

# THE TRUMPET

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## Ministry vs. Job?

Some people have a Job in the church.  
Others invite themselves into a ministry.

What's the difference you ask?

**If** you are doing it just because no one else will,  
it's a job.

**If** you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

**If** you quit because someone criticized you, it's a  
job.

**If** you keep on serving, it's a ministry.

**If** you'd do it as long as it does not interfere with  
our other activities, it's a job.

**If** you are committed to staying even if it means  
letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

**If** you quit because no thanked you or praise you,  
it's a job.

**If** you stick with it even though no one recognized  
your efforts, it's a ministry.

**It's** hard to get excited about a job.

**It's** almost impossible not to get excited about a  
ministry.

**If** your concern is success, it's a job.

**If** your concern is faithfulness and service, it's a  
ministry.

**If God Calls** you to a ministry, don't treat it like a  
job!

**LORD**, strengthen your servants and move us to a  
true sense of ministry and service, through your  
grace and mercy. Amen.

## p a s t o r ' s   c o l u m n



Greetings,  
The first Sunday  
of Advent is  
November 29<sup>th</sup>,  
followed by the  
birth of Jesus  
Christ on

Christmas and Epiphany on  
January 3, 2010, also called Three  
Kings Day, and is the climax of the  
Christmas season for United  
Methodists.

As we journey through the Advent  
season we'll find out that Jesus  
wasn't born in a barn with a

Christmas Tree, a turkey on the  
table, and colorful lights all  
around. Jesus was born at a dark  
time, in a land occupied by a  
foreign army. He was born at a  
time when His parents were forced  
to travel and be registered by  
agents of the ruling empire so that  
they could be more effectively  
taxed and controlled.

Advent is the season of the  
Christian church for expectation,  
waiting and preparation for the  
celebration of the birth of Christ.

Talk about expectations. Can you  
imagine Mary's expectations for  
Jesus? Joseph and Mary were  
expecting their first child so the  
expectations must have been high.  
Think about Mary, a young girl  
really.

The angel Gabriel appears to her  
and tells her all the wonderful  
things her child will do. Son of the  
Most High, heir to the throne of  
King David, Son of God. The  
angel Gabriel gave Mary a glimpse  
of Jesus' life.

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One of the most beautiful of the modern Christmas songs was written by a man who is best known, perhaps, as a comedian. His name is Mark Lowry. Mark performed for many years with the Gaither Vocal band. In 1984 he was asked to pen some words for his local church choir and he wrote a poem that began like this, "Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?" "Mary, did you know when you kiss your little boy, you kiss the face of God!" Talk about an Advent!

Ever wonder why you were created? The number one reason why each of us are born is because God loves us. The motivation for God sending Jesus into this world was love. Just read John 3:16. God has a very detailed blueprint for your life which is also unfolding according to His timetable and His schedule. Just like Advent and it started with Gabriel's visit to Mary.

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.  
Are you ready?  
Blessings,

Pastor Tom

## **PAINT CREEK NEWS:**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL YEARLY UPDATE:**

*Submitted by Colleen Barkham (Church conference report)*

Our two congregations have weathered a challenging year. In January of 2009 PC made the request to the Superintendent for a quarter time pastor. The church council had come to the

conclusion that we couldn't continue functioning at the current budget. We didn't want to lose Pastor Stephen Fraser-Soots, but we had to request this change for our financial stability. By May of 2009, our Pastor was diagnosed with cancer. We prayed for Pastor Steve's recovery and truly expected he would be back with us or another church. Sadly, Pastor Steve lost his battle with cancer and went to reside with our Maker.

Our congregation felt this loss in many ways. We missed Pastor Steve's Sunday sermons, his leadership in church council and other committees, and of course his support for all our church activities. Our prayers and calls continue to support his family and wife, Pastor Bea.

Through all this, we have continued our outreach in the community and our missions beyond our little community. In many ways, our caring for others comes back in gifts for the church. As we struggle financially, non-, members give us support. We are blessed to have mowing and snow removal done by donations of friends. Our events are supported by the greater community, a commitment on their part to encourage our involvement locally.

