

TIDINGS

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June 2018

Snapshot of Events

'Hope Changes Things' is Community 'Blessfest' Theme - June 2 - noon to 3 p.m.

Annual Music Sunday Lets Talent Shine - June 3rd - 9 and 10:30 a.m.

'Happy Soles' 5K Run - June 10 - 8 a.m.

Baccalaureate Sunday - June 10 - 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Year end Party - June 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Shalom - June 11 - 7 p.m.

2018 Father Child Outing - June 14 - 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Spring Program Rehearsal - June 16 - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Single Services for the Summer Begin - June 17 - 9:30 a.m.

Spring Program, Donuts for Dad, Mission Trip Departure - June 17th - 9:30 a.m.

Blood Drive - June 19 - 1:00 to 6:40 p.m.

Caregivers - June 24 - 7:30 p.m.

Red Hat Outing - June 28 - 2:45 p.m.

Semi Annual Meeting July 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School - July 23 - 29 - 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PEACE

This past winter when I was undergoing some medical treatment at Henry Ford Hospital downtown, I ran into some problems with hospital staff who weren't able to answer some basic questions about my care and in some cases were inadvertently feeding me misinformation. I was, to say the least, pretty frustrated. I don't know whether the staff knew I was a pastor. In any event, when I registered further concern one of the staff members told me that "positive people do better." Another suggested I needed "to pray more."

I do believe in the importance of positive attitude. I also believe in the power of prayer. I have repeatedly experienced the value of each in my own life. But I found both statements made by staff rather cheeky. As I explained to the second staff member who advised prayer, professional competence matters also. Hospital staffers have a duty to do their job well and ensure that their patients have what they need for informed consent to medical treatment, plus reassurance that they are going to receive the best, most appropriate care.

I came away from those hospital episodes more conscious of how advice about positive attitude and praying more are sometimes used as a cover today for those who like to lecture others but aren't willing to do what they should to help improve the situation at hand. We see this in the current debate about what to do in response to the terrible mass shootings at schools, churches, and other places. Those who don't want to see any changes in laws impacting gun purchases have repeatedly called for prayer on behalf of the victims and their families, while seeking to defer serious public debate or action.

Of course, how can we not affirm the importance of prayers for healing and guidance? Yet do our moral and spiritual obligations as disciples of the "Prince of Peace" who went to the cross for us end there?

Prayer and calls for positive talk should never become an excuse for inaction. Ultimately, it is hypocritical to hide behind prayer as a means of avoiding further moral duty and action. It makes a travesty of prayer, reducing it to sentimental rhetoric. We can fool others. We can fool ourselves. But we can't fool God who knows our deeper motives, conscious and unconscious, when we are abusing prayer. Ditto in those cases when we try to dismiss the complaints of others by admonishing them to just "think positive."

Significantly, both Old and New Testament scripture warn us against manipulating the language of faith and faith acts like prayer to suit ourselves and our own selfishness and laziness. In the Old Testament, for instance, the Prophet Jeremiah thunders against the hypocrisy of the Israelite leaders who talk and pray for peace but don't mean it, preferring to let injustice and discontent continue to fester across their nation. As Jeremiah warns his generation and our own: "Thus says the Lord of hosts... I will stretch my hand against the inhabitants of the land...for the least to the greatest of them, every one is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, every one deals falsely. They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace... Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown,' says the Lord." (Jeremiah 6:9a, 12b-15) Jeremiah's pungent words should shake us all up.

Likewise, in the New Testament Jesus' own brother, the Apostle James, has this to say: "What does it profit, my brother, if a man says he has faith but has no works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food and one of

you says to them: 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:14-17) What the Apostle James says about faith applies to prayer. Prayer that does not move and change us is empty and dead.

However you feel we should best respond as Christians to terrible events like mass shootings—or any other human tragedy or disaster--let's be more thoughtful and careful about how we personally invoke prayer or call upon people to just be "more positive." In a day and age when there is too much glib talk, let's make sure that we are not just using prayer as an excuse to do nothing more when God may actually be calling us to do so much more. Jesus Christ, who modeled perfect sincerity and integrity for us, expects nothing less.

