

# THE TRUMPET

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## Howarth “Love Garden”

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the “Love Garden”, all garden vegetables given to local food banks, for the community needs.

On Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Paul Sandstrom harvested 21 pounds of fresh vegetables, the first of the season. The garden is producing and prayerfully we will donate close to 600-900 pounds of vegetables again this year.

Thank you to Howarth UMW for the donation to help with the purchasing of the plants. Due to surgery Paul had, this year the garden went in a couple weeks later than usual so we started the garden with plants. Even though we thought we were late we were the second ones to bring fresh vegetables to FISH for the community. The “Love Garden” is on track with the others in the area. There are many who take part in this mission. From the tillers, Rick Rowden and Terry Mills, planters, Sharon Rowden, Dick Hill, Casie Rowden, Paul & Kathy Sandstrom, to the WWAM group who helped to weed and put in the onions. To the prayers said to watch over the garden to those who enjoy walking over and checking on it’s progress. Thank you all so very much, and those in need in our community, are so grateful to our garden of love.

*The charitable give out the door and God puts it back through the window.* - Traditional Proverb

## pastor's column



I pray that your summer is going well. I have been thinking about *our* Christian Communities of Howarth

and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches.

Community is such a beautiful thing don’t you agree? A place where knowing people beats knowing about them.

Peter wrote this about Community: “Above all else,” he wrote, “hold unfailing your love for one another since love covers a multitude of sins”. (1 Peter 4:8). I don’t know about you but the more I work on loving Jesus, the easier it becomes to love. And you folks have convinced me that in *our* Christian Communities we are churches where love and compassion are not only preached, but practiced.

We need to remember about that one thing that never changes. It is a truth that transcends every circumstance and situation in our lives. It is a great truth that we sometimes forget and need to be reminded. It’s something the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome about the difficulties and travails we encounter in life, and this is *our* victory in Christ. Paul told them never to lose hope, saying “all things work

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together for good for those who love God." (Romans 8:28)." So we can say "all things work together for good for those who love."

We know that we will be all right, because we know how to love. All things work together for good for those who love. Maybe not tomorrow, maybe not next week, maybe not as soon as we would like. But ultimately our willingness and ability to love can transform any situation. All things work together for good for those who love.

In Christ's love:  
Pastor Tom

**TIGER GAME TICKETS  
STILL AVAILABLE:  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>  
LEAVING HOWARTH AT  
12:15-12:30pm  
Contact Kathy Sandstrom  
or Sharon Rowden for  
tickets-\$27 each  
248-373-2360.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE:**  
Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. 1:00 pm  
PPSRC 12:30 pm. Conference  
will be held at Howarth. Forms  
to be filled out will be out soon.  
Your co-operation in completing  
them in timely manner would be  
greatly appreciated. Sharon

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010  
Leadership Training Day  
Zone 7  
Site: Thomas UMC  
504 First St  
Oxford, MI 48371  
(248) 628-7136  
Cost: Love Offering

Goals:  
Utilize and maximize our  
valuable time together. Provide  
practical, usable, understandable  
information and take-with  
resources. Practice radical  
hospitality.  
See flyer in narthex for more  
information.

## **PAINT CREEK NEWS:**

Summer is a slow time for the  
Trumpet and the main news  
from PC are thank yous.

### **THANK YOU...**

Very special thanks to Bernie  
Gudobba and his son, Mark,  
both professional electricians,  
for extensive days of work,  
replacing a faulty circuit breaker  
in the main circuit box, installing  
(and purchasing) a timer for a  
new light fixture at Annex entry  
door (fixture purchased by  
Colleen Barkham), hanging new  
ceiling fans in Sanctuary and  
Annex (controllers/rheostats  
purchased by Dick), and  
rewiring and installing framed  
leaded-glass window on back  
wall of Sanctuary. Bernie also  
purchased multiple feet of cable,  
to be installed by Mark (when  
weather cools off) by crawling  
through the crawl space from the  
back wall to the front northeast  
corner of the Sanctuary to put in  
another electrical outlet. Talk  
about a dirty job! We are so  
grateful for these gifts of time  
and material purchases by  
Bernie, brother-in-law of Dick  
and JoAnn!

