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Nashville, Tenn. – The denomination’s revamped website for young-adult spiritual seekers, RethinkChurch.org, will debut Friday, Nov. 12. This marks the website’s beta launch, a period when the website is fine-tuned amid real-world exposure.

“Research shows that young adults tend to embrace their digital and physical worlds as one,” said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. “This age group favors exploring new concepts and ideas in the digital space in which they are comfortable, and they make decisions based upon these experiences.”

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pastor's column



The first Sunday of Advent is November 28. The Advent Season is always the four Sundays

prior to Christmas. Advent begins a four-week countdown to the crib of the infant Jesus. After we celebrate Christ the King Sunday we try not to get whiplash as we turn the other direction and prepare for the coming of Christ, not as King but as baby, a helpless, fragile, crying baby.

The Christmas Season is very short, beginning Christmas Eve and ending on Epiphany, January 6. It

hardly seems possible as the year as gone by so quickly. Is it that way for you too? Since Advent looks forward to Christ’s birth, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. But if you’re a child, and we can all remember with fondness when we were children, it can’t come quickly enough as it heralds in the Christmas Season on Christmas Eve.

Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness, a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope. The season when we prepare ourselves to receive God’s gift of Jesus. Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and

congregations as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world, and that He will come again at the “Second Advent”.

We are having an Advent study this year, “Christmas gifts that won’t break” by James W. Moore. “*What are the Christmas gifts that won’t break? They are those gifts that cannot be lost, that never go out of style, and that are independent of the chances and changes of life. They are the gifts that have been graciously given by God.*” “*This Advent study focuses on four of those gifts that also coincide with the four outer candles of the Advent wreath: hope, love, joy, and peace. As we go through this 4-session* Cont’ on page 2

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study, we will receive from God through Jesus Christ and pass onto others the Christmas gifts that won't break."

Lois and I will receive many wonderful gifts I am certain of that, but one of the most treasured gifts that we will receive this year is the gift of *your* presence in our lives. Make unwrapping Heaven's gift the first gift on Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas & have a blessed and joyous New Year!
Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

By Jan McCall

MINISTRY Jubilee Pledges for 2011:

Each year Paint Creek commits to pledging for Missions in our area, across the U.S.A. and overseas. This year PC has signed on for twelve missions. They are: Baldwin Center-Pontiac, Rochester Area Neighborhood House, God's Country Co-op (U.P.), Haiti Hot School Lunch program, Bishop Judith Craig's orphanage in Liberia, Pastor's support Salary-Liberia, Katie Peterson for her work at God's Country Co-op, Heifer Project, Society of St. Andrews (potato funds), Homelessness in U.S.A. and Red Bird Clinics in Kentucky and Nothing But Nets (to fight malaria in Africa). The next newsletter a write up will tell of the work each mission performs.

More Mission News:

By Judy Mair

The Rochester Area

Neighborhood House has asked us to participate in the Giving Tree Program. The program started November 1st, ends December 3rd. They provide tags listing children's gift requests to display on our tree. We select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift for the child, and return the gift to our tree

unwrapped. I've requested 15 tags for us to change into Christmas gifts for some wishful children.

Starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day, we will be collecting teddy bears for either the police or fire departments of Oakland Township or Rochester Hills.

THANK YOU...JoAnn

Bourez, Heidi Paterson and Hilda Taylor for reading Scripture. Elizabeth Mulso and Caryl Chamberlin for serving as communion helpers. Nancy Mikesch and Jan McCall for serving as liturgists.

Colleen Barkham, Gretchen Drader, Kathy Ferriby, Suzy Kelly, Jusy Mai, Jan McCall, Becky Plunkett, Dottie Spitsbergen and the church council for sponsoring coffee hours.

Pastor Tom and Betty Wilbur for delivering food products to Rochester Area Neighborhood house.

Sharon Rowden for all her time and effort to put together the Church Conference report when only having one arm to work with on this project.

Colleen Barkham for heading up the bake sale during Goodison Good Tymes.

JoAnn Bourez and Dottie Spitsbergen for co-chairing the church rummage sale.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY Celebrations:

DECEMBER:

4th: Bill Millerd
8th: Laura Devitt
21st: Martin Burkhart, Mike King
25th: Jesus Christ
31st: Tom Rinehart

21st: Shaila & Lalit Herbert
24th: Preston & Jennifer Burkhart

JANUARY:

5th: Hilda Taylor

9th: Clifford Keast & Tommy Barkham
21st: John Taylor
22nd: Elizabeth Reitz
24th: Leslie Keast

4th: Robert & Reva LaFountain

Paint Creek 2011 Budget:

\$39,391

Needed Monthly: \$3,283

PERSON OF FAITH:

Linda Pasternak

interviewed by Jan McCall (J.Bourez)

Linda was born in Detroit, then lived in Gull Lake (near Kalamazoo) 4 years and Portland, Oregon for 8 years. At age 14 her family moved back to Hale, Michigan, where Linda graduated from Hale High School. Her mother was a teacher and her dad was a banker. She has 1 brother.