--Shalom, Pastor Geoff Drutchas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EDITORIAL

*"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."
~Habakkuk 3:18*

What does joy look like, sound like, feel like? How about the sound of birds singing in the stillness of the morning, the warmth of an exuberant hug, the grin on the face of someone who has just been freed from a terrible burden? While joy is not something we can hold in our hand, it is something very real, something we all recognize when we meet it.

Jesus told several parables about joy. In His stories about the lost sheep and the lost coin, Jesus described God's deep love and concern about finding and saving each one who is lost. Then the final point of the stories was reached as Jesus told about God's great joy when just one person turns to Him. Jesus painted vivid scenes of spontaneous celebration, jubilant parties to which everyone in the vicinity was drawn.

We can share in this joy, too. When we reach out to God for help, we have the joy of discovering that He is ready to receive us. As we share this good news with others, we discover the great joy of helping others to enjoy God's goodness. The joy of the Lord truly is contagious.

The intriguing thing about all this joy is that it is precisely what God desires for us to experience. He wants our joy to be full, and that is certainly more than reason enough for us to rejoice in the Lord!

May we, like the birds, sing with joy as we praise our Lord and offer Him our thanksgiving.

In Christ, Pastor Cheryl Schalm, Minister of Christian Education

Christian Education Plans for Upcoming Events

Sunday School Children Will Celebrate With A Year-End Party June 10th

On June 10, the Sunday School children along with their teachers will celebrate the end of the "2017-2018" Fall program with a year-end party. Following Sunday School promotions that will be held in the sanctuary, children will take part in a variety of activities and games followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Summer Sunday School will begin the following Sunday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m. to coincide with the single summer worship service.

Sunday School Children To Honor Fathers June 17th

On Sunday, June 17th, the Sunday School children will honor their fathers and the men of the congregation with a special Donuts for Dad, Continental Breakfast. All men should mark their planners and plan to attend the morning's festivities in honor of Father's Day.

Anyone interested in helping with the breakfast should contact Pastor Schalm.

Sunday School Prepares for Spring Program June 17th

The conclusion of the "2017-2018" Sunday School program is coming to a quick end. As has been customary, the Sunday School children will conclude the year with a Sunday School Spring program. This year's program will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 17th during the single 9:30 a.m. worship service. During the hour children will perform several songs and share several presentations as they relate to lessons learned over the course of the year. Because all the children will take part in the program and because we do not have access to the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, it will be necessary to hold a Saturday rehearsal. This rehearsal will be held on **June 16th** from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. It is crucial that all children attend. While we have been practicing the songs and rehearsing during the Sunday School hour, it is difficult for the children to understand placement without rehearsing in the performance location.

Children should plan to dress in cheerful and bright attire for the program. Additionally, they should plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning, June 17th. We will meet upstairs in the large classroom for final instruction.

Youth Prepare to Embark Upon Summer Mission Trip June 17th

A group of twenty will be departing for the "2018" summer mission trip to Detroit & Muskegon, MI on June 17th. Over the course of the week participants will be serving the homeless, hungry, lost, abandoned and those in need. They will be preparing and serving meals, working in shelters, assisting at thrift stores and food pantries and serving those in need.

While the youth will be extremely busy they will also have the opportunity to fellowship with one another and to explore the cities of Detroit and Muskegon. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to grow closer to Christ through evening worship and gathering time. For additional information on the summer mission trip please contact Pastor Cheryl Schalm.

Youth Stock is Still Available...

Church members can still purchase youth stock in support of the annual youth mission trip. Each share of stock entitles the purchaser to a personal update from a youth mission trip participant and the knowledge that they have helped shape a life in Christ. If you are interested in purchasing youth stock, stop by the Kiosk during coffee hour or contact Pastor Schalm. In addition, youth will continue to collect bottles & cans throughout the month of June.

