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Without HOPE

A popular movie theme explores what life would be like if the title character had never lived. Of course, as the story unfolds, it becomes evident how important that person's life was to all of those he or she touched. As we launched our fund drive for the upcoming warming season, I began to ponder on what our community would be like without HOPE.

The 300+ homeless individuals that we serve each winter would be on the streets, squatting in Pontiac's abandoned houses. These men and women would be vulnerable to hypothermia, frostbite and attack. They would be hungry since there would be no place to go for dinner. (I know securing adequate food is a problem for them during HOPE's off season. A number of our guests have come to the front door of our shelter recently asking if I had any food for them.) Some might perish in fires set in buildings in an attempt to ward off the cold. Without HOPE, they would not receive the critical help to navigate human services and link with organizations and services like the Veterans Administration and community mental health. Without HOPE, people would die from things like exposure, hypothermia and lose limbs to frostbite. And they would literally be, *without hope*.

Because of you, I know that this will not happen. The gifts you have given to HOPE have been truly lifesaving. Thank you so much for supporting our work! Even though we are small, HOPE's impact is huge to the 300+ people who seek shelter. HOPE's impact in preventing squatting among the homeless is a tremendous asset to those in the surrounding community where there are large numbers of abandoned homes.

Please know that every gift counts. We ask that you give generously to HOPE knowing that the support you provide is truly life saving.

pastor's column



“Fanning the Flames of Pentecost”

Our journey
through the
Easter

Season, the Great Fifty Days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost, is over on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011.

Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, ushering in the beginning

(The Birth) of the Church. On the Day of Pentecost a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of the Apostles and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him.

The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The United Methodist Book Of Worship tells us that we United

Methodists have something that no other denomination uses in terms of what we can also call this time. We have the option of calling this season Kingdomtide, where “*we are urged to emphasize Jesus’ teachings concerning the kingdom of God*”.

Our United Methodist emblem, with dual tongues of fire relates the United Methodist Church to God through the Holy Spirit.

Folks, we need to make sure that we continue to be keepers of the flames and fanners of the flames of

Pastor's column cont'

Pentecost by reaching out to offer our God of second chances to the people in our zip code by inviting them to make Howarth & Paint Creek United Methodist Churches their first choice for a second chance.

As we stay on course, focus, surrender and open ourselves up to God's continuing Grace he will remake us into what He wants us to be for Him, for His churches and for our community.

Thank you for being CLAITY, Clergy and Laity working together to make our churches places where people can come to "warm up by the flames" of the Holy Spirit and join us in Fanning them for the work of the Holy Spirit through our hearts, hands & feet.

Grace & Peace-Pastor Tom.

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

Ministry Jubilee Pledges:

For 2011, PC has pledged to support twelve ministries. In previous newsletters 4 projects have been reviewed as to the work each one carries out. This month 2 additional jubilee missions will be outlined. God's Country Cooperative Parish is located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Katie Peterson, who has given a presentation at PC, assists with this parish ministry. God's Country Cooperative Parish covers a 2500 square mile area in the eastern part of the UU.P. Issues that focuses on are: dealing with the issues of isolation, poverty, prejudice, social in-justice, violence, job loss and disasters. Katie's energy is spent helping the 7 church communities, (that make up the parish) become more aware of the various issues which impact their communities. PC supports this cooperative by paying \$150.00 for the year toward their work and another \$175.00 to assist Katie Peterson. Also several times during

the PC sends used but clean winter clothing and boots to the U.P. via Katie. *Submitted by Jan McCall*

IMPROMPTU EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Early in April, Jan McCall announced that Paint Creek Church was not having coffee and fellowship time after the Easter Sunday service because several members had other plans and it was thought that the turn-out would be too small.

But then a little voice asked a simple question, "What about us, the ones who don't have other plans and who love the fellowship of our coffee hour?"

So a sign-up sheet was dispatched and coffee hour became a potluck – what an amazing potluck! There was so much food that we were able to invite all of the blessed 64 who attended the Easter Sunday service to join us! The amazing part was that the sign-up sheet on the week before Easter only had 12 members planning to attend!

A huge thank-you goes to the following fabulous cooks: Colleen Barkham, Nancy Nawrocki, Sandy Knaack, Caryl Chamberlin, Nancy Mikesch, Pat Summers, Judy Mars, Kathy Ferriby, Elizabeth Mulso, Becky Plunkett and Suzy Kelly.

It was such a special day, starting with Pastor Tom's sermon and followed by the scrumptious coffee hour potluck! Among many highlights were 1) the "home-made" cream puffs with Sanders hot fudge, made by Colleen Barkham, with ice cream by Nancy Mikesch; 2) watching Chris Lutz roll up his sleeves and wash the dishes, with the assistance of Andy Knaack; and 3) watching Michael Nawrocki helping Suzy carry "half her kitchen" back to her car! But the best highlight was seeing the joy and fellowship between everyone! It was wonderful to see the extended family of members and friends of members! We also saw some cherished old friends (surprise guest Mike Daly!) and some new faces. It was a very special coffee hour, thanks to the little voice with the simple question! We are a

blessed little church and it starts with Pastor Tom and Lois!

