



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.



There will be a potluck meal **next Sunday morning** following services. We encourage everyone to make plans to be here for Bible class, worship and then stay to enjoy some wonderful food and fun. Bring your family's favorite dish (plus a little extra) and join us for a time of fellowship.

COMMODITY DRIVE

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has asked us to collect **canned mushrooms and applesauce** for their annual commodity drive. Please place your items on the table in the lobby. *All donations need to be at the building by next Sunday.*



CHURCH IN THE PARK



We invite everyone to join us as we worship with other area congregations on **Sunday, August 13**, at Butcher Park in Warren. The event will begin with a picnic meal together at 4:30, followed by services at 5:30. Bringing us the message will be Lonale Stewart, the minister at the Van Dyke Church of Christ. In order to plan for enough food, we ask that you sign up in the hallway. Invite family and friends to join you as we all worship God and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Eleanor Wooldridge is in Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe receiving treatment for an infection.

Madison Wilson had out-patient hand surgery last week.

Bud Killebrew is now at the Church of Christ Care Center Nursing Home, Room 411-A, for therapy.

Connie Patenaude, Russ' mother, will have surgery on July 14 to remove a non-malignant tumor in her brain.

Vernon Wooldridge, Eleanor's son, was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

Alan Loftis, Gary's cousin, recently had a cancerous kidney removed.

STEAK & CORN ROAST



The Church of Christ Care Center's 30th Annual Steak & Corn Roast will take place on Saturday, **August 19**, at 5 p.m. under the big tent on the Care Center grounds. We invited everyone to join us as we will be "Celebrating the 1970's". Garth Pleasant, former Rochester College men's basketball coach, will share some "Sports Memories". Dueling Pianos will provide the entertainment for the evening. Our own Gloria Conti, her aide, and students from Lutz School will be honored at the dinner for the volunteer work they do at the Care Center. Tickets are \$75 if you purchase them before July 31, and after that the cost will be \$85. See Barb Kramer to purchase your ticket.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Sunday morning, July 23, our preacher, Brian, and Peter Morphy, the preacher at the Royal Oak Church of Christ, will exchange pulpits. We look forward to hearing from Peter.



VBS AT BAD AXE CHURCH



The Bad Axe Church of Christ will hold their Vacation Bible School **August 7-9**. We are planning to take a group up there to be assistants, helpers, or do whatever they need. They will provide all the teachers. There will be no cost to you and accommodations will be provided. If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure, please see Brian or Joe & Lori Mason. Adults, teens - you can help make a difference. Bad Axe is one of our mission fields and it would be great to let them know how much we appreciate them and support them in their efforts.

LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, remember to pick up a registration form in the lobby and sign up in the hallway for our retreat. It will be held **Sept. 23 & 24**, at the Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills. Details are on the flyer that is also available in the lobby.



AGAPE LOVE

By Dan Jenkins

It is remarkable how we most often use the word “love” to describe an emotional feeling. When we use the expressions like “falling in love,” “falling out of love” or “I don’t love him anymore,” we are limiting the meaning of love to the emotions which are stirred within us. The Greek language had many words to describe the many facets of love. Our failure to understand one of these words, the Greek word *agape*, keeps us from properly dealing with others and robs us of one the great blessings of Christianity.

As a child, I always thought of love as an emotion, so when I read Jesus’ words about loving your enemies, I struggled to obey him. My emotional attitude toward my enemy was so far removed from any concept I had of love. (By the way, this struggle is also found in many marriages where a husband or wife is always mistreating their mate). What emotions does one have when people around him are mocking, verbally abusing or insulting him? It is to emotionally respond with anger and the desire to respond in kind to what they are doing—to hurt them like they are hurting us. How can you “love” those who wrong you? Does God really expect me to “love” them?

The answer is found in realizing that when Jesus talked about love (*agape*) he was not talking about the emotional response we had toward them, but about how we treated them. *Agape* love has far more to do with how we treat others than how we emotionally respond to them. Paul discusses this in the closing verses of Romans chapter twelve. Christians were soon to be the objects of scorn, and Nero was about to blame the Christians for burning Rome. In addition to this persecution from the pagans, the Christians had been and were the focus of abuse and persecution from the Jews. What reaction did God expect from the citizens of His kingdom?

It was *not* a reaction of retaliation. The clearest direction can be summed up in Paul’s words. “Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.” The gravest danger we face is that when others treat us in ungodly ways, we feel we have a right to respond and repay them. Someone once said, “It is never right to do wrong,” and these words capture the apostle’s thought. Enemies are under the eternal judgment of God. Why should we ever join them in doing wrong!

Our response? What does *agape* love demand of us? Not an emotional response, but simply to treat them with kindness—to respond as Jesus did toward His enemies. But how do I deal with the anger? I turn it over to God. Paul reminded them that vengeance is God’s, and He will always repay. We win when we overcome evil with good!

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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

Bill Nocita

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

July 2, 2017

Opening Prayer - Jim Weertz
Song Leader - Mark Wilson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for July

John Kaganac Steve Karwowski
Ken Mickey Dave Anderson

Audio visual servitor for July

Dean Stewart

FOR THE RECORD

June 25, 2017

Bible School	61
Sunday Morning Worship	110
Avg. attendance for 2017	118
Sunday Evening Worship	25
Mid-Week Bible Study	37
Contribution	\$3,610.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,825.48
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$30.00
Total for 2017	\$909.10