After three months of wonderful substitute pastors, our prayers for a new pastor were answered. We were very excited to welcome Pastor Tom Sayers in October to lead our congregation! We see this as a

time to renew our commitment to God and our mission of caring and love.

### **PC MISSIONS:**

*Submitted by Jan McCall*

PC pledged to support ten organizations financially during 2009. Through our fund raising and loose change collections, PC will meet all obligations by the end of December. By paying 100% of our apportionments and completing our missions, PC will again be a Spotlight Church for 2009. This will be our fourth year.

### **Teddy Bear Time:**

Starting November 29<sup>th</sup>, the congregation is invited to bring to church teddy bears to be given to children in crisis by our local fire departments. These cuddly toys are a great comfort to those children. Please support this project and see how many bears can be collected by January 3, 2010. Place on the church altar. The Dollar Tree stores carry teddy bears for of course, \$1.00

### **Mission Projects-U.P.**

During the month of December continue to bring in winter apparel (coats, boots, scarves, mittens, sweat outfits and heavy sweaters). The next distribution date to Katie Peterson will be in January.

### **Food Pantry Items:**

All canned and dry goods are constantly needed at the Food Pantry. Place your donations in the basket in the sanctuary or in the annex.

## THANK YOUS.....

Many thanks to Don and Heidi Paterson, Colleen Barkham and Dick Bourez for the many hours of manual labor they donated to cutting up the fallen tree on the bank of the creek at the north end of the parking lot. A sign that Heidi made saying "Free Wood" was highly successful in getting rid of the piled up wood that the 4 of them stacked along the road!

Thank you to Jan McCall and Caryl Chamberlin for purchasing 3 boxes of new votive candles for us to use on All Saints Day. Jo Ann Bourez obtained a quantity of used votive candle glasses from a friend at St. Paul's UMC, so we now have a uniform set of nice white candles and candle holders to replace our mismatched candle stubs!

Heidi Paterson cleaned up the flower bed along the annex walkway - looks great! Thanks also to Colleen Barkham and Gretchen Drader who have kept the new landscape in front of the church looking neat and trim.

A grateful thank-you to the following people who helped with the October Rummage Sale. Dottie Spitsbergen, my co-chairperson, came in every single day, with 1 day off to attend an out-of-town funeral, and likewise we only gave Nancy Mikesch 1 day off the entire week! Other wonderful helpers were Betty Wilber, Reva and Bob LaFountain, Colleen Barkham, Betty and Walt Poplawski, Becky and

Tony Plunkett, Leslie Keast, Hilda Taylor, Anna Jantz, and Dick Bourez. Delicious food for the workers was provided by Dottie, Nancy, Betty, and Reva. Everyone pitched in to clean up when the sale ended. It takes a lot of hard-working helpers to pull off a rummage sale! And a special thank-you to all of our church "family" who contributed items for us to sell. JoAnn Bourez, Co-Chairperson

Nancy Mikesch, Heidi Paterson, Hilda Taylor and JoAnn Bourez for reading scripture on Sundays.

Caryl Chamberlin and Hilda Taylor for assisting with communion.

All that donated winter apparel and boots for the residents of God's County Cooperative Parish.

The congregation for continuing to donate dry and canned food products to the Food Pantry through RANH program.

Betty Wilber for selling food items are delivered to the Food Pantry.

Hazel Spencer (Howarth) for driving to Flint to transfer clothing items to Katie Peterson's car for the drive to the U.P.

Pat Pollitt (Howarth) for sharing her delicious Pineapple Upside Down Cake Recipe with the two congregations.

Jo Ann Bourez, Jan McCall, Hilda Taylor, Dottie Spitsbergen, Betty Wilber, Bob

& Reva LaFountain for sponsoring Coffee hours.

From Howarth to PC: Thank you for supporting our fundraisers (dinners, etc.) throughout the year. Also for celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> with us, and hosting the Church Conference-the music was wonderful, you are a blessing.

