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What is Oxford/Orion FISH???

Oxford/Orion FISH provides emergency aid in the form of food, and agency referrals to individuals who live in: Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison and Oakland Townships. People who have a need can call our office at: **(248) 628-3933**. Our daily volunteers will call you back, assess the problem, identify the need, and work toward a solution. The action may be an appointment for that afternoon at the FISH food pantry to receive emergency groceries to last 5-7 days; and often referrals to other agencies for additional assistance. The phone volunteers keep detailed records of these calls as clients may receive food only once a month.

Since Oakland County is known as one of the wealthiest areas in the country, many people are surprised that there are families in need. Indeed, the need not only exists, but is growing at an alarming rate. Because of our generous neighbors, FISH also offers a Thanksgiving and Easter Basket that furnishes food for holiday dinners; AngelFISH which provides Christmas gifts for qualified children, and our Back-to-School Program which provides school supplies and backpacks to needy children.

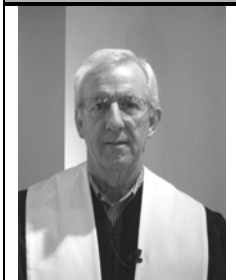
Each FISH chapter across the country is chartered individually and operates independently according to their ability. There is no national umbrella or national organization. We are a group of volunteers who staff the telephone and pantry four days a week and four times a month solely for the elderly. The Oxford/Orion FISH has a board of eleven Board of Directors who make major decisions, provide guidance and training for our members and are involved in various projects within the community and no one within our organization is paid.

While we work closely with other family-aid agencies to assist our neighbors, we are unique in that we are financially supported almost entirely by private contributions from residents, businesses, area churches and schools. Although the Gleaners, OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) and Forgotten Harvest give us surplus food, most of our food is collected through local food drives conducted by groups such as: the Postal Workers, schools, businesses, churches, boy and girl scouts and local civic and religious groups.

Food is also purchased from local merchants using the financial resources given to us from many individuals who consistently donate, churches who tithe weekly, young groups such as scouts collect bottles, cans and food; larger groups such as women's and men's clubs try and outdo each other with creative ways to support FISH with raffles, rummage sales, selling flowers, etc. Other people make cash or gift card donations regularly.

Oxford/Orion FISH only exists because we have wonderful community support!!

pastor's column



The first Sunday of Advent was November 27. Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness, a time of

preparation, anticipation, and hope. The season when we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of Jesus. Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and congregation's, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today.

As we contemplate and remember His birth we ask where is God calling us as

a community of faith? How can we move forward together so that we will assure that we will be here in 2012, connecting the story of our congregation's life to the larger story of Christ's birth.

Advent is a time of getting ready for the celebration of Christmas. To our friends of Howarth & Paint Creek United Methodist Churches we invite you to come home for the holidays. To our members who have been away for a while, we welcome you home as you come and celebrate with us again.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at Howarth and 8 p.m. at Paint Creek

United Methodist Churches. Lois and I will join with others from our congregations celebrating Christmas day at the Baldwin Center so we will not have a service on Sunday December 25th at our churches. For the folks that would want to attend a service that day they will be blessed to join with us as we serve the homeless, the hungry and the hopeless Christmas dinner at Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

Make unwrapping Heaven's gift the first gift on Christmas Morning.

May you have a blessed Christmas & New Year.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS: MISSION NEWS:

Missions for 2011-2012, in the previous newsletters this year the various Missions we have supported have been featured. The final 2 will also be missions for 2012.

Heifer Project International, Living Gifts. Livestock is sent to countries for people who agree to pass on the first born offspring to another neighbor in need. Paint Creek has purchased sheep and chickens in the past.

Society of St. Andrew Potato Project is a hunger-relief ministry that salvages potatoes and other produce for distribution nationwide.

