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To Do List From God

*I ran my life in search of worldly things;
My time and will were firmly in control.
I thought I had no need for what God brings;
I gave no heed to murmurs from my soul.
“You’re planning, doing all the time,” it said,
“But something else is missing deep inside.
Your mind is whirling, but your heart is dead,
So turn to God and let go of your pride.”
I did, and God said, “Here’s My plan for you:
Give your life to Me, and just let go.
Have faith and pray, and read the Bible through,
And you’ll have blessings more than you can know.”
So simple, yet it brings me perfect peace,
Living life for God the way I should.
Direction, purpose, fullness and release—
Life with God is very, very good.*

By Joanna Fuchs

Pastor’s Column



Well here we are having made it through another blessed Christmas Season of our Christian Church. And now we are in the Season After The Epiphany in what the church calls Ordinary Time. The First Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ and the Last Sunday on the Transfiguration.

This season includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. We will be celebrating nine this year, ending on March 6, Transfiguration Sunday. And then we start the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 9.

Remember what we said about Ordinary Time? After each cycle, (the Christian year contains two cycles; The Christmas Cycle and the Easter Cycle), there is an “ordinary time” of growth symbolized by the color green.

During the Epiphany season, the manifestation of Christ increasingly unfolds. The Magi follow the star to the Christ Child; Jesus is baptized and receives affirmation of his Messiahship from his Father; He proclaims the gospel, and finally His Transfiguration is completed.

Our travels take us now into the Lenten Season. A season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9, and ends on Holy Saturday, April 23.

Okay then, now you have your itinerary all set for the next two months. We will be making some stops along the way. One of which is an eleven week Short-Term Disciple Bible Study-Invitation to John. **The invitation from Christ is: “Come and see, follow Me”. Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way; I am the living water and more).** Participants do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. The study commences on Thursday, January 27, 2011, and I am looking forward to having you along for the journey.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2011:

Baldwin Center-\$300.00

This center offers programs to feed, clothe and educate the men, women and children in the city of Pontiac. Leaders work on teaching self-esteem and connecting to God. The program provides role models and mentors.

Nothing But Nets-\$25.00

This program assists in the prevention of death due to malaria by distributing bed nets to the people in Africa.

These are two of the missions Paint Creek is supporting this year. *Submitted by Jan McCall*

Paint Creek United Methodist Church, in keeping with its Biblical and charitable goals, has established a Good Samaritan Fund to assist members in our church in financial need. Donors may suggest beneficiaries of the Fund. However, such suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory in nature. The administration of the Fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the Church Committee. (NOW Chairperson; Lay Leader; PPRC Member; Church Council Chairperson; Treasurer and the Pastor). All gifts to the fund are gifts to the Church and while the committee may consider suggested designations, in no event is it bound to follow them. Checks should be made payable to the Church, with a notation that the funds are to be placed in the Church's Good Samaritan Fund.

For the short-term, PCUMC has determined to "seed" 1% of its Sunday offering receipts into the Fund. Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions about the fund or your willingness to contribute to assist our members in need.

Holiday Cookie Sale at Paint Creek

We had a very successful cookie sale and we owe it all to our hard working bakers! We packaged over 100 boxes and sold out with pre-orders. Our profit of \$2400.00 will go into the general fund. Thank-you to the following bakers: Hilda Taylor, Nancy Nawrocki, Judy Mair, Suzie Kelly, Kathy Ferriby, Lois Sayers, Shaila Herbert, Reva LaFountain, Becky Plunkett, Carrie Barkham, Kathy Myers, Leslie Keast, Kathy Poplawski, Gretchen Drader, Claire Rewold, Becky Matthews, and Colleen Barkham. Thank-you to Cal Devitt, Nancy Mikesch, Treva Redman, and Jan McCall for donations of baking supplies. A big thank-you to Heidi Paterson for her donation of profits from toffee sales!

THANK YOU...

Coleen Barkham and JoAnn Bourez for serving as liturgists.

Colleen Barkham, Cal Devitt and Heidi Paterson for reading scriptures at Sunday worship.

