



God is still speaking,

Happenings

From the Pastor's Desk... *Milestones*

Phil 1:6 (MSG)

6 There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

The sun is shining, and I would rather not be staring at a computer screen.

Honestly. The grass is freshly cut on the church grounds. The much-needed tree removal has been going on all day and I can smell it in the air. Ahhh. The spring flowers are making way for the June bloomers. The fever is at a pitch because we have long awaited these warm and pleasant days.



What comes to us through trial and difficulty always seems to be all the sweeter. We wish it weren't so. Why don't we appreciate everything, all the time? Good question. Perhaps that is why gratitude has become a kind of trend. People are keeping journals to learn this lesson. We teach our children to send "Thank you" notes and to say "Thank you" when someone does something for them. I still remember how embarrassing that chapter in my

childhood was when Mom was saying it for me as I was learning to say it automatically.

Even though the transition from one year of leadership in our church to another happens cyclically, we cannot let these leaders past fade away without hearing our appreciation.

This last year was not an easy one as a congregation. The

pastoral search was intense. The intentional interim time is always a mixed blessing. Now the Annual Meeting has come and gone. We have given thanks for the leaders of this past year and look forward to the leadership of our congregation over the

next twelve months. We hope for harmony, energy, and new directions.

During the month of June we anticipate those balmy evenings we dreamed of when the snow was melting and the rain was falling on frozen streets. I eagerly await these upcoming worship services under the trees on Sunday mornings. There will be more cottage meetings for sharing our life stories with one another.

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Prospective members are gathering to meet each other and learn more about this congregation and the UCC before they choose to join us. In June many of us will attend graduation parties, anniversary celebrations, maybe even a wedding. We will enjoy the Women's Tea here at the church, bless the animals, eat ice cream, and welcome a new Christian Education Director.

Life is full of milestones. And somehow we gain perspective when we pay attention to the milestones in our lives and the lives around us. Each step on the human journey takes effort and tenacity, intentionality and spirit. So I hope you will celebrate with each person you meet on these milestone occasions. Look into their eyes. Find the Christ there who waits to meet you. Look into your mirror, see God's spirit alive there, and continue toward the next milestone on your journey.

Time to get my toes in the grass of God's creation!

Joy for the Journey,

Pastor Louise

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

The presentation of their 3rd grade bibles was made to this year's 3rd graders on May 22.

Congratulations to the 3rd grade class:

Helen Devine

Ella Jacobs

Ashleigh Orlowski



God's Word-A book for all ages!

Happenings...It's Quick & Easy!

Submit Happenings articles using the "Event Request/PR Form" under the "Links/Downloads" tab at our website www.ccbucc.org. By using this form you're sending the info via email to the church office. From there it's forwarded to the venues you request. The form should also be used to add content to: the church website, Weekly E-Update, Sunday worship bulletin, flat screen TV in the Narthex, and the church calendar.

Please Note - The deadline for the July issue of Happenings is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th.

Go Paperless!

If you're still receiving this newsletter via snail mail, please consider switching to the E-Version. It saves the resources and costs of printing and mailing. And you'll get it much faster too! Contact the church office today (248-646-4511) and we'll get you switched in time for next month's issue to arrive in your in-box.



June 26

Brunch Bash!!

Hosted by Christian Education

Featuring Ice Cream Social
Join us for great food, great
fellowship, and did we mention
ICE CREAM!

ICE CREAM?

Strengthen the Church

Sunday, June 12!

We will be collecting donations for the Strengthen the Church UCC Offering mission. Strengthen the Church is the special mission offering that builds the United Church of Christ's future. These gifts help start new churches, renew existing churches, foster new leaders and grow the UCC as a community of *extravagant welcome*.

All gifts are directed to activities and programs of our church's local conference, as well as to the UCC's national ministries.



A Fabulous Garden Tea...Saturday, June 4...12 Noon

On Saturday, June 4, beginning at twelve noon, join us for a musical program by Project DayDream and a presentation by Rebecca Salminen Witt, president of the Greening of Detroit. To top off the event, a beautiful and traditional tea, lovingly prepared by the CCB Women's Committee, will be served.

