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United Methodist Mission Statement:

By Christie R. House*

May 1, 2008 | FORT WORTH, Texas (UMNS)

United Methodist General Conference delegates refined the denomination's mission statement to infuse a mission directive into the life and work of the church.

"The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

A mission statement for the church was only added to the Discipline in 2000. Before then, the church had a constitution, articles governing the local church and a series of doctrinal directives, but no clear and concise mission statement. The second and final sentence in the approved statement reads, "Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs."

"This is the missionary piece of our making disciples of Christ," noted Bishop Palmer. "We seek to join God in the redemption of the whole world."

Wesley's vision

In a sermon called "The New Creation" given in 1785, Methodism's founder, John Wesley, considered the promises made in the Book of Revelation: no more death and no more pain, sickness, or grieving for or parting with friends. Wesley envisioned "an intimate, an uninterrupted union with God; a constant communion with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, through the Spirit; a continual enjoyment of the Three-One God, and of all the creatures in Him!"

pastor's column



Happy Anniversary to us! Yes, we will be celebrating *our* first anniversary together on

Sunday October 3. The year has gone by so quickly for Lois and I as we come together for our second Church Conference on October 17. You have been such wonderful, caring, ministry and mission focused members of your local churches of Paint Creek and Howarth. We have experienced the

"Christian Cycle" (Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals) together, shared our joys and our sorrows and have grown greatly in God's Grace.

Remember what we talked about in our June/July message? Ordinary Time, that time after Pentecost where the color Green represents growth and the significance of the church as a sign of God's continuing presence and activity in the world. We have certainly experienced growth and significance in our two churches. These were very exciting times and we can't wait to see what God

through Jesus Christ has in store for us going forward.

We have some wonderful United Methodist Church/Christian worship days ahead of us: All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent on November 28. And do you know what is the best thing about it? We'll be celebrating together!

Always in His service, in your service.

Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

Submitted by Jan McCall

Outreach Project:

At the beginning of August, Paint Creek assisted with preparing school supplies to be placed in 300 backpacks. These school supplies and backpacks were distributed to children from economically challenged families. This project was organized with the Clothes Closet, a part of Rochester Area Neighborhood House. The staff at the Clothes Closet appreciated the 13 hours PC members worked. A special thank you goes to: Nancy Mikesch, Jan McCall, Heidi Paterson, Becky Plunkett, Pastor Tom and Lois Sayers for volunteering to work on this outreach project (to serve the local community).

Food Pantry:

PC members are encouraged to continue bringing food items to be donated to the Food Pantry at RANH. There is a great need for groceries to be distributed to families hit hard financially during this recession. Food supplies at the pantry run low as the demand continues to grow in our community. Help with food items for those less fortunate are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Winter Clothing Project:

Katie Peterson, Missionary with God's Country Cooperative Parish, will be picking up winter clothing items at the end of October. At this time, Katie is seeking outer winter wear (specifically winter coats, boots, scarves and mittens). Katie is not looking for winter apparel like sweaters and slacks. If you can help with winter outer wear or knitting varn for the people in the Upper Peninsula, place in the annex starting, October 3-25th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

October:

2nd: Tom Brefeld
3rd: Curtis Kelly-Gudobba
7th: Sean Keast
8th: Dawn Johnson
13th: Jan McCall
15th: Mae Smith
17th: Donald Paterson

27th Jeanne & Tom Rinehart

November:

4th: Anna Jantz
6th: Betty Poplawski
11th: Mike Wood
18th: Kaleb Bouvier Schatz
21st: Charles Stoner
24th: Preston Burkhardt

6th Charles & Floris Stoner
20th Don & Heidi Paterson

Thank you... to the very generous anonymous donor for \$500.00 to purchase our long-wished-for wireless microphone!

to Colleen Barkham for the last-minute emergency paint repairs on the Paint Creek UMC sign on the front lawn of the church. It was 90 degrees, high humidity, and a rush-job to get done before a big wedding!

Grateful thanks to Trustee Bob LaFontaine (and Reva!) for the complete painting of that same sign when they got back in town!

to Bernie Gudobba's son, Mark Katz, for persistently ordering the 3rd set of new switches to make our new ceiling fans in the Sanctuary work at 3 different speeds. Let's hope this next set works! Bernie's mother, Madeline, our long-time choir member (and violin player), would be so proud of Mark's sticking with this! JoAnn's sister, Curtis, is married to Bernie, and she is proud of Mark as well!!