Instrumental debut:

I was privileged to be involved when two of our church members made their instrumental debut at PC. A few years ago, Derek Herbert played his guitar for my song, "He Took Your Place." Unfortunately for us, Derek moved to California. Just recently, Don Paterson had his instrumental debut when he played his guitar and sang for our duet, "He'll Walk by Your Side." You may recall that Don and Heidi adapted the song lyrics of a John Denver song for church use. (Don't you dare move away, Don.) Oh, and Don, I'm well on my way to forgiving you for that (prank) phone call! *Submitted by: Cal Devitt*

PAINT CREEK CHURCH PICNIC - Sunday, June 26, 1:PM

Instead of coffee hour on June 26th, we will gather for a potluck picnic as guests of Becky and Tony Plunkett at their beautiful Willow Creek Miniature Golf and Sports Center, (3120 South Lapeer Road)

Highlights:

1. Meat and drinks provided by Tony and Becky.
 2. Bring a dish to pass and a folding chair.
 3. Easy location to find: on M-24, south of Lake Orion, (West side of the road)
 4. Lots of free parking
- All the activities at this beautiful spot are absolutely free during our picnic!

Free activities include:

1. Fabulous miniature golf, with Walnut Creek running though it!
2. Driving range for golf enthusiasts (& eager beginners as well)!
3. Best ball contest (longest shot) on Driving Range!
4. Helium balloons!
5. Tables set up, meat and drinks provided!
6. Fun, good food, and warm fellowship guaranteed!

Thank you...

Suzy Kelly, Sandy Knaack, Judy Mair, Judy Mars, Jan McCall, Nancy Nawrocki, Betty Poplawski, for hosting coffee hours March and April. Delicious!!

Hats off to Nancy Mikesch and Heidi Paterson for doing the announcements/prayers.

Communion helpers, Nancy Mikesch, Elizabeth Mulso, Heidi Patterson, and Lois Sayers.

Lois Sayers for all her work at both Howarth and PC churches.

Pastor Tom for keeping everyone informed via e-mail about church events and people. Also for his outstanding pastoral work.

Everyone who worked to make the church rummage sale a success.

Church Members who donated \$315.00 for Japanese relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Betty Wilber for seeing food products are delivered to the RANH food pantry almost weekly. The need is great!!

Suzy Kelly for all the coffee hours and special feasts she has supported and provided food for since October. Appreciated by all in attendance!!

JoAnn Bourez for coming in Palm and Easter Sundays to direct the choir though very ill. A real trooper!!

Dick Bourez for the beautiful music he provides each Sunday on either the piano or organ.

All who participated in the CROP Walk representing PC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

June:

4th: Colleen King
10th: Margaret Metcalf

14th: John Barkham & Reva LaFountain
18th: Zigmund Urbanski
20th: Kathy Kauppinen

16th: Stanley & Patricia Summers
17th: Mike & Colleen King
20th: Bernard & Curtis Gudobba
23rd: Clifford & Leslie Keast
28th: Walt & Betty Poplawski

July:

1st: Shaila Herbert
3rd: Trae Bouvier Schatz
9th: Helen Waite
12th: Judy Mars
13th: Heidi Paterson
18th: Andrew Taylor
26th: Amanda McNerney
27th: Gretchen Drader

12th: Tom & Ruth Barkham
23rd: John & Hilda Taylor
27th: Mike & Susan Wood
28th: Steve & Brenda Laclave
31st: Peter & Mary Taylor

PC Persons of Faith:

Written by Jan McCall

Stan & Pat Summers

Pat Summers was born at the Detroit home of her grandparents. Her father, Jack Stuart, worked as a manager for Kresge's. Pat's mother, Kay was a stay at home mom caring for 2 boys and 2 girls.

Dad was transferred frequently during Pat's youth, so she lived in Buffalo, N.Y., Chillicothe, Ohio, and Charleston W.VA. Before moving to Sodus, MI where her father ran a fruit farm. Eventually the family moved back to Detroit when her Dad started working at Fisher Body.

Pat received her education mostly through the Detroit Public Schools graduating from Redford HS where she followed a business program. Pat then applied for a job at Fisher Body in the file room. She was hired and later became a "Girl Friday" doing various office jobs.

While at Fisher Body, Pat met Stan. They married June 16, 1951. This June they will celebrate their 60th

anniversary. Once married they moved to Wisconsin where Stan was stationed. When he was deployed to Korea, Pat returned to Detroit to be with family.

After Stan's discharge from the Army, they moved to an apartment in Detroit, soon after purchasing a house in Royal Oak where they started their family. They stayed within Royal Oak moving 3 times as their family grew. Linda, Rick, Kerry and Mary Beth are their children. The family moved to Rochester in 1972.

In the summers, Pat and the children lived at their cottage on Round Lake. Stan joined them on weekends. Wonderful memories they have of these times with family.

As their children married the Summers family grew. Pat and Stan are the proud grandparents of 6 grandchildren-5 boys and 1 girl-ranging in age from 21-29 years and 1 great-grandchild.

