

# THE TRUMPET

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## Why we do what we do!!

### The Sheep and the Goats Matthew 25:30-40

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd

separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

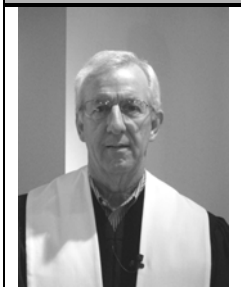
<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

This is what as Christians we are called to do. Even the smallest of gestures can touch someone’s heart. Going through a drive thru and paying for the car behind you, paying for a military person’s meal and sometimes just smiling at someone can uplift their day.

As the Lord says “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”

It is time to reach beyond our Church walls and do for those who do not know our Lord and Savior!!

## pastor's column



Greetings,  
The first  
Sunday of  
Advent is  
December  
2<sup>nd</sup>,  
followed by  
the birth of

Jesus Christ on Christmas and Epiphany on January 6, 2013, also called Three Kings Day, and is the climax of the Christmas season for United Methodists.

Advent is the season of the Christian church for expectation,

waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The motivation for God sending Jesus into this world was love. Advent is the season when we prepare ourselves to receive God’s gift of Jesus. It is a time of “getting ready” for the celebration of Christmas.

It’s ironic, don’t you think, that the Sunday before we begin our celebration of Advent, Christ The King Sunday, we are confronted in our message from the Gospel with a picture of Jesus preparing to die on the cross.

*And yet the two are inseparable, Christmas and the cross. It’s impossible to appreciate the events of Bethlehem except in the light of Golgotha. God loves us. That’s where we must begin in understanding both the cross and the manger. God loves us.*

Friends, Jesus knows. He knows every struggle, every heartache. And not just because He’s God and God knows everything, but because when He was a man He went through the same things you and

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I go through and more. He knows because He lived it. He's been there.

So as we approach, meet and go through this season of Advent we will begin the cycle of the church year all over again. We will look forward to Christ's advent into the world. We will gaze into the face of the babe of Bethlehem who came to lay down His life as a ransom for our tired souls.

To the hungry He is the Bread of Life. To the sick He is the Great Physician. To the lonely He is the one who comes and sits beside, often in silence. To the lost He is the Good Shepherd. To the anxious He is peace. To the proud He is One who comes and makes us humble. To the Happy He is the One who enjoys our celebrations.

Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him, and the grave couldn't hold Him. This is my King! Is He yours?

Make unwrapping Heaven's gift the first gift on Christmas Morning. May you have a blessed Christmas & New Year. Grace, Peace & Love,

Pastor Tom

## **PAINT CREEK NEWS:**

### **Mission News:**

This holiday season teddy bears will again be collected for our fire departments or sheriff departments. These bears will be used as comfort toys for area children who are facing a crisis situation such as a house fire. Members are asked to bring your toy bear to the church by December 23<sup>rd</sup> and place on the altar.

**Mission Completed:** All

missions pledges have been completed. Our final 2 missions exceeded the \$125 goals set. Heifer Project raised \$397 to purchase chickens while Society of St. Andrews raised \$328. Thank you to all who have donated money, clothes, school supplies, food, gift cards or toys for our 2012 Mission Projects.

### **PC Pledges Missions for 2013:**

The following Missions have been approved by the Church Council for 2013: Baldwin Center (Pontiac), Hope Hospital-ity Center (Pontiac), Love INC, Katie Peterson (U.P. Mission-ary), Medicine Box, Society of St. Andrews, Red Bird Mission, Nothing But Nets (Africa), Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Home (Liberia), Hot Lunch Program (Haiti), Water for Life (Africa), and Rochester Neighborhood House.

### **Giving Tree:**

Rochester Neighborhood House is again sponsoring a Giving Tree for area children. Gifts are provided for children who come from families facing financial difficulties this Christmas season. PC is sponsoring 20 children from the Giving Tree. For members who are purchasing a gift please return your unwrapped gift to the church by Sunday, December 9, 2012. Please attach to your gift item the information card.

### **Methodist Children Home:**

PC is sending \$1100. To MCH based on membership donations and funds from the Mission fund.

### **Mission Fund:**

How does PC pay for pledged missions throughout the year? Most important is the money donated for special missions such as: Heifer Project. There is also "Loose change" in the

collection plate each Sunday that goes for missions. The birthday money also goes for missions. If members wish to make an extra donation for missions during the year, write mission fund on check and envelope.