## PC TREASURER'S

**REPORT:** *submitted by Cal Devitt*

September received:	\$3947.50
September needed:	<u>3750.00</u>
Ahead	\$197.50
Year to Date: Sept. 30, 2009	
Needed:	\$33750.00
Received:	<u>30133.00</u>
Behind	\$ 3617.00

## PC UMW NEWS:

*Submitted by Hilda Taylor*

In spite of lower attendees at our monthly meetings, we have been able to meet our payments; to the District Fund, our dues to Interchurch Women of Rochester Area, ongoing support of Guardian Angel and contributions to become a Five Star unit again this year. For this we gave a gift to missions to honor Dottie Spitsbergen and in memory of Pastor Steve. Contributed to Prayer & Self Denial Fund, World Thank Offering and pledge to the District Fund. Our tithe from the spring rummage sale was donated to RANH. So we are blessed to support the home and world-wide missions UMW. As President of the group, I am indebted to Betty Wilber who keeps meticulous care of the treasury; Helen Shabinaw who is our secretary, and Betty Poplawski who keeps the

kitchen supplies purchased. If you would like to join us on the third Monday of the month you would be most welcome.

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**A nice thing** happened as we were cleaning up after the rummage sale. Betty Wilbur and Becky Barkham Plunkett packed up all the left-over children's books and Betty delivered them to the Food Pantry in Rochester, where they have started letting each child who comes in with a mother (to pick up food) choose 2 books from their used-book shelves. Now that they are doing that, we will continue to supply them with children's books whenever we have any book donations.

The Paint Creek Church choir is delighted to introduce two new members! Please welcome Zigmund Urbanski and Lois Sayers (Pastor Tom's wife). Are we blessed or what??!!!! I want to express my humble thanks to all members of our choir, who sing so faithfully every Sunday! *Jo Ann Bourez, Choir Director*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

### **December:**

4<sup>th</sup> Bill Millerd

8<sup>th</sup> Laura Devitt

21<sup>st</sup> Martin Burkhart & Mike King

31<sup>st</sup> Tom Rinehart

21<sup>st</sup> Shalia & Lalit Herbert

24<sup>th</sup> Preston & Jennifer Burkhart

### **January:**

5<sup>th</sup> Hilda Taylor

9<sup>th</sup> Clifford Keast & Tommy Barkham

21<sup>st</sup> John Taylor

22<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Reitz

24<sup>th</sup> Leslie Keast

4<sup>th</sup> Robert & Reva LaFountain

### **To Howarth & Paint Creek:**

Evening ya'll,

I just thought I would let you know that I have been sharing the winter items that you have given to GCCP communities. Today alone, I gave out over 100 items to families in the greater Newberry area. They were all very appreciative to get them now and try on the items-before taking them home babies-adults all found something that fit them!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the ministries of GCCP and for thinking of us before, during and after your church rummage sales and bargain items in your neighborhoods!

May God continue to bless each of you, your churches, and your families during this fall and winter and all year around!

*Shalom,*

*Katie Peterson*

*Deaconess and Church and Community Worker"*

### **Don't FORGET your POINSETTA ORDERS:**

Orders need to be turned in to the church office by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

They will be placed on and around the altar from the 20<sup>th</sup> til Christmas Eve.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2010 (Feb. & March Trumpet).**

***IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BECOMING A LAY SPEAKER-PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR TOM OR PAUL SANDSTROM:***

*There is a process to becoming registered and they can help you do that. Next classes will be held in the Spring of 2010. It is a wonderful opportunity and spiritually awakening.*

### ***IMAGINE* by PJ Sandstrom**

As I traveled east I gazed upon the heavens, and I beheld the most majestic assortment of clouds I have ever seen. The vibrant shades of white turning to gray which illuminates to silver at the edges.

It seemed to be painted by the hand of God himself.

My soul longs to soar amongst them, to travel to that place just above where the green tree line caresses the blue skyline.

To fly amongst the clouds in the place where angels soar, and Christ reigns forever.

**PASTY SALE!!!  
DECEMBER 30, 2009  
\$3.75 each  
Pre-paid orders due  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pastor Tom** has been officially appointed & licensed by the Bishop, Detroit Conference Cabinet, and the The Port Huron District Superintendent and Board of Ordained Ministers to Howarth and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches. (11-16-2009)

## **PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE**

*submitted by Pat Pollitt*

Preheat oven 350°  
9x13 pan  
Cover a cookie sheet with tin foil-set aside.