Special thanks to those folks who have agreed to help with ushering for Paint Creek following the retirement of long-time faithful Walt Poplawski. Stan and Pat Summers and Rob and Judy Mair are serving as ushers now. Any other couples, or 2 women, or 2 men, who are willing to help with this job, please let Worship Chairperson, JoAnn Bourez, know of your availability! (248-651-7526) Ushering is a very essential job to keep Paint Creek Church running smoothly!

Becky Bunner, Gretchen Drader, Judy and Rob Mair, Heidi Paterson, Lois and Pastor Sayers, Dottie Spitsbergen, Hilda Taylor and Joyce Wiegand for providing delicious treats for coffee hour.

JoAnn Bourez, Nancy Mikesch, Heidi Paterson, Dottie Spitsbergen and Hilda Taylor for serving as scripture readers.

Colleen Barkham, JoAnn Bourez, Caryl Chamberlin, Nancy Mikesch, and Stan Summers for being liturgists during the summer months.

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

All the members who provided food products this summer for the Rochester Food pantry and the Rochester Community House.

Betty Poplawski for continuing to see that cards are prepared for birthdays, anniversaries and get well. Members appreciate being remembered on these occasions.

Dick and JoAnn Bourez for the hours spent preparing music for Sunday worship services.

Paint Creek Person of Faith:

Joyce Wiegand was born in Flint, at home (delivered by a midwife), the 4th of 5 children. Her father was a car hauler and her mother a homemaker. The family moved to Waterford in 1947. Joyce graduated from Waterford High School, following a business program, working in co-op as a senior.

She worked in Accounts Payable at Pontiac Motor and as secretary-receptionist in a real estate office. Then she worked for Waterford Schools as the secretary in the high school music, athletic and Special Education departments.

Joyce's 2 daughters, Kim and Dee, are from her 1st marriage of 23 ½ years. Kim works at a day care center in Bloomfield Hills and resides in Waterford. She and her husband, Joe, have 2 grown children, Laura and John. John resides in Arkansas and Laura and husband, Phillip live in Waterford. Laura and John are Joyce's only grandchildren.

Joyce's other daughter, Dee, works at PNC Bank in Rochester Hills. She and her husband, Stewart, live in Waterford (no children, but loving dog, Trixie!) Joyce is very close to her children and believes family is a most important part of life.

Joyce met Jerry when he was the piano tuner for Waterford High School music department, where Joyce was secretary. Joyce and Jerry married in 1982 and enjoyed 25 years together before Jerry's death in 2007. Jerry was our faithful piano tuner for Paint Creek Church. Joyce has 4 step children and 6 step grandchildren from this marriage.

Joyce's paid job now keeps her very busy doing sing-a-longs at 7 senior citizen facilities. These jobs evolved from volunteer work into part-time employment.

Her loves include: music in general, the organ (which she can play), baking, sewing and knitting for her family (in the past), and walking for exercise. She thoroughly enjoys spending time with the elderly folks at their places of residence (independent living, assisted living, or memory-care facilities). Two of her other sing-a-longs are at Waterford Senior Center and Fisk Farm.

With Jerry, she traveled to Florida, Washington DC, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and up north to their mobile home at Alanson, Michigan. In her first marriage, owned a mobile home in Lewiston. Joyce also traveled a great deal with Jerry on his piano-tuning jobs.

Joyce's involvements at Paint Creek UMC include choir, coffee hour hostess, and substitute piano when Dick was ill, leading hymn sings, singing duets and trios, and baking for Goodison Good Tymes Bake Sale.

Why did they choose Paint Creek UMC? Jerry drove by the church and noted it was a small church, which appealed to him. He told Joyce about the little church, so they visited. They liked Pastor Sylvia; Dick's amazing musical talent, and

a warm, inviting congregation. So they transferred their membership from Seymour Lake UMC.

Joyce has stayed at Paint Creek since Jerry's death even though it's a long drive by herself. She feels "the folks at Paint Creek are the best!" She enjoys both Pastor Tom and the music provided by Dick Bourez. Joyce considers Dick's music the best – extremely inspirational! She considers him "a big drawing card"! We are delighted that Joyce drives 45 minutes each way from Waterford to share her talents with us!

Interviewed by Jan McCall, Edited by JoAnn Bourez

You Might be a United Methodist if...