Missions for 2012:

Each year PC makes a commitment to support missions locally, nationally and around the world. It is believed we are fulfilling god's work through our giving to assist those less fortunate. For 2012, we have pledged to support thirteen agencies, projects or missionaries. They are:

- Baldwin Center-Pontiac
- Rochester Area Neighborhood House
- Hope Hospitality Center-Pontiac
- Love, INC.-North Oakland County

Total for 4 pledges: \$900.00 the above pledges will be paid from our apportionment money.

The following pledges will be paid by birthday money, loose change, holiday donations and fund raising for 1 or 2 missions:

- God's Country Co-Op-Michigan U.P.
- Haiti School Hot Lunch program
- Bishop Judith Craig's Orphanage-Liberia
- Heifer Project-International
- Society of St. Andrews-U.S.A.
- Nothing but Nets-Africa
- Medicine Box-Kentucky
- Pastor's Salary-Liberia

- Katie Peterson-U.P. Missionary
- The total to be raised is \$850.00

“The Upper Room”

Remember that “The Upper Room”- daily devotional books-are available on the little table on your left as you enter the sanctuary. Just help yourself. It's my gift to the congregation.

Every two months there is a new one. A large print edition is available. If there is no large print one there ask me and I'll be sure to get one for you.

“The Upper Room” is published in 38 languages and is available all over the world.

I love “The Upper Room” and recommend it to everyone.

Cal Devitt

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT – Paint Creek UMC

Paint Creek's Fall Rummage sale was a big success, with a profit of \$1408.00! Thank you to everyone who contributed items to sell and to all the workers who sorted and priced and helped with clean-up, including Dottie Spitsbergen, Sandy Knaack, Betty Poplawski, Colleen Barkham, Becky Plunkett, Betty Wilber, Gretchen Drader, Adam Zimmerman, Leslie Keast, Suzy Kelly, Reva & Bob LaFountain, Elizabeth Mulso, Chuck & Floris Stoner, Vera Rhine, Caryl Chamberlin, Jan McCall, Dick Bourez, Pastor Tom & Lois, Cal Devitt, and Don Paterson (who built our new clothing racks). It was a joy having so many contributors and hard-working helpers! Again, heartfelt thanks! Jo Ann Bourez

THANK YOU once again to everyone who made donations for the CROP WALK. The walk on October 9th raised \$16,011.89; our portion was \$440.00. Pastor Tom and Lois, Rob and Judy Mair with their grand children, Tyler and Emma Spitzer, and 117 other walkers did the 4.2 mile walk

through the park and downtown Rochester. A quarter of the total funds went to Rochester Community House and Rochester Area Neighborhood House.

Now is the time of year that we will start bringing in teddy bears for donation to a fire or police station in our area. Your bear will be used to comfort a child who needs an extra pair of arms around him or her and something to hold on to in a time of crisis.

Submitted by Judy Mair

Birthday & Anniversary:

December:

4th: Bill Millerd

8th: Laura Devitt

21st: Martin Burkhardt & Mike King

21st: Shaila & Lalit Herbert

24th: Preston & Jennifer Burkhardt

January:

1st: Nancy Nawrocki

5th: Hilda Taylor

9th: Steve Laclave, Clifford Keast, & Tommy Barkham

18th: Jean Lutz

21st: John Taylor

22nd: Elizabeth Reitz

24th: Leslie Keast

4th: Robert & Reva LaFountain

Thank you...

Nancy Mikesch, retiring financial secretary, for her great service.

Jan McCall who took over for Nancy when Nancy was sick. Good job Jan.

Welcome to Becky Plunkett who is our new financial secretary. Thanks Becky!

Caryl Chamberlin, Virginia Ferguson, Kathy Ferriby, Suzy Kelly, Sandy Knaack, Jean Lutz, Judy Mair, Jan McCall, Becky Plunkett, Vera Rhine, Lois Sayer and Floris Stoner provided wonderful treats for fellowship which were enjoyed by all. The cooks and bakers were busy preparing their favorite recipes. Thanks for a great job!!!