### *Ingredients:*

1 stick melted butter  
1 cup heaping packed brown sugar  
4 Tablespoons Pineapple juice  
\*Mix melted butter, sugar and juice in pan.

12 Pineapple Rings (drained and save juice)  
12 Cherries  
\*lay pineapple rings in pan and place cherries in rings

2 Yellow cake mixes  
\*Mix according to cake directions.  
Pour batter over pineapple and cherries-leaving about an inch from top of pan.  
Bake for 45 minutes-reset timer for 5 minutes and check center of cake –repeat 5 minutes until cake is done.  
Cool cake for 10 minutes  
Loosen sides with knife.  
Place covered cookie sheet on top of cake and turn over, if pineapples stick just take off and place on cake!!

ENJOY!!!!!!

## **ADVENTURE OF HOWARTH SCHOOL**

**HOUSE:** By KAREN WORKMAN  
of The Oakland Press

ORION TWP. – After three years of planning, the historic one-room Howarth School was moved on Wednesday to its new home at Orion Township's Friendship Park.

The school was built in 1859 on the property of John Howarth, a farmer. It operated as both the Howarth Methodist Church and a public school for many years on property along Silverbell Road, just east of Lapeer Road.

"It was a public school for 100 years, a part of the Lake Orion school system," Gibb said.

The church later moved out and into a new building near the old schoolhouse.

"The church donated it to the township once we took over the idea of permanently preserving it about three years ago," Gibb said.

Gibb said several parishioners came out to watch the school be moved Wednesday morning. The schoolhouse will now be located near the historic Porritt Barn at Friendship Park as well as the heritage garden.

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The Lake Orion Review also wrote articles about the move. One interesting note was that the children from Weber Elementary school stood along Clarkston Road with signs welcoming Howarth School to the neighborhood!

## **HOWARTH NEWS:**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL YEARLY UPDATE:**

It has been an exciting year once again at Howarth, the year started out like every year in the past and then everything

changed. We celebrated the Christmas season by supporting Angel Fish, a cookie walk and celebrated the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. We had euchre parties at the church in the winter months, to rid us of cabin fever, wonderful fellowship at the parties. We started sending needed supplies to Katie Peterson our missionary we now support in the Upper Peninsula (Thank you Hazel Spencer). The middle of May everything changed when Pastor Steve became ill and then in June when Pastor Steve went to be with our savior. We had good guest speakers. Then Reverend Kelsey became our minister for two months starting in August, also a very good speaker! After many months of planning we finally had our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration on August 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful turn out for the day of celebrating. We had our Love garden again this year with supplying around 500 pounds of fresh vegetables to the needy in the area. We were a spotlight church again which means we fulfilled our commitment to our district and conference in supporting the missions of the church. In the midst of all that was taking place in our church; passing of Pastor Steve, Love garden, mission support, 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, guest speakers, church dinners, everyday running of the church ( a big THANK YOU to Sharon) and our district gets a new D.S. We put Reverend Joanne to work right away by finding us a new minister, celebrating with us on 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and calling her many times. We as a

congregation do welcome you to our district and our church and look forward to many years of working together. After many months of the unknown we were fortunate on the first Sunday in October to have Pastor Joanne introduce our new minister, Pastor Tom to our congregation. We welcome Pastor Tom and Lois to our church and look forward to the future. In the future I would like to see Adult bible studies, UMM group, adult Sunday school and many other activities. We must always remember that all is for nothing if WE don't grow in our relationship with our Creator, our Savior and the Holy Ghost. May God Bless each and everyone today and every day.

*God Bless*

*Paul Sandstrom (Church Conference*

**OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS & OPEN DOORS:**

That is what we have tried to do to welcome our new Pastor and his wife. Pastor Tom & Lois are a wonderful addition to our church families. With our open hearts, minds & doors we are truly blessed!!