.. you don't take Roloids when your heart is strangely warmed

... you know that a circuit rider is not an electrical device

... The Upper Room is as essential to your bathroom as the toilet paper

... you've ever owned a pair of cross and flame boxer shorts

... you sit while singing "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"

... tithing is encouraged but widely ignored

... the word apportionment sends a chill down your spine

... names like Aldersgate, Asbury, and Epworth are vaguely familiar

... you consider the monthly potluck a sacrament

... you've ever attended an Annual Conference and actually enjoyed it

... you have an unexplained yearning to visit Wesley's Chapel in London

... your church is named for a geographical location rather than for a saint

... your pastor moves every four or five years and you like it that way

... there's at least one person in every church meeting who says, "But we've never done it that way before"

... your congregation's Christmas pageant includes both boy and girl wise men

..... you realize that the Book of Discipline is not a guide to getting your child to behave

... you understand that an "appointment" has nothing to do with keeping a lunch date

... you think "UMW" stands for United Methodist Women rather than the United Mine Workers

... "Good morning" has the status of a liturgical greeting in the worship service

... you say "trespasses" instead of "debts" in the Lord's Prayer and have no idea why

... you've ever sipped Welch's grape juice out of a plastic shot glass during Communion

... you're asked to donate money to a "special offering" every other Sunday

... you pore over the Conference Journal with the same intensity you would read a John Grisham novel

... you have to fight through a cadre of greeters to get into the sanctuary

... when the worship service lasts for more than one hour, the beeping of watch alarms drowns out the final hymn

HOWARTH'S NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

The "Love Garden" has produced so far this year 456 lbs. of fresh vegetables delivered to Oxford/Orion FISH, and Baldwin Center. It is still producing vegetables!!

School supplies and Backpacks were collected and donated to FISH to assure all local students had the supplies needed to begin the school year.

Boxes of Cereal are being collected to donate to FISH, this is one of many needs they have. Cereal is something that FISH is in constant need of.

Winter Clothing and Yarn: Collection of outerwear and yarn for "God's Country Cooperative Parish" are being collected now.

Oxford/Orion FISH: Year End Report 2009:

Total number of Families served: 449

Total number of calls: 7206

Food Orders: 1911 Pantry visits

(449 different households/ 1135 individuals) 165,805 lbs. of food (not including holiday baskets)

Angelfish Adoptions: 122 families adopted (278 Children received gifts)

School Backpacks: 212 backpacks

Plus utilities paid, rent help, rides and much more.

UPCOMING MISSION PROJECTS:

Collecting Paper products for Orion/Oxford FISH. Toilet paper, paper towel, napkins etc.

Donations for 6 ANGEL FISH for Christmas. Watch the bulletins for the list of items needed.

TURKEY DINNER: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th:
Proceeds from this dinner purchase food for the Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter in the winter.

TREASURERS REPORT: *Submitted by Stephanie Lamas*

Needed monthly: \$4,444.00

YTD as of 8/31/10: \$30,350.00 we are behind by \$5,202.00 which puts our new monthly request at \$5,700.00. All ministry apportionments are paid in full.

HOWARTH'S UMW NEWS:

submitted by Marilyn Foster

Our final dinner for the season is Oct. 27th. This dinner will have the popular squash for the vegetable. Don't forget the Turkey Dinner, Nov. 13th, which is the fund raiser for the Baldwin Ave. Warming Shelter.

This seems like a long way off but the Christmas Cookie Walk is Dec. 11th. More info to come as time approaches to bake those cookies. Sharon Rowden will be our Chairperson for the Cookie Sale.

In January we hope to start a monthly program during the winter months since it is a slow time. This would be a good time to start. It would be after coffee time: 10:45 am, weather permitting. Dates to be announced.

2011 UMW OFFICERS:

President: Marilyn Foster

Vice-President: Shirley Reeves

Secretary: Stephanie Lamas

Treasurer: Betty Paulson

Coming in December, our Fruit & Cookie Basket delivery, date to be announced.

We also send cards to shut-ins and those in our church family that need some cheering up. If you know someone who could use a kind thought from the church, contact Shirley Reeves, our Sunshine Person, she would be happy to send a card.

Next meeting: November 14th.

THANK YOU...

"For the use of the Fellowship Hall on August 1st. Hope all was left in good condition!! The family was in charge. I trust all was well. Thank you so much, Treva Redman"

"Thank you for your ongoing donations of yarn and winter items. They are all distributed and appreciated around God's Country Cooperative Parish.

Your ongoing prayers and support are also greatly felt and appreciated.

Shalom, Katie Peterson-Deaconess & Church & Com. Worker"

"Dear Friends,
The Board of Directors of Oxford/Orion FISH wishes to thank you for your contribution to our food pantry.

The fresh produce has been wonderful and so abundant. Our clients are very appreciative when they can get vegetables that aren't frozen or from a can.
Thank you one and all for your good work.
Sincerely, The O/O FISH Board"

Paul Sandstrom for harvesting and delivering the vegetables and school supplies.

Rick Rowden for the upkeep of the church and parsonage yards!!