Announcements were given by Chris Lutz and Sandy Knaack. They have done a marvelous job and are to be commended for being outstanding leaders on Sunday.

Our scripture readers are to be thanked for reading Bible passages prior to the sermon. They are JoAnn Bourez, Cal Devitt, Sandy Knaack and Jean Lutz.

Helping Pastor Tom with communion have been Elizabeth Mulso and Adam Zimmerman. This is an important part of the service the 1st Sunday of each month.

Judy Mair is to be commended for organizing the October Crop Walk to raise money for the Rochester Neighborhood House and the Rochester Community House. Monies collected will be used to fund their pantries to assist families in need during these economic hard times. Great job!!!

PERSON OF FAITH - ADAM ZIMMERMAN

Adam was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and lived in Windsor until 1975. He was one of 5 children, and the only boy! He was raised in a strong Lutheran family. His father was a pipe-fitter and a welder and his mother a stay-at-home mom, other than when she worked government elections.

He attended an all-boys high school, following a technical curriculum, and then spent 4 more years in training to become a journeyman pipe-fitter welder, like his father. While still living in Windsor, Adam played junior hockey and was in the military reserves for 3 years.

In the United States, Adam worked at Detroit Edison as a maintenance fitter-welder and machinist, and did electrical work. He retired from Detroit Edison (DTE) in 2009 after 32 years.

Adam married in 1978 (now divorced) and has 2 daughters and 1 son. His daughters live in Holly and Clinton Township and his son lives in Waterford. There are 3 grandchildren, ages 2 thru 10. In Adam's family there are four generations of males named Adam, starting with Adam's father.

He has lived in Hazel Park, St. Clair Shores, Warren, and now has a condo in Waterford.

Among Adam's many hobbies and interests are golf, kayaking, remote-control airplanes, motorcycling, playing hockey, mountain biking, dancing, cooking, watching sports on TV, movies, and babysitting with his grandchildren.

Adam has traveled to California, Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, and Myrtle Beach for golf, and enjoyed cruises through the Caribbean Islands. He would like to visit Australia.

He first came to Paint Creek UMC when his neighbor in the condos, Joyce Wiegand, invited him to accompany her. What does he like about Paint Creek Church? He says, "The Pastor and all the loving, caring, wonderful people who are giving and friendly like a beautiful family." Adam says he feels blessed that Joyce introduced him to Paint Creek UMC, because he loves all the people!

Adam is very involved at Paint Creek as usher, Communion assistant, coffee-hour chef, and Sunday school helper. He has worked at the warming center soup kitchen, attended membership class, church picnics, and golf-range gathering. He is a wonderful, faithful addition to our congregation!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
JANUARY 15!**

HOWARTH NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

Our Mission fund is growing due to the wonderful caring people of our community who attended our "Annual Turkey Dinner" on Nov. 12th. Our profit was \$1842.00 and after our 10% to mission work, we also donated \$100 to "Break athon", an event that the Lamas' family participated in to raise money to furnish Thanksgiving baskets for those in need in our community. We also donated \$100 to our Angelfish. Angelfish is sponsored by Oxford/Orion FISH to provide the children in the community with Christmas gifts, Howarth has pledged 6 Angelfish. Another \$100 was given as a gift.

Upcoming Mission is Christmas Day!! We are serving a Christmas Dinner at the Baldwin Center. Howarth will supply the dinner to those in need to have a Christmas Dinner.

Proceeds from the Turkey Dinner also go to buy the food for our weekend at Hope Hospitality Center.

All mission fund raiser money is used to pay for our pledges to be a Jubilee Mission Church.

Our next big fund raiser will be our Pasty Sale in February!!

HOWARTH UMW:

A BIG thank you TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH Dinners. Our Oct. Dinner was the biggest and the best in quite a while. We served 252 hungry people and had a profit of \$1700.00.

