



# The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

October 23, 2011

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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 ages 4 years old through the 3rd grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those under 4 years old, 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.

## SMALL GROUP



Mike Messier's small group study will begin **tonight**, and meet every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Terry & Deanna Graves. If you want to be part of this study, please sign up in the hallway.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY



Everyone is invited to a Halloween costume party on **Friday, Oct. 28**, from 6:30 - 8:30 at our building. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the goodies, see Karen Nocita. We also need finger desserts. If you are able to help set up between 4:00-5:00 pm on Friday please see Bill or Karen.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



We will have Trunk or Treat on Halloween night, **Monday, Oct. 31**, from 6-8 p.m. This is the night that we meet in the parking lot, open our trunks and pass out candy to the children in the community who come by. If you want to be part, see Roy Wolfe.



**Vicki's dad** and **JoAnna Kopjo's husband** is in St. John Macomb, under hospice care and not well.

**Kassie Cummings** had knee surgery. It went well and she is home.

**Janet Reed** has an infection in her finger.

**Marie Hershberger** is now home from rehab.

**Helen Hands** is in Beaumont of Grosse Pointe, not well.

**Maureen Killet**, John Killet's wife, is home after gall bladder surgery.

**Denise McCloud** got good results from her recent MRI.

**Tom Harris**, Barbara Walker's brother-in-law, had a heart defibrillator inserted last Friday.

**Bill Germaney**, Muggy Jones' cousin, is home and doing well. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

## **SYMPATHY**



Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Roy Granaas**, one of our members who resided in the Care Center. Roy passed away Wed.

## **MCYC DINNER**

Michigan Christian Youth Camp invites everyone to their 37th Annual Steak Dinner on **Saturday, Nov. 5**. Ticket prices are \$70 for adults and \$35 for students. You can see Lori Mason to purchase your ticket or go to the camp's website, [www.mcy.org](http://www.mcy.org), or you can call the camp at 810-664-8040.



## **POTLUCK**



Two weeks from today, November 6, we will have a potluck meal together following our morning service.

Plan now to bring your favorite dish and invite your family and friends to join you at worship and stay for wonderful fellowship.

## **ELDER CHAIRMAN**

If you have any questions or suggestions, or if you need to communicate with our elders, you can do that by contacting the elder chairman. The chairman for this quarter is Ted Schollenberger.

## **TEACHERS:**

Whether you are teaching Sunday School or during the worship period, please be in your classroom at least ten minutes before class is to start. This will help things to run more smoothly. Thank you for participating in the teaching program. We love our teachers! (Barbara)

## **Name Tags**

All members are encouraged to pick up and wear your name tag that is available in the lobby each Sunday morning.

## **Hearing Devices**

If you have difficulty with your hearing and would like to use one of our hearing devices, see Vicki, our church secretary.

## **Teaching Tools**

Our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on a CD.

# Personal Work: It's Personal

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## If the Door is Open, Come On In

Someone you know might substantiate their claim of a stake in Heaven with phrases like "I'm a good person," or "Sure I believe there is a God," or "I used to go to church all the time, growing up." Others might feel, having grown up in the western hemisphere that they are Christian simply because they do not identify with the Buddhist, Hindu, Jew or Muslim, which are typically identified as eastern or middle-eastern religions. These are wonderful conversation starters. Every one of these positions indicate that you are talking to a person who's belief system has little foundation and who is more likely than some to be open to talking about God.

I Peter 3:15 says in part, to have your answer ready when you are asked the reason for the hope you have. So, where do we begin in preparation for the next time one of these ideas comes up in conversation? Have you ever had a delicate conversation or perhaps a heated discussion with someone, and a minute after they are out of earshot you think of exactly the thing you should have said? If only you had anticipated the flow of the conversation, you'd have closed the argument. Preparation begins with anticipating and to some degree directing the discussion. Take some of your meditation time to play out the various scenarios in your mind. Take some time to develop that humble, one line zinger that causes a person to reflect on their relationship to God. Don't neglect the "humble" part. Your goal is not to "win" the argument or close the discussion, but to open a sincere dialog.

Not every conversation about our Spiritual reality will be the same. Depending on a person's level of exposure to the Gospel they may be up for a discussion about baptism by immersion; or maybe they only hear the word "Jesus" in songs at Christmas time. As a missionary, you will have to take people from where they are and move them toward the Cross. Recall in Acts 8, that Phillip came upon a fellow who was reading from the book of Isaiah. The story makes a clear point that Phillip began with that very passage and before the ride ended, the Ethiopian had his eye on some water in which he could be baptized. Another example might be that it is best to allow someone to discover their own sinful tendencies, rather than pointing them out. Then again, a shock and awe approach might work on some.

Before you think yourself out of this idea, be aware that you certainly do have enough information to have a conversation about God with this person. What did you know before you were taught to believe, repent and be baptized? What was the piece of information you gleaned that caused you to believe, repent and be baptized? That's the key. If you don't recall a compelling book, chapter and verse from the Bible, teach from your own conversion experience to begin, and then introduce them to the church. Introduce them to the friendly, forgiving, truth-seeking, loving, humble and caring family of God.

Don't let a beautiful opportunity slip away. An event is being planned for December, when all of us will be asked to bring a friend to the church building for a meet and greet. Keep your list handy and keep praying for the harvest.

Roger Walker

**FOR THE RECORD**  
October 16, 2011

Bible School	87
Sunday Morning Worship	159
Avg. attendance for 2011	151
Sunday Evening Worship	27
Mid-week Bible Study	41
Contribution	\$4,416.01
Avg. contribution for 2011	\$4,351.16
Budget	\$4,232.00
Shults-Lewis	\$34.62
Total for 2011	\$1,255.41

**WORSHIP ATTENDANTS**  
Oct. 23, 2011

Opening Prayer - Paul Sarenus  
Song Leader - David Walker  
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for October

Mark Orr                      Joe Mason  
Steve Karwowski      Ty Filipiak

**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.



Our website is a great help  
for members and visitors alike.

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