

# THE TRUMPET

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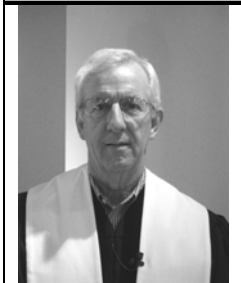
## How does your “Garden” grow?

In researching I learned that this mission is being highly used by all different Churches. How about you? Anything growing on your sacred plot of land? Nearly any church could reserve a small portion of their grounds for a demonstration garden that will kick some fresh produce into the food stream for their local food-bank. Setting aside such a space can be an important source of awareness of the hunger issues locally and around the world.

Church gardens are good evangelism. They let the neighborhood know there is a thriving concern behind this symbol of abundance. They provide a wonderful place for newcomers to plug right into an important ministry. They connect us to our surrounding feeding programs. They are a visible sign of an inward truth:

It is not too late plan for next spring, to dig in the dirt, plant a garden, and see the harvest. How does your garden grow? Methodists are mission workers for their community and world.

## p a s t o r ' s   c o l u m n



### “Mem- bership”

*“I’m happy  
just coming  
to church.  
Why mem-  
bership?”*

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bership?”*

Well I can

**certainly appreciate that point of view. Most, if not all of us, at one time in our lives have been there too.**

Hopefully though you have gotten to know us and have had the opportunity to discern for yourself, at your own pace and sense of leading, if you’re ready to say yes to Howarth or Paint Creek churches and the United Methodist Church.

When you are ready to take that step, and I pray that you are ready now, you covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirma-

tion and reception into the Church. A member is bound in sacred covenant to shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys of fellow members.

We will walk alongside you in the process, the emphasis being *along-side* you, not standing in judgment over you, and I believe that you have experienced that as you have been coming to our churches. We are inviting you to a life of peace, simplicity, integrity, compassion, generosity, courage and forgiveness. Jesus didn’t invite people into membership in a church. He invited them to live a transformed life, and that is what we invite you to do. Membership symbolizes that transformed life.

Remember it is your affirmation of the values we all believe in. But membership isn’t magic. It won’t get us into heaven. It doesn’t mean we are more virtuous or spiritual than a non-member. It’s like a mar-

riage. What we make of it, what it means to us, and how faithfully we engage it, is up to us. And membership is about belonging to people who love and care for you, receiving and giving, accepting and being accepted and it is about embracing our shared ideals about Jesus Christ and living them out together.

Whether or not you ever join Howarth or Paint Creek is up to you. That is a matter of private discernment and something that shouldn’t be forced or coerced. Should you join, we will celebrate that with you. Your presence here is a joy and honor for us and your work among us, with us, alongside us, is a blessing and for that we thank you.

*“Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.” UMH #593. I look*

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forward with anticipation and joy to having you participate in the reception into our churches.  
God Bless You, Pastor Tom

## PAINT CREEK NEWS:

**MISSIONS:** The final special collection for Missions will be the Society of St. Andrews-this organization is a hunger relief ministry that salvages produce for distribution nationwide. PC has pledged \$125.00 for this mission. We will raise money for this mission during the month of September.

**REMINDER** loose change in the collection plate are used for Missions.



### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

#### August

Becky Bunner	Aug 3
Treva Redman	Aug 3
Rob Mair	Aug 11
Alex Gorski	Aug 13
Joyce Wiegand	Aug 15
Stanley Summers	Aug 23
Elizabeth Mulso	Aug 25
Becky Plunkett	Aug 26
Tony Plunkett	Aug 26
Tom Barkham	Aug 29

#### Anniversaries

Shawn & Cindy Jacklin	Aug 14
Tony & Becky Plunkett	Aug 26
Mike & Nancy Nawrocki	Aug 27

#### September:

Mara Bouvier Schatz	Sept 1
Derek Herbert	Sept 7
Susan Bouvier	Sept 16
Robert Campau	Sept 19
Lilliana Taylor	Sept 21

#### Anniversaries

Andy & Sandy Knaack	Sept 3
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For doing announcements each Sunday: Sandy Knaack and Chris Lutz. You do a super job.

