

Contacts

Rev. Jacob P. Devasia - Vicar
 586.6930.235 (H)
 586.939.1817 (C)
 Email:
 revbenoydevasia@yahoo.com

Mathai John - Warden
 586.826.9551

Binu Cherian - Vice President
 734.929.5760 (H)

Sunith George - Treasurer
 586.764.4261 (C)

Saraja Samuel - Secretary
 248.320.4018 (C)
 sarajatsamuel@hotmail.com

Mailing Address & Website
 35526 Townley Dr
 Sterling Heights, MI 48312
<http://www.csimichigan.org>

Snacks

1. Jan 08: St.Paul UCC
2. Jan 15: Binu Cherian
3. Jan 22: Cherian C George
4. Jan 29: George Cherian
5. Feb 05: Jacob Chacko
6. Feb 12: Joy John
7. Feb 19: Manojmon Daniel
8. Feb 26: Mathews Jacob

News & Events

Dec 31: Watch night service
 At St Paul UCC at 10:30 PM.

Jan 07: Fasting Prayer
 At George Cherian's residence at 10:30 AM

Jan 08: Combined service with St. Paul UCC
 At 09:50 AM

Jan 08: Committee Meeting after service
 At 12:00 Noon at St. Paul UCC library

Jan 15 -21 : Warming Center for the homeless
 At St. Paul UCC

Jan 28: Committee Meeting
 At 2:00 PM at Saraja Samuel's residence

St. Paul UCC will be hosting the warming center during the week of January 15th. They need volunteers and monetary help to set up the warming center. Your time and donations towards this will be highly appreciated.

Treasurer's Corner

2011 had been a wonderful year and we thank and appreciate you, for all your contributions and support.

Wish you all

A

Happy, prosperous and peaceful

NEW YEAR

Reminder !!!

Please contact Achen or warden to schedule Cottage Prayers and Fasting Prayers.



**Church Of South India
 Congregation of Great Lakes**

United Church Of Christ
 31654 Mound Road,
 Warren, MI 48092

Website: <http://www.csimichigan.org>

Church Messenger
 Volume XXIII, Issue 1



January 2012

Message for the Month of January

Dear beloved in Christ, greetings in the name of our God, the creator and sustainer of our life. The beginning of a New Year offers hope for the future. It is a time when we renew our commitments to the basics. Most people generally look at the New Year as a fresh beginning, as an opportunity to kind of start over, to overcome a habit, or do a better job of something they see as important and that needs improvement. So we usually hear a lot about New Year's resolutions which are usually broken in a matter of weeks. Many people are very pessimistic about the whole issue of making resolutions are rightly so, because so many good intentions are followed by a history of past failures. But the New Year is a time to reflect and think about what the past year has brought, what the New Year could bring.

It is a time to stop and analyze, to take stock of our priorities, values, pursuits and goals. We need to ask questions like "who am I?, what am I doing with my life? What should I be doing as Christians with my life and the stewardship God has given me?" After all, according to the word of God, all of life is a stewardship-a stewardship of our time, talents, treasures and God's truth. Michelangelo and Raphael were great Italian renaissance painters. The story is told that Michelangelo eight years older than Raphael came into Raphael's studio and examined one of Raphael's early drawings. Picking up a piece of chalk, Michelangelo scrawled across

the painting the Latin word *amplius*, which means "greater" or "larger". To the older master's trained eye, Raphael's painting demonstrated too little vision. Michelangelo insisted that Raphael think bigger and paint better. Surely this is what almighty God thinks of most of our plans and efforts. The God who thinks big wants us to live greater, nobler lives. In order to make 2012 wonderful and glorious we need more faith, hope and love which are the essentials of life. The New Year brings new days and new opportunities. Our God is the God of new beginnings. Let us set our affections on things above. God has given us the directions to go, He has set the cou -

Inside this issue:

Message for the Month	1
Wedding Anniversaries	2
Sunday Bible Readings	2, 3
Birthdays	3
News & Events	4
Snacks	4
Treasurer's Corner	4
Contacts	4

rise. Let us bring together our time and talents in the New Year, so that we can make the Congregation of Great Lakes into lakes of more faith, hope, and love. I wish you all a blessed and happy new year.

Yours in God's service,
 Rev. Jacob P. Devasia (Benoy Achen).