### **Hurricane Relief:**

Members who have not donated for "Hurricane Relief" can wish to do so may make out checks and place in envelope on the back table placing in collection plate. Money will be sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). All funds (100%) will be used to assist families in the hard hit areas of New York and New Jersey.  
*Submitted by Jan McCall*

### **Thank You:**

A big thank you to our membership who volunteer to assist with Sunday worship by serving as liturgist, reading scripture or assisting with communion. Our volunteers for October and November were: Colleen Barkham, JoAnn Bourez, Lizzie Chisholm, Gretchen Drader, Sandy Knaack, Chris Lutz, Jean Lutz, Judy Mair, Nancy Nawrocki and Heidi Patterson.

### **Bithdays and Annversaries:**

#### **December**

Bill Millerd	Dec 4
Cindy Jacklin	Dec 4
Cliff Morgan	Dec 6
Laura Devitt	Dec 8
Sandy Knaack	Dec 17
Martin Burkhardt	Dec 21
Mike King	Dec 21

#### **Anniversaries**

Shaila & Lalit Herbert	Dec 21
Preston & Jennifer Burkhardt	Dec 24
Bill & Gerolyn Szuch	Dec 28

#### **January**

Nancy Nawrocki	Jan 1
Hilda Taylor	Jan 5
Gerolyn Szuch	Jan 7
<i>Jan. birthdays &amp; anniversary's cont.</i>	
Clifford Keast	Jan 9
Tommy Barkham	Jan 9

Virginia Ferguson	Jan 14
Adam Zimmerman	Jan 14
Jean Lutz	Jan 18
John Taylor	Jan 21
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Leslie Keast	Jan 24

#### **Anniversaries**

Robert & Reva LaFountain Jan 4

#### **PERSON OF FAITH- PAINT CREEK UMC CLARA VOLL-LINTON**

Clara grew up with 4 brothers and 1 sister (she was the 4th of the 5 children and the only one still living). She was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada and lived there until she was 2-years-old. Her father was a machinist for Ford Motor Co. in Canada and her mother was a stay-at-home mom. After the depression, her mom took in 14 boarders who had to be fed and have their rooms cleaned. Her mother did a lot of sewing too -also to make money. They were then living in Windsor.

Clara's high school in Windsor was bi-lingual, teaching in both French and English. Clara's mother spoke only French, so this was the language in their home. Clare once got an award for having the best French diction in Essex County. Her family moved to Detroit in 1945 when her father got a transfer from Canadian Ford to Ford Motor in Detroit.

Clara has lived in Sudbury, Windsor, Detroit, Rochester, Florida, and now Oxford. She had moved to Rochester in 1952, lived here until 1999, then returned to Windsor for 11 years when she was remarried (after her husband, Frank Voll, died) Her jobs included 20 years in Detroit being an Industrial Diamond Setter for special tools; doing the bookkeeping and payroll for Voll Electric, her husband, Frank Voll's, business, and working as a real estate agent for 20 years at Weir-Manuel, Ranke Realty. She was awarded Realtor of the Year for the Rochester area, and she also was a volunteer for Rochester Community House, Lions Club and

Avon Hospital.

Clara first married in 1945 and has 2 girls and 1 boy. The son lives on Collins Road near Paint Creek Church. Clara was widowed in 1959. In 1962 she married Frank Voll, who helped in raising her children. Frank's mother, Caddie Collins Voll, was the organist on the old pump organ at Paint Creek for many years. Clara and Frank lived in what is now the home of Bill and Jerolyn Szuch on Gallagher Road, which had been the home of Caddie's sister, Gladys Collins Kremer, and her husband, Clarence Kremer. Frank died in 1980. In 1999, Clara married Fred Linton, and returned to live in Canada. After Fred died, she returned to the area in 2011 and is living in an independent senior facility in Oxford.

Clara's hobbies and interests include knitting, crocheting, making cloth dolls, and is presently working on making quilts for the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital. In the past, she has done a lot of reading and letter-writing. She was well-known for making items to sell for the church bazaars held at Paint Creek Church.

She has traveled to Europe, (especially France), England, Hawaii, Bahamas, New York (where one daughter lives), and the eastern and western Provinces of Canada. Clara first attended Paint Creek in 1962 (and became a member) when she married Frank Voll. Some of the things she likes about Paint Creek Church are that it's an especially friendly church, she loves Pastor Tom's sermons and seeing friends from over the years and that are so many more folks attending there these days. Her involvement at Paint Creek Church over the years has been being an active member of United Methodist Women and working at the church bazaars and rummage sales. We are so delighted to have Clara back with us again in her retirement years - and just as smiling and pretty as ever!