For reading scriptures: Jean Lutz, Heidi Paterson and Cal Devitt. A big thank you!

For serving as communion helpers: Caryl Chamberlain and Jerolyn Szuch. Great Job!

Everyone at PC is now enjoying the beautiful red geraniums and pachysandra JoAnn Bourez planted outside the annex door and building. It was a labor of love on Jo's part. A super job, Jo!

JoAnn Bourez and Suzy Kelley like to pull weeds. Unfortunately JoAnn found poison ivy on the church grounds and suffered with a miserable rash for a couple of weeks. Suzy has been busy removing weeds from the church parking lot and is amazed at how fast the weeds grow back. A big thank you for all the time you have spent making the church grounds look mighty nice.

PC would like to thank Howarth for hosting the joint worship service and picnic, July 22. Lots of delicious food was provided by both churches along with tasty hamburgers and hot dogs barbequed by Howarth Chefs. It was a fun event.

To everyone who is cooking and baking delicious treats for our Sunday fellowship. What feasts are gracing the buffet table these days.

**A Thank You Note:** The audit of the treasurer's records was completed last month by Betty Wilber. It is a big job, and Betty always does it so well. Jan McCall had audited the UMW records earlier. Betty found just a few minor discrepancies which were easily taken care of. The final report was sent to the Blue Water District Office. Thank you, Jan and Betty, for a job well done! Cal

**In Appreciation:** A belated Thank you to those who expressed their condolences at the passing of our dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Lena Vay. We were so gratified by the outpouring of expressions of sympathy, beautiful cards, and contributions to Paint Creek UMC Memorial Fund. Thank you to Pastor Tom and Lois for their visits to our home and to Crittenton Hospital and for the session that we had at Pixleys. We consider the words spoken by Pastor Tom at the funeral to be a masterpiece and are so grateful that he gave us a printed copy. The bountiful lunch, so well prepared and served was wonderful and we thank all of those people responsible. Dick: the music you played for the funeral was never more beautiful. Andy, thanks for your good work ushering. Sharon: it was so good of you to take a family picture at the funeral and to record the service. We found that it truly helps to know that people were thinking of us. God bless you all.

The family of Lenna Vay Devitt

#### PERSON OF FAITH

Paint Creek UMC

#### CHRIS LUTZ;

Chris was born at Mitchell Air Force Base in New York. His

father was a retired Major (25 years in the Air Force). His father's 2nd job was in civil service for the U.S. government as a jet engine specialist. His mother was a stay-at-home-mom. During World War II, like Rosie the Riveter, she riveted wing sections on B-24 bombers at Willow Run. Chris was a middle child, with 1 brother and 2 sisters.

He graduated from University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, then received a Master of Nuclear Engineering from University of Florida

Chris's career included nuclear power plants in Florida, General Electric (power generation & industrial manufacturing), General Motors, Robotics Division, Swiss Robotic Company, and General Motors (adept technology involving robotics).

Besides living in New York, Chris has lived in Ohio, Tokyo, Japan, Texas, Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, South Carolina, and Indiana. He has traveled to most of the places that Jean has listed, mentioning also trips to Mexico and the Caribbean, and the favorite family destination of Charleston, South Carolina.

Chris's hobbies include downhill skiing, "keeping Jean happy!", and reading history books (likes factual-based history and fiction associated with history. His favorite author is Tom Clancy.

Chris helps Jean with providing and setting up coffee hours/fellowship and he does an outstanding job of handling the welcome/announcements portion of Paint Creek's Sunday

worship.

He comments that he is fond of the people at Paint Creek, and of the leadership provided by Pastor Tom and Pastor Tom's positive and caring Christian messages.

*Interviewed by Jan McCall  
Edited by Jo Ann Bourez*

### **PERSON OF FAITH**

Paint Creek UMC

#### **Jean Lutz:**

Jean was born in Greenwood, South Carolina and raised in White Plains, New York. Her father was an electrical contractor and her mother a stay-at-home-mom, caring for Jean and her 2 sisters (Jean was the middle child).

