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Coming Events!



**St Patrick's
Day
Luncheon
Sunday
March 20th**

(See Inside)

SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20th - 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 24th - 7:00 pm

Community Good Friday Service

Flat Rock United Methodist
Friday, March 25th - 1:00 pm

Easter

Sunday, March 27th
Sunrise Service 6:30 am
Breakfast at Church 8:00 am
Worship 10:30 am

**EASTER STORY &
EASTER EGG HUNT**
Saturday, March 26th
11:30 am
(More Inside)

What Would You Write About Jesus?

"Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14

Written words can, at times, jump right off the page and grab your attention. Books can drive you to such intrigue or interest that You can't put them down. They may cause you to marvel at the author's ability to write. This is often the case with the Bible.

Frequently, as I read scripture, it grips me with its message, causing me to pay particular attention. For example, Paul's letters flow eloquently with the message that God has given him. He is clear in his message about how Christ has made a difference in his life and his dedication to the ministry that God has set before him. Whether Paul is writing a word Of correction or of love, there is no doubt that God is speaking through him.

The Gospel writers all convey the same message,. but from their own personal point of view. Yet, the message is remarkably appropriate for the audience they are writing for, whether Jew or gentile.

Often the writers of the New Testament wrote out of their own experiences with Christ and their love for Him. They had a great need to share their message of what Jesus did for them and for us.

So, this raises. a question. If you were to write about Jesus, what would you write? I'm sure most of us could repeat the stories we learned as children; and some could quote chapter and verse of the Bible. Yet, keep this in mind, the writers of the Bible spoke from their personal experiences.

What things would you write, as to how Jesus has made a difference in your life? You might be able to share about a healing or some miracle that Christ brought into your life. Perhaps Jesus caused your life to change dramatically. He might have saved your marriage. Perhaps He helped you find the ability to forgive, when there seemingly was no room for forgiveness. What would you write that would cause others to pay attention and encourage them to make a decision for Christ in their lives?

As a Christian, I am sure that you must have a story to share. What a story it must be, because it is your story - a story about you and Jesus.

Pastor Wayne



A member church of the
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Southeast Michigan Association of Congregational Churches
Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 26 Leonard & Kristi Peryam

Easter Egg Hunt for 2016

Easter is in March this year, so I need to ask for wrapped candy for our Easter egg hunt. We always can use any prizes, or doodads for drawings you have lying around.

You can either give them to me, or I will have some type of container in the kitchen for the candy in March..

Thank You.
Cathy Stiles

“I am the way
The truth and the life
No one comes to the Father
Except through Me”
- Jesus Christ
John 14:6

Chili v Cook-Off

and Cabin Fever

Saturday, March 5th
6:00 pm—?

Will your chili stand up against the rest?

Come join us for a fun evening of chili tasting and games.



MISSION OF THE MONTH



Our mission of the month is the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC).

The NACCC provides many services for its member churches including support and help finding a new minister. They also help to train new ministerial candidates the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies, recommend various mission projects, and provide many other services.

The NACCC can provide training for church leaders, advising during times of structural change or conflict, and resources to start a new church. They also have resources to better understand the Congregational Way.

THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Liturgist	Diane Anderson
Deacon	Ron Bolenbaugh
Trustee	David Peryam
Greeter	Marilee McLeod
Ushers	

A Pastor's face when they



forecast snow for Sunday

Women's FELLOWSHIP

Our main discussion at our last meeting was a date change for the Quilt Show, due to a conflict on the church calendar. We decided to have the show one Saturday, April 30th between 10 am –2 pm.

Cost will be \$2.00 for the quilts only and \$9.00 for both the quilts and the soup and salad luncheon.

We are planning to have a costume jewelry booth. If you have any jewelry that you haven't worn for a while we'd love to have it.

Another booth will be called "Yard Art." We're collecting yard figurines, birdhouses, etc.

Finally, we are collecting "White Elephant" items for another booth.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 17th at 2:00 pm.

Anne Stockert
President



**Sunday, March 20, 2016
12:00—1:00 pm**

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Carrots - Potatoes
Bread - Beverage - Dessert

Adults \$10.00
Children Ages 6-12 \$5.00
Children 5 & Under Eat Free

Cake Raffle

Reservations Required by March 14th
Call 734.379.3711



**Saturday, March 27, 2016
11:30 am**

*Storytelling with a Magician, the
Easter Bunny, and Prizes*



**Daylight Saving Time
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS COMING TO

As many of you are aware of, the 12 churches of Southeast Michigan Association of Congregational Churches will be hosting the 2016 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches this year at the Doubletree Detroit/Dearborn Hotel located at Ford Road and Southfield.



Each year our National Association meets in different locations around the country. It is an opportunity to discuss our shared ministries, to consult concerning association matters, to share learning experiences and to get reacquainted with old friends.

NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you might guess, such an undertaking requires a great deal of participation by the local churches and their members. During the four days of the conference there will be a need for volunteers to take on various duties such as:

Setup / Teardown: We will need help arranging centerpieces, displays, and audio/visual materials on the day before the meeting (Friday, June 24th), and teardown the day after (Wednesday, June 29th).

Staff for Welcoming Table: These folks provide help and information to meeting participants about local attractions, restaurants, etc. They will provide print material and maps to locals destinations. This table needs to be staffed each day of the meeting.

Registration Table: As delegates and guests arrive for the meeting, they will need to be registered. This takes place the day before the meeting (Friday, June 24th) and a couple of days during the meeting.

Marshals: The marshals play a very active role in the meeting in the following ways: checking delegate I.D. badges, handing out ballots and other print materials, counting votes (both hand and ballots), and other duties as assigned by the Marshal Captain on duty at the time. Those helping must be able to work several hours at a time during business meetings and have no problem being on their feet or walking.

Shortly, the churches will be receiving Volunteer Signup Forms that will be distributed by the local churches, allowing folks to take the opportunity to volunteer during this very important meeting. Be-

cause many of

the tasks mentioned above will require that volunteers work in shifts, volunteers will be able to choose a time that best suits their schedule. For those who volunteer, the participation fees will be waived on the days they volunteer.



We hope you can help make this meeting a rousing success.