Linda spent 2 years studying a pre-business program (secretarial-science) at Ferris State College. Following that, she married Jess. They lived in Detroit and Royal Oak before moving to Oakland Township 39 years ago.

Linda's first son is a credit union vice-president, dealing with mortgages. Her second son is a designer at an automotive company. Her daughter, a certified K-12 teacher, teaches Spanish to elementary school children. Her daughter is following in both her grandmother's and her mother's footsteps in being a teacher! All 3 of Linda's children live in southeast Michigan, so she sees them often.

Linda's husband, Jess, was an automotive engineer who went into management. Linda was widowed 10 years ago.

Linda worked at Budd Company for 4 years, and went back to college to pursue a more challenging profession. She attended Wayne State University for 2 years, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree to allow her to teach business at the high school level..

Later she went on to obtain a Master's degree in Library Science.

Linda's interests include playing bridge, euchre and pinocle. She loves the outdoors – biking, walking, golf, and gardening. Other interests are exercising with weights, swimming, traveling, reading, music, and playing piano.

Linda is a member of American Association of University Women (AAUW), has served on the Library Board representing Oakland Township, worked elections once she retired from teaching, and in the past was a youth counselor and Sunday School teacher at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Linda has fond memories of childhood vacations when her family lived in Oregon, camping at National Parks in the northwest. Later, she and Jess and their children took many camping trips around Michigan, plus Wyoming Grand Teton National Park (her favorite), Glacier National Park, California and Disney Land, and Oregon. In 2001, she went to Alaska with cousins, traveling by motor home. She spends summers up north at her cottage.

Linda and Jess attended Paint Creek Church 33 years ago, but left to go to St. Paul's so their children could participate in youth programs. She has returned to Paint Creek, a couple of Sundays a month. Linda says she likes the small size of Paint Creek and finds the atmosphere pleasant and peaceful. She loves the friendliness of the people!

Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Claus



Santa Claus
lives at the
North Pole...
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa Claus rides in a sleigh...
JESUS rides on the wind and walks
on the water.

Santa Claus comes but once a year...
JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa Claus fills your stockings
with goodies...
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa Claus comes down your
chimney uninvited... JESUS stands
at your door and knocks, and then
enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see
Santa Claus...
JESUS is as close as the mention of
His name.

Santa Claus lets you sit on his lap...
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa Claus doesn't know your
name, all he can say is "Hi little boy
(or girl,) what's your name?"...
JESUS knew our name before we
did. Not only does He know our
name, He knows our address too.
He knows our history and future
and He even knows how many hairs
are on our heads.

Santa Claus has a belly like a bowl
full of jelly...
JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa Claus can offer is HO HO
HO...
JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa Claus says "You better not
cry"...
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on
me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys...
JESUS makes new life, mends
wounded hearts, repairs broken
homes and builds mansions.

Santa Claus is a "jolly old elf"...
JESUS is the King of Kings.

Santa Claus may make you chuckle
but...
JESUS gives you joy that is your

strength.
While Santa Claus puts gifts under
your tree...
JESUS became our gift and died on
a tree.

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT:
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:**
Starting Thursday, November 18th
at 9 am at Howarth UMC. Contact
Pastor Tom if interested in
attending!!

**POINTSETTIAS ORDER
DUE: NOVEMBER 28th,
make checks payable to:
Sharon Rowden.**

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: JANUARY
9TH, 2011.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES:
6:30 pm at Howarth UMC
8:00 pm at Paint Creek**

**HOWARTH COOKIE
WALK: DECEMBER 11th**



**PAINT CREEK COOKIE
BOX SALE: DECEMBER
11th**

FYI:
Treva Redman's winter
address is:
PO Box 5456
Gulf Shores AL 36547

HOWARTH NEWS:

UMW NEWS:

By Marilyn Foster

The pork dinner was a success with a profit of over \$1,110.00. We served 182. Now it is time to turn our thoughts to baking those Christmas cookies for our Christmas Cookie Walk, Dec. 11th. Sharon Rowden is our Chairperson for this event. There could possibly be a list of cookies to choose from that will be the best sellers. We want this to be the BEST Christmas cookie walk for 2010. Please come and buy our Cookies Dec. 11th from 9am-2pm., you will not be disappointed.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy, Peaceful & Fun filled New 2011!!!