She graduated from White Plains High School, then attended University of South Carolina. Jean has 3 degrees: Associates Degree in Business, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, and Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Jean and Chris were married in Huntington Beach, California (1982). Both had transferred to jobs in California. A mutual friend (matchmaker!) suggested that Chris call Jean, which he did!

Jean and Chris have two children. Travis (27) lives in Chicago and has his own business, plus also doing contract consulting work. Jessica (26) lives in Washington DC and runs the marketing department for a non-profit organization.

Jean's career includes being an American Express sales representative in New York and also a regional sales manager in California for 9 western states; a director of group sales for Santa

Anita Race Track; and now an independent consultant with Legal Shield.

As well as South Carolina, New York, and California, Jean has lived in Connecticut, Texas, Virginia, and Indiana. She has traveled extensively in Europe, United States, and on cruises.

Jean plays tennis, tutors adults in reading as a second language, enjoys cooking, helps their son with his business, goes to exercise classes, reads (especially books about Charleston and the low country), enjoys books by Dorothy B. Franks and Pat Conroy, loves historical and period novels, and enjoys all types of puzzles.

Chris and Jean used to attend St. Paul's UMC in Rochester. Then they met Heidi Paterson while attending a Rochester Chamber of Commerce meeting. Heidi suggested they try Paint Creek UMC. Jean and Chris were moved by Pastor Tom's powerful message and enjoyed the joys and concerns of members. They were comfortable immediately – describing church as "Very warm and loving. When you walk into Paint Creek it feels like you're given a big hug."

Jean has helped with coffee hour/fellowship time, read scriptures, baked for Goodison Good Tymes and Christmas Cookie Sale, supported rummage sales, was communion assistant, and as a family, lighted the Advent candles on Christmas Eve.

A difficult life experience was when death took 3 of 4 parents of Chris and Jean in a matter of months. Jean spent time with both of her parents. A

strong faith got her through this tough time.

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### A CORRECT ASSUMPTION

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car."

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### **HOWARTH NEWS:**

Missions: The Howarth "Love Garden" is producing- 35# of squash has been delivered to Oxford/Orion FISH with more on its way.

Collection of backpacks and school supplies has begun. Sharon has purchased backpacks to start filling. Monetary donations or supplies can be given to Sharon. Deadline to turn in supplies is Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are still collecting neckties and scarves for the Bible College students in Kenya. Bring them to the office at Howarth.

Always ongoing is our gas and laundry mission. Keep giving!!

Need suggestions and volunteers to do landscaping where the old shrubs and bushes were removed.



### **UMW NEWS:**

The Swiss steak dinner was a success. A total profit of \$1,052 was made, with half going to the general fund (which 10% is given to missions) and the other going to UMW.

The next dinner will be Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Swiss steak. We are selling greeting cards, \$5 for a box of 12/only 42 cents per card! There are cards for all occasions.

Don't forget to check out the "Holy Moly" glass cleaning cloths that Christy is selling. They clean windows with just hot water, no chemicals needed!



### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

#### **August**

Lois Parker	Aug 2
Erica Pohl	Aug 9
Megan Key	Aug 12
Scott Howden	Aug 14
Joe LaCourse	Aug 20
Isabella LaCourse	Aug 29
Leroy Thatcher	Aug 29

#### **September**

Alex Wolf	Sept 20
Willard Shubert	Sept 22
Paul Sandstrom	Sept 30

#### **Anniversaries**

Dennis & Pamala Waite	Sept 8
Ernie & Amy Young	Sept 23
Eric & Cheryl Everhart	Sept 30

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Pat Pollitt and her helpers for the awesome picnic provided for the joint service on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was so much fun.

Paul Sandstrom, Randy Lamas and Ray Sauls for BBQing!! Good cooking!!

Eric Everhart, Casie Rowden, Dan Ruyle, Pastor Tom, Lois and Paul Sandstrom for pulling out bushes, weeds and dead plants around the church. Great job.

Rick Rowden and Jim Gerometta for mowing the lawns and Paul Sandstrom for doing the ditches.

Sharon Rowden for collecting the school supplies for those in need in our area.