*Interviewed by Jan McCall  
Edited by Jo Ann Kelly Bourez*

#### **NEWSLETTER DEAD- LINE: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

#### **HOWARTH NEWS: MISSION NEWS:**

"Love Garden" did not produce as in years past. But all vegetables were donated to Oxford/Orion FISH and the last which were the onions were donated to Baldwin Center. The Turkey dinner that supports our feeding the homeless in March at the Hope Hospitality Center, the Christmas Dinner we provide for those in need, was a huge success. A profit of over \$1800. (Was great to see Rev. Bruce Billing and Linda, thanks for helping with the cleanup!) We have truly been blessed by all those who help to be able to go outside our walls and help those in need.

We purchased 31 turkeys to help the Baldwin Center provide Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. The week before Thanksgiving Baldwin Center sent out an email that they were short 245 turkeys to fill 300 baskets. When we delivered the 31 turkeys on Saturday they were still short 51 turkeys. Paul gave his number and was ready to go if he got the call Monday they were still short. Through much generosity and caring in our area they met their goal.

**Christmas Dinner:** Howarth will be providing dinner at the Baldwin Center on Christmas Day. Volunteers needed.

**NEEDED: We are looking for donations of cookies for the Christmas Dinner.**

If you are able to donate a dozen or so please let Paul know or bring to church anytime between now and Christmas Eve. Thank you in advance for helping with this mission.

## Howarth UMW News:

The 2012 dinner season was a great success. We thank all of you who helped with prepartin, serving and clean up. Without all your help, the dinners would not be possible. The Oct dinner profit was \$1,517.38, served 197.

Nov. Turkey dinner had a profit of \$1,828.10, served 257.

The UMW hosted a meeting of the Blue Water District Mission Team on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. A thank you was received from them to us for hosting this meeting.

Don't forget our Cookie Sale on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. 8 a.m. – noon. Selling cookies for \$9 lb. We need as many cookies as you can bake (and then more!). See Sharon to let her know what you will be baking. You can help bake at the church on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Please keep Stella Andrew's family in your thoughts and prayers on her passing. We will miss her greatly. She was a good cook and will miss her sour cream pies that people still ask for at the dinners. She was a good friend to many and a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. God bless her.

*Thank you received:*

Please accept this check in appreciation for setting up, serving, and cleanup for use of the church after mom's funeral.

Your helpfulness is so kind. God Bless all of you.

From the Family of  
Stella Andrews

*Marilyn Foster, UMW President*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries: December

David Bouvier	Dec 2
Robert Plawinski	Dec 4
Kathy Sandstrom	Dec 7
Taylor Davis	Dec 8

Penny Peterson	Dec 8
Shirley Reeves	Dec 12
Dick Hill	Dec 13
Dan Ruyle	Dec 15
Tim Getz (Sandstrom)	Dec 15

### Anniversaries

Matthew & Rachel Bouvier	Dec 15
Al & Shirley Reeves	Dec 18

### January

Tami Wayne (Spencer)	Jan 1
Dennis Waite	Jan 12
Eric Everhart	Jan 12
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Rachael Bouvier	Jan 23

Katherine Thatcher	Jan 23
Matthew Spencer	Jan 23

### Anniversaries

Robert & Pat Plawinski	Jan 15
Claude & Lois Parker	Jan 26

### Thank you...

Paul Sandstrom for the  
"Howarth Love Garden"

John & Pat Pollitt for delivering to Oxford/Orion FISH the fresh vegetables.

To EVERYONE who helped or supported all the dinners. Without all of you this would never happen.

Rick Rowden and Randy Lamas for clearing the walkways from our 1<sup>st</sup> snow fall!!

To our Sunday school teachers.

To Christy Porter, Stephanie, Randy and Hunter Lamas and Tim Patterson for starting the decorating of the church a day early (sure saved time on Sunday afternoon!)

## COOKIE WALK DECEMBER 15, 2012.

Howarth's Person of Faith:

### Stella M Andrews

Went home to be with her

Heavenly Father on Wednesday, November 07, 2012. Age: 91  
Stella M. Andrews (nee Williamson) of Oakland Township passed away November 7, 2012 at the age of 91.