Sunday Bible Readings - January 2012

Dec 31- Jan 01, 2012, First Sunday after Christmas

Watch night service

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 10:30 PM

Theme: **Day of the covenant**

1 lesson: Genesis: 17: 1 - 8 (Warden)

Psalm: 20: (Joy John's Family)

2 lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1: 3 - 12 (Manojmon Daniel's Family)

Gospel: John 6: 66 – 69

Communion Elements: Biji Thomas's Family

Jan 22, 2012, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion Service in English at 12:00 Noon

Theme: **Ecumenism**

1 lesson: 2 Chronicles: 30 : 13 - 22 (Warden)

Psalm: 122: (Mathew Oommen's Family)

2 lesson: 2 Corinthians: 1: 10 - 18 (Mathew M Oommen's Family)

Gospel: John: 10: 7 – 18

Communion Elements: Binu Cherian's Family

Jan 08, 2012, First Sunday after Epiphany

Combined service with St. Paul UCC at 9:50 AM

Theme: **Sharing the good news**

1 lesson: Isaiah: 58: 6 - 12 (Warden)

Psalm: 34: 1 - 11 ()

2 lesson: Romans: 12: 9 - 21 ()

Gospel: John: 1: 35 – 42

Jan 29, 2012, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: **Supremacy of Christ**

1 lesson: Isaiah: 41 : 1 - 4 (Warden)

Psalm: 110: (Mathew Varghese's Family)

2 lesson: Revelation: 5: 1 - 14 (Robin Mundakkal's Family))

Gospel: John: 1: 29 – 34

Jan 15, 2012, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: **Live worthy of yur calling**

1 lesson: Daniel: 1: 1 - 17 (Warden)

Psalm: 1: (Mathews Jacob's Family)

2 lesson: 1 Peter: 1: 13 - 21 (Mathai John's Family)

Gospel: Luke 17 : 1 – 4

Communion Elements: Bino Thomas's Family



Wedding Anniversaries

Mrs. & Mr. Anil Jacob	- Jan 04
Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Tharakan	- Jan 21
Mrs. & Mr. Mathews Jacob	- Jan 25

Holy Communion Services: Will be announced ahead of time in Church and via Email
Sunday School & Bible Class: Every Sunday at 11:00 AM (unless announced otherwise)

Sunday Bible Readings - February 2012

Feb 05, 2012, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 12 Noon

Theme: **Praise**

1 lesson: 1 Samuel: 2: 1 - 8 (Warden)

Psalm: 40: 1 - 10 (Saraja Samuel's Family)

2 lesson: Colossians 2: 1 - 7 (Shaji Tharakan's Family)

Gospel: Luke 17: 11– 19

Communion Elements: Bobi Chandy's Family

Feb 26, 2012, Eighth Sunday Before Easter

Holy Communion Service in English at 12:00 Noon

Theme: **Sin: alienation from God and creation**

1 lesson: Genesis: 6: 1 - 13 (Warden)

Psalm: 51: (Bino Thomas's Family)

2 lesson: Romans: 3: 21 - 30 (Binu Cherian's Family)

Gospel: Luke: 15: 1 – 7

Communion Elements: George Cherian's Family

Feb 12, 2012, Healing Ministry Sunday

Holy Communion Service in English at 12 Noon

Theme: **Healing: wholeness in Christ**

1 lesson: 2 Kings 20: 1: 11 - 12 (Warden)

Psalm: 63: (Sunith George's Family)

2 lesson: Revelation: 22: 1 – 5 (Varghese Kurian's Family)

Gospel: John: 9: 1 – 7

Communion Elements: Cherian C George's Family

Feb 19, 2012, Ninth Sunday before Easter

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: **Creation: sign of God's providence**

1 lesson: Job: 38: 1 - 18 (Warden)

Psalm: 104: (Aneesh Abraham's Family)

2 lesson: Ephesians: 1: 3 - 14 (Biji Thomas's Family)

Gospel: Luke 12 : 22 – 34

Communion Elements: Edwin Das's Family



Birthdays

Grace Thomas	- Jan 05
Daniel Cherian	- Jan 10
Tincy M Mathews	- Jan 13

Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)
Committee Meeting: Last Sunday of Every Month after Service (unless announced otherwise)