Paul Sandstrom for maintaining the Love Garden so those in need can have fresh vegetables.

Marilyn Foster for the donation of cucumbers for the Swiss steak dinner.

Dick Bourez for the beautiful music on Sunday.

For our Choir-so nice to see you all. Always looking for more members!!

JoAnn Bourez for filling in for Dick when he was not able to be there.

John Pollitt for fixing the signs to help with direction at the dinners!!

To Dan Ruyle for the puzzle he put together, glued and frame. It is hanging in the Library/Sunday school room. Check it out!

To a special friend of Kathy Sandstrom's for the donation of the new much needed roaster.

Thank you from Casie for the financial support of the UMW

for her summer camp. She had a good time.

A special thank you from Paul & Kaye Hamman for the memorial donations to Salvation Army and Howarth UMC in memory of Paul's father who recently went home to be with his Heavenly Father.

The biggest thank you to everyone who helps and supports the dinners without all of you they would not be a success!!

Stephanie Lamas, Jennifer Howden, Sharon Rowden, Lois Sayers, and Cheryl Everhart for attending to nursery and entertaining the older children during church service.

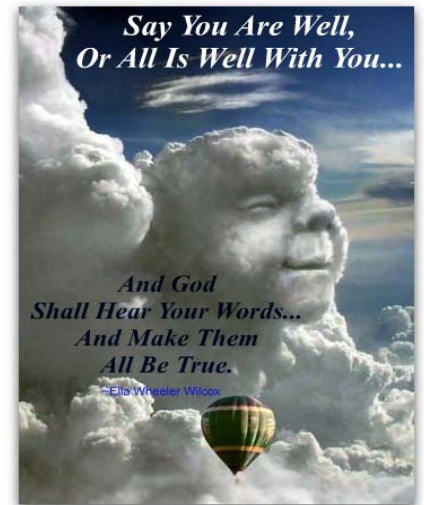
Kathy and Paul Sandstrom for acquiring the new pie cart to be used at the dinners! It's great.

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**Charge Conference** Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at Paint Creek. SPRC meeting 3 p.m., conference begins at 3:30 p.m. All conference forms are due to the office no later than Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Smile  
And The World Will Smile  
With You  
Cry and You'll Cry Alone**



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**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** (church office will be closed)

Remember that Labor Day signals the beginning of the school year.

Please drive safely.



## **news around the church**

from United Methodist News Service — <http://umns.umc.org>

### **Prayers for Aurora tragedy**

AURORA, Colo. — The United Methodist Church has placed full-page ads in the Denver Post and the Aurora Sentinel, promising its prayers and presence in the aftermath of the July 20 massacre at a movie theater in Aurora. “The people of The United Methodist Church join with all those affected by this recent tragedy,” the ads read. “To understand. To heal. To find hope.” In addition, people are invited to post prayers for the Aurora community on a prayer wall on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch) (facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch). The ads and call to action were developed by United Methodist Communications, the denomination’s communications agency.

### **Liberian center for the deaf dedicated**

MONROVIA, Liberia — The Hope for the Deaf Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia has dedicated a modern skills training center for deaf students. The dedication of the three-classroom building was presided over July 11 by Bishop John G. Innis of the Liberia Area. Construction of the Modern Skills Training Center was made possible through donations from the Middletown United Methodist Church in Middletown, Md.

### **Four young missionaries speak up**

Four young adults serving as missionaries with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries attended this year’s Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to tell their stories and encourage support for the GBGM Mission Intern and US-2 programs. The missionaries: Hannah Hanson, 25, Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va.; Stephanie Kimac, 26, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Midlothian, Va.; Zachary Ferguson, 24, First United Methodist Church, Martinsville, Va.; and Rachel deBos, 22, from southern California.

### **More mission interns to be commissioned**

ARLINGTON, Va. — Three dozen young adults will be commissioned as mission interns on Friday, Aug. 3. The service will be streamed live beginning at 7 p.m., EDT. The class of 2012 represents nine countries, and two students are using Skype to participate. For information on how to watch, go to [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org).



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