During the winter months we will be having short programs after coffee hour, dates and times will be printed in the bulletin so be sure to watch for them.

MISSION NEWS:

By Kathy Sandstrom

Jubilee Pledges for 2010:

Thank you again for meeting our Jubilee Mission Pledges!! We are continuing in 2011 with the same missions to support locally, statewide, nationally and world wide. There are so many needs close to home and throughout the world. But every little bit we do helps to help others.

Our main fund raiser: Turkey Dinner for The Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter was a huge success-we served over 220 people and raised over \$1700 to purchase the food in March to feed the homeless. 10% went to 2 other mission projects.

We may be small in numbers but we are mighty in helping our neighbors near and far!!

WELCOME!!!!

Howarth would like to say Welcome Back to Rita & Ray Saul, we are so happy to have you as part of our Church Family!!

Lilah Kaye Young born to Amy & Ernie Young and the proud Grandparents, Paul & Kaye Hamman and the Great-Grandparents, Al & Shirley Reeves!! Lilah has been welcomed into a large family of cousins, Aunts and Uncles and more Grandparents. She is not only a blessing to her Mom & Dad but to a very special family!!

Jason Edward Everhart born to Cheryl & Eric Everhart and to big sister Casie, the proud Grandparents, Rick & Sharon Rowden, cannot forget the cousins' to Jason, Ashley & Brianna Howden, & Hunter Lamas and Aunt Jennifer, Uncle Scott, Aunt Stephanie & Uncle Randy. Jason has become a most welcomed member to the "Rowden Clan", how blessed he is as are they!!!

Hazel Spencer is proud to announce the birth of her new Great Granddaughter, Katherine Irene Wayne on Oct. 27, 2010-6 lbs. 4ozs., 19" long, daughter of Tami & Andy Wayne, Grandparents are Tom & Kim Spencer. This makes 2 great grandsons & 2 great granddaughters for Hazel.

Howarth has been so blessed with the new additions!!! Praise the Lord and welcome to all!!!

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

December:

2nd: David Bouvier
4th: Pam Waite & Robert Plawinski
7th: Kathy Sandstrom
8th: Ray Marshall (100 years old), Taylor Davis & Penny Peterson
12th: Shirley Reeves
13th: Dick Hill
15th: Tim Getz

15th: Matthew & Rachel Bouvier
18th: Al & Shirley Reeves
24th: Jim & Benita Coursen

January:

1st: Tami Colleen Spencer
12th: Dennis Waite & Eric Everhart
22nd: Elizabeth Reitz

23rd: Katherine Thatcher & Rachel Bouvier

24th: Usha Rajam

25th: Jim Coursen

15th: Robert & Pat Plawinski

26th: Claude & Lois Parker

THANK YOU...

Howarth Love Garden and all the vegetables that were produced to help our local community. Paul Sandstrom for harvesting and delivering the produce each week!!

For all the donations to Oxford/Orion FISH for the Thanksgiving baskets. We know the families will be very appreciative of the donations.

Sharon Rowden for all your dedication and work put in to keep us in order for the Church Conference. We may not say it much but you are truly a blessing to us all!!

Pat Pollitt, Randy Lamas and Paul Sandstrom for being Liturgists!!

Miss Lois, and the children for the wonderful songs being sung to us on Sunday. Such a joy for us all!!

Dick Bourez for the beautiful music.

Ray & Rita Sauls for all the help at the Turkey dinner, you are both a welcome addition!!!

To all who helped at the Turkey Dinner to raise money to buy the food for the Warming Shelter it is so appreciated and we all work so great together!!

Linda & Jim Duddles and Sheila for the donations of 38 lbs of fresh vegetables to FISH to be added to the 670 lbs. from the "Love Garden"

Rick, Paul Sandstrom, Pastor Tom, Lois and Marilyn for helping to put the Church Conference books together!

Howarth 2011 Budget:

\$59,635

Needed monthly - \$4,970

SNOWBIRDS:

As you get ready to head to warmer climates know that you will be missed and kept in our prayers for safe travel and your time away!!

Keep in contact.

Special note to our first time Snowbirds, Dick and Barb Hill: We are missing you already and will keep you in our prayers during your travels and for a safe return to us!! Keep in contact with us!! May God Speed!! Love you both!!!

