



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 SLEEPOVER



Hey kids, bring your friends and come to the sleepover on **April 7-8** at the church

building. The fun starts with dinner at 6:30 on Friday night and ends Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. Parents, you are invited to stay for breakfast when you come to pick up your kids. Bring your NERF gun, pajamas, pillow and a blanket. There will be lots of crafts, games and activities. Parent volunteers are needed! See Amy Mickey if you can help. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

EGG HUNT



Our Egg Hunt for all kids birth - age 12 will be held on **Saturday, April 15**, at 10 a.m. at Spindler Park. In order to better plan for this, please sign up on the bulletin board according to the age group of your children. Thank you to Jill Mostek for organizing this event. Monetary donations and helpers are needed for this fun time. If you can help with a donation or your time, see Jill or Vicki. Call Jill at 586-945-9385 if you have any questions.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Lori Smith had foot surgery last Friday.

Eleanor Wooldridge is being treated for an upper respiratory infection.

John Dunn is experiencing back spasms.

Jim Carney, Ramona Cardwell's brother-in-law, is in hospice care.



Judy Papadopulos, Karen Nocita's sister, passed away last Tuesday. Visitation will

be at the Anderson Funeral Home in Windsor, Ontario today from 2-4 and 7-9. The funeral will be tomorrow. Continue to keep Judy's husband, George, her daughter, Ava, and Karen and her family in your daily prayers. Also, we just learned that our sister **Betty Oliver** passed away on February 28. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, Linda Apostolou.

TEACHER NEEDED

There is a need for a **k-3rd grade** Sunday School teacher for March, April, & May and also for September, October & November. If you can help in any way or for any amount of time to fill this extremely important need, please see Lori Mason.



YOU'RE INVITED



Everyone is invited to celebrate the marriage of **Jesse Urban and Brian Poe** on **Saturday, April 22**, at 11:30 at the church building. A reception will follow the ceremony in the lower auditorium. We hope all can be present for this joyous occasion.

LADIES RETREAT



Ladies, mark your calendars for **Sept. 23 & 24** for our 2nd Annual Ladies Retreat. It will be held at the Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills, same as last year. We had a wonderful experience and great fellowship last year. Our hope and prayer is that all ladies will be able to take part in this activity.

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.

“You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled”

By Josh Blackmer

The concept of being a refugee would be hard for most of us to understand. Many of us have grown up in relative safety and security. The very idea that we would have to flee our homes, cities or country to protect our lives and those of our loved ones is hard for us to even imagine. Yet, all over the world that is a fact of life for millions. To leave their countries and to go to others that do not accept them or are hostile toward them is seen as trading one hardship for another.

David, the chosen of Israel, spent time as a refugee while fleeing from Saul. He spent a year and four months with the Philistines when he was running from Saul, “Then David said to himself, ‘Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me anymore in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand.’ So David arose and crossed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath” (1 Samuel 27:1-2). It is for this reason that the Psalms are riddled with the concept of God as a place of safety and refuge. It is in 2 Samuel we have these words, “And David spoke the words of this song to the Lord in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said, ‘The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my savior, you save me from violence’” (22:1-3). This is also recorded in Psalm 18. While David was a man of war, his heart longed for peace and to be in a place of security.

A favorite song of mine tells of the refuge we have in Christ. “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?” The last stanza ends with strong confidence in our Savior. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.” This song ends with the sentiment of a passage from Hebrews, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (13:5).

So for you who seek a refuge, you can find no better place than in the love of God and our Savior. “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). Seek a relationship with God so that you may confidently say, “He is my refuge and my strength.”

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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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- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Center
- ✝ EEM - Russian Publications
- ✝ India
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ✝ South Africa

ELDER CHAIRMAN

Mark Wilson

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

March 26, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for March

John Kaganac Ty Filipiak
Dean Stewart Dave Anderson

Audio visual servitors for March

Kara Mason Dean Stewart

FOR THE RECORD

March 19, 2017

Bible School	66
Sunday Morning Worship	115
Avg. attendance for 2017	118
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Mid-Week Bible Study	32
Contribution	\$4,467.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,889.91
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$25.00
Total for 2017	\$472.85