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At publish time of this newsletter our District Superintendent Joanne Bartelt has informed our SPPRC that a new Pastor will be coming to Howarth/Paint Creek beginning Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome our new Pastor with open minds and open hearts..

## **A BIG THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS**

**REVEREND DWAYNE LEE KELSEY & RUTH**, what a blessing it has been to have you both here with us. Thank you for your time and your prayerful messages. We wish you both much enjoyment and happiness as you return to your home church. We hope you come and visit us often. May God walk with you on your journey!!! “...*I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to many others.*” *Genesis 12:3*

## Believing

There are two kinds of believing, and both are essential for Christian life. They’re closely related and influence each other, but they’re different. One is belief and the other, beliefs. One is faith and the other, doctrine or theology.

### Faith

Faith is the basic orientation and commitment of our whole being—a matter of heart and soul. Christian faith is grounding our lives in the living God as revealed especially in Jesus Christ. It’s both a gift we receive within the Christian community and a choice we make. It’s trusting in God and relying on God as the source and destiny of our lives. Faith is believing in God, giving God our devoted loyalty and allegiance. Faith is following Jesus, answering the call to be his disciples in the world. Faith is hoping for God’s future, leaning into the coming kingdom that God has promised. Faith-as-belief is active; it involves trusting, believing, following, hoping.

### Theology

Theology or doctrine is more a matter of the head. It’s thinking together in the community of believers about faith and discipleship. It’s reflecting on the gospel. It’s examining the various beliefs we hold as a church. Some may say that theology is only for professional theologians. This is not true. All of us, young and old, lay and clergy, need to work at this theological task so that our beliefs will actually guide our day-by-day actions and so that we can communicate our belief to an unbelieving world.

*Excerpt from United Methodist Member’s Handbook, Revised by George Koehler (Discipleship Resources, 2006), pp. 61.*

# PAINT CREEK NEWS

## MISSION REPORT

*Submitted by Jan McCall*

Members are reminded the Food Pantry is in need of canned or dry food products. Bring in items and they'll be delivered to the Congregational Church, which handles this division of Neighborhood House.

Loose change each Sunday goes toward paying for mission projects. Donate your change as the coins are put to good use.

All Occasion Cards are for sale in the annex. Only 25cents per card. This money also is used for missions.

If you have winter boots in good shape that you are not using, consider donating them to the people in the U.P.. Katie Peterson, a missionary we support, has stressed the need for boots.

## **DONATE USED INK CARTRIDGES:**

The membership is reminded not to discard used computer ink cartridges, place them in the box on top of the bookcase in the annex. These used cartridges can be turned in for money which is added to our General Church fund. Since we are using a new company, they pay for the following computer cartridges: Canon, Compaq, Dell, Hewelet-Packard, Lexmark and Xerox.

## **MONEY EARNED FOR GENERAL FUND:**

Members and friends worked the concession stands this summer at Meadowbrook and Palace concert venues. Money earned as payment for volunteering totaled \$320.00 to be added to the churches general

fund. Each person that worked earned \$40.00 for the night selling food at two concerts. A special thank you to Colleen Barkham, Tony & Becky Plunkett and Maria, a friend of Becky's. Manning booths in August were: Dick & Jo Ann Bourez, Gretchen Drader and Christina Wolf. Their efforts to participate in these challenging activities are greatly appreciated.

## PC TREASURY REPORT:

*Submitted by Cal Devitt*

Becky Plunkett completed the audit of the Paint Creek books for 2008. Again she deserves a huge "Thank you" for helping us out, for the second year.

## **SUMMER RECEPTS:**

June: \$3197  
July \$3824  
August \$2672

## **PC SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Amanda McNerney graduated from Oakridge High School with Magna Cum Laude honors. She was awarded the Munroe Farnsworth Scholarship from the Community Foundation of Muskegon. Amanda was a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending Muskegon Community College and eventually plans to transfer to a university to study Education.

Paint Creek Thank You - - - - -

Reverend Kelsey for preaching on Sundays during August and September. The congregation enjoyed your inspiring sermons and the time spent with us each morning.

Nancy Mikesch and Cal Devitt for coffee hour.

Cal Devitt, Heidi Paterson, and Nancy Mikesch for reading scripture.

Hilda Taylor for assisting with communion.

Betty Wilber for delivering food products to Food pantry.

Cal Devitt and Don Paterson for their beautiful duet this summer.

Curtis Kelly and Cal Devitt for their harmony in song.

