



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.

YOUTH CHORUS

The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will be at Northeast **tonight**. Our evening service will begin at **5:30**, followed by the chorus concert. Invite your family and friends to join you for an uplifting and inspiring evening. We appreciate **Bill Nocita** and his service to the chorus as a board member.



HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

 Next Sunday, **Christmas day**, and also the following Sunday, **New Years day**, there will be no Sunday School classes or evening services. This will allow for more special family time together on those days.

PURPOSE SUNDAY

If you did not have the opportunity last week to receive your set of contribution envelopes for 2017, they are available in the lobby. Please return your completed purpose card to one of the elders. Just as a reminder, do not use these envelopes until the first Sunday in January. 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.





In Our Thoughts and Prayers




Muriel Smith has shingles.

Ben Welch is still experiencing pain from shingles.


Joyce Loftis will move to the Church of Christ Care Center Assisted Living facility this week.

Chris Mosley, Darliss Wills' son-in-law, will have heart surgery tomorrow.


THANK YOU

Marilyn (Muggy) Jones'  cousin, **Robbie Murphy**, sends thanks and appreciation from Muggy to everyone for the cards, calls, visits, and prayers for Muggy. Robbie also appreciates all the love shown to their family.

TEACHER NEEDED

There is a need for a teacher for **Wednesday night kids class**,  kindergarten through the 4th grade. Please prayerfully consider how you can do this. See Lori Mason if you can help.

GUESS WHO DINNER


 Thank you to **Cindy Wilson** for organizing the recent round of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and to all the host families and visiting families. Reports are that everyone had a great time. Look for the next round and plan to be part of this fun and exciting fellowship opportunity.

SEASONS GREETINGS



There is a Christmas card from **David & Barbara Walker** posted on the bulletin board.

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board from **MORC**,  in regards to the gifts you donated to some of their low income senior citizens they service. Special thanks to **Pam Stewart** for organizing this wonderful opportunity for us to help out some of our elderly.

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.

“Lord, we are perishing!”

By David Sproule

A certain scribe came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go” (Matthew 8:19). We are not told anything else about this man or his heart or what happened to him, but what an affirmation to make—“I will follow you wherever you go.” After speaking to the multitudes about following Him, “[Jesus] got into a boat [and] His disciples followed Him” (8:23). They were doing the right thing (He commanded them to do it), and they were following the right person (the great “Teacher” [v. 19] and “Lord” [v. 21]). But, following Jesus does not mean that life will have smooth sailing.

Even while following Jesus, “suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves” (8:24). So, what did the men do who were following Him? “Then His disciples came to Him... ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’” (8:25). They had been following Jesus and were beginning to learn the struggles that would come with following Him, and now they were in the midst of a great tempest, being tossed and overwhelmed by the waves from the storm. The cry of the disciples to the Lord, in a present tense verb, was, “We are continually perishing!” In response, Jesus rebuked the disciples for their “little faith,” then He “rebuked the winds and the sea,” which brought about “a great calm,” so that the disciples were no longer “perishing” (8:26). Think about this for a minute.

Would to God that the lost of the world (including our family members, friends and acquaintances), who are covered and are being covered by the waves of sin, would cry out to God, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

Would to God that the lost of the church (i.e., those wayward members of the church), who are being covered by the cares, riches and pleasures of life, would cry out to God, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

Would to God that the Christians, who are allowing the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life to deceive them into thinking that what they’re doing is permissible or adequate or even tolerable to God, would cry out to God, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

Can you truly say to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go”? Is steadfast devotion to the Lord, even when the sailing isn’t so smooth, your number one objective in life? Do you turn to the Lord and cry out to Him when the going gets tough? Have you experienced the great calm that attends a life that walks with the Lord?

Are you in a storm right now? Are the waves coming in on you? Do you have a sense that you are perishing? Is there any reason you shouldn’t turn it all over to the Lord?

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 18, 2016

Opening Prayer - Kenny Cummings
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
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 11, 2016

Bible School	45
Sunday Morning Worship	94
Avg. attendance for 2016	129
Sunday Evening Worship	snow
Mid-Week Bible Study	31
Contribution	\$3,130.72
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,983.99
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$46.00
Total for 2016	\$2,542.72

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