Don't Forget about our Cookie Walk, Dec. 10th. We need at least 10-12 dozen cookies each. So start baking and freezing. We do have room in the freezer at the Church. Make them Christmas themed cookies. Make sure they are labeled so Sharon can make a sign for them. We do need people to help set up on Dec. 9th, at 10 a.m. and also for

Saturday, selling. See Sharon for further instructions.

The U.M.W. has given \$600 towards Christmas Gifts for 6 kids thru FISH. Sharon will be doing the shopping. Also \$100 to Hunter, Randy & Stephanie Lamas toward Thanksgiving baskets thru their Karate Class.

I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas & a happy 2012!!!

Marilyn Foster

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY:

December:

2nd: David Bouvier

4th: Robert Plawinski

7th: Kathy Sandstrom

8th: Taylor Davis & Penny Peterson

12th: Shirley Reeves

13th: Dick Hill

15th: Tim Getz

15th: Matthew & Rachel Bouvier

18th: Al & Shirley Reeves

January:

1st: Tami Wayne (Spencer)

12th: Dennis Waite, Eric Everhart

22nd: Elizabeth Reitz

23rd: Rachael Bouvier, Katherine Thatcher & Matthew Spencer

24th: Usha Rajam

15th: Robert & Pat Plawinski

26th: Claude & Lois Parker

THANK YOU...

Everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens. The sanctuary and the whole church are beautiful.

To all those who helped with the Turkey Dinner, without all of you those who are less fortunate would not be blessed through the profits of this dinner.

Pat Pollitt, Amy Young and Paul Sandstrom for helping Pastor Tom with the play. It really put a face to the story.

To God for blessing the people of Howarth with the talents to provide for those in need.

Howarth's Person of Faith: *Paul & Kaye Hamman:*

Paul Louis Hamman: born on May 19, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Robert and Carolyn Hamman.

Kaye Cheryl Reeves, born on November 3, 1948 in Pontiac, Michigan the daughter of Alfred and Shirley Reeves.

Paul and Kaye were married on June 12, 1970 at St. Paul's Church in Rochester, Michigan. It was a 7 p.m. candlelight service with the temperature over 100 degrees and no air conditioning!

Paul and Kaye have 3 daughters; Laurie Kaye married to Patrick Fenchak. They have blessed Paul and Kaye with 3 grandchildren: Nicholas 15 years, Alexa 11 years, and Luke 8 years.

Lisa Marie married to Michael Damito have blessed Paul and Kaye with 3 grandchildren: Molly 10 years, Thomas 7 years, and Anthony 2 years.

Their youngest daughter Amy Lynn is married to Ernest Young and they have also blessed Paul and Kaye with a granddaughter: Lilah Kaye, 1 year old.

Paul graduated from Adrian College in 1970 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. His first job was at a plastics manufacturing plant called MR Products. He left there to work for General Polymers. In 1984 he started his own business Pyramid Products in Frasier, Michigan. He also started a business called Rio Grande Plastic Products in Alamo, Texas. He continued to work there until he retired.

Kaye graduated from Mercy School of Nursing, in Detroit, Michigan in 1970, as a Registered Nurse. Her first place of employment was at Crittenton Hospital as a staff nurse.

She worked there for 4 years and then was offered a position as an office nurse for a Pediatrics Practice. She worked part-time while raising their 3 daughters.

Paul and Kaye have been very fortunate to have taken several trips with Paul's Dad and stepmom. They have cruised with them to Alaska, Panama Canal, the Caribbean, New England, Nova Scotia, Boston, and New York. They have also traveled to Florida, the Bahamas and up North with Kaye's parents. Truly wonderful trips.

Paul and Kaye enjoy helping out with their grandchildren, parents, church and friends. Paul has a "new" hobby working on a sports car.

Paul and Kaye are both members of Howarth UMC and have served on many committees as members and as Chairperson. Kaye has been a member since she was a child. The Baptismal fonts are in memory of her grandparents: Mabel and Albert Priestap.

