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Calendar (included in hard copies, or available at the church). Check out the calendar online @ howarthumc.net



Planting the seed!!

Spring is here, the birds have come home it is time to prepare the ground to sow the seeds. It is this way in our Christian lives. The way we are each and every day can plant the seed for someone to find the love of our Lord and Savior. The smile you give to a stranger, the little hello to the passer by, the appreciation you give to the cashier or server is all a way to plant the seed. The Howarth Garden is being prepared to plant the seeds. The seeds will sprout and grow into lush fruitful plants to help feed the people in need in our area.

Matthew 13 records this parable *"A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9He who has ears let him hear."*

p a s t o r ' s m o m e n t



There is not a Pastor's moment this issue. At this time Pastor Steve is

undergoing medical treatment and rehabilitation.

We need to take a moment and say a prayer for Pastor Steve and his family to give them strength and the doctors the knowledge to care for them.

PRAYER:

God of compassion, source of life and health:

give strength and new health to your servant, Pastor Steve Fraser-Soots and his family, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs.

May the touch of Jesus Christ who healed the sick and is the physician of our souls, touch these who need him;

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen

Please continue to send cards and well wishes to Pastor Steve and his family.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation -- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life -- of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
(Psalm 27:1,3-5)*

HOWARTH NEWS

May 17th Ad Council Meeting finalized the time schedule for the community garage sale. Committee will be meeting to prepare for Howarth's 150th anniversary being held on August 9, 2009. Looking for pictures, stories anything that you would like to share for this milestone in Howarth's history. Please contact the church office. Euchre night is planned for July 11th 5pm-8pm, watch the bulletin for more info. **Missions for 2009 are close to being paid for in full.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

June

8th: Casie Rowden
13th: Adam Sandstrom
16th: Lisa Goltz
18th: Lisa Damito
19th: Cheryl Everhart & Rose Ann Spencer
23rd: Randy Lamas
28th: Marilyn Foster & Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

10th: Rick & Sharon Rowden
12th: Paul & Kaye Hamman

JULY

2nd: Pastor Steve
4th: Alyssa Paulson
10th: Amy Young
16th: Scott Spencer
28th: Ernie Young
30th: Rueben Bennett

11th: Jim & Margaret Gerometta
22nd: Willard & Barb Shubert
23rd: Jim & Linda Duddles
27th: Pastors Steve & Bea
31st: Dick & Barb Hill

IMPORTANT DATES:

JUNE:

7th: Spring clean up and pot luck-wear your cleaning clothes to church☺
11th: 150th anniversary committee meeting @ 11am
14th: Ad Council Meeting
20th: Tiger Baseball Game leaving church @ 5:30pm
24th: Pork Dinner
25th: Red Cross Blood Drive

JULY:

11th: Euchre Night
29th: Swiss Steak Dinner
AUGUST:
9th: 150th anniversary Celebration!!!!

HOWARTH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Committee is looking for photos and memorabilia from Howarth. Sharon will be making a DVD presentation. If you have photos or articles you want included-please have them to Sharon by June 15th. (These will be returned to you)

HOWARTH UMW:

Submitted by Marilyn Foster

It's time again to think about our Dinners:

Wednesday June 24th: Pork Dinner
Wednesday, July 29th: Pork Dinner
Wednesday, August 26th: Pork Dinner
Saturday, September 12th: BBQ Chicken Dinner
Wednesday, October 28th: Pork Dinner
Saturday, November 14th: Turkey Dinner
Dinner prices \$9.00 adults, ages 5-10 \$4.00, under 5 free.
CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL DNNERS!!!
HOMEMADE PIES AT EACH DINNER!!!

All dinners will be buffet, there will be a table for the customers who would like to be seated and served Family Style.

Our Rochester Tuesday Musicale Dinner was a Great success, served 70.

There will be no UMW meeting in the summer. Will resume in September.

HOWARTH'S TREASURER'S REPORT:

Submitted by Stephanie Lamas

Currently we are **behind** in our budget by **\$3,000.00** we are projected to be down by the end of the year by approximately **\$6,000.00** if we continue this trend. We still need to find ways to improve our efficiency and reduce expenses. Any thoughts and ideas would be greatly appreciated at the next Ad Council Meeting.

DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

THANK YOU!!!

HOWARTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH for your extravagant generosity in giving 100% to the apportionment covenant in 2008.

Donated 16 health kits to the Detroit Annual Conference to be taken to Haiti. Thanks to everyone who donated. UMW donated 5, congregation 11.

CROP WALK:

Submitted by Elizabeth Reitz

Howarth Walkers:
Ashley Howden
Paul Sandstrom
Robert Geeck
Dick Hill
Randy, Stephanie and Hunter Lamas

Donations: \$495 not including website donations
Paint Creek Walkers:
Stan Summers
Colleen Barkham
Elizabeth Reitz
Donations: \$295
Thank you to all walkers and for the donations collected. ***We walk because they walk***

Howarth's Community Garage Sale was a Huge Success: Profit of \$860.00, 10 % of which was donated to mission. We had requests to have another sale in the fall!!

Thank you:
to Rick Rowden for taking care of the church lawn and parsonage. It looks great.

to Sharon for protecting our new "family" of Robins!! (Huey, Duey & Luey are about ready to leave the nest!)

to Paul Sandstrom, Rick Rowden, PJ Sandstrom, Eric Everhart, Scott Howden for helping with the table set up and tear down for the Community Garage Sale.

Al Reeves and Marilyn Foster for manning the Church Table!!

Shirley Reeves for the delicious brownies to sell and for helping in the kitchen.

Betty Paulson for working the kitchen, great job!!

Sharon Rowden for bringing the Community Garage Sale all together!!

Marilyn Foster for lining up the Schwan's Truck. (\$57.50 earned)

To Tim Getz and his donation to the church of his profits from the Community Garage Sale.

To Randy Lamas & Eric Everhart for being liturgists!!

To Hazel Spencer for delivering our clothing collection to Katie Peterson (God's Country Co-op)
To Jennifer Rowden for keeping us updated on Pastor Steve and for the great job you are doing as the SPRC Chairperson.

to Paul Sandstrom for filling the pulpit during our time of need. Very inspirational sermon on Memorial Weekend.

A BIG Thank you to Jim Duddles and Charlie for tilling the garden.

JULY 1ST we welcome our new District Superintendent, Pastor Joanne Bartelt. We look forward to working with her and are excited for her in this new appointment.

We bid farewell to Rev. Peggy Paige and thank her for the wonderful job she has done as our D.S., we bid her a fond farewell and lots of prayerful happiness in her next appointment.

Congratulations to Adam Sandstrom for receiving the "Navy Achievement Medal". A very prestigious award and we are very proud of him.

Check your calendars to see the upcoming guest speakers at Howarth & Paint Creek while Pastor Steve is on medical leave.

PAINT CREEK NEWS

Big Wind, Big Tree, Good Ending

On April 25th, the last day of the rummage sale, a very big storm blew through the area. You may remember how dark the sky was

just before the wind shears hit! Many of us lost trees and electricity from this storm. As we tried to finish cleaning up at Paint Creek UMC, we realized it was time to get out of there. Dottie Spitsbergen was headed to her car, parked behind the annex, just when a huge black willow uprooted and fell toward the annex. The Lord was watching over us! No one was hurt, no car damaged and minimal damage to the building. Our neighbors, Lyon Gear, took care of cutting the tree and removing all debris. We have insurance to cover the cost of a little roof repair and gutter replacement. Thanks to our trustees for arranging the repairs and clean-up!

Thank-you to:

Colleen Barkham for cleaning the floor of the annex and Nancy Mikesch for the church wall cleaning.

Jo Ann Bourez and Dottie Spitsbergen for co-chairing the Paint Creek UMW rummage sale. A lot of work, but a big success!

Gretchen Drader for preparing and weeding the flower beds. Everything looks beautiful, including those blue pansies in the containers!

Nancy Mikesch and Jan McCall for keeping us informed about our mission projects. Nancy makes great posters to update us of our giving to these projects.