Afterward, stroll through our lovely gardens. Cost is \$10 with a free will offering for the Greening of Detroit at the presentation. R.S.V.P. for the tea by calling Pat Parker at (248) 851-8135 or Shirley Fogarty at (248) 258-9435.



Faithfully Walking Challenge

The Detroit Metropolitan Association is urging each congregation to participate in the 600,000 Mile Walking Challenge that the United Church of Christ has pledged to complete by November 21, 2011. This is in response to First Lady Michelle Obama's nationwide challenge to faith and community organizations to get members walking a collective three million miles this year across the nation to encourage active lifestyle. This challenge is part of the Let's Move initiative, launched by Mrs. Obama last year, which addresses the problem of childhood obesity and aims at educating kids on choosing healthier foods and engaging in physical activities.

CCB can help the UCC reach the 600,000 mile goal by pledging as a congregation to walk at least 5 miles per week over 20 weeks from July 11 to Nov 21, 2011. This means that we are looking for at least 5 volunteers who commit to walking at least 1 mile a week, or 10 volunteers for 1 mile every other week, or any other combination (the more volunteers and miles, the better). A combined weekly log will be kept at CCB. A sign-up sheet with additional information will be available in the Narthex. We need to send in our pledge to the UCC by July 11.

Additional information can be found at

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/justice-feed/faithfully-walking-challenge.html> , or contact Margherita Fisher at 248-626-6699 or mzanif@aol.com.



CCB KIDS CARE

On June 26, during Creation Stations, CCB kids will be assembling Emergency Clean-up Buckets. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Each bucket must contain a specific set of supplies.

Please donate any of the following items for this project, each bucket will contain:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gal.)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)
- We will also accept donations of money to help with the cost of shipping the buckets.

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new materials.

Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

There is a container in the Art Room for donated items.

The Emergency Clean-up Buckets are given to people beginning the process of clean up following a flood, tornado, hurricane or other type of natural disaster here in the United States.

Congratulations Graduates



Get to know CCB's 2011 High School and College Graduates - Congratulations to All!

Emelia Aukee is graduating from Seaholm High School and will attend Western Michigan University majoring in Music Education in the Piano Studio and Business. During High School Emelia was Principal Chair Symphony Band Trumpet 2 years, Section Leader Marching Band, Lead Trumpet Jazz Band, Drama Club President, International Thespian Society Vice President, Principal Chair Trumpet Dearborn Youth Symphony, School Musical Pit Orchestra 4 years/2 years as Pit Mom. Major roles in Fall Play, One Acts, directed One Acts and has been House Manager and Student Producer of the Fall Play. Traveled to Europe as a member of People to People. Emelia says she will never forget the CCB camping trips and cherishes the love and kindness of everyone growing up at CCB.

Oliver Doggart is graduating from Detroit Country Day High School and will attend University of Miami in Florida next year.

Samantha Maloney is graduating from Troy High School with honors and also with recognition for being an active member in student government and the yearbook staff. She wrapped up her senior year with an outstanding piano recital which is the culmination of 8 years of dedication, inspiration, and hours of practice. Samantha is very excited to be attending Michigan State University in the fall where she will be living with one of her best friends, Devon and will pursue a career in education. And don't forget to stop by your favorite fast food restaurant, McDonalds, where Sam will be happy to take your order over the summer. While she's not at work this summer, she'll be camping with family as well as the CCB group and hanging out with friends at the pool and playing euchre. Sam would like to thank her church family for all the love and support she's been given over the years which have helped her grow to become a happy and confident young woman.

Gabe Menchaca will graduate from Andover High School, Bloomfield, on June 12. In his senior year, Gabe was co-editor of the Andover Shield, Lighting Director for the Andover stage crew, semi-finalist in Extemporaneous Speaking at the State Forensics competition, among other activities. In the fall, Gabe will be attending American University in Washington, D.C., as a Frederick Douglass Scholar in the School of Public Affairs.

Katie Beabout graduated from Oakland University Honors College with a BS in Biochemistry. She will be pursuing a PhD in Biochemistry and Cell Biology at Rice University in Houston, TX this fall.

Laura Beabout will be completing her BA this summer in International Studies from Michigan State University. She hopes to acquire a job with a global company.

Ashton O'Day graduated from The University of Northwestern Ohio with a Bachelors Degree in Business Technology, an Associates degree in Automotive and Diesel Technology and a special certification in alternative fuels. He is starting at Fords Diagnostic facility in Dearborn.

