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Fund raisers and Why we do them...

To raise funds to help defer the costs of improvements, helping out missions-that are so important to us and to keep our doors open.

This thought came to me while we were around the big stainless steel island at church making pasties to raise money!!! As we were rolling, stuffing, sealing and getting ready to bake we were “fellowshipping”.

Talking about our families, lives and dreams. In this hustle bustle world we don’t always have the time to just converse with others, but while working on fund raisers we do. We get to know each other, we share with each other our thoughts and sometimes more fund raisers are born!!

During this past weekend friendships were formed. Because all the cooking had to be done at church it was different then working in the shelter’s kitchen.

Everyone pitched in and while a task was being completed guess what was happening? Yep, fellowshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ!!

Next time you are working on a fund raiser, take time to get to know the person you are next to whether it is cooking, folding clothes or just waiting for the next customer to arrive, share your Christian heart and build a foundation!!

Kathy Sandstrom

p a s t o r ' s c o l u m n



We will continue with our itinerary that we started in February. Here we are in the Season of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday service was wonderful and now our journey with Christ continues.

The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. The First Sunday describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday, Palm Sunday, Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death.

The Great Three Days, from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent and a bridge into the Easter Season. During these days we will journey with Jesus from the upper room, to the garden, to the cross and to the tomb.

Lent is a time of reflection on the meaning of our lives in the light of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. *He died for us. What have we done for Him?* During this season of Lent, instead of “giving up” something, what if we were to “take on” something? What if, instead of “giving up” criticizing others, we “took on” the blessing of others?

In other words Lent is less about giving up than taking on. Lent is our annual opportunity to TAKE ON that which will enable us to draw closer to the presence and power of God. Take on family prayer and praise time.

Folks, the whole point of a Lenten season is to lead us to the foot of the cross, to bring us to our knees in gratitude and awe at the love flowed from the cross of Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your witness and your willingness to declare that you are one with Christ this Lenten season. *Happy Easter!*
Blessings, Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS: MISSION NEWS:

PC is supporting twelve Missions for 2011. Two of the twelve missions are outlined here:

Rochester Area Neighborhood House-\$300 pledge.

This agency is a "non-profit organization" founded by churches in the Rochester area in 1968 to assist those facing hardship during difficult times. The emergency BASIC needs being met are: food, clothing, housing, utility bills, medical and transportation devices. Also available are short-term counseling for emotional and spiritual needs, job coaching and budget counseling. RANH has 3 facilities that need to be supported. They are: the Food Pantry, the Clothes Closet and the Administrative offices. RANH serves a very important mission in our community.

Red Bird Clinic Inc:

Beverly, Kentucky \$25 pledge. This clinic provides "medical services, home health care, a dental clinic and ambulance services for the low-income, rural residents of Appalachia."

DONATIONS FOR LOVE INC.

We at Paint Creek are doing a wonderful job of donating pocket change for two campaigns. The first is for laundry, putting quarters into the little laundry hampers. This helps distressed people keep their clothes clean, their minds straight, and their spirits up - one less thing to worry about knowing that their families are at least clean and presentable.

The second campaign collects funds to purchase gas cards. We fill the red plastic "gas can" with change. This is needed for many things including job interviews and schooling.

We started this ministry in the middle of January and, as of March 6, 2011; we have collected \$134.00

for laundry and \$59.16 for gas - \$193.16 total. This is an ongoing event; please keep giving to help those in need.

EASTER BUNNIES

In March, we will start bringing in stuffed Easter Bunnies. These are to be used to help comfort children in crisis, and they will be donated to a police station or fire department in our area to be passed out as needed.

Submitted by: Judith Mair

PAINT CREEK RECIEVES RECOGNITION:

PC has again earned Spotlight Church recognition for 2010. To earn this honor, the church has to have paid all apportionments for the year along with paying all pledged missions. PC accomplished these requirements. Though PC is a small church, the church has consistently paid all apportionments while larger churches have failed to do the same thus not being topped for Spotlight honors. Our membership through their giving should be proud to have earned this honor.

MISSION MET:

The Conference Board of Global Ministries has requested the Detroit Annual Conference collect medical supplies in May. This is to aid the people of Haiti as the country strives to recover from the earthquake. PC and Howarth have agreed to share the cost of a medicine box which includes 18 essential drugs and will provide medicine to 1,000 people for up to 3 months. Our share of \$227.50 was collected in 2 Sundays. Jan McCall and Nancy Mikesch were pleased to make this announcement. We exceeded the amount to be collected so will apply the extra money to one of our pledged missions. A big thank you to Suzy Kelly for helping raise the funds. Her delicious chocolate candy which she sold raised the necessary money for Haiti and money for an additional mission.

Submitted by Jan McCall

UPDATED DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

A SHEET HAS BEEN PRINTED PROVIDING THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF OUR NEW PEOPLE SINCE THE DIRECTORY WAS PRINTED.