Grateful, special thanks to Bob  
LaFountain, Paint Creek Trustee,  
and wife, Reva, for the huge job  
of scraping, priming and  
painting the outside of the

windows in the Annex. Bob  
purchased the paint, as well. We  
are extremely appreciative of our  
talented Trustee for his  
generosity in taking on such a  
big job !

Grateful thank-you to Dr. Tom  
Barkham for providing beautiful  
walnut wood and fabricating our  
magnificent new cross! Don  
Paterson and Tom Barkham  
worked together to install it over  
the altar.

How can we ever thank the  
multitude of folks who have  
been putting in many hours of  
work on this renovation of Paint  
Creek Sanctuary?! Workers  
included Don Paterson (Trustee)  
and Heidi, Bob LaFountain  
(Trustee) and Reva, Dick Bourez  
(Trustee) and JoAnn, Pastor  
Tom and Lois, Zigmund  
Urbanski, Colleen Barkham,  
Nancy Mikesch, and Jan  
McCall. Biggest thanks of all to  
Gretchen Drader for designing,  
financing, and organizing this  
major renovation, as well as  
giving many hours of hands-on  
work (even including trimming  
shrubby!).

Thank you, Becky Barkham  
Plunkett, for your generous  
donation of a portion of the  
profits from the Grand Opening  
of Willow Creek as a thanks to  
some members of Paint Creek  
who assisted at the opening  
event. We enjoyed a potluck  
lunch and fun after the working  
was done! Thank you, also, for  
completing the work of auditing  
our financial books again this  
year.

Thank you to Karen Murphy  
who inspired us recently with  
her solo "Yes, Lord, Yes!"  
Joyce Wiegand brought this

guest soloist to us, and her lovely voice was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Cal Devitt and Curtis Kelly Gudobba for the wonderful duet on 4th of July Sunday. Thanks also to Joyce Wiegand, Don Paterson and Cal Devitt for the Trio music medley. We love Special Music!

The whole choir was honored on a recent Sunday when Pastor Tom thanked them individually for their Music Ministries, plus a coffee hour in their honor afterwards. Thanks to choir members Hilda Taylor, Leslie Keast, Don Paterson, Cal Devitt, Colleen King, Lois Sayers, Dottie Spitsbergen, Jan McCall, Caryl Chamberlin, and extremely valuable substitutes: Joyce Wiegand, Heidi Paterson, and Nancy Mikesch, and of course our wonderful organist, Dick Bourez. Pastor Tom presented a gorgeous big pot of red Asiatic lilies to Choir Director, JoAnn Kelly Bourez, to add to her landscape!

Gretchen Drader, Heidi Patterson, Lois Sayers, Dottie Spitsbergen and Hilda Taylor for providing treats for coffee hour.

JoAnn Bourez, Heidi Paterson and Dottie Spitsbergen for reading scripture.

Colleen Barkham, JoAnn Bourez, Nancy Mikesch and Caryl Chamberlin for doing announcements and prayers.

Nancy Mikesch and Heidi Paterson for assisting Pastor Tom with communion.

**Special Note** *submitted by Hilda Taylor*  
"I recently had the pleasure of a visit with Margit Reeves who is

staying at her daughter, Ingrid's home in Lapeer. Margit is doing well physically and mentally. She was full of questions about Paint Creek Church, especially the choir. Ingrid had a recording made in 1952. She had found an old reel to reel tape and had it recorded onto CD disc. She made a copy for me, and it sounded wonderful. On it is one of our Easter Cantatas and a Christmas Cantata with some duets of Bill Reeves and Jim Beeson. Also beautiful soprano solos. JoAnn Bourez is having copies made-one for herself and one for the church".

PC is still collecting Campbell's labels to send to Red Bird Mission. They want the code # and the little scholar, not the front portion of the label.

Also don't forget that pillow cases are needed to be made into dresses and shorts for African children.