Grateful thanks for both the home-garden flowers and the silk-flower arrangements for the altar vases on each side of the center cross. We have enjoyed lovely flowers donated by Treva Redman, Colleen Barkham, Heidi Paterson, Cal Devitt, Paula D'Ambrosio, and Jo Ann Bourez.

## **PC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

### **October:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Brefeld  
3<sup>rd</sup> Curtis Kelly-Gudobba  
7<sup>th</sup> Sean Keast  
8<sup>th</sup> Dawn Johnson  
13<sup>th</sup> Jan McCall  
15<sup>th</sup> Mae Smith  
17<sup>th</sup> Donald Paterson

2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy & Alex Gorski  
27<sup>th</sup> Jeanne & Tom Rinehart

### **November:**

4<sup>th</sup> Anna Jantz  
6<sup>th</sup> Betty Poplawski  
11<sup>th</sup> Mike Wood  
18<sup>th</sup> Kaleb Bouvier Schatz  
21<sup>st</sup> Charles Stoner  
24<sup>th</sup> Preston Burkhart

6<sup>th</sup> Charles & Floris Stoner  
20<sup>th</sup> Don & Heidi Paterson

## **PC PERSON OF FAITH:**

Caryl Chamberlin

Caryl was born and raised (an only child) in Cincinnati, Ohio. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati. She lived in Cincinnati for 27 years, spent 6 years in Germany, and has also lived in the Chicago area, California, Oregon, and now Michigan for the last six years.

Caryl's career has included being a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, a substitute teach at the International School in Frankfurt, Germany, and a substitute teacher in the Chicago area. She taught aerobics for 20 years and also bred horses. Currently she works as a caregiver.

She has done a variety of interesting volunteer work. She has been a hospital volunteer in the Emergency Room and in Admitting. She has done animal therapy at a nursing home. Other volunteer jobs have been in sheriff's department equestrian patrol and giving riding lessons for the handicapped at an area Country Club. She has also volunteered as a helper at Leader Dogs for the Blind and at Rochester Community House.

Caryl's interests and hobbies in the past have been knitting, needle point, gardening, breeding horses, training dogs, horseback riding, and dancing (both classical ballet and modern dance). Currently she most enjoys her grandchildren,

reading, and is now a computer user.

Caryl has 2 married sons. One lives in New Jersey, is a chemical engineer, and has 3 children. Her younger son resides in the Chicago area, is a corporate lawyer, and has 2 children. Three years ago Caryl discovered that she has 3 half-siblings: a half-brother and 2 half-sisters.

The newest addition to Caryl's family is a black miniature poodle named Abbie!

Caryl has done lots of traveling, including western Europe (while living in Germany), London, Jamaica, Hawaii and 16 other states in the U.S.

She has attended a Methodist church all her life. She enjoys attending Paint Creek Church because she likes the small church atmosphere, the friendliness of everyone, and the great music.

Caryl's activities at Paint Creek Church include singing in the Choir, sponsoring Coffee Hours, and working on Rummage Sales.

We are so happy to have her cheerful presence at our little church!

*(Interviewed by Jan McCall, September, 2009)*

**DON'T FORGET CHURCH CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>** Please fill out your forms ASAP and return to Sharon Rowden.

**Methodist:** United Methodists often joke about the

many organizational layers of church life, but, as members of other denominations have been heard to say: "If you want something done, get the Methodists to do it." Followers of the Wesleys are indeed "methodical" about the ways they approach mission and ministry.

One reason United Methodists are able to accomplish great things is the church's emphasis on "connectionalism." It is common to hear United Methodist leaders speak of the denomination as "the connection." This concept has been central to Methodism from its beginning.

The United Methodist Church, which began as a movement and a loose network of local societies with a mission, has grown into one of the most carefully organized and largest denominations in the world. The United Methodist structure and organization began as a means of accomplishing the mission of spreading Scriptural Holiness over the land. John Wesley recognized the need for an organized system of communication and accountability and developed what he called the "connexion," which was an interlocking system of classes, societies, and annual conferences. (UM Member's Handbook, p 24)

No local church is the total body of Christ. Therefore, local United Methodist churches are bound together by a common mission and common governance that accomplish reaching out into the world. United Methodist churches and organizations join in mission with each other and with other denominations.

Connectionalism shows through the clergy appointment system, through the developing of mission and ministry that United Methodists do together, and through giving.

An example of connectionalism: Mission work around the world, whether it be a new university in Africa or bicycles for Cuban pastors, is the work of "the connection," as opposed to the work of a single congregation.