This sheet has been designed so it can fit into your current directory. If you have not obtained your insert, see Jan McCall.

Persons of Faith – Judy and Rob Mair - Paint Creek Church

Judy Mair – Lived in Hazel Park , where she graduated from Hazel Park High School , later attending Oakland Community College , studying Accounting. Since 1995 has lived in Davison, Warren , and then Rochester Hills (7 years ago when she and Rob were married). Her father worked at Chrysler (and various other jobs during lay-offs). Her mother was a stay-at-home Mom and her only sibling, a brother, is retired and in Kentucky . Judy has worked for the past 35 years as bookkeeper and office manager for a manufacturer in Warren .

Judy has 2 grown children from her earlier marriage, a daughter in Milan and a son in Clarkston. Her 3 grandchildren, Brianna (8) and twins Emma and Tyler (7), have visited Paint Creek Church . Judy met Rob through the Solar Club, when Rob was a carefree bachelor! Judy enjoyed lots of traveling after her 1st marriage, visiting Paris , Ireland , England and Wales . She has also visited USA National Parks, hiking and camping. Her interests include gardening and raising indoor plants. In the past, she has quilted and done needle-point. She enjoys knitting and crocheting and reading. Her favorite books are mystery stories. Judy and Rob came to Paint Creek after reading an article in the newspaper about it being an old, historical church.

Judy's activities at Paint Creek include ushering, chairperson of Outreach, coffee-hour hostess,

Church Council, working at Baldwin Warming Center , Bible Study groups and Membership Class.

Both Judy and Rob say what they like about Paint Creek are the friendly people, Pastor Tom, feeling at home at church, and love having dogs in attendance.

Rob Mair – born in Detroit , grew up in Lathrup Village , graduated from Southfield High School and then Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. Rob is 1 of 4 siblings. His father was an accountant at Evans Products and Barton Malow, and then served in the USAAF during World War II. His mother worked for the government, interviewing immigrants during the war. Then she became a stay-at-home Mom. Rob has traveled in 45 states and in western Europe, and has been to Alaska 4 times! He has lived in East Lansing , New Mexico , Idaho and Vermont , cooking in restaurants, doing surveying, and fighting forest fires and working forestry jobs out west. The past 16 years he has been working for a municipality as inspector for water and sewer projects. His desk work includes using 4 computer programs – Excel, Access, Word and Power Point. He researched “how to conserve water” for that municipality and the information was made into a video, with Rob doing the narration. Rob has been researching genealogy since 1984, recently read the new biography of George Washington, enjoys American history and non-fiction books, planting flower beds and vegetable gardening (the latter is not as productive as others of his efforts, he says!), enjoys touring, visiting family and friends, and likes music (attending Detroit Symphony Concerts). Rob is very much an outdoor person. Along with Judy, activities include hiking, biking, camping, cross-country skiing, canoeing, and kayaking in Michigan and across the USA and Canada . Both Rob and Judy have belonged to the Detroit Curling Club (Rob was Vice-President), Solar Club,

and presently Detroit Institute of Arts (Rob).

At Paint Creek, Rob’s contributions include ushering, Church Council, Trustee, Bible Study groups, membership class, coffee-hour host along with Judy, and working at Baldwin Warming Center .

By Jan McCall

(edited by JoAnn Bourez)

Birthday and Anniversaries:

See Betty Poplowski to provide her with your birthday and anniversary dates if you are new to the church.

April:

3rd: Chris Lutz

6th: Carrie Barkham & Jessie Kinney

10th: Trevor Barkham

11th: Andy Knaack

15th: Richard Poplawski

20th: Robert LaFountain

25th: Cal Devitt

28th: Alyssa Keast & Nancy Mikesch

May:

2nd: Betty Wilbur

4th: JoAnn Bourez

5th: Peter Taylor

9th: Floris Stoner

13th: Dottie Spitsbergen, Lois Sayers & Amy Devitt

14th: Shirley Pennington

19th: Caryl Chamberlin

21st: Zane Bouvier Schatz

22nd: Lenna Vay Devitt

Jean & Chris Lutz May 1st

Dick & JoAnn Bourez May 25th

Soup Sunday:

February 27th, was “Soup Sunday” which was fellowship for that day. There were 8 different soups provided along with Kruse & Muer bread, corn muffins, salads and desserts. The luncheon was delicious!! Those responsible for making and providing were: Colleen Barkham, Suzy Kelly, Jean Lutz, Nancy Nawrocki, Becky Plunkett, and Adam Zimmerman. A big thank you to these wonderful cooks!!

THANK YOU...

Colleen Barkham and Chris Lutz for serving as liturgists the past 3 months.

JoAnn Bourez, Jean Lutz and Nancy Nawaroki for reading scripture each Sunday.