#### CARDS FOR SALE:

The congregation is reminded that all occasion cards are on sale for 25¢ each in the Annex. Money from the sale of these cards goes for missions.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

#### AUGUST:

3<sup>rd</sup> Treva Redman  
13<sup>th</sup> Alex Gorski  
15<sup>th</sup> Joyce Weigand  
23<sup>rd</sup> Stanley Summers

26<sup>th</sup> Becky Plunkett, Tony Plunkett  
29<sup>th</sup> Tom Barkham

11<sup>th</sup> Cal & Lenna Vay Devitt  
26<sup>th</sup> Tony & Becky Plunkett

#### SEPTEMBER:

1<sup>st</sup> Mara Bouvier Schatz  
7<sup>th</sup> Derek Herbert  
16<sup>th</sup> Susan Bouvier  
19<sup>th</sup> Robert Compau  
21<sup>st</sup> Lillana Taylor

### Person of Faith:

#### Lois Sayers

Born at home in Kinde MI to Rev. Maynard and Betty Kent, I lived on a farm in Kinde for twenty years. I had 2 sisters and 5 brothers. My mother was a schoolteacher, teaching at one-room schoolhouses throughout the thumb area; a Pastor's spouse accompanying my father in his ministry playing piano and organ. My father was a farmer, musician and music teacher and a UMC Pastor serving at Bad Axe, Ubly, Argyle and Grindstone City in the thumb area for over 25 years. A mutual friend introduced Pastor Tom and me one summer in Port Austin when I was home from Central Michigan University and he was just discharged from the U.S. Army. We will be married 44 years in October. We have four children: John, Jill, Luke & Mark. Three grandchildren: Chloe, Corey & Evan. We have lived in several cities and towns in Michigan all of our married life. Early in our marriage I worked in an office as a receptionist, Cosmetologist and mostly as a stay-at-home mom.

I love to quilt and am an active member and officer of the Oakland County Quilt Guild. I have made several quilts for my children and other family members for special occasions throughout the years. Additionally, I have made charity quilts for veterans and hospitals, turbans for cancer patients and banners for church sanctuaries. I have been actively involved in church bazaars, craft

shows, bake sales, and other charitable and church events and a camp counselor at the Lake Louise UMC youth camp for many years. I am currently in the choir at PCUMC and children's ministry at HUMC. I love working with people of all ages but especially with children. As a person of deep faith and commitment to Christ, growing up in a Christian home, church has always been an important and meaningful journey for me. When Pastor Tom was called into the ministry, I fully supported him and pray that I will continue to be a Christian inspiration and witness as long as we are called to serve in His name. We are blessed by our appointment to our churches and love and appreciate all of the people and kindness that we have been given by the congregations.

Both Howarth and Paint Creek have been blessed by Lois coming into our lives!! We are thankful each and every day for this opportunity to have her as part of our church families.

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*Even in darkness, light dawns  
for the upright,  
for the gracious and  
compassionate and righteous  
man.  
Good will come to him who is  
generous and lends freely,  
who conducts his affairs with  
justice.  
He will have no fear of bad  
news;  
his heart is steadfast, trusting in  
the Lord.  
His heart is secure; he will have  
no fear;  
in the end he will see his desire  
on his adversaries.  
He has scattered abroad his gifts  
to the poor,  
his righteousness endures*

*forever;  
his horn [dignity] will be lifted  
high in honor.  
- Psalm 112: 4-5, 7-9*

## HOWARTH NEWS:

It has been decided that there will be no Vacation Bible School this year. Our hopes are that next year we will get lots of volunteers and be able to conduct a one-day Bible School!

With the summer season upon us the Trumpet news is mainly of thank yous.

## THANK YOU...

Paul & Kaye Hamman for replacing the Plexiglas on the lighted church sign.

Rick Rowden for mowing and trimming the lawn each week- drink lots of water as it has been a hot one!!!

Pastor Tom, Lois and Marilyn Foster for pulling weeds around the church entrance.

To Lois and Sharon for preparing the food to feed our WWAM workers. Kathy Sandstrom for the BBQ pork for sandwiches.

Paul Sandstrom for delivering and harvesting the vegetables from the "Love Garden".

Sharon & Casie Rowden, Dick Hill, Paul & Kathy Sandstrom for planting the garden.

Rick & Sharon Rowden and Paul Sandstrom for weeding the garden. Those picker plants are the worst for weeds☺

To all that helped at the first dinner it was a huge success and

one that is not possible without all of you!!!

## BLOOD DRIVE @ HOWARTH

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 – 7 p.m.  
Blood donors are desperately need. Please consider taking the time to donate!

## HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

*submitted by Marilyn Foster*

A profit of \$691.35 made at the June dinner, we served 125 people. Was definitely a good turnout for the first dinner.

Next dinner is July 28<sup>th</sup>, that will be the Swiss Steak Dinner. Paul & Kathy Sandstrom will be in charge in the kitchen. Let's make this dinner even better. We had great helpers last dinner and we will need all your help again this time and all through the dinner season.

