

Northside Community Church

Newsletter
February/March 2018



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Here's what's happening at Northside:

Well this March 1st SNOW was happening! Actually it happened February 28 after being 60 degrees the day before - lest we forget that it is only March and we LIVE in Michigan! It was a beautiful snow, sticking to branches. With every season there is a different view out of the church office window. I enjoy that (maybe because I worked in the basement for 25 years!).

We are reminded by the church sign that – SPRING is coming! We hope. Anne





Remembering John Wurster: 11/27/31- 02/25/2018



John Wurster passed away at home on February 25 with Sue by his side. John was a member of our church and came to church with his family for the Christmas Choir program every year. He always had kind words for us all and thought of things that others don't always think of... such as – how do you keep the handbells tuned?

I have recently learned things about John that I didn't know. He wore a lot of hats in his 86 years including firefighter/assistant fire chief/fire chief for Ann Arbor Township Fire

Department. He loved spending time with his family. Our thoughts are with Sue, Jane, Dean, Carl, Amy and their families.

A celebration of John's life will take place at NCC on April 14 at 10:30am

Happy Birthday March and April birthdays:

March 9 – Ben Yount

April 1 – Steve McTaggart

April 8 – Mary Ellen Hagel

April 13 – Paul and Tyler Clark

April 16 – Andy Block

April 19 – Esther Yost

April 29 – Joan McTaggart

Easter Season Services

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 – Taize service. Light snacks will be served after this contemplative service.

Thursday, March 29, 6pm – Maundy Thursday service at NCC

Friday, March 30, 6pm – Good Friday Service at NCC

Sunday, April 1, 8:30am. Service in the memorial garden to bury the ashes of Peggy Anderson.

Sunday, April 1, 9:45am – Easter service (regular time)

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 7, 2018, 2pm. Memorial Service for Ed Marsh – First Baptist Church

April 14, 2018, 10:30am Memorial Service at Northside Community Church for John Wurster

Missions

The America for Christ offering goes through Lent and ends on Easter. Here is the letter from the ABC about this offering:

America For Christ Offering February 18 – April 1

Dear Northside Community Church,

For American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), equipping disciples entails supporting and enabling highly motivated Christian disciple-makers who are delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ and producing life-saving and life-giving change in individuals and congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The theme for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2018 is “Equipping Disciples,” informed by this biblical text: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-13, NRSV).*

ABHMS works to broaden our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus in word and deed for the 21st century, and to nurture discipleship by expanding our network of highly motivated change-agents who share the Good News and impact the world with God’s love. In this way, we encourage authentic Christian discipleship in which the fullness of the Gospel—in its personal and social implications—are manifested in individuals living Jesus’ message, involved in their communities and carrying out God’s call in their lives.

As you contribute to AFC, you enable ABHMS to provide high-quality Christian resources and encouragement to our network of disciple-makers, thereby improving their effectiveness in equipping other Christians. Our Equipping Disciples team facilitates virtual communities and networks of American Baptists engaged in discipleship for mutual support and enrichment.

Please give generously to the America for Christ Offering 2018.
With gratitude for your generosity,

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director, ABHMS
American Baptist Churches USA

Not Servants, but Friends

Jesus spoke those words to us in the Gospel of John, chapter 15, verse 15. During this season of Lent, for forty days, we follow Christ to His Cross. Are we going to follow as onlookers, or are we going to be real companions to Christ? This is the question we should all be asking ourselves as we journey ever closer to Calvary.

We hear about the journey to the cross-what does that mean for us today? Everyone's journey is different, just as we are all different. Even when we are going to the same place, the exact destination, the road will look different, be different, for each of us. This is because we see, feel, we experience all things differently, even if ever so slightly. As we reflect on ourselves in this season of Lent, we look inward and take time for renewal. Renewal, I believe then, is necessary for the journey to the Cross. That renewal is found by spending time in prayer and meditation. Jesus did this in the days before his crucifixion. What are other ways to renew our spiritual selves? Jesus spent time with his family-his disciples-breaking bread, sharing a meal. He enjoyed and noticed the people he was with, but then he went to quiet places and rested when he needed. He laughed. He cried. We need to be able, we must be able, to do all of this and more to renew ourselves, to prepare ourselves again, still, over and over to refresh and renew, to prepare.

The preparing we do, to renew and refresh our faith this season of Lent, is the journey to the Cross.

As friends of Jesus, as real companions with Him on this journey, let us choose the things, people, places, ideas, activities-you get the idea-that will show the world, show our world, Jesus.

May Christ be the center of all our endeavors.

Have a Blessed Lenten Journey,
Sheree Clark, Ministry Associate

**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 2018

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	- 668-8069

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..... Phil Daws-Lazar
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