*From [United Methodism 101](#), an online introduction to the UMC.*

**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE: OCTOBER  
11<sup>th</sup>, this will be the  
CHRISTMAS  
NEWSLETTER AND THE  
LAST ONE OF THE YEAR  
and the FIRST ONE FOR  
2010!!** Please make sure all events are included. We will make every effort to have the Trumpet available by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>!!!

### ***WOMEN OF ROCHESTER SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR***

In 1962, a group of women from nine Rochester area churches met and discussed forming a group to exchange beliefs and work collectively on community service projects. The group became known as Interchurch Women of the Rochester Area. Their first major undertaking about a year later was providing clothing for local needy children at the start of the school year. It became apparent there was an on-going need for clothing in the community and The Clothes Closet was created. By 1968, Interchurch Women recognized the need for more services so Neighborhood House and The Food pantry were born. Today, many members of Interchurch

Women volunteer with clothes Closet, Neighborhood House, and the Food Pantry. The group gives a yearly scholarship to Summer Camp for Special Needs Children (SCAMP) and annually supplies The Clothes Closet with children's underwear in time for the new school year.

The organization's purpose is to create a bond among women through Christian fellowship, spiritual growth and cooperative action in living the gospel and filling community needs. It does not take doctrinal positions.

Interchurch Women has representatives from nine churches, and is open to all women and churches in the Rochester area. Meetings rotate monthly among host churches for September through May and are held the first Monday of each month. There is a brief business meeting and guest speaker each month, followed by a potluck luncheon. This year's theme will be "Serving God and Neighbor." Please join us for our program on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 at University Presbyterian Church, Adams Rd, Rochester. The guest speaker will be Bob Bevier-Habitat for Humanity.

New officers were inducted at the May meeting. Joan Swanson will serve as the new president and Jeanne Pichel and Lillian McCrudden as vice presidents/program planners.

For more information on Interchurch Women of the Rochester Area, please contact Joan at 248-879-8268.

#### **To Be A Pumpkin**

*A coworker asked a recently baptized lady what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch brings you in*

*and washes all the dirt off that you may have gotten from the other pumpkins".*

*"Then he cuts off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. He then carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. Let your light shine!"* -Lisa Ison, Cumming, Georgia



### **HOWARTH NEWS:**

Fall is here! On September 12<sup>th</sup> Orion Parks and Recreation held their annual Barn Daze. Which means Chili was cooking!!!

Howarth participated (Paul & Kathy Sandstrom cooking) and made some awesome chili but unfortunately did not place. They won their individual challenge and had a great time in fellowship with the other chili cooks!!

### **HOWARTH'S LOVE GARDEN:**

So far over 300 lbs of fresh vegetables has been donated to Orion/Oxford FISH and also a donation was made to Oxford UMC for their Wednesday night free dinner.

LONC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION was a wonderful experience for Rick & Sharon Rowden, Alex Wolf and Paul Sandstrom.

### **HOWARTH'S TRESURY REPORT:**

September:

Receipts: \$1,289.80

Expenses: \$3,660.85

- \$2,471.05

## **UMW DINNER REPORT:**

August dinner brought a profit of: \$848

September's dinner profit: \$374

Our next dinner is Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

Turkey dinner will be Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this dinner will go toward food expense for the Place of Hope Warming Shelter.

Thank you to all who help out in our monthly dinners; it is a lot of work but also fun working together.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Rowden on her promotion to: Chief Deputy Clerk of Oakland County.

We are all so proud of you!!!

Thank you.....

There are so many to thank for making our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration such an awesome event. Thank you to all of you for everything that you did to make the celebration such a wonderful and memorable time.

What a blessing to have the opportunity to have former Pastors come and be a part and share with us on this occasion. Rev. Kelsey, Rev. Koski, Rev. Dr. Gerritsen, Pastor Sylvia and our new DS, Pastor Joanne Bartelt. Pastor Billing was able to stop in and visit during the luncheon.

Sharon Rowden for all the time and energy put in for the DVD's, cookbooks plus all the other extras and your tireless energy to make this day special.

Paul Sandstrom for taking on the task of laying out the service and for being a part of the service.

Shirley & Al Reeves, and Paul & Kaye Hamman for the flower arrangement for the altar. So beautiful.

Alex Wolf for the solos you sang. They were just beautiful.

Paul Hamman for assisting with communion.

Stephanie Lamas for planning and setting up the childrens entertainment.

Sharon for the beautiful cakes!! Cheryl Everhart and Marilyn Foster for serving the cake and ice cream!!!