Shirley Reeves, Kaye Hamman and Kathy Sandstrom for the food to feed the WWAM group.

Stephanie Lamas and Paul Sandstrom for working with the WWAM group to fall clean around the church. Good job running the stump grinder, Steph!!

Hazel Spencer for meeting with Katie and delivering our winter wear and yarn.

Hunter Lamas, Megan Key, Casie Rowden, and Brianna Howden for being our acolytes.

To all have accepted positions at the Church. All of you are greatly appreciated in your service.

Pastor Tom for your uplifting sermons.

To everyone for your prays, cards, and the wonderful food for Rick and I during my recovery from surgery. All was greatly appreciated!! *Sharon*

Sharon Rowden for all the work you do even with one arm!!

"Miss Lois" for being the Sunday school teacher-you are a blessing and a great influence on our young people.

Paul & PJ Sandstrom for representing Howarth at the Barn Daze Chili Cook-off!! Two challenges wins were added to the collection of trophies!!

To the members for the donations for the school supplies and backpacks that went to benefit our local students.

Sharon Rowden for shopping for the school supplies.

To all who work and bake for the dinners, without all of you the dinners would not be a success!!

Paul & Kathy, Sharon & Rick for helping out at the LONC birthday party and Dick Bourez for the great music he provided!!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

October:

17th: Sharon Rowden

27th: Matthew Bouvier

31st: Hazel Spencer

7th: Leroy & Katherine Thatcher

22nd: Pastor Tom & Lois Sayers

November:

1st: Bob Dillenbeck

2nd: Jared Waite

3rd: Kaye Hamman and Tom Spencer

4th: Kayla Vangeisen

5th: Akanksh Rajam

7th: Stella Andrews

9th: Ernie Young

11th: Claude parker

17th: Margaret Gerometta and Kim Spencer

24th: David & Karen Osterkamp

Prayer Concerns:

Marjorie Waite while she is recuperating at home.

Lois Parker after cataract surgery

Ray Marshall as he heals after his surgery.

All those on our prayer lists and in the military.

Howarth's Persons of Faith:

Includes ALL of the Howarth Church Family!!

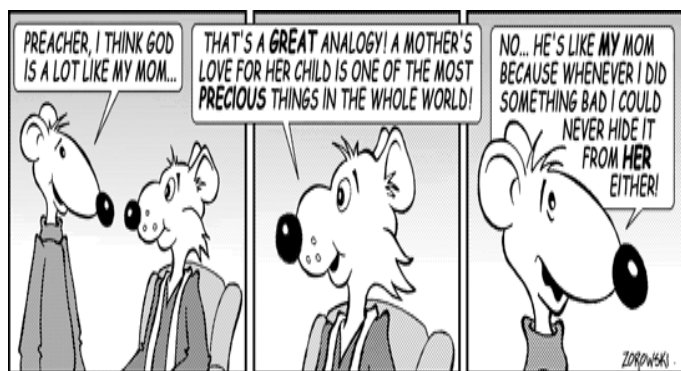
FAITH means: belief and trust in and loyalty to God (2). belief in the traditional doctrines of a religion (1). firm belief in something for which there is no proof (2). complete trust. That is what I see of the Howarth Church Family-complete trust. The faith that it can be done, even if it looks like it is impossible, stepping up to the plate to benefit the community, to outreach to others and to uplift those who are in need.

Howarth strives to live by the United Methodist Motto:
Open doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds.

Discipleship: Encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Working side by side and completing the tasks on hand-the encouragement of one another and the love for each other. The accepting of new people and welcoming with open arms and open minds is what the Howarth Church family offers.

The love, the support, the encouragement to welcome new ideas is what makes us a family. We all come from different backgrounds, economical status but we all have the love in our hearts for God and our lord and savior Jesus Christ. We are few in numbers but mighty in our conviction to bring the word to our community.

Thank you all for being who you are and sharing your love and belief in Jesus Christ and being disciples to the word!!



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NEWS LETTER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7th.

All Christmas news needed. Want to have it out before December 1st!!
Remember this one is for Dec. & Jan. news!!

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Opening doors to people with disabilities

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church promises “open doors,” but many people with disabilities and their families perceive barriers to full life in the church. The problem is often one of attitude, said the Rev. J. Eric Pridmore, a United Methodist pastor in Mississippi and co-chair of the United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. “I think more than anything else what families and individuals want is a welcoming attitude,” he said. “Usually, the accessibility stuff will take care of itself after that.”