Camp Moose on the Loose, Vacation Bible School Offers Adventure and Exploration July 23rd thru July 26th

This summer's Vacation Bible School program, "Camp Moose on the Loose" will be taking place at St. Paul UCC from July 23rd through July 26th. The program will begin each evening at 6:15 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Over the course of the evening children will uncover and explore biblical lessons, partake in camp

games, create awesome crafts, sing some lively campfire songs, and eat lots of camp side snacks. Then on July 29th, parents and members of the congregation are encouraged and invited to join the children for the VBS family finale and closing program that will coincide with the annual picnic. In addition to picnic activities, all attending can look forward to lunch, games, a waterslide and a special music presentation offered by VBS participants.

To ensure a successful Vacation Bible School program volunteers are needed to be station leaders, to help set-up and tear down decorations, to lead and guide children to their various stations, to assist station leaders, to participate in skits, to work the registration desk, and to help with promotion.

Early registration and round-up will begin on July 22nd during Coffee Hour. All those interested in helping with the program or in registering their children should see Pastor Schalm.

Rock Hard In Faith Youth Fellowship Extends Appreciation and Gratitude For Support of Summer Mission Trip and Youth Events...

Members of Rock Hard in Faith Youth Fellowship would like to thank all those who have so generously purchased stock, ordered & purchased flowers from the flower sale and/or donated bottles or cans for the bottle drive. In addition, they would like to thank Women's and Men's Fellowship for their generous donation.

The youth fundraisers have been a great success due to the loving support of our church family. We will represent you and our Lord well as we serve as His hands and feet in Detroit and Muskegon. Thank you and thank you!

Calling All College Students and Recent High School Graduates

Christian Education is in need of pictures and addresses of all St. Paul UCC college students and High School graduates enrolled in continuing education programs (trade school, skill programs, apprenticeships, etc.). Please forward addresses and pictures to Pastor Schalm or to the church office.

Pictures will be displayed on the "College Connection" board and students will be added to the quarterly "College Connection" mailing list.

EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

'Hope Changes Things' is Community 'Blessfest' Theme June 2nd

Downrivers annual 'Blessfest' will be held in Taylor on June 2, sponsored by local churches and hosted on site at the New Hope Assembly of God. This year's theme: "Hope Changes Things." Scheduled for 12 noon to 3 p.m., the event offers free health screenings, dental exams, job opportunities, basic need resources, workshops, and a "Kid's Zone" with activities for children ages 5-11. The first five hundred people to arrive will also get donated groceries.

More than thirty agencies and organizations, including Beaumont and Henry Ford Hospitals, will be on hand to connect participants with available community services. Participating churches include St. Paul, along with Harvest Worship Center, New Wine Community Church, Northline Baptist, PTM Ministries, Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and New Hope Assembly of God. The 'Blessfest' event represents another example of how our local Christian churches are working together ecumenically to strengthen our community and support families in need.

New Hope Church is located at 14000 Racho Road in Taylor, between Northline and Eureka Roads. Volunteers are needed to help greet arriving participants as well as distribute food. For more information, contact the St. Paul Church office (313-291-1221)

Choirs Finish Season with Grand Finale 'Music Sunday' June 3rd

The St. Paul's combined choirs will be performing together at their annual Music Sunday in our church sanctuary on June 3, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Music Director Tracy Hoffman and Church Organist Sally Sigman will direct the choirs in a variety of inspirational sacred music. Enriching the morning's fare will be anthems by the Chancel, Bell, and Children's Choirs, plus duets and solos offered by choir members.

The service, held on the first Sunday of a new month, will culminate with the communion sacrament served to worshippers coming forward to receive the bread and cup. This is a visitor-friendly service which shares our church at its best. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to listen to great music and be inspired by voices united in God's praise.

'Happy Soles' 5K Run Benefits Fish & Loaves Food Pantry on June 10th

The ninth annual "Happy Soles" 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, June 10, in Heritage Park, Taylor. A benefit for the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, the "Happy Soles" 5K Run/Walk follows a certified USAT & F in the sylvan setting of Taylor's Heritage Park.