Betty Paulson and Marilyn Foster for getting the dining room ready and making sure it ran smoothly.

Stella Andrews, Betty Paulson, Marilyn Foster, Shirley Reeves, Kaye Hamman, Stephanie Lamas, Jennifer Rowden, Margaret Gerometta, Sharon Rowden, Pat Pollitt, Kathy Sandstrom for the salads.

Jim and Margaret Gerometta for cooking the chicken and bringing the tents.

Randy Lamas, Scott Howden, Eric Everhart, Rick Rowden and Paul Sandstrom for all the set ups and break downs, without you guys this would not have been possible.

Stephanie Sandstrom for taking the pictures. Great job.

Thank you to our acolytes and bible carriers. What a treat to have you all together again.

Thank you to all of you who came and celebrated this wonderful day!! Can't wait for the next 150 years!!!

To Benita Coursen for the scrap book of Howarth's 150 years-beautiful job!!

Ashley Howden for the beautiful singing of "Amazing Grace".

To Paint Creek members for the lovely flowers that graced the piano.

To Lynda Hamilton for playing the piano and organ. Nice to have you back for the day.

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Thanks to everyone from Howarth who donated towels for our "Kitchen Shower". Also to Colleen Barkham for her donation. Our 58 new towels should last us awhile!

Thank you from Orion/Oxford FISH for the donations to the Backpack drive. They did not have to purchase anything this year because of donations!!!

**DVD'S & COOKBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!! The ON TV DVD of the Celebration Day is also available.**

Contact Sharon Rowden

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

### **October:**

17<sup>th</sup> Sharon Rowden  
21<sup>st</sup> Jessica Pace  
27<sup>th</sup> Matthew Bouvier  
31<sup>st</sup> Hazel Spencer  
7<sup>th</sup> Leroy & Katherine Thatcher

### **November:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jared Waite  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kaye Hamman & Tom Spencer  
4<sup>th</sup> Kayla Vangeisen  
7<sup>th</sup> Stella Andrews  
9<sup>th</sup> Ernie Parker  
11<sup>th</sup> Claude Parker  
17<sup>th</sup> Margaret Gerometta & Kim Spencer  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Cotcher  
24<sup>th</sup> David & Karen Osterkamp

## HOWARTH'S PERSON OF FAITH:

**STEPHANIE LAMAS** was born on April 18<sup>th</sup> to Rick & Sharon Rowden. The middle child of three girls.

Stephanie and William (Randy) were married on April 10, 1999. Together they have a son Hunter, who just started kindergarten.

Stephanie graduated from EMU in 1997 as a Recreational Therapist and began working at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, she then moved to West Virginia to work at a psychiatric hospital in Parkersburg. After a year in W.VA. they moved back down to Mississippi where she began working in the Casino Industry. Once she had experience with cash handling she began working as a teller at Gulf coast Community Federal Credit Union in Gulfport. After hurricane Katrina, Stephanie and her family moved back to her home town of Lake Orion. She was fortunate to get a job rather quickly at Bestsource Credit Union (in the basement of Macy's). She has been there ever since. Typically their travel consists of going back and forth from MS. to MI. to visit family.

Stephanie loves being able to be a part of the church and being as active as she is. She is the Church Treasurer, helps with Sunday School, works at the dinners, bakes for the dinners, and anything else that is needed Stephanie is there to help. Stephanie says sometimes it gets hard because you are constantly busy doing something for the church but it's a good sense of

accomplishment after you spend all day working at a dinner; because you know that you did something good for the church. When we have the other functions at the church where we all put in long hours and stressful times to make a Family Fun Day or an Anniversary Celebration it's good to see the people who come to visit the church. Whether we have one visitor or 100, one way or another it affected at least someone in a positive light. That's what the church is all about and here at Howarth we have plenty of opportunities to volunteer and reach out to our community. She can't wait for the next Nursing Home Birthday party for Hunter to go to again. Stephanie said they were sorry that they had to miss the last one.

Stephanie was raised in Howarth church, very involved in the Youth group, and taking part in the services. It was an awesome event to have her recreate the role of the candle lighting/bible carrying acolytes for Howarth's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. For her going to church is a good time to sit and reflect on life. She enjoys being with her family and all of the members of the church. It's a good way to get to know your neighbors and talk to people who you would never meet otherwise. Howarth is truly blessed to have such a hard working member as Stephanie as part of the church family.



### Go With the Flow

Why are some people able to successfully navigate change while others have such a hard time? One of the keys is acceptance.