**MISSION REPORT:** *submitted by Kathy Sandstrom*

We have completed our Mission Dinner for 2009-we raised \$1,190. So once again we will be able to provide delicious meals for the Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter in March. We have met our Jubilee pledges and will once again be a Spotlight Church for 2009. In doing some research for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration I learned that Howarth has been a Spotlight Church since the Conference

started keeping records, what a blessed commitment to missions in our community and around the world.

Kathy met Hazel at the church to load up our donations for Katie Peterson, She was in awe of all the donations that had been received, and her van was packed. This is an ongoing mission so please keep up the donations of winter wear and especially the sweat pants. Thank you so much Hazel for your time and energy to transport these much needed donations for God's Country Parish.

We are also accepting donations of Men's clothing as the Baldwin Center is in dire need of men's clothing. Pat & John Pollitt have volunteered to deliver these items. Collection box is in the Narthex.

The "Love Garden" produced over 500 lbs. of fresh vegetables that were donated to FISH and to Oxford UMC (for their free dinner they provide for the local area). Plans are in the making to expand the area to grow more!!! Per approval of Church Council.

**HOWARTH'S TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Total Income:	\$53532.00
Expenses:	<u>53328.29</u>
Net income	\$ 203.71

Received Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> :	\$1911.00
Received Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> :	975.00

Budget 2010:  
Needed Monthly: \$4444.00

**HOWARTH'S UMW**

**REPORT:** *submitted by Marilyn Foster-UMW President.*

The dinner season was a success. All were served buffet style. Profits for the dinners are split 50/50 with the general fund and the UMW. 10% of the general fund portion is used for missions. UMW supports missions with their portion. Also purchase the supplies for the kitchen.

Have volunteered to purchase Christmas gifts for (4) children through the FISH organization (Angel Fish).

Continued our support of Mission Projects: District Pledge, Purchase of Upper Room, Guardian Angel-Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Retirement Home, Health kits for Haiti, cards for shut-ins, Cookie/fruit baskets at Christmas, served at funeral luncheons, church staff bonuses, donated money to "Love Garden", and Five Star Mission.

The 2008 Cookie Walk was a huge success so on December 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 2009 "Cookie Walk".

Our Easter pie sale was such a success, we have added a Thanksgiving pie sale. Thanks to all our dedicated ladies (and men).

**THANK YOU'S.....**

Sharon Rowden for all the time and energy to complete the forms for the Church Conference!!

Rev. Joanne Bartelt for taking us under her wing, believing in

us and knowing what we needed.

A big thank you to all who helped in any way for the Turkey Dinner, it would not be a success without all of you!!

To all those that have accepted positions within the Church.

Thank you and welcome to our newest pie maker Lois Sayers!!

Hazel Spencer for meeting Katie Peterson and delivering the donated items.

Pat Pollitt for making the Celery Seed dressing for the Turkey Dinner.

Ashley Howden for manning the UMW table at the Turkey Dinner.

Al Reeves for the awesome job on the squash-Shirley has one less cooking job to do!!!!

Betty Paulson for assisting with Communion.

Lois Parker for sharing the beautiful Orchids for the altar.

Jennifer Rowden for the wonderful job you have done this past year as SPPRC Chairperson.

To all who sign up for Coffee Hours-what a great fellowship time.

Paul Sandstrom for delivering all the fresh vegetables this gardening season.

Stephanie Lamas for another year as Treasurer.

Dick Hill for taking on the task of being Paul's go to guy for the

Turkey Dinner!! You got the job, Dick!!!

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Marilyn Foster is recovering from her surgery. Prayers and thoughts are with you.

Lois and Claude Parker, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of the loss of your Great-nephew, John Dillion who was called to his heavenly home.

Katherine & Leroy Thatcher and their grandson and his wife, during their time of loss.

Our prayers are always with Dick & Barb Hill's granddaughter, Selena as she continues her journey to recovery.

Congratulations to Kathy Sandstrom in completing Lay Speaking class.

Keeping Hunter Lamas in our prayers as his family awaits results of his CAT scan.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

#### **December:**

4<sup>th</sup> Pam Waite  
7<sup>th</sup> Kathy Sandstrom  
8<sup>th</sup> Penny Peterson  
12<sup>th</sup> Shirley Reeves  
13<sup>th</sup> Dick Hill  
15<sup>th</sup> Tim Getz Jr.

