (2 Corinthians 8:8/NEB). Love gives! It is as simple as that! Inadequate giving is a symptom of immature or insincere love.

4) ***Giving Is An Expression Of Unity.*** In one sense, giving is between an individual and God. But in another sense, giving is a corporate act—something done in fellowship with other Christians—as well. Paul appealed to the Corinthians to give in order that they might have fellowship with others in doing a good work (2 Corinthians 8:1). When it comes to the work program of the church we all have a vision of what needs to be done which differs a little from that of everybody else. But by our giving we demonstrate that we are willing to put aside personal preferences to work for the good of the entire church. Our contribution represents our shared response, as a family, to the work which God has given us to do!

Real giving begins in the giving of self (2 Corinthians 8:5). Self is the hardest thing to give. But until you have given that you really don’t have anything else which God can use!

## 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

December 4, 2016

Opening Prayer - Scott Smith

Song Leader - Mark Wilson

Sermon - Brian Poe

### Communion servants for December

Mike Yuchasz    Ken Mickey

Jay Kramer      Jacob Nelson

### Audio visual servitors for December

Mark Nelson    Dean Stewart

## FOR THE RECORD

November 27, 2016

Bible School	65
Sunday Morning Worship	114
Avg. attendance for 2016	130
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Mid-Week Bible Study	37
Contribution	\$3,740.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,978.10
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$64.00
Total for 2016	\$2,472.72

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