

Northside Community Church

Newsletter
November 2017



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Here's what's happening at Northside:

Adopt a Family at STEAM at Northside

We are adopting a family at STEAM at Northside again this year. There are 2 ways to help – give \$ or get a gift from the list (or more than one!). There is a wish list on the board by the office. If you would like to donate \$ please designate when you put it in the offering or give to Anne.

Music at NCC

-The 22nd Concert 4a Cause was November 5 at Northside Community Church. Glenn Perry sang selections from *Winterreise* by Franz Schubert. The Esther Metz Yost Bell Choir played and we also enjoyed selections by Cayo. We had snacks in the sanctuary after the concert. The 'Cause' was Washtenaw Alive – suicide prevention coalition of Washtenaw County. \$1041 was raised! Thanks to the Concert4aCause committee and all people who helped make this a great event.

Coming up:

-'Glad Tidings of Joy' Christmas Program – December 17 at 5pm* followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall

-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service– December 24 at 5pm*

*Note the new earlier times for these events

New roof!

The north side of our roof is bright and shiny and new! As you can see from the picture on the cover of this newsletter – it looks great!

Thanks to Steve for all the work he put into this!

Women's Prayer Fellowship

We had our Christmas in October on 10-21. There were 12 vendors. We had Cottage Inn Pizza for lunch along with homemade cookies and brownies and pop. Women's Prayer Fellowship ended up making \$454 after expenses. We have agreed that we will do this again next year. We learned a few things and will make a few adjustments to make next years event even better!





Thankful

I am thankful, especially this week as I plan to celebrate Thanksgiving. I am thankful for my family at home, and for my family at church. I am grateful for the love of my families. I am grateful for my life, for God's grace, for all God has blessed me with. I am grateful for the person I continue to be because of God's grace and forgiveness.

I can pray for grace, I can pray to be a better person. But I hear God saying "I'm not going to take anything from you. I'm waiting for you to give it to me." This for me is the experience of thankfulness. The act of doing. Not waiting for magic to happen. For me it is a surrender of all of my life – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

I hear God say, "Here I am." And I am so grateful, so blessed, so thankful, so graced. Thomas Merton, the great theologian, said it so well:

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference."

In God's Service and Love,
Sheree Clark
Ministry Associate
November 2017

Missions

The World Missions offering ends November 26. We will begin the last special offering of the year next week – Retired Ministers and Missionaries.

Finance

Financial update for 2017: Our operations total thru October 2017 is \$59,391.16. Our expenses through the end of October are \$63,075.14. As you can see we are behind \$3680. Please consider this as you plan end of the year giving. Thank you!

**If you have an article or information to add to a future newsletter please email to Anne, or leave information in the office (church email:northsidecommunity2@gmail.com)

Thanks to those who provided material for this newsletter

Northside Community Church Prayer Chain 2017

These chains are for both JOYS and CONCERNS!

When you have a need for prayer, please call **Esther Yost at 7616145 first**. She will start each chain and call Anne Daws-Lazar 734-649-7948. Anne will call Sheree Clark (313-910-1689), MaryRuth Hegerich and RoseAnna Hoxey. Sheree will call our pastor Terry (Terry's # 734-834-0598)

Prayer Chain #1

Esther Grundy	- 668-1995
Steve McTaggart	- 973-0656
Sophie Farah	- 665-0063
Holly Perry	- 717-8797
Dennis Carter	- 572-7312

Prayer Chain #2

Sue Wurster	- 663-0064
Kathryn Stafford & Steve Guerriero	- 995-9322
Kathryn Goodson	- 576-2355
Andy Block	- 668-0222

Prayer Chain #3

Elizabeth Kitchens	- 662-4190
Loumar Sondeen	- 662-7335
Ellie Grinstead	- 996-4457
Mary Ellen Hagel	- 662-8069

Thank you for being part of this vital ministry of our church. Please call the next person on the chain promptly, if not answering, leave a message and call the next person. If you were not able to leave a message please call them again later. Thank you for your faithfulness. Updated 10/10/17

Ministers: All the members of the Church

Staff:

Pastor Rev. Terence McGinn
Ministry Associate Dennis J. Carter, Sr.
Ministry Associate Sheree Clark
Music Director Kathryn Goodson
Chancel Choir Director..... Paul Clark
Bell Choir Director..... Sheree Clark
Musician In Residenc..... Nich Roehler
Perry Vocal Intern..... Natalya Matskevych
Church Office Anne Daws-Lazar
Building Use Administrator Esther Yost

Church Officers:

Advisory Board Chair Anne Daws-Lazar
Clerk Gloria Taylor
Financial Secretary Steve McTaggart
Treasurer Elizabeth Kitchens
Historian..... Esther Yost

Advisory Board Members:

Christian Education..... Kathryn Stafford
Fellowship Anne Daws-Lazar
Exterior..... Mary Ellen Hagel
Finance Sue Wurster
Interior..... Lloyd Kitchens
Missions /Good News..... Gloria Taylor
Music & Worship..... Dennis J. Carter, Sr
Pastor/Staff Relations Andy Block
Member-at-large..... Sheree Clark
Member-at-large..... Holly Perry

Campus Outreach..... Ian Beck, Emily Young