Marie & Bob Dillenbeck and Ray

Marshall's winter address is:

310 Pleasant Place

Frostproof FL 33843

Howarth's Cookie Walk

Some of you have already selected the types of cookies you would like to make for Dec. 11th. If anyone needs ideas, contact Sharon. Would like to have cookies at the church on Friday, Dec. 10th between 10 a.m. and Noon. If not then, by 8 a.m. on Dec. 11th. Please label your cookies so we can make tags to put on the platters. Volunteers needed to help with the sale.

Paint Creek Cookie Sale

Hopefully everyone has their recipes for the cookie sale. Please

have cookies to the church by 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10th.

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*Your Trumpet editors would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Peace, Hope, Love and Joy to all.
Kathy & Sharon*

can't from page 1: **RethinkChurch.org to launch Nov. 12**

Site capabilities

RethinkChurch.org features more engagement capabilities and content offerings than its seeker site predecessor, 10thousanddoors.org. Visitors may read, watch, comment, and interact on topics that are important both to them and to The United Methodist Church—from the environment, to global health, to disaster relief. An interactive map connects seekers to a church in their area.

The map allows users to search for a local church based upon parameters such as distance and ministry offerings. These ministry offerings are imported directly from a church's Find-a-Church profile, which co-exists on UMC.org. Churches that update their profiles with comprehensive ministry information – including outreach programs, websites, and service and event schedules – will be more likely to appear when a user searches for a specific ministry. Find-a-Church profiles are free and are updatable anytime at Find-a-Church.org.

Audience engagement

While RethinkChurch.org is designed to serve a young-adult seeker audience, the content is also relevant to young-adult United Methodists, who are encouraged to interact on the website.

"We're creating a digital pathway into the life of The United Methodist Church, and that can only be authentic when we're engaging with seekers within the space we've invited them to visit," said Hollon.

Registering as a user is the first step to engage on the website. Users may then enhance their personal profile by adding photos, videos, areas of interest, and more. Once registered, a user may start or add to conversations.

Advertising

The RethinkChurch.org website is included in a full-page advertisement that will appear in the print edition of USA Today on Nov. 12. The ad reads, "1 in 3 of the world's population live on less than \$1 a day. Should we live more

the church around the world

...from United Methodist News Service –

<http://umns.umc.org>

Stepanek continues son's legacy of peace

ROCKVILLE, Md. - In divisive times, Jeni Stepanek is conducting her own quiet crusade for peace. She does it to carry out the legacy of her son, Mattie, the young peace activist, New York Times bestselling author and poet who died in June 2004, just before turning 14, from complications of a rare and progressive neuromuscular disease. His mother has the same disease.

Chaplains crucial to hospice care

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- As more people seek hospice care, chaplains have a crucial role to play in leading discussions about end-of-life spiritual and medical issues, panelists at a chaplains' convocation on hospice and palliative care said during a meeting sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

How churches can protect children

COLUMBIA, Mo.—Once upon a time, when you needed a Sunday school teacher, a youth group volunteer or a camp counselor, you just recruited someone. When they said, “Yes,” your job was done. Times have changed. Stories of child abuse make the headlines, and churches are not exempt. The 1996 General Conference mandated all annual (regional) conferences to adopt policies to safeguard children and youth, and the Safe Sanctuaries program was created. The Missouri Conference is a leader in Safe Sanctuaries.

Judge rules in favor of Church and Society on funding

WASHINGTON - A District of Columbia judge has ruled that The United Methodist Church's social action agency can use funds collected for the church's building on Capitol Hill for purposes beyond addressing alcohol problems. At stake was about \$1 million in annual revenue, said Jim Winkler, chief executive of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

Resource available on domestic violence

WASHINGTON (UMNS) - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The United Methodist Board of Church and Society is offering a new, downloadable resource, "Breaking the Silence," to equip United Methodists to speak out about domestic violence. The 23-page study is for use in local congregations. It focuses on the need for communities of faith to address systems that perpetuate domestic violence: causing victims to remain silent and enabling perpetrators to continue. The resource is available at <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/atf/cf/%7B689fea4c-8849-4c05-a89e-c9bc7ffff64c%7D/BREAKINGSILENCE.PDF>

Living Simply, Giving Generously

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. - The Rev. Bob Schoenhals and his wife Jill Warren scrimp and save so that up to 60 percent of their income can be shared with others. On Bob's preacher's salary and Jill's employment with non-profits, the couple has donated a half million dollars over the years. Members of West Bloomfield United Methodist Church say they are inspired by Bob's stories from the pulpit about the couple's giving.



Working to keep you connected

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!!!!!



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