Elizabeth Weed graduated from Grand Valley State University with a BS in Biomedical Science. She is currently working with Spectrum Health, doing in-home care for the elderly along with orthopedic recovery.

And Also With You...

This month we will hear from Bernie Tellier, a long time member of CCB-UCC.



Tell us your full name.

Bernard Tellier.

How long have you been a member at CCB/UCC?

Twenty-four and a half years of wonderful, exciting, fun-filled times.

What brought you to this church?

When Carole and I decided to get married, we had a young lady that we worked with by the name of Margaret Dawson, who invited us to the church.

Do any other family members attend this church? If so, who are they?

My wife Carole and our daughter Rachael France attends now and again.

What kind of work do you do (or what are you retired from)? What attracted you to this type of work?

God gave me the talent at the age of five to be an artist. That's what I did all of my 48 years. As I tell everyone, I never worked a day in my life!

If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be? Why?

I wish I could still drive, but a lot of people say I should never have been given a license!

What do you draw energy from?

Carole is a fantastic, fun lady to live with along with our pup. Every day their laughter and love give me energy. Plus, I feel great every day.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.

Everyone knows I have a big mouth! Roy Wheatley taught me that. There are no secrets, I'm very open.

Do you have a favorite musician or band? Who? What is it you like about them?

I love all types of music. I especially love Ed (Price) and Alex (Cave) in the choir. I sit close, and I can see the spirit in the choir. Alex is my hero. I have an iPod and I love to work outside with it. I like Pavarotti, the Three Tenors, and country and western music.

Where do you see God at work in your every day life?

God has given me the love of people, and especially in this church. I thank God every day.

Tell us 2 more things you'd like us to know about you.

My mother told me at an early age that God did not put us on earth to moan, groan, and complain. Quincy Jones said four great words: Love, Laugh, Live, Give. I try to live by those words. I'm also going to miss Oprah, I think she's done a lot of good in the world!

June, 2011

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS for our Congregation—For more detailed calendar information including meeting rooms and outside groups using CCB, please visit the website ccbucc.org/calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29 9AM Adult Choir 9:30AM Youth Choir 10:30AM Worship 1PM Holocaust Memorial Youth Trip	30 Holiday-Office Closed Memorial Day	31 10AM Comparative Religions Study	1 7PM Cottage Meeting @ Hugel's	2 Ascension Day 7PM CE Board Meeting	3 4PM Garden Party Set-Up	4 12 PM Womens' Garden Party & Tea 9AM River Rouge Clean-up
5 9AM Adult Choir 10:30AM Worship w/ Communion	6 7:30PM Council	7 10AM Comparative Religions Study 2PM Staff Meeting	8 5PM Confirmation Class 7PM Membership Class	9	10	11 3PM Cottage Meeting @ Crook Sisters'
12 Pentecost STC Offering 9AM Adult Choir 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Equal Exchange Sale	13 Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build (thru 6/18) 7:30PM Pastor Support Ministry	14 10AM Comparative Religions Study	15 6PM Choir Picnic @Pat Parker's	16	17	18 9AM Church-Wide Community Garden Work Day 9AM DMA Sacred Conversation @ Grosse Pointe Congregational
19 Fathers' Day Blessing of Animals Outdoor Worship Begins Trinity Sunday 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Comm. Garden Team Mtg. 11:45AM RCC Team Mtg.	20 7PM Boards & Committees	21	22	23	24 3PM Happenings Deadline-July Issue	25 UCC 54th Anniversary
26 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM CCB Brunch Bash & Ice Cream Social	27 Happenings Printing-July Issue	28 Happenings Mailing-July Issue	29	30	1 General Synod 28-Tampa, FL thru 7/5 Office Closed Summer Hours	2

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Scripture: Acts 2: 44-45

⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

(from the New Revised Standard Version)

CCB Goals and Commitments 2007-2010

1. We intend to become more intentional about living out our faith by reaching out to each other and through our mission in the region, nation and world.
2. We intend to become more inclusive, open and affirming in our approach to ALL people regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, ethnic background and sexual orientation.
3. We intend to become better stewards of the environmental and economic resources which are a vital part of God's creation.