Mike and Colleen King for a lovely lunch after church. About 20 people were able to attend the gathering at the King's beautiful home. Dick entertained us after lunch with his stellar talent on the piano!

To those who walked in the CROP WALK fund raiser: Colleen

Barkham, Elizabeth Reitz and Shan Summers.

Jo Ann Bourez, Heidi Paterson, Dottie Spitsbergen, Hilda Taylor and Christina Wolf for reading scripture on Sundays.

Cal Devitt, Nancy Mikesch, Heidi Paterson, Betty Poplawski and Hilda Taylor for providing goodies for coffee hour.

Caryl Chamberlin, Colleen King, Nancy Mikesch, and Betty Poplawski for assisting Pastor with communion.

Walt Poplawski for greeting at the door.

PC TREASURE'S REPORT:

Submitted by Cal Devitt

Thru April 30, 2009:

Year to date needed (budget)

	\$15,000.00
Received	<u>12,671.74</u>
Behind	\$ 2,328.26

UMM News:

From "The Log" newsletter, May 2009

Society of St. Andrews
Since 1983, SoSA has saved a total of 569,051,854 pounds of fresh nutritious food that would have gone to waste. It was distributed to the hungry throughout America, providing 1,707 billion servings!

*Howard Christian
SoSA Coordinator*

PCUMC has supported SoSA for many years.

MISSION PROJECT

UPDATES: Submitted by Jan McCall

Meals on Wheels-Rochester OPC: \$100.00

Pastor's Salary Liberia: \$100.00

Health Kits-Haiti: 2 by congregation & 6 by UMW.

Groceries for Rochester Neighborhood House, Easter animals (34) to the Oakland Township fire department. Clothes from rummage sale sent to God's Country Co-op in the Upper Peninsula.

Still to be completed:

Baldwin Center

RANH and God's Country Co-op (paid through our apportionments) Haiti School Hot Lunch program, Feeding Street Children-Liberia, Katie Peterson, Church and Community Worker in God's Country Co-op and Society of St. Andrews Potato Fund. The latter are paid by loose change offering.

Special collections:

One Great Hour of Sharing-\$150.00

Native Americans-\$170.00

UMCOR-\$169.00

Congratulations on your generosity.

Rochester Neighborhood House: Continue to bring in groceries for RANH food pantry. Every food item helps a family in need. Please check expiration dates on food products.

Outreach Committee Report:

The Outreach Committee continues to look for ways to earn money in support of our church budget (which is in the red) and ways to increase church attendance and membership. You are encouraged to ask friends and neighbors to worship with us on Sundays. At this time a joint fund raiser project with Lake Orion United Methodist Church is being discussed. Details to follow if PC makes a commitment. Our thanks to Jim Childers for his presentation on May 17th.

On May 4th we hosted the Interchurch meeting. Iris Lee Underwood from "Yule Love It Lavender" in Leonard gave an inspirational message and displayed many varieties of

lavender products for purchase.

Pastor Steve inaugurated the board members from the several churches involved for the 2009-2010 year.

Interchurch supports many of the local ministries including: Clothes Closet, Pantry Shelf, Neighborhood House and "SCAMP" which provides for handicapped children to attend camp. Each month a meeting is hosted by a different church and speakers are appointed to deliver a message of interest and encouragement to the thirty or more members who attend. Then a delicious lunch is enjoyed. *Submitted by Hilda Taylor*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

June

4TH: Colleen King

10th: Margaret Metcalf

14th: John Barkham & Reva LaFountain

17th: Mike & Colleen King

20th: Bernard & Curtis Gudobba

23rd: Clifford & Leslie Keast

28th: Walt & Betty Poplawski

July

1st: Shalia Herbert

3rd: Trae Bouvier Schatz

9th: Helen Waite

13th: Heidi Paterson

18th: Andrew Taylor

26th: Amanda McNerney

27th: Gretchen Drader

12th: Tom & Ruth Barkhan

23rd: John & Hilda Taylor

27th: Mike & Susan Wood

31st: Peter & Mary Taylor

PC PERSONS OF FAITH:

Don Paterson

Don was born in Pisa, Italy, because his father was in the Army there! He moved to Redford, Mi. when less than a year old, and

attended Redford Presbyterian Church until his family moved to Highland, Mi. while in Junior High, where he was confirmed at Highland Methodist Church. He later lived in Livonia and attended United Church of Christ, where he was a candle lighter.