Resisting change is like rowing against the currents. Everything lies there ahead of you. But instead, you try to row upstream, back to where you once were.

When you refuse to accept change, you work against the forward momentum taking you to the next phase of your life, and remain stuck in the past.

Every thought that begins with I can't, I won't or I don't equals resistance. Argue with reality, and you'll lose every time.

Align your boat with the direction of the river. Stop clinging to the rock, let go of the oars and go with the flow.

On the other side of acceptance is where peace exits, where the solutions are. Draw on your spiritual resources.

Begin to trust, and you can become the person God meant for you to become all along.

*Written by: Ariane de Bonvoisin author of "The First 30 Day: Your Guide to Making Any Change Easier".*

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## **Bishops offer counsel on health care reform**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—United Methodists have a role to play in the U.S. discussions on health care reform, two bishops say in separate UMNS commentaries. "We United Methodists need to provide opportunities to learn, discuss and identify what's most important to us in this health care coverage reform debate," writes Bishop Sally Dyck of Minneapolis. "Like at election times, a partisan approach is not appropriate. But there are a lot of 'confused and aimless' people in our communities who might appreciate a venue for civil and clear discourse for this critical concern."

Bishop William Willimon of the Birmingham (Ala.) Area says Christians should not be deterred by the complexity of the debate. "We think about these issues with Scripture, with Luke 10, where, in one of Jesus' favorite stories, the Samaritan says, 'Take care of the wounded man, and when I return I will repay you whatever it costs.' It would be great for every pastor and church to explore how your congregation can prayerfully, thoughtfully respond to this issue."

## **Pray With Africa seeks to build community**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —Two teams of young people will visit 30 U.S. cities this fall to build a worldwide community in support of African Christians working daily with the poor, sick and hungry. Pray With Africa, a new Upper Room Ministries initiative, seeks to inspire people to connect across continents, to pray each other's prayers and to put those prayers into action by giving their time, energy and resources to address key issues facing the African people, says Cary Graham, project director. For details, go to [www.PrayWithAfrica.com](http://www.PrayWithAfrica.com).

## **Fight against poverty focuses on good, green jobs**

WASHINGTON—The United Methodist Board of Church and Society is among 33 organizations that are speaking with one voice on the importance of making poverty reduction a central component of programs and policies aimed at creating a

clean-energy economy. The national faith-based organizations have committed to participating in an interfaith week of action, "Fighting Poverty with Faith," Oct. 14-21, to urge elected officials to make poverty-reduction a key goal of the transition to a green economy. Further information is available at

<http://fightingpovertywithfaith.com/f2/>.

## **'Overcoming Racism' gathering set in Oklahoma City**

OKLAHOMA CITY—Three days of spiritual sharing and sensitive discussion will highlight "Overcoming Racism in the 21st Century, Marching On!" Sept. 24-26 at Quayle United Methodist Church. The gathering of the South Central Jurisdiction Commission on Religion and Race is being held in cooperation with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Oklahoma Conference Commission on Religion and Race. The event will feature workshops, panel discussions, worship and planning sessions. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/4EQ5Ny>.

## **Top executive of United Methodist Men resigns**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The top staff executive of United Methodist Men is returning to his first love, the local church. In a letter of resignation read Sept. 10, the Rev. David C. Adams told the Commission on United Methodist Men he was honored to serve as general secretary of the agency for the past three years, but he missed serving a local church. The resignation is effective immediately. The commission will appoint a search committee for a successor.

## **Commission to promote new relationship with Lutherans**

NEW YORK—Directors of the United Methodist Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns were encouraged to "lead the way" as church members enter into a new relationship with members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In his report during the commission's Sept. 9-12 meeting, the Rev. Stephen J. Sidorak

Jr., the group's top executive, heralded the Lutheran approval of a full communion agreement in August and called upon each director to "become an ambassador of full communion and a practitioner of reception at every level of church life." The commission plans to make two resources, jointly published by both denominations to promote the new relationship, available to every United Methodist annual conference, district and local church.

### **GodFilms provides opportunities for Christian conversation**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The United Methodist Board of Discipleship has created a series of short films that encourage viewers to come to their own understanding of how God is at work in people's lives. "Digital Diary" tells stories such as the struggle of a high school senior to understand the world and the difficulties of a single working mother in balancing her priorities. "Digital Diary"

is available as a DVD or downloadable file at GodFilms.com. The DVDs also are available at Cokesbury bookstores and from the Upper Room at [www.upperroom.org/bookstore](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore).



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