



# 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 TODAY



The Kids Club Christmas party, for kids of all ages, is today, beginning after morning services and going until 5:00, just in time for evening services. 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 can help, please see Amy Mickey.

## PURPOSE SUNDAY



Today you will have the opportunity to confidentially purpose your giving for 2017. If you want to receive a statement of your giving for the year you must fill out a purpose card and use the contribution envelopes.

## YOUTH CHORUS



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will be at Northeast **next Sunday night** Our evening service that night will begin at **5:30**, followed by the chorus concert. *Finger desserts are needed for the meal that we provide for the chorus before the concert.* If you can help, please bring your goodies next Sunday morning. Invite your family and friends to join you for an uplifting and inspiring evening.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Joyce Loftis** remains in Heartland Health Care Center-Grosse Pointe for rehab.

We have some members and loved ones who are currently undergoing chemo or will begin treatment soon, and those who continue to struggle with the effects of cancer: **Marsha Arndt**, **Nina Sims**, **Judy Ward** (Pam Stewart's sister), and **Judy Papadopoulos** (Karen Nocita's sister),

### **SHUT-INS**

Let's remember our senior members who are not able to come to services.

**Ollie Bateman** (Care Center Assisted Living)

**Joanne Ellis**

**Marie Hershberger**

**Marilyn Jones** (Care Center Nursing Home)

**Mary Jean Langford**

**Pat Mull**

**Betty Oliver**

**Milodene Ward**

### **LADIES GOODIE EXCHANGE**



Ladies, our holiday goodie exchange is **this Friday** at 6:30 p.m.. We will have a meal together, and then share our goodies. It can be cookies, candy, fudge, etc. Your goodies do not have to be homemade. 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 plan to be here. 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**.

### **GIVING TREE**



Thank you for your response to our giving tree. All the gift tags are gone! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help a family with Christmas gifts. *Your wrapped gifts need to be at the building no later than next Sunday.* Please lightly tape the tag on the outside of the package. Do not wrap gift cards.

### **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.

## Out of Focus By Brett Petrillo

We're all familiar with the name Henry Ford. He was the mastermind behind the Ford Motor Company and a big contributor to the advancement of our automobiles today. Perhaps one of the keys to his great success is found in his analysis of how people work: "A weakness of all human beings, " Henry Ford said, "is trying to do too many things at once. That scatters effort and destroys direction. It makes for haste, and haste makes waste. So, we do things all the wrong ways possible before we come to the right one..."

Henry Ford hit the nail on the head. As people, we often don't know which direction to go or what things are most important. We lose sight on what deserves our focus. The result is, we focus on a bunch of things, too many things, and never truly give our focus on the things that matter.

The question is, what really matters in this life? We know the answer, don't we? It's not a secret to Christians. If we broke down everything in this life, we know what the answer is: Obeying God. Then why are we focused on so many other things? We spread our time and attention so thin, often God and His Word rarely ever get the focus they deserve.

Like us, Martha had her focus on too many things. As a result, she lost sight of what was truly important; the very thing her sister was doing, listening to Jesus. Do we remember Christ's reply to her? "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

King Solomon also went through a time in his life where he spread himself out too thin. Do we remember his conclusion regarding the things that truly matter in this life? "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Maybe you've lost focus. Maybe you're in a place right now where it's hard to keep your eyes on Jesus because of everything in the way. Let's get things cleared up. Let's start seeing what's truly important. It may be time for a spiritual vision checkup. Let's do what it takes to start seeing clearly so we can reach the prize (Hebrews 12:1-2).

## 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 11, 2016

Opening Prayer - Dean Stewart  
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings  
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 December 4, 2016

Bible School	71
Sunday Morning Worship	129
Avg. attendance for 2016	130
Sunday Evening Worship	28
Mid-Week Bible Study	37
Contribution	\$5,120.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,001.40
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$24.00
Total for 2016	\$2,496.72

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