



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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Tonight we will have a devo at our 5:00 p.m. service and then invite everyone to stay for a **Family Fun Night**. Bring your favorite munchies, snacks, beverages, and games and plan to end the year celebrating with your church family.

THANK YOU

Last Thursday we had the privilege to prepare and serve a meal to approximately 60 residents in the senior apartments next door. Thanks to those who set up, cleaned up, prepared food, served the meal, and helped in so many ways to make this dinner a great time for all. Special recognition goes to Olive Garden for their donation of salad and breadsticks for the dinner and to Honey Baked Ham for their generous discount and donation.



MDYC CONCERT



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will be at Northeast on Sunday night, **January 21, 2018**. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this opportunity to praise God along with this wonderful group of teens.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Brenda McCraw fell last week and was unable to go on the mission trip to Africa. We have no other details at this time.

Lois Lyons, Lori Mason's aunt, had surgery for breast cancer last week.

Connie Llewelyn, friend of Karen Serilla, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Eric Sarenius requests our prayers as he strives to serve Christ more wholeheartedly.

SYMPATHY



We received the news that **Bob Bumbalough**, former member, fell on Christmas eve and hit his head. He passed away last Thursday from his injuries. We have no other information at this time. Keep Lennie and the family in your prayers during this difficult time. Cards may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 515, Mio, MI 48647.

TEACHER NEEDED



Our Bible School teachers are dedicated and work tirelessly to teach our little ones the word of God, and occasionally they need a break. There is a need for a teacher for the next quarter, January - March, for the **kindergarten through 3rd grade class**. If you can help out, even for a month, please see Lori Mason.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you did not have the chance to get a set of contribution envelopes  for 2018, they are available in the lobby. Please give your completed Purpose Card to one of the elders.

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.

A NEW BEGINNING

By Chuck Owen

Behold! A new year is upon us. So, what does that mean? In reality all it means is that the clock ticked another nanosecond, bringing our calendar to the next year. But, for us humans, there is something about a new year that is special. It means more, at least for a while, than another second passing on the clock. It has a symbolism that things could be better, perhaps. It is like the springtime, when new grass begins to sprout, when trees take on new foliage, when, somehow, the air smells cleaner. Maybe it is like the passing of the night and viewing the new sunrise.

We'll not talk about New Year's resolutions so much, though that is a possibility, a need that some have. A new start, in a variety of ways, can come with extra effort being exerted because of a desire to make for a better year. That might have to do with personal needs or a desire for a better life for family and friends. It might be just a time to think of how it could be, of what changes we would like to make, if we had the courage to do so. We should think in terms of being better this year than we were last year. This is particularly true for our spiritual lives.

Jesus talked about new and old relationships with the Pharisees. But, he was really talking about a new covenant that God was about to establish. From the Master Teacher we learn that new things are not to be mixed with old things. Jesus said (Luke 5:36-38), "No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins." Yet, Jesus knew that sometimes people don't want to move away from the old. As he was talking to the Pharisees, the old covenant was still in force. While Jesus was pointing to the new, he knew that some of them would want to stay with the old. I think this is why he added to his dialog (Luke 5:39), "And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.'"

We are a lot like the Pharisees. Sometimes we are in our comfort zone. While that might be fine, we might also know our comfort zone is not where we need to be. John spoke in Revelation (21:1-4) about a truly new beginning, one that we should be looking forward to. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth," he said, "for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

Now, that's what we really should be thinking about: A time of God dwelling with us, no more tears, no more death, crying or pain. The old will indeed have passed away. All things will be new.

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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

Mark Wilson

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

December 31, 2017

Opening Prayer - Russ Patenaude
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for December

Jay Kramer Ken Mickey
Dean Stewart Mike Yuchasz

Audio visual servitor for December

Scott Smith Jamie Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

December 24, 2017

Bible School	~~
Sunday Morning Worship	141
Avg. attendance for 2017	114
Sunday Evening Worship	~~
Mid-Week Bible Study	27
Contribution	\$11,824.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,790.46
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$45.00
Total for 2017	\$1,732.48