Caryl Chamberlin, Nancy Mikesch and Elizabeth Mulso for assisting Pastor Tom with communion.

Colleen Barkham for organizing “Soup Sunday”

Nancy Mikesch for her art work making posters to advertise missions.

All the members who have provided delicious goodies for our outstanding coffee hours. They are: Colleen Barkham, Suzy Keely, Jean Lutz, Judy Mair, Jan McCall, Nancy Nawrocki, Linda Pasternak, Bechy Plunkett, Hilda Taylor and Christina Wolf.

Suzy Kelly for all the chocolate candy she made for Valentine’s Day. This money used for the Haiti drug kit and other missions. If you bought her candy.... you know what a treat it was. Her peanut clusters and turtle candies are out of this world!!!

RUMMAGE SALE INFO:

Historic, 150-year-old Paint Creek Church SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Are you cleaning out closets, attics, garage and basements, getting rid of things that don't fit your lifestyle any more? Or, do you have a friend who's moving and has more than is movable? Here's how you can feel very good about getting rid of that "stuff".

Give it to historic, 150-year-old Paint Creek Church for our colossal Spring Rummage Sale on April 8 and 9. We take decorative items, garden stuff, lamps, dishes, linens, sporting goods, toys, games, books, holiday decor, clothing, shoes, and vintage, antique and collectible items.

And while you are feeling virtuous about clearing out and simplifying your life, save April 8th & 9th for some serious bargain hunting! You never know what you will discover!

Sale days: Friday, April 8th - 9 to 5 (Early Birds, 8 AM for \$3.00) and Saturday, April 9th - 9 to 1 (Bag Day or half-price). Questions? call Jo Ann Bourez, 248-651-7516.

CROP WALK!!!

MAY 1, 2011

Sign in is at 1:30 p.m.

SEE ELIZABETH REITZ for Pledge sheets or if you want to sponsor a walker!! CHALLENGE HAS BEEN MADE FROM PAINT CREEK TO HOWARTH ON THE PLEDGES!! LET'S BEGIN THE WALK FOR THOSE WHO WALK!!!

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE for

June/July: MAY 8th!!!

pkpaa@aol.com (subject Trumpet) or
howarthumc@att.net

SPAGHETTI DINNER APRIL 9TH

at Howarth 4:30-7 pm

Cost: Donations of non-perishables and personal hygiene products!!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Remember to notify the office if there are any additions or subtractions to the prayer list in the bulletin and if there are any birthdays/anniversaries to add or remove.

I am in the process of updating our church directory for a new one coming out in June of 2011. Please check your information and notify me if there are any changes to be made. Additions can be made at this time. We have an option now to add email addresses and cell phone numbers. If you would like either of these added to your info, email them to the church office by April 29th.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this and all other matters pertaining to the churches.

Sincerely,
Your Secretary
Sharon

HOWARTH NEWS: MISSION NEWS:

Pasty sale was a huge success, 459 pasties were made and sold!! A profit of over \$1200 was made.

The Mission Committee purchased 25 chairs for the fellowship hall.

Donated \$100 to the Yokosuka, Japan PAWS, in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that took place March 11th.

The Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter weekend was a huge success. With many volunteers from cooking, preparing brown bag lunches, to clean-up committee, to serving to fellowshiping with the clients

and for the prayers. It is greatly appreciated by those in need as well as it is to those that are able to help!!

Paul and Kathy determined that the amount spent to provide 3 well balanced homemade meals, and 180 bag lunches comes to approximately \$3 a person (total of 300 meals, and 180 bag lunches). Not bad for the quality and quantity of food that was prepared!!

Remember in November to support the Turkey dinner! The profits from this dinner are for feeding the homeless!!!

Thank you those of you who donated to support the Haiti medical kits that are being purchased by the Conference. Every donation makes a difference.

We will be receiving our Jubilee Spotlight Mission Certificate again this year for 2010 at Annual Conference. Once again we are doing what we are to do as United Methodists, supporting missions and paying 100% of our apportionments.

The "Love Garden" will be planted again in May/early June with the produce being donated to FISH again this year!! They look forward to these fresh vegetables. What a great hands on mission this is!! Get your garden shoes and gloves out and watch the bulletin for the dates!!

TIGER BASEBALL GAME:

SUNDAY, JULY 31st

1:05 pm Game

Tigers vs. LAA. Upper and lower seats available: \$30 each See Kathy to sign up!! Money due June 30th.



HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Sunday, April 3rd at 10:45 am meeting to discuss the upcoming pie sale and dinners.

PIE SALE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd
PRE-ORDER YOUR PIES
Lemon, cherry cheesecake,
peanut butter pie &
pineapple pie!!
\$12 EACH
CONTACT SHARON TO
ORDER YOURS TODAY:
248-373-2360

COMING IN JUNE! FARMERS
MARKET AT HOWARTH
EVERY WEDNESDAY
2 PM – 7 PM!