She was the beloved wife of the late Wilton Andrews and a dear Mother of Barbara Casey of Holly, Linda (Jan) Burchard of OR., Eva (Dennis) Callison of Midland, Patricia Hamilton of Oxford, Marjorie Lumbard of Lake Orion, James (Debbie) of Attica, and the late David. She will be remembered as a loving Grandmother of 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Andrews was a member of Howarth United Methodist Church, Orion Farm Bureau, and United Methodist Women's Club. She worked for many years as a Nurses Aid at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

Stella & Wilton operated a Dairy Farm of 110 acres between Silverbell Rd & Brown Rd., while raising 7 children. The Andrews and Williamson

Families (Stella was a Williamson) both were early residents and farmers in Orion Twp.

Stella was a big part of the Howarth Church family, from working on the UMW projects, to dinners and especially her famous Sour cream raisin pies!! She was a joy to visit and work with. She will be greatly missed, we have all been so blessed to have had Stella be a part of our lives.

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## **News around the church**

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

### **Non-traditional worship can come with fries**

LANSING, Mich. — You know you're in a non-traditional worship setting when you overhear the words, "Do you want fries with that?" Chances are, it's Monday night and you're at Grumpy's Diner, a new community of faith birthed out of Sycamore Creek United Methodist Church. If you go to their church website, reports Kay DeMoss of the West Michigan Conference, it becomes clear: "One church in multiple locations." Learn more at [westmichiganconference.org/news](http://westmichiganconference.org/news) under the headline "21st century circuit rider shares."

### **Quilts of love for Congo ministry**

KETTERING, Ohio — The congregation at Christ United Methodist Church, Kettering, Ohio, knows how it feels to be wrapped up in a "God-size" dream and see it come true. The church raised \$117,000 and helped tip the scales to buy a new plane for an aviation ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. But money wasn't enough; they wanted something more personal. At a special service in May, every woman, man and child in church that day held a nine-inch square of cloth in his or her hands and prayed over it. Those cloths were sewn into quilts that will be shipped to the Congo to bring comfort to sick and suffering people.

### **N.J. now open to early response teams**

OCEAN, N.J. — United Methodists in New Jersey are receiving their first out-of-state "early response teams" to assist in the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Early Response Teams interested in coming to New Jersey should send an email to [DisasterResponse@gnjunc.org](mailto:DisasterResponse@gnjunc.org) that lists name and contact information, church, annual conference, team size and dates available to respond.

### **Jellyfish in the living room?**

FREEPORT, N.Y. — As if the destruction wrought by Hurricane Sandy weren't already overwhelming in the storm's wake, Leroy Morgan of Freeport found himself faced with another astonishing and wholly unexpected phenomenon: jellyfish in his living room. "It's gotta be funny," he said. "We were actually stepping on jellyfish!" Relief workers from the United Methodist Committee on Relief are helping Morgan and others on the Long Island coast recovering from Sandy's flooding.

### **N.J. church sign points way to storm relief**

DRAKESTOWN, N.J. — Like many other churches in the denomination's Greater New Jersey Annual (regional) Conference that were lucky enough to sustain power after the storm, Drakestown United Methodist opened its doors to the community. And the church's newly installed electronic sign helped light the way for those in need.

### **Top Court reinstates retired bishop**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — United Methodist Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe, who was involuntarily retired in July, is to be "immediately reinstated to his rightful status as an active bishop of The United Methodist Church," the denomination's top court has ruled. In its Nov. 10 decision, the United Methodist Judicial Council overturned the action of the South Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy and "the affirmation" of that action by the 2012 South Central Jurisdictional Conference regarding Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe. The council cited "numerous errors in violation of the principles of fair process" and "the inability to articulate" what the "best interests" of the church or of the bishop or of both would be. As of the publication deadline, it was still unknown where Bledsoe would now serve.



**Wishing you a very Merry, Blessed  
Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy  
New Year!  
From, Sharon and Kathy.**



**Christmas Cookie Walk  
December 15, 8 a.m. – noon  
Howarth UMC  
550 E. Silverbell Rd  
Lake Orion 48360**

Let **us** bake your holiday cookies, \$9.00 lb.  
Fill containers provided by us, with cookies of  
your choice.  
(prepackaged containers will also be available for  
purchase)

Questions: 248.373.2360

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**Paint Creek UMC Holiday Bake Sale**

Let us bake your holiday cookies! Our box of mixed holiday cookies makes a great gift for a hostess or can save you time as you prepare for a holiday party.

**3 dozen** holiday cookies in a ribboned box

\$20.00- Cash or Check

Sale date is December 14<sup>th</sup>, noon – 5 pm

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm

To guarantee a box, pre-order by using the form below, or call 248.652.0712

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**Attn: Colleen Barkham**

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**Orders can be picked up on 12-14 or 12-15**