Open to runners and walkers of all ability and age, the course is "flat and fast." Awards will be given to the top three runners, male and female, in fifteen age groups, as well as to the first, second, and third overall winner, male and female, and the first male and female overall Master winner. The first three hundred finishers will take home a ribboned custom medal.

The 5K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. in front of the open-air Sheridan Pavilion, preceded by a 7:30 a.m. "fun run" for children around Coan Lake.

There is a \$25 entry fee for registrations made before June 2, which also guarantees a TEC T-shirt. Registration from June 2-9 is \$30 and on the morning of the race \$35. Race packets can be picked up at the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, 25670 Northline Road, Taylor, 9 to 12 noon on Saturday, June 9, or on race day, 6:30-7:30 a.m., at the Sheridan Pavilion. All proceeds support the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry which assists families facing "food insecurity" in seven Downriver communities.

For more information or to register online: happysoles5k@flcfp.org.

Baccalaureate Sunday Honors New Grads on June 10th

High school, college, and continuing education graduates will be recognized at the Baccalaureate Service held on Sunday, June 10, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Robed graduates will be coming down the center aisle at the start of services with Senior Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas. At a time of prayer, Pastor Drutchas will individually acknowledge each of the graduates who are either members, or children or grandchildren of our church members. Pastor Drutchas will be preaching this morning on finding our life purpose.

If you or someone in your family is receiving a degree this spring, or has received a degree since last June (including a G.E.D.), please contact Cindy Romas in the church office (313-291-1221) **no later than Wednesday, June 6, 2018** in order to be recognized as a part of Baccalaureate Sunday.

2018 Father Child Outing Returns to Sportway on June 14th

The annual St. Paul Father-Child Outing will be held on Thursday, June 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Sportway in Brownstown. Go-Karting, Mini Golf, and Batting Cages will all be part of the activities for adults and children. A light pizza supper with beverages and dessert will be served promptly at 6:15 pm, followed by the evening activities.

As in past years, the St. Paul Men's Fellowship will be covering all the costs. Participation is limited to St. Paul members and their children and grandchildren. Reservations are needed to ensure an accurate headcount for meal and ticket purchase. To RSVP contact the church office at (313) 291-1221 no later than Monday, June 11th. Sportway of Brownstown is located at 19640 Allen Road (west side of the street) between Sibley and King Roads. *Men's Fellowship*

Single Service Schedule Begins June 17th

As summer gets underway, our congregation will be shifting from a double to a single service schedule. Starting Sunday, June 17, a single worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. On most Sundays, a fellowship period will immediately follow in Fellowship Hall. A multi-age Summer Sunday School class for children and youth will coincide upstairs with the sanctuary worships service, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Nursery care will be provided in the Family Room adjoining the narthex.

The double service schedule will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 10. To check worship service times in case of doubt, please call the church office (313-291-1221) for correct times as indicated by the church voice mail.

Caregivers Meet on Fourth June Monday June 25th

The St. Paul Caregivers' group will meet for their monthly gathering on Monday, **June 25**, 7:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned church parlor. The Caregivers group meet to share experiences and to provide mutual spiritual support in providing assistance and care to family members and friends. Led by Pastor Geoff Drutchas and Parish Nurse Kathy Williams, each session finishes no later than 9 p.m. All conversations within the group setting are confidential and newcomers are invited. For more information contact the church office (313-291-1221)

Red Hot Purple Angels Events

June 28 – Diamond Jack's boat ride towards Boblo We will meet at Bishop Park in Wyandotte at 2:45 p.m. We will board the boat at 3 p.m. The boat tour begins at 3:30 p.m.. If you need a ride from church, contact Kathy Williams. We will go to dinner at a nearby restaurant. The cost is \$18 for seniors. A coupon is available at <https://diamondjack.com/coupon-code/> Please sign up on the RHPA bulletin board. You don't have to be a Red Hatter to participate, this is open to all women of the church.