Kathy Ferriby and Nancy Mikesch for assisting Pastor Tom with Communion.

Christina Wolf, Linda Pasternak, Judy Mair, Jan McCall, Suzie Kelly, Betty Poplawski, Zigmund Urbanski and Nancy

Nawrocki for providing goodies for coffee hour.

The congregation for bringing in 34 teddy bears and other stuffed animals to be given to the Oakland Township and Rochester Hills Fire Departments for children in stressful situations.

Becky Plunkett for overseeing the decorating of the church for Christmas. Great job, Becky!!

Suzie Kelly for decorating the front porch and doors with beautiful ribbons and ornaments. She also decorated the serving table for coffee hour with lovely Christmas ornaments and greenery and snowflake tablecloths.

Members who shopped for and donated 34 Christmas gifts for the Giving Tree and the family PC sponsored through Rochester Neighborhood House. Your generosity brightened Christmas for these children.

All the people and Pastor Tom who participated in the Christmas Eve Service. It was a beautiful service with the church being filled with members and guests.

Congregation for all the food and paper products brought in for the Food Pantry. Keep on Donating!!!

Don Paterson for installing the Christmas banner. A challenge on a tall ladder!

Pastor Tom and JoAnn Bourez for planning our beautiful Christmas Eve service.

Jan McCall for her diligence in organizing the liturgist, scripture

readers and coffee hour calendars. This takes a very patient, organized person!

Suzie Kelly for all the spur-of-the-moment coffee hour additions. Wow can she bake! Hide the scale!



PC needs someone to be our secretary and take minutes at our church council meetings once a month. It would be nice if they could type and distribute via internet, but we aren't picky! Date is always the second Monday of the month. If interested please contact Colleen Barkham.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

February:

2nd: Delores Burkhart

3rd: Lalit Herbert

5th: Jean Helig

7th: Linda Pasternak & Mark

Taylor

12th: Jeanne Rinehart & Patricia Summers

15th: Colleen Barkham

March:

3rd: Ruth Barkham

4th: Bernie Gudobba

9th: Susan Wood & Dick Bourez

26th: Walt Poplawski

29th: Clara (Voll) Linton & Pastor Tom Sayers

PC PERSON OF FAITH:

Nancy Nawrocki :

Since being a New Year's Day baby, Nancy has lived her entire life in Rochester, until she was married, and now lives on a lake in Lake Orion. Her one sibling, Bruce, lives now in the family home in Rochester. Her father worked at Church's Lumber Yard and later in life also owned a building business, while continuing to work at Church's. Her mother was a homemaker and care-giver.

Nancy graduated from Rochester High School and then earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Alma College (English major) and a Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Education (with a minor in Fine Arts) from Oakland University.

She taught at private pre-schools, and also enrichment classes (creative writing, baking and dramatics) at various locations. Presently she tutors Lanuguage Arts (K-12) out of her home.

Nancy and Mike married in 1983 and have enjoyed 27 years together. Mike works in sales at ABC Warehouse. They have traveled in 24 states. They honeymooned in San Francisco, so that is a favorite travel spot, along with Cape Cod, Mass. Nancy loves beaches and being near an ocean. Foreign travel includes England, Scotland, Wales, Mexico and Canada.

Nancy's numerous interests include reading, writing, yoga, listening to all kinds of music, baking, movies, plays, swimming, travel (especially to Traverse City and Ludington areas), row-boat rides with her dog, Max, and walking with him in nature year round. She enjoys a poetry-writing group with 6 women, and listening to sermons by Robert Schuller and Joel Osteen.

Nancy started a bear ministry program, where she adopts out

stuffed bears, (with an inspirational message attached), to people with cancer or other life-altering conditions. She had a personal bear collection and decided to pass them along to others. Now she is given bears by friends who have heard of her project and want to assist in offering comfort. Nancy offers counseling to people with cancer and other life issues.

Their dog, Max, (9-yrs.-old) was a rescue dog who also rescued Nancy! Because of his unknown early past, Max has separation-anxiety problems (or as Nancy states: "special needs"). Max was instrumental in directing Nancy to Paint Creek Church!