Betty Paulson in the dining room and Shirley Reeves keeping track of our pie bakers.

REMINDER: August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be raising our dinner price to \$10.00, the children's price will remain the same. As you all know the price of groceries has been going up. That was one reason that we raised the price. We have not had a price increase in 3 years.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

### AUGUST:

2<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Waite & Lois  
Parker

9<sup>th</sup> Erica Sandstrom

12<sup>th</sup> Megan Key

14<sup>th</sup> Scott Howden

29<sup>th</sup> Leroy Thatcher

### SEPTEMBER:

5<sup>th</sup> Benita Coursen

20<sup>th</sup> Alex Wolf  
22<sup>nd</sup> Willard Shubert  
30<sup>th</sup> Paul Sandstrom  
8<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Pamela Waite  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ernie & Amy Young  
30<sup>th</sup> Eric & Cheryl Everhart

### **A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN**

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours; all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. "How are you doing? Are you happy here?" The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

### **The Beautiful Color of Love**

What color is God,  
Asked the child with skin so fair  
Is he white like me,  
Does he have light hair

Is God dark like me,  
Asked the child with skin of  
golden hue  
Has he hair that's dark and curly,  
Are his eye black or blue

I think God is red like me,  
The Indian boy is heard to say  
He wears a crown of feathers,  
And turns our nights to day

Each one of us knows that God  
is there,  
In all the colors above  
But be sure of this,  
the one color he is,

Is the beautiful color of love  
So when your soul goes to  
Heaven,

When your life come to its end  
He will be waiting, and his hand  
to you will he extend.

There will be no colors in  
Heaven,  
Everyone will be the same.  
You will only be judged by your  
earthly deeds,

Not your color or your name.  
So when your time comes,

And you see God in his Heaven  
above,

Then you will see the only color  
that counts,  
The beautiful color of **love**.

Arnold (Sparky) Watts -copied from  
Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul.

### **CHILI COOK OFF**

September 11, 10 – 5.  
Friendship Park at Baldwin &  
Clarkston Rd. Come support  
Paul cooking chili to represent  
Howarth.

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## the church around the world

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### **Partnership creates Sierra Leone clinic**

MANONKOH VILLAGE, Sierra Leone — People needing health care in the remote communities in northern Sierra Leone used to be in dire straits. Pregnant women in labor and people with other health emergencies were rushed from these communities on motorbikes through a stretch of bad road to the provincial capital for treatment. All that changed on June 4 when the United Methodist Sierra Leone Annual (regional) Conference, in partnership with United Methodists in Minnesota, dedicated a \$60,000 health facility in Manonkoh Village.

### **Haiti recovery continues at 6-month mark**

NEW YORK — July 12 marked the six-month anniversary of the massive earthquake in Haiti. During that period, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has re-opened a field office in Port-au-Prince, providing immediate assistance to survivors and laying the groundwork for long-term recovery. The Methodist Church of Haiti and the U. S. annual (regional) conferences and congregations of The United Methodist Church are partners in the endeavor. Gifts to support UMCOR's work can be made by visiting [www.umcorhaiti.org](http://www.umcorhaiti.org).

### **Pastor revives young adult group**

PLEASANT VALLEY, Wis. — Ken Rheingans, a youth pastor at a small church in Wisconsin, has taken a page from the past to resurrect a worldwide association for United Methodist young adults. He discovered the Epworth League, a young adult organization associated with the Methodist Church that had been successful in the late 1800s to mid-1900s. Rheingans found many of the concepts of that era were still relevant to young adults today. Others agree. More than 1,000 people have signed up to be part of a revived Epworth League since its Facebook page launched in May.

### **Red Bird school seeks funds to reopen**

BEVERLY, Ky. — After 89 years of educating and shaping the faith of youngsters in impoverished Appalachia, Red Bird Mission School is at risk of shutting its doors. In May, the Red Bird Mission Board voted to suspend classes during the 2010-11 academic year. The kindergarten-through-12<sup>th</sup>-grade school, with operating expenses of about \$1.8 million last year, needs to build up its cash reserves after years of dwindling donations. Still, the mission's new executive director, Taylor Collins, has hopes the school can reopen this fall. He has set a goal of raising \$1 million by Aug. 1.

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