Don graduated from Milford High School in 1978. He studied Business Administration for 3 years at Oakland University. He has traveled to Switzerland, France, California, Hawaii (3 times!), and North Carolina to visit his parents.

He has been employed for 8.5 years at Collex Collision as Facilities Manager. Before that he worked 15 years as Service Director at Rinke Pontiac GMC. He managed a McDonald's for 5 years and won 3 top awards. He was the 1st in McDonalds (world-wide) to ever win all 3 awards. He graduated from McDonald's Management Training Program, Hamburg University.

Don's hobbies include working with his hands doing mechanical and woodworking projects, reading intrigue books (such as Tom Clancy), and music (he played trumpet in the past.)

At Paint Creek UMC, Don is a Choir member and soloist, a Trustee, and highly valued for his abilities doing "fix-it" jobs around the church. He lists the following as the attributes he values about Paint Creek Church: "strong sense of community, small size, like a family (you know everybody!), and members assist others if need be."

Don and Heidi have been married 16 years, and live on Gunn Road near Goodison with their 2 dogs, Callie and Zoey, and their cat,

Snickers. Paint Creek Church is so happy to be the recipient of the multitude of talents of Don and Heidi Paterson!

Heidi Paterson

Heidi grew up in Birmingham, graduated from Seaholm High School and then graduated from Hope College in Holland, Mi. Her Bachelor's Degree was in Business Administration. She then spent a year at University of Arkansas studying Health Administration.

She has worked in Human Resources and Business Consulting, and currently works at Shades of Green as Safety Manager, Pesticide Applications Authority, and Sales. She also does volunteer work at Leader Dogs in the Human Resources Dept. and Puppyland Dept. She is Past-President of Rochester Friends of the Library, serves now as a Board member and does fund-raising jobs.

Heidi's hobbies include reading mysteries, making English toffee candy, gardening, growing herbs, knitting, painting (acrylic landscapes), and exercising. She is a member of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Assoc. and an elected member of the Oakland Township Library Board.

At Paint Creek UMC Heidi is a Liturgist, Co-Chair of Outreach Committee, past Choir member, and handles fund-raising events.

Heidi has traveled to 7 countries in Europe, singing and playing in the hand-bell choir in some cathedrals (with other members of the Methodist Church in Birmingham). Her other travels take her to the family cottage in Glen Arbor, Mi.

Heidi grew up in the Christian Scientist Church until she was diagnosed as Type 1 Diabetic

while in high school. She has been a Methodist since that time. While in college she gave a sermon in the Birmingham Methodist Church titled: "How Did My Faith Change During College?"

Heidi and Don were married in 1993. They moved to Oakland Township from St. Clair Shores. They enjoy the company of their 2 rescue dogs, Callie and Zoey, and their cat, Snickers. They chose Paint Creek UMC because it's a small church, has down-to-earth values, the people are friendly, and because of a need to strengthen faith and personnel issues.

Submitted by Jan McCall

***WORKING FOR THE LORD
MAY BE HARD...BUT, THE
"RETIREMENT PERKS" ARE
OUT OF THIS WORLD!***



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
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Kids camp for homeless

OMAHA, Neb. — In today's economic climate, some communities are seeing more families with children becoming homeless and the problem isn't unique to big cities. Youth at First United Methodist church in Omaha decided to call attention to homelessness in their community. The kids erected a cardboard box city and spent a night out in the cold to experience the hardships firsthand. UMTV's "Kids Camp for Homeless" is available to view at

http://www.umtv.org/archives/kids_camp_for_homeless.htm.

Find this and other UMTV stories on YouTube, GodTube and GoogleVideo by typing



Plant the seeds and watch it
grow!!!

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