They are very involved in the church by serving on numerous committees and the Church Council. When the girls were younger teaching Sunday School, Bible School. They continue to work the dinners, fund raisers for missions, attend Bible studies, and serve on committees.

They both have been inspired by their parents with their strong commitment to their church and faith.

Paul & Kaye are truly blessed and Howarth is equally blessed to have them!!!

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Church follows Jesus, ‘feeds the 5,000’

ROME, Ga. — Members of Trinity United Methodist Church followed the example of Jesus by providing a week’s worth of food to nearly 5,000 people in one day. The annual event is called Jesus in the Park.

‘Distinguished Evangelist’ award given

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. — The Rev. Ed Robb III, founding pastor of The Woodlands (Texas) United Methodist Church, is the recipient of the Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church award for 2011, presented by The Foundation for Evangelism. Started in 1978 with 30 members, The Woodlands congregation has been one of the fastest-growing churches in Methodism, with membership exceeding 8,400 and an average worship attendance of 4,200.

‘Extreme Makeover’ for United Methodist

ETTERS, Pa. — The story of Brian Keefer, 24, a United Methodist and a college senior, captured the attention of the Emmy Award-winning “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” and ABC-TV viewers can tune in on Friday evening, Oct. 21, to hear it. His church family and the reality TV show crew have reached out in Etters, Pa., to help Keefer, who in 2008 was paralyzed from the chest down.

\$1 million for Alabama tornado relief

NEW YORK — At the end of April, Alabama residents were stunned by a record 62 tornadoes that killed 250 people and left homes, businesses and municipalities in tatters. This week, directors of the United Methodist Committee on Relief approved a \$1 million grant to the North Alabama Annual (regional) Conference to assist in the state’s recovery. They also approved other large grants to aid disaster relief in Japan and Haiti.

CROP Hunger Walks cross United States

ELKHART, Ind. — From Anchorage, Alaska, and Tallahassee, Fla., to Bath, Me., and Vista, Calif. — and many points in between — United Methodists join people of all faiths for autumn CROP Hunger Walks. CROP stands for “Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.” Church World Service, an international, ecumenical agency that works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote global peace and justice, sponsors the events. CROP walkers find sponsors who donate set amounts for the distances walked. Seventy-five percent of the money raised goes toward global hunger projects, and the rest stays in the community.

In church, as in school, seniors rule

WASHINGTON — There’s long been talk of the “graying” of United Methodist congregations, but the same can now be said of its pastors. The annual report on clergy age trends in The United Methodist Church reveals a widening age gap. The report was released this week by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. Even though there are more young elders, deacons and local pastors than 10 years ago, their numbers are dwarfed by elders in the 55-72 age range — 951 compared with 8,790. Reflecting a trend that began in 1995, the number of elders in the 35-54 range continues to decrease. From the 1970s to 2005, there was a continuous decline in the percentage of young adults as active elders. The past six years have seen a gradual increase.

Atlanta church honors fallen warriors

ATLANTA — Thousands of gold, blue and green ribbons across the front lawn of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church honor the 6,400 members of the U.S. military who have died in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. More than 750 volunteers, both in the church and throughout the community, participated in creating the memorial, which features three significant colors of ribbon. The congregation continues each week to honor the fallen by reading the names, ranks, ages and hometowns of the men and women of the armed services as they die in the wars.



Working to keep you connected

<http://umns.umc.org>



Don’t forget the Paint Creek Cookie Sale.

Dec. 9th & 10th. -order now!

Howarth Cookie Walk, Dec. 10th 8 a.m. - noon!

Coming in **February**-pasty sale at Howarth!

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Services:

Howarth - 6:30 p.m.

Paint Creek - 8 p.m.

There will be **no** Christmas Day
Service!

Join Pastor Tom and Lois and
others who will be serving the
homeless at the Hope Hospitality
Center in Pontiac Christmas Day.



Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!

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