Donors respond slowly to Pakistan floods

CHICAGO — The outpouring of donations following the Jan. 12 earthquake that rocked Haiti is not being repeated for the people of Pakistan fighting for survival in the wake of massive floods. The United Nations blames donor fatigue and the fact the magnitude of the humanitarian crisis is unfolding slowly. Yet a massive financial response is necessary because the devastation is many times worse, said David Sadoo, an executive with the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

‘Angels’ mending lives in Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS—Since Hurricane Katrina struck five years ago, more than 200,000 volunteers organized through The United Methodist Church have flooded Louisiana and Mississippi and helped thousands of people put their homes and lives back together again.

Homeowners such as Leona Cousins, 99, say the volunteers are God-sent. “I never thought I would meet so many nice people this late in my life,” she said.

Rethink Church Bible welcomes seekers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Beginning in October, United Methodist Communications is offering a free New Testament to people visiting the Rethink Church campaign website. The Rethink Church Common English Bible is a special edition that features a seeker-sensitive introduction to the Bible and to The United Methodist Church.

Rethink Church has new Web address

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Congregational resources for the Rethink Church advertising and welcoming campaign have moved to a new website address: umcom.org/rethinkchurch. The website that previously housed congregational resources, RethinkChurch.org, will become the primary seeker site featured in Rethink Church advertising, beginning this fall.

At 75, Upper Room enriches spiritual walk

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Randy, 45, was in prison for the second time. Struggling with addiction since his teens, he had stolen to buy drugs. Randy planned to hang himself from the sprinkler system at lockdown. But, somehow, he found — and opened — a copy of The Upper Room daily devotional guide. For 75 years,

The Upper Room daily devotional guide has offered hope and inspiration to believers and seekers alike.

105-year-old leads hospitality ministry

ANDREWS, N.C. — Jean Christy felt she was not doing enough for her church, so she called her pastor and asked how she might volunteer. She was a mere 104 at the time. Christy suggested she might use her telephone skills to cheer up her fellow Christians, and her pastor agreed. Since March, Christy has been the “birthday ambassador” for Andrews United Methodist Church.

Mission trips enrich man’s retirement

OKLAHOMA CITY— At 57, Morgan Green discovered how it feels when the newness wears off of retirement. But he found the sense of purpose he missed from his career by volunteering for mission trips with Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. Now 70, he estimates he has been on 25 mission trips in the past 11 years. As Green discovered, churches often can provide retirees with meaningful fulfillment.

Millions of nets to cover Sierra Leone

SHEMINGO, Sierra Leone — Isata Sesay, who will be 3 years old on Sept. 15, has suffered repeated attacks of malaria since birth. United Methodists are working to help children like Isata. The church is contributing 648,000 bed nets in November as part of a larger nationwide distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets in Sierra Leone.

Memorial service set for Bishop Mathews

WASHINGTON — Retired United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews, who died Sept. 8 at the age of 97, will be remembered at a memorial service scheduled at 11 a.m. Sept. 25 at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made on behalf of missionary work in India through the E. Stanley and Mabel Jones Foundation at the General Board of Global Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

Fund supports United Methodist archivists

MADISON, N.J. — Josephine Forman was so dedicated to preserving the history of The United Methodist Church that she fought for years to save what she considered to be the important records of the denomination’s Southwest Texas Annual (regional)

Conference. Now the late church archivist is being remembered through the Josephine Forman Dedicated Fund of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History. Income from the gift will be used for the training of conference archivists, with a small portion of the principal given each year as a scholarship for a person of color training to be an archivist.

United Methodist to preach at Scotland event

GLASGOW, Scotland — The Rev. Larry Pickens will preach Sept. 12 during a national ecumenical service marking Racial Justice Sunday in Scotland. Sponsored by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, the service will mark the launch of a new group, Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland. Pickens, pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains, N.Y., is a member of the World Council of Churches Executive Committee, which is meeting in Scotland this month.

Alert: Upper Room not involved with movie

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A movie titled “I AM,” which is scheduled for release this fall, currently is being promoted to churches in North America by its production company, “Upper Room Multimedia.” The Upper Room, a division of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, released a statement letting churches know it is in no way affiliated with the California-based production company.



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Christmas Cookie Walk
December 11, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Howarth UMC
550 E. Silverbell Rd
Lake Orion 48360

Let us bake your holiday cookies, \$8.50 lb.
Fill containers provided by us, with cookies
of your choice.

Questions: 248.373.2360

A percentage of our proceeds go to missions.

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 10th, noon – 5 pm

December 11th, 10 am – 2 pm

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

Pre-order form

Name _____

ordered _____ bx(s) Amt pd _____ Cash or Check

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Orders can be picked up on 12-10 or 12-11

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