18<sup>th</sup> Al & Shirley Reeves  
24<sup>th</sup> Jim & Benita Coursen

#### **January:**

1<sup>st</sup> Tami Colleen Spencer  
12<sup>th</sup> Dennis Waite & Eric Everhart

23<sup>rd</sup> Katherine Thatcher  
25<sup>th</sup> Jim Coursen  
30<sup>th</sup> Renee Watt

26<sup>th</sup> Claude & Lois Parker

### **PERSON OF FAITH:**

#### **Pastor Tom Sayers**

Was born in Detroit Michigan to Edward and Margaret Sayers, He lived in Grosse Pointe Woods until age 9 when his father was transferred to Port Austin in the thumb area of Michigan. Pastor Tom has two brothers and one sister. His father passed away when he was 10 years old. He grew up experiencing life and small town values in the resort town of Port Austin in Michigan's Huron County and graduating from Port Austin High School was both a joy and a blessing.

He married Lois and they have been married for 43 years on October 22, 2009.

They have four children: John, Jill, Luke & Mark. Three grandchildren: Chloe, Corey & Evan.

Having been employed in Manufacturing and Operations Senior/Executive Management for 40 years, beginning with the General Motors Corporation, Central Foundry Division as a co-op college student, Retiring in January, 2007 as the Chief Operating Officer, Vice President & General Manager of a manufacturing company in Roseville, MI. He served in the U.S. Army, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division as a paratrooper and a court reporter for the Judge

Advocate General's staff for 3 years.

Pastor Tom enjoys spending time with family & friends, swimming, exercising and volunteering for Hospice of Michigan-Grief Support, Samaritan House & Nursing Home Ministry.

Pastor Tom's church commitment has been extensive: Administrative & Ministry committee leadership opportunities within the Local Church to include Lay Leader, Church Council Chairperson, liturgist; Member-at-Large for the Port Huron District to the Detroit Annual Conference; Lay Speaking Ministries, Certified Lay Minister and School for License as a Local Pastor. All culminating with his appointment as Pastor of Howarth and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches where he has the opportunity to bring the rhythm of the Heart beat of the living God to the congregations, looking out for them in the spirit of Christ, in their joys and their sorrows, from the cradle to the grave.

Pastor Tom defines his Faith Inspirations by spending time with people of faith who share the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church. Experiencing CLAITY, Clergy and Laity working together as one. Following a process and a vision of spiritual growth. A shared vision, a calling and collaboration and a partnership with God, his wife Lois, Pastors and friends and his church family. His call didn't come out of a burning bush or a blinding light, but through prayer and discernment and obedience to God through Christ being filled with that Sanctifying Grace, that continual process of the Holy Spirit to keep moving towards the gift of perfection in Christ.

Howarth and Paint Creek are blessed with the opportunity to continue and to be a part of Pastor Tom and Lois' ministry-working together as one to keep moving towards the gift of perfection in Christ through love for each other.

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## Spiritual Gifts...

**To discover the mission of a congregation,**  
First discover gifts of members. *Ministry must be based on gifts, rather than the gifts forced to fit the ministry defined by denomination.*

We are not just volunteers in the program of the church; we are ministers who answer the call of God. Out of the response to these calls comes the mission of the church.

**Organization must follow mission.**

Source: William J. Carter, *Each One a Minister*

*Spiritual Gifts for Ministry workshop, by Janice Japp Laity Convocation, March 2008.*

**Outreach is considered "first," only because it** requires more intentional effort by most within the Christian community.

There are sufficient spiritual gifts in every congregation to do what God is calling them to do at this time.



This is true, no matter what is the congregation's size.