Next month...July 19, Thursday - Christmas in July at Kathy Williams' house. 6:30 p.m.. bring a dish to pass. Bring a gift of \$5-10 to exchange.

Semi-Annual Meeting Planned for July 8th

Spring's hardly over; summer's hardly begun. But the date of the semi-annual meeting of the congregation is already set in keeping with custom for the second Sunday of July. The congregational meeting will immediately follow the morning service.

The short agenda will include a mid-year report on the status of expenses and contributions for the 2018 church budget.

Member attendance is important to ensure a quorum for the meeting. Our family of churches is unique for its congregational governance with members making all decisions together in the conduct of its affairs and shared ministry.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Blood Drive Happening at St. Paul June 19th

You can sign up now for an appointment for the June 19 blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. There needs to be 59 days between donations. Please make an appointment by contacting Parish Nurse, Kathy Williams, or complete a Make-a-Wish card and place it in the offering plate. Kathy has had some time slots put aside for members of our church. You can now make appointments for/at your own convenience through the Internet. Visit www.redcrossblood.org click on the blue box on the left side of the page that says 'Enter a Sponsor Code', under 'Find a blood drive near you.' Type in StPaulTaylor (no spaces). You will then be directed to the next page listing our blood drive. Click on the last column to sign up. You will need to register & obtain a password. IDs & passwords are case sensitive. You can also download to your phone or print out a Rapid Pass the day of the drive prior to coming to the drive. You can read the educational materials & complete the health history online to save some time at the blood drive. If you have questions about eligibility you can look at eligibility requirements on www.redcrossblood.org or contact the Red Cross blood donation center at 866-236-3276.

Exercise Classes Are Still in Session

Exercise is important to our health. Classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the West Room unless otherwise advertised. Delessa is our instructor. She is a wonderful trainer with a Christian philosophy. Participants have noticed increased in strength and balance. Beginning May 14, 10 sessions of Enhanced Fitness is being sponsored by the American Kidney Foundation at no cost to you. Please plan to join us. Beginning June 20, a donation of \$3-5 is suggested for each day class attended.

Shalom to Meet on June 11th

Chronic disease group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Our next meeting is June 11 at 1 p.m. Check the MorningTide for additional information regarding topics and/or speakers.

TOPS, - (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets Weekly

TOPS is a nonprofit and noncommercial weight loss support group. St Paul began hosting the TOPS Chapter 9744, Taylor, MI on April 2. TOPS does not sell, promote, or endorse any products. TOPS provides the support, encouragement and educational opportunities needed to make healthy, permanent lifestyle changes. TOPS also provides motivational rallies, workshops and retreats. Meetings are held on Monday nights with weight in starting at 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and ending approximately by 7:15 p.m., in the West Room. Membership is open to all women, men, teens and children 18 years old down to 7 years old, with parent permission. The first visit is free with no obligation to join. Bring a friend if you like. If you decide to join, a TOPS member will help you fill out a simple application form at the meeting. Dues are \$32 each year to the national and \$5/month for the local chapter.

Health/Medical supplies Available

If you have or need medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs, please contact our parish nurse or the office.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen The Church Special Mission Offering – Month of June

Please join in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.

This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Through this offering, young churches blossom, older churches are revitalized, and youth are stirred by the Spirit's moving at regional and national Youth Events. Let's realize our best hopes for the future, by investing in the visions that are rooted in the traditions of our diverse congregations.

An offering envelope is included in this Tidings, and you will find envelopes in the sanctuary pews as well. Your prayerful gift helps God's spirit move and speak in our congregations for generations to come. Invest in the Vision, Strengthen the Church, "God is Still Speaking".

On behalf of the Stewardship of St. Paul, Thank You

Audio Copies of St. Paul Sunday Worship Services

Not able to attend a Sunday service but still want to receive its message? Just log onto the St. Paul Web Site "stpaulucctaylor.org", select the "Our Worship Together" tab, then the Worship Services (Audio)" tab. Directions are given on the Service page. Services are also available on the Mobile application as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Peters, Michael Isaacs or Dan Case.