Nancy found Paint Creek UMC because a friend saw an article in Lifestyles Newspaper about Paint Creek being a dog-friendly church – so she brought Max to Christmas Eve Service in 2009.

Activities that Nancy participates in at Paint Creek Church include Crop Walk (with Max), baking for Goodison Good Tymes and Christmas Cookie Sale, coffee hour hostess, and Scriptures Liturgist.

Asked what she likes about Paint Creek, she mentions the friendliness, the small size, Pastor Tom's ministry, the format of services and especially a dog-friendly church!

Nancy's philosophy is to focus on living spiritually, on physical wellness and healing, and to be positive in thinking. Her cheerfulness is enjoyed by everyone at Paint Creek UMC!

Interviewed by Jan McCall (transcribed by JoAnn Bourez) - January, 2011



Exercise daily,
walk with the LORD!!!

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: MARCH 6th

**BIBLE STUDY TO
BEGIN ON JANUARY
27th one in the morning
and one in the evening!!
Please plan on attending
one of the sessions!!**

**HOPE HOSPITALITY
WARMING SHELTER!!
MARCH 25th, 26th, & 27th!!!
So mark your Calendars!!!**

**PASTY SALE AT
HOWARTH:
March 5th!! Order
forms will be made
available!! \$3.75each
Proceeds will be used
for "Howarth's Wish
List!!"**

HOWARTH NEWS:

MSSION NEWS:

Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter will be the weekend of March 25th-27th!! All hands needed for this cause to help the homeless!!!

A benefit Breakfast was held on Saturday, January 8th. The money raised has been donated to Yokosuka, Japan PAWS and to the Oakland Animal Shelter on Brown Rd. Over \$400 was raised to benefit the animals.

On Christmas Day, through donations and hands on from Howarth, we traveled to Toledo, OH where we served a hot Christmas dinner to the needy. We rented a U-haul, took generators, turkey cookers, roasters and all the necessities we needed to serve the dinner outside in the elements!! It was the best and most humbling Christmas gift received by all!!

A special thank you to Sandi Engel for her donation to the Toledo Christmas dinner.

To Roy, Marci and James Coates for traveling with Pat Pollitt to help serve the Christmas dinner!! As a community we made a difference in many lives and in ours!! What a blessing!!

To Rick and Sharon Rowden, Pat & John Pollitt for the donations of the turkeys, Dave Keys for letting us use his generator and Paul & Kaye Hammon for the donation to make the Toledo Christmas Dinner a reality!! What a blessing all of you are!!!

We are collecting for Oxford/Orion FISH each month the needed items from the "wish list". At the end of each month the items collected are delivered to FISH!!

Upcoming Spaghetti Dinner to collect non-perishable items for Oxford/Orion FISH and Love INC. There will be no charge for this meal only donation of the non-perishable items!!

Please pick up a container from Sharon to begin collecting quarters to donate to Love INC for the Laundry Mission!!

"Gas Card Mission" there is a gas can in the sanctuary, which we are collecting change in to

offer help to those in our community through Love INC.

SPECIAL NOTE:

We will be collecting laundry supplies for Love INC as part of our mission to help our local community.

Still collecting food donations for FISH. Learned today that at FISH when a client receives their allotments, it is weighed, including laundry supplies. Therefore it was decided that it would be better to donate food to FISH and laundry supplies to Love, INC.

HOWARTH UMW:

On January 20, 2011, we will hold a meeting to set our Dinner schedule for 2011. Watch the newsletter and the web site for the dates!!!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season!

Our Christmas Walk was a great success. Profit was \$1,100.00. Already planning for the 2011 Cookie walk. We give Sharon Rowden many thanks for being our Chairman for this event. We couldn't do it without her and all the cookies that everyone baked. (Sharon decorated so many cookies the Gingerbread men were chasing her in her Dreams!!!)

Thanks to all those who worked at the cookie walk.

Thank you notes received from Pastor Tom, Sharon & Stephanie for the generous Christmas Gifts given to them by the UMW.

