



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.

GUEST SPEAKER



This morning we welcome **Allie Merriweather**, who will bring us the lesson in Brian's absence. Brother Merriweather has studied at the Sunset International Bible Institute and is a member of the Waterford Church of Christ. He preaches at Waterford and other congregations in the metro Detroit area.

GUESS WHO DINNER



If your family signed up for **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**, make sure you see Cindy Wilson today to get your invitation.

BAKE SALE



The **Kids Club** will sponsor a bake sale as a fundraiser on **Sunday, May 21**, after morning services. We need your help with donations of baked goods. Suggestions are breads, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, store bought items, etc. Please label anything with nuts. Items will not be individually priced but instead sold for donations. If you want to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Dean Hampton will have six weeks of therapy for his knee.
Jim Nelson, Jamie Nelson & Lori Smith's father, has been diagnosed with throat cancer and had surgery last week in Ypsilanti.
Carrie Cavanary, Pearl Roy's daughter, will have back surgery on Tuesday.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



We rejoice that **Mackenzie Patenaude** was baptized last Sunday by her dad, Russ.



REQUESTING PRAYERS

Brenda McCraw request our prayers that her relationships may be strengthened so she can better serve God.



SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jill & Gary Mostek** and their family on the recent death of Gary's mother, Jane, in New Mexico.



ON STAGE



Lela & Ava Murray will be part of the cast of Clintondale Theater's presentation of Beauty and the Beast. The performances will be the first three weekends in May. If you are interested you can see Carla Murray for tickets and more information.

LADIES RETREAT



The 2nd Annual Northeast Ladies Retreat will be **Sept. 23 & 24**. You've heard the old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade". What happens when "lemons" drop into your life? Come to the retreat and join us as we study and explore how God gives us the strength to deal with and handle even the most trying of circumstances.

 * **SHUT-INS** *
 * Let's remember our *
 * senior members: *
 * **Ollie Bateman** (Care Center *
 * Assisted Living) *
 * **Joanne Ellis** *
 * **Marie Hershberger** *
 * **Marilyn Jones** (Care Center *
 * Nursing Home) *
 * **Mary Jean Langford** *
 * **Joyce Loftis** (Care Center *
 * Assisted Living) *
 * **Pat Mull** *
 * **Milodene Ward** *

DISCOURAGEMENT

The tempest of discouragement has sunk many a ship which once sailed toward the heavenly shore. It is Satan's most effective weapon against those who are striving for the eternal prize. When he gets our heads down and our spirits low; he is near victory unless we rally and regain our faith that all things will work together for good if we are true children of God. "Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: Go up and possess it, as the Lord God of the fathers hath said unto thee; fear not. Neither be discouraged" (Deuteronomy 1:21).

Discouragement kept most of the Israelites who left the land of Egypt from entering the Promised Land. Moses was their leader and he exhorted them not to fear or be discouraged. God had promised to be with them and fight their battles. But it seems they were determined to be discouraged in spite of all the things which were going their way. They sent twelve spies to survey the land and ten of these advance men brought back discouraging reports. They described rich land which flowed with milk and honey, but they also told of giants and great walled cities. When the people heard the report of the ten faithless spies, they refused to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land and all who were twenty years old or older when they left the land of Egypt perished in the wilderness.

The examples in the Old Testament were written for our instruction. Let us not be like these faithless children of God who perished in the wilderness because of discouragement. The Lord has placed the sweet land of rest before us. Let us go up and possess it and never fear or be discouraged. We all have our failures and disappointments in life; but there is always hope unless we allow these setbacks to overcome and defeat us. A small boy at a lakeside resort launched a little boat of his own manufacture one rather windy afternoon. The breeze filled the sails immediately but instead of carrying the small craft on its course, it capsized immediately and sent it straight to the bottom. The young sailboat owner looked sober for a moment, then remarked, "That's a good wind for kites" and immediately went to get his kite!

If you have failed in something you have attempted, the very circumstances which caused you to lose may be an advantage when you try something else. Don't sit down and sulk because your boat went to the bottom. The very wind that capsized it may carry your kite higher than you ever dared to dream.

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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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Our Missions - Near and Far

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

ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

April 30, 2017

Opening Prayer - Craig Sims
Song Leader - Mark Nelson
Sermon - Allie Meriweather

Communion servants for April

Mike Yuchasz Jay Kramer
Jacob Nelson Steve Karwowski

Audio visual servitors for April

Mark Nelson Jenna Mason

FOR THE RECORD

April 23, 2017

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| Bible School | 59 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 121 |
| Avg. attendance for 2017 | 119 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 17 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 26 |
| Contribution | \$3,562.00 |
| Avg. contribution for 2017 | \$3,895.23 |
| Budget | \$3,872.00 |
| Shults-Lewis | \$27.00 |
| Total for 2017 | \$604.85 |