Source: Brian K. Bauknight, "Team Building Through Spiritual Gifts," *Equipping the Saints: Mobilizing Laity for Ministry*

### **What is the individual looking for when asked to participate in Ministry?**

**T** know self and God in powerful ways

**T** live faithfully

**T** contribute to great, transcendent purpose

**T** connect meaningfully to others

**T** participate in an organization that is relevant to their lives...and relevance will hold their interest and gain support

### **What is the reality that the individual faces when the Committee on Lay leadership asks for ministry among the congregation?**

**T** do we put most effort into filling our slots?

**T** do we maintain the institution rather than focus on building up the Body of Christ?

### **Do congregational leaders focus primarily on what we want to have or what others have to give?**

Source: Dan R. Dick and Barbara Miller, *Equipped for Every Good Work: Building a Gifts-Based Church*

## **4 TASK TYPES**

WHEN groups are structured in ways we enjoy, we are happier and more effective.

1. *Project*-Most people want to join a ministry group that has a clearly defined purpose, where they participate start to finish; plan, organize, implement, evaluate.
2. *Fellowship*-Many want to accomplish group goals, but it is more important to be with other like-minded people.
3. *Work*-A small portion enjoy groups which focus on accomplish a specific task that require a short time frame and specialized skill.
4. *Process*-a few enjoy ongoing groups which plan, monitor, and maintain programs that already exist and continue afterward.

Source: Dan R. Dick and Barbara Miller, *Equipped for Every Good Work*

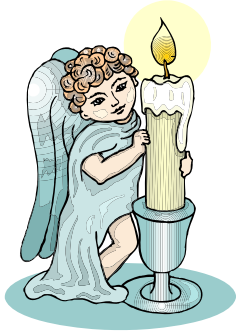
**The basic organization of a local congregation shall provide for SIX GROUPS to meet**

1. Charge conference-*executive agency of a congregation*. May also be convened as a church conference
  2. Church council. Alternative structures such as combination of Administrative Board plus Council on Ministries
  3. Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations
  4. Board of trustees
  5. Committee on finance
  6. Committee on lay leadership, *formerly known as the nominating Committee*
- 2004 Book of Discipline, para 244, 246, 248

## **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

To catch your breath

1. The Holy Spirit apportions the gifts to all believers, to do God's work in the world.
2. Discerning one's giftedness can be a lifelong process.
3. The spiritual gifts *are gifts for ministry*, and so your church's unique mission is rooted in the gifts God has given within the community.
4. A congregation should organize to best express its gifts for ministry. Mission comes first, organization follows.
5. When we emphasize the expression of spiritual gifts within the congregation, God can be trusted to help us "cover the bases."
6. Especially focus on outreach into the world, alongside the in reach of congregational support.
7. The UMC requires only a streamlined basic structure, with much flexibility in organizing for unique ministry in your setting.
8. The Committee on Lay Leadership should consider themselves to be spiritual leaders: they go first in emphasizing spiritual gifts within the congregation.
9. Discovering, mobilizing, and expressing spiritual gifts are activities for around-the-calendar.
10. The Way of Christ is a journey of discovery. God will use every one of our steps and mis-steps to ultimately show God's love and care for us.



Wishes for a very Merry and  
Blessed Christmas and a Safe  
and Healthy New Year.

Love from,  
Kathy and Sharon  
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Lake Orion, MI 48360 USA  
[www.howarthumc.net](http://www.howarthumc.net)

Paint Creek U.M.C.  
4420 Collins Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48306 USA  
[www.paintcreekumc.org](http://www.paintcreekumc.org)

## Holiday bake sale

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

### Paint Creek United Methodist Church

3 dozen holiday cookies in a ribboned box  
\$18.00 Cash or check

Sale date is December 11<sup>th</sup>, noon – 5:00 pm  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2:00 pm

To guarantee a box, pre-order by using the form below, or call 248-652-0712 or 248-318-5480.

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#### Pre-order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ bx(s) Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check or Cash

To Mail: Paint Creek UMC  
Attention: Colleen Barkham  
4420 Collins Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48306

Orders can be picked up on 12-11 or 12-12



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# HOWARTH UMC PASTY SALE ORDER FORMS

Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Prepaid orders due Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**\$3.75**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked

\_\_\_\_\_ Ready to Bake/freeze

Total: \$3.75 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

PICK UP TIMES: (please mark one) \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, 1 pm – 4 pm  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, 1 pm – 7 pm

Checks payable to: Howarth UMC

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