As the dinner season begins we will again be asking for your help to make them happen and be successful. Watch for dates in the future newsletters and the

weekly bulletin. They will also be posted on the web site and in the Oakland Press Calendar of the newspaper (Oakpress.com)

There will be an Easter pie sale. Held on April 23rd.

Submitted by Marilyn Foster

**FUN NIGHT AT
HOWARTH:
Saturday, Feb. 12th
5:00 pm - until the fun
is done!! Everyone is
welcome. Childcare will
be provided!!**

**HOWARTH
TREASURERS REPORT:**

Budget 2011 \$59,635
Needed monthly \$ 4,970

For 2010 we went over
budget by \$1,100

**Our heartfelt sympathies and
prayers are with David &
Karen Osterkamp on the loss
of David's father (100 yrs. old)
who went home to be with his
Heavenly Father!!**

THANK YOU...

Pastor Tom for the Bible Study
on Advent, it was very thought
provoking and yes Christmas
can be any day!!!

A special thank you from
Yokosuka, Japan. Adam &
Alysha Sandstrom want to thank
everyone for the donations from
the breakfast that was held to
benefit the PAWS they are
involved with there. The
generosity shown for the animals
they are caring for and trying to
find homes for means so much
to them.

To everyone who decorated the
Church for the Christmas season,
it looked beautiful!! As we
know, Christmas is every day!!

A very big Thank you to RJ
Keys for helping with the fund
raiser breakfast!! You did such
an awesome job-looking forward
to your help at the dinners!!!

To all who helped with the
Cookie walk and to Marilyn for
the special little chocolate mice
that she made-so cute!!!

For all the donations and
shopping done by Sharon
Rowden for our Angel Fish!!
Wonderful gift for those who
needed the help!!

For Sharon and Rick Rowden for
delivering the Angel Fish gifts!!

Paul Sandstrom for delivering
the donations monthly to FISH!!

To Dick Bourez for the beautiful
music on Sunday morning!!

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19th: Kevin LaCourse
21st: Erin Spencer
25th: David Osterkamp &
Jennifer Howden
26th: Kimberly Osterkamp
29th: Pastor Tom Sayers

CELEBRATIONS:

On December 19, 2010 baptisms
of Eric Everhart and son Jason
Edward Everhart was celebrated
by their family and friends.
Such a special day for all!!!

Congratulations to Stephanie,
Randy and Hunter Lamas for
receiving their Green Belts in
Karate!! HIYA!!



Some people are kind and
polite...til you sit in
THEIR pew!!!!!!

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FYI: Howarth is in the process
of purchasing new chairs for the
fellowship hall. You can help
out with this project by
purchasing one or more
chairs.... The cost will be
approximately \$18 each. More
info to follow.

the church around the world

...from United Methodist News Service – <http://umns.umc.org>

RethinkChurch.org launched

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church has officially launched a newly redesigned website for young adult spiritual seekers, RethinkChurch.org, which invites visitors to question, discuss, get involved and make a difference. The site is the successor to 10thousanddoors.org.

UMW offers resources on human trafficking

NEW YORK — In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day on Jan. 11, the United Methodist Women homepage is featuring an interactive, informational slideshow about the issue. Also included are links to downloadable material for the organization's "Intercept the Traffickers" campaign to end trafficking; a Bible study on human trafficking; a PowerPoint presentation; action alerts and a human trafficking fact sheet.

Tucson services call all to be 'agents of hope'

TUCSON, Ariz. — Children can lead adults to become agents of hope, Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño told those who had gathered to remember the dead and pray for the living. The Jan. 11 vigil was among many interfaith gatherings held in response to a Jan. 8 shooting rampage, which left six dead and more than a dozen wounded.

UMCOR cited as 'Top Ten' Haiti relief fundraiser

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The United Methodist Committee on Relief is among the top 10 charities raising money for Haiti earthquake relief, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy. "Ten charities have accounted for more than 75 percent of all donations raised to benefit the 2010 Haiti earthquake," the Chronicle reported. Overall, the charities have raised more than \$1.4 billion for Haiti. UMCOR, which raised \$43 million, was No. 9. The American Red Cross was first with \$479 million in donations.

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