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

APRIL:

3rd: Brianna Howden
4th: Barbara Shubert & John Pollitt
6th: Robert Key
7th: Tim Spencer & Mathew
Landon Spencer
13th: Ashley Howden
15th: Ashley Sandstrom
18th: Stephanie Lamas
26th: Barb Hill
28th: Hunter Lamas
Randy & Steph Lamas April 10th
Ray & Rita Sauls April 15th
Scott & Jennifer Howden April 24th



MAY:

1st: Al Reeves & Dawn Key
7th: Angela LaCourse & Linda
Duddles
8th: Erika LaCourse
13th: Lois Sayers
14th: Thomas Spencer
15th: PJ Sandstrom
19th: Paul Hamman
29th: Lindsay Waite
30th: Rick Rowden, Carl Paulson &
Ray Sauls
Paul & Kathy Sandstrom (25th)
May 2nd
John & pat Pollitt May 9th



THANK YOU...

To everyone who helped at the Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter, from cooking to cleaning to serving, fellowshiping, to packing lunches and in any way at all it was greatly appreciated!!

To all who helped at the pasty sale. Another fun day of making pasties!! A special thanks to Kaye Hamman, (you know why)!!

To all who have purchased the much needed chairs for the fellowship hall!! More chairs are available for purchase. Contact Sharon.

Those of you who donated to the Haiti Health Kit.

Paul Sandstrom for making the cross for the church to display during Lent to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice. Kathy for making the scarf.

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

Pastor Tom for the wonderful uplifting sermons!!

Ms. Lois for teaching Sunday school. The children are so blessed to have such a wonderful teacher.

To Pastor Tom & Lois for the lovely flowers and candy treats on Valentine's Day!

Eric Everhart and Rick Rowden for fixing the water softener.

Always to Sharon for the awesome tireless job you do as our secretary, we may not say it enough but we do appreciate you!!

Pat Pollitt for the wonderfully delicious pineapple upside down cakes you make for the shelter!! We sure love them!!

To all of you who supply the goodies for coffee time. It is appreciated by all. Thank you to

Rita & Ray Sauls for signing on too!! Shirley Reeves, Jennifer Howden, Stephanie Lamas, Cheryl Everhart, Sharon Rowden. Betty Paulson, Stella Andrews, Pat Pollitt Lois Sayers and Marilyn Foster.

Crop Walk: See
Elizabeth Reitz for
sponsor sheets or to
sponsor a walker!!
Challenge from PC has
been given!!
We Walk Because They
Walk!!

May 1st, Sunday
Sign in is at 1:30 p.m.

A special note and thank you to all those who have inquired about Adam and Alysha Sandstrom. They are stationed at Yokosuka, Japan and are doing fine. They are 280 miles from the nuclear reactors and are both very involved in the state of the base. They are very grateful for all the prayers and ask that we continue to keep all of Japan in our prayers as it will be a long process of healing. For now Alysha has decided to stay and not take the volunteer evacuation. They feel safe and secure and trust the Command on the information being updated to them. Thank you again from them as well as all of their families. Please continue to keep them in your prayers along with all who are being affected by these natural disasters.

Congratulations to Lilah Kaye Young and her parents Ernie & Amy, grandparents, Paul & Kaye and Great Grandparents, Al & Shirley on her baptism, March 20, 2011!!

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Harvest Hope: The Rural Church in America

The United Methodist Church still has an estimated 20,000 rural churches today in the United States and faces the challenge of how it will continue to minister to some of its most faithful members. A multimedia United Methodist News Service series explores the current state of rural churches in the U.S. and ideas to keep them alive and well. The series is available at www.umc.org/rural.

United Methodist film wins Emmy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A short film funded by a United Methodist Board of Discipleship grant won a regional Emmy. The Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston, the producer-director, received the award for "Digital Diary: Christine" Jan. 29. The Nashville/Midsouth Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences gave the honor. The film tells the 12-minute story of a woman trying desperately to save her marriage. The "Digital Diary: Christine" DVD and a 32-page discussion guide may be purchased through Cokesbury or ordered online at www.Godfilms.com.

Man begins mission work at age 90

ROGERS, Ark. — At a time in life when many may choose to take things easy, Kenneth Kruger was up for a new challenge: going on an international mission trip. In fact, since turning 90, the member of Central United Methodist Church has taken three such trips—to Chile, Belize and Costa Rica, along with an excursion to Israel. "I like to see what's over the next hill," Kruger said.

GOP dominates church's congressional group

WASHINGTON — Republican gains in the 2010 election produced a dramatic shift in the party affiliations of United Methodists serving in Congress. United Methodist Republican legislators outnumber United Methodist Democrats two to one, or 32 to 16, in the 112th Congress.



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