Come Cheer Our St. Paul Softball Team

St. Paul's co-ed softball team, captained by Chris Mink and Matthew Horne, has begun its summer season with the Downriver Church League. All games are on Tuesday nights at the Brownstown Recreational Center playing fields at Telegraph and Kings Roads.

There's no charge to see some great softball played. Church members and friends are invited to come to cheer our team. The time for each Tuesday night game is listed in the weekly church calendar published in the Morning Tide bulletin.

Our team always welcomes new players. For more information, contact the church office (313-291-1221) or speak with Chris Mink or Matt Horne.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Sunday School Teachers Sought

Over the course of the summer, children will have the opportunity to learn what it means to be "disciples of Christ." Through biblical lessons and activities children will discover how to apply Old and New Testament lessons to their everyday lives.

Adults are still needed to lead Sunday lessons over the summer. The Summer Sunday School program will begin on June 17th and conclude on September 9th with Rally Sunday and the Sunday School Open House.

Due to lower summer attendance all children (pre-school through 5th grade) will meet together in the upstairs West-room. Youth (6th through 12th grade) will meet separately in the Confirmation and/or High School classrooms.

Please consider giving one hour over the course of the summer to facilitate a Sunday School lesson. Sign-up by visiting the Sunday School Welcome Center located upstairs in the lobby. All curriculum, materials, and snacks will be provided.

Christian Education Seeks "2018 - 2019" Nursery Attendant

As a result of our current nursery attendant, Christian Education is seeking a new nursery attendant. The position requires that candidates be 21 years of age or older, complete the "Reduce the Risk" program (offered at the church) and a background check (done at the church). The position pays \$15.00 per service (\$30.00 per two service Sundays). All interested parties should contact Pastor Cheryl Schalm or Sheri Herkimer, Chairperson Christian Education.

Volunteer needed for St. Paul Sign Board updating

The Building and Grounds Ministry is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to maintain our large St. Paul advertising sign, located to the West of the Church on Goddard Road. Responsibilities would be to update the sign as events are happening at St. Paul (ie: Fish Dinners, Rummage Sale, Blood Drives, etc), training will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering should see either Michael Isaacs, John Smith or David Badarak, our St. Paul Trustees.

Lectors and Ushers Needed for Sunday Morning Services

Scripture readers and ushers are needed to read during Sunday morning services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. No previous experience is needed and training can be provided.

Copies of all readings for lectors, based on the Good News (NIV) translation found in our pew bibles, are available on Thursday or Friday of each week and for your convenience can be emailed to you by our church's administrative assistant, Cindy Romas.

Those interested in volunteering as lectors and ushers are asked to notify the church office and Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas by completing a Make-a-Wish card from the sanctuary pews and adding it to the morning office plate.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Christian Education Growth Fund

In Memory of: *Edna Badarak* From: Helen St. Louis

Memorial Fund

In Memory of: *Denise Koths* From: Shirley Koths, Irene Stoner

In Memory of: *Edna Badarak* From: Richard & Anne Badarak

In Memory of: *Judy Zabik* From: Bill & Sandy McGahey

BOF Memorial Fund

In Memory of: *Denise Koths* From: Laura & Herb Kiefer

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WELCOMED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP is Danyel Cradit & Charlie Duncan III. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Doug & Ellen Ludlam & family on the loss of Doug's mother, Stella D. Ludlam, who passed away May 7, 2018 at the age of 80 years. Funeral was Friday, May 11, 2018. Pastor Cheryl Schalm officiated. Arrangements by Voran Funeral Home, Dearborn, Chapel. To Martha, Charles, Terrylynn and friends on the loss of Doris Lincoln, who passed away May 12, 2018 at the age of 93 years. Funeral was May 18, 2018. Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas officiated. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. **LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to Dan & Lisa Childress & Family on the loss of Lisa's mother, Dorothy Kaczmarek, who passed away May 13, 2018. Arrangements are pending.

Thank You to the May Merry Mailers: Debbie Case, Arlene Felske, Fred Miller and Sandra Rose.

Spring Rummage Sale Is Big Success Despite Rain, Wind, Power Failure, and Fire

At first glance, unusual weather conditions, plus other calamities seemed rather ominous for the outcome of this year's all-church Spring Rummage Sale. But neither heavy rain the first day, high winds and an all-afternoon power failure the second, and a major car fire outside our church on the final "Brown Bag" day could stop the success of our recycling project. Although customer turn-out was definitely impacted, proceeds from the three-day sale were much better than expected, matching past Spring Rummage Sales. Indoor sales raised \$3,676, while outdoor sales garnered \$1,900, bringing the total proceeds to \$5,576.

The Men's and Women's Fellowship, plus members of the Dorcas Society, provided leadership and coordination for the Spring Rummage sale but it was an all-church event with many volunteers from our congregation at large. Our next rummage sale will be held in late September with donations received after Labor Day.

Thank You to ALL who had a hand in making the Every Daughter Banquet a success.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR

Members & Friends: Megan Barnosky, Ryan Block, Juanita Davis, Shirley Drobil, Phill Felske, Oren Forsyth, Danielle Gardner, Doris Hilliker, Henrietta Hinzman, Pam Jones, Mark Kenosian, Ruth Kenosian, John King, Nancy Kittendorf, Nancy Koszalka, Rev. Bill Kren, Joe Mayfield, Bill McGahey, John Montgomery (hospice), Murl Nieman, Patricia Olson, Bob Robinson, Eleanor Rossi, Sue Spears, Bert Thompson, and Charmaine Wright.

Extended Family: Brenda & Bonnie (friends, Daisy Stedman), Helen Belcher (aunt, Sue Mrowka), Justin Collins (son-in-law, Gerri King), Rebecca Havenstein Coughlin (daughter, Shirley Havenstein), Mary Faremont (sister, Richard Wagner), Allison Files (granddaughter, John & Barb Smith), Gabriella Gomez (niece, Darlene Babin), Robert Grigg (friend, Schalm family), Randy Jensen, Kevin Johnson (grandson, Patricia Olson)

Richard Jones, Justin Kurtz (friend, Chelsey Schalm), Joanne LeFleur (daughter, Helene & Neil McEachern), Jennifer Lee (granddaughter, Barb Siemers), Courtney Matthew McEachern, Kim McEachern (daughter-in-laws, Helene & Neil McEachern), Scott Miller (son, Fred Miller), Nicki Pappas (friend, Velma McGee), Robert Rider (brother, Virginia Butzlaff), Judy Robin (aunt, Lucinda Chavez), Trudy Clark-Schiller (daughter, April & Steve Clark), Richard Sherman (brother, Anne Blanchard), Joyce Smith (sister, the late Harry Thompson), David Staten (brother-in-law, Peggy Staten), Nicholas Surre (great-grandson, Helene McEachern), Paul Tetreau (nephew, Kathy & Gary Peters), Victoria Witcher (daughter, Cheryl Stewart), and Brad Zabik.

Congregations' Parents: Michael Bailey (father of Christie Smart), Robert Brainard (father, Ed Brainard), Jan Filpus (mother of Julia-Joy Miller), Bruce Gaither (father, Rebecca Warren), Carol Kuhn (mother-in-law of Lori Kuhn), Laura O'Neil (mother, Shawn Block), Sheryl Schwab (mother of Mary Hard & Christine Schwab), and Anna Thompson (mother, Lucinda Chavez).

Church Members & Friends in Nursing or Rehab Care:

Amy's Place, 41346 Llorac Lane, Northville 48167 - Mary Dubke

Anestic Care Residence, 21071 Tiffany Dr., Woodhaven, 48183 - Lisa Wild

Applewood Nursing Center, 18500 Van Horn Rd, Woodhaven, 48183 - Ilene Krogman Rm 124

Borgess Gardens, 3057 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, 49048 - Vernagene Schafer

Maple Heights, 4600 Allen Rd, Room 415, Allen Park, MI 48101, - Eleanor Rossi

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