Their son Rick, was a hockey player so they became avid hockey fans with Stan now rooting for Montreal and Pat for the Red Wings.

When Pat moved to Rochester she became a docent at Meadowbrook Hall giving tours and telling stories about the Dodge family. Other interests are: needlepoint, reading (biographies, historical English fiction and mysteries). She also loves her roses.

Travel for Pat has been trips to England, Wales, Germany, and Belgium and from Venice to Paris on the Orient Express. Pat's favorite journey was a 3 week trip to New Zealand and Australia. She has traveled the U.S.A. with Stan and grandchildren.

This couple first attended Paint Creek in the 1970's but drifted away until their return 3 years ago. Both joined the church in 2010 and now serve as ushers. What Pat likes about PC are Pastor Tom and Lois,

the warm caring people, friendly atmosphere, the kindness offered after surgery, hymns, choir, organist and coffee hours.

Stan Summers was born in Detroit, but the family lived in Royal Oak. He refers to himself as a "depression era baby", since the family lost their home and were almost destitute. His father found work in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Toledo, Ohio. Eventually the family returned to the Detroit area where his Dad worked as an engineer. During WWII, Stan's father worked at General Electric. His mother was a stay at home mom raising Stan and his older sister.

While at Royal Oak HS, he studied a college prep program. Upon graduation, he took night classes at Wayne State University while working at Fisher Body.

In 1950, Stan was drafted into the army later being sent to fight in the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to Detroit working at Fisher Body-blueprint, quality control, purchasing, and engineering departments. He left Fisher Body in 1957 to be a manufacturing rep selling convertible top material to the Big 3. In 1980 he started a business selling needle carpet fabrics. By 1990, he sold his share of the business.

One of Stan's favorite interests in travel. He has visited 26 countries and every state capital except for Austin, TX. He hopes to visit Austin this year. Since he is a WWII history buff, his most moving journey was seeing the Normandy beaches. Other interests are: collecting old brewery advertisements, reading and studying history and geography. Stan loves dogs and has enjoyed having over the years twenty 4-legged friends.

Stan's fondest memories are the trips taken with his 6 grandchildren. Each child, once 11 years old, could select where they wanted to visit in the states. These journeys included: visiting state capitals, seeing

battlefields and the Baseball Hall of Fame. The themes always centered around history and geography. Stan and Pat are proud to have given this experience to their grandchildren.

Why does Stan enjoy PC? The friendly people, Pastor Tom's sense of humor and his being "down to earth". Stan feels "most at home" at Paint Creek.

Stan's involvement at the church has been ushering doing announcements/prayers, membership class, Bible study and 2 CROP Walks.

CROP Walk: May 1, 2011

The preliminary figures:

Howarth: \$920

Paint Creek: \$1349

PC won the Challenge!!!

Online pledges still accepted through June 2011.

Howarth Walkers:

Stephanie, & Hunter Lamas, Elizabeth Reitz, Paul Sandstrom, Rick & Sharon Rowden, Pastor Tom & Lois Sayers, Ernie, Amy & Lilah (first walk) Young.

Paint Creek Walkers:

Colleen Barkham, Rob & Judy Mair, Judy Mars (first walk), Nancy Nawrocki & Max, Linda Pasternak, Lisa Smith (first walk), Stan Summers, Pastor Tom & Lois Sayers.

We walk because they walk!!

Thank you to all who participated by either walking or donating to this very worthy cause.

ATTENTION PC & HOWARTH!!!

Baseball time again!!

Sunday, July 31st

Meet at Howarth for the bus will leave at 12:15pm for the 1:05pm game.

Tickets: \$30 each includes bus ride and seat.

Contact Kathy Sandstrom or Sharon Rowden to reserve your seat!!! Money due June 30th!! It is a

wonderful time if you have never gone before!! Only 55 seats available.

"There were giants on the earth in those days," the preacher read from Genesis. From the back, a voice asked, "San Francisco or New York?"

HOWARTH NEWS:

UMW NEWS:

The UMW pie sale made \$149.00, which was used to purchase 130 pairs of underwear for Bishop's Keaton's "seatcover" project. They were taken to Love, INC. Clothes Closet.

A profit of \$478.19 was made on the Rochester Tuesday Musicale dinner serving 52 people. Thanks to all who helped, although we were a small group, the dinner went smoothly.

We will be having a meeting sometime in June. So keep watching the announcements for the date and time. This will be for planning the June dinner. We will need your help for waiting on tables and after dinner clean-up. And as always, pie bakers!

UMW will be making a donation for plants and seeds for the Love Garden when it is ready to plant. Planters and **weeders** needed when it is time. Paul Sandstrom has again volunteered to do the garden.

Submitted by Marilyn Foster.

Special Notice:

In the Howarth & PC libraries you will find a new book: "A Travel Guide to Heaven". Check it out when you get a chance!!!

Mission News:

A \$450.00 donation was made to the Japanese earthquake/tsunami victims from the profits of the March pasty sale. Plus a \$100

donation made to Yokosuka PAWS in Japan for the animals affected by the disaster.

A donation through UMCOR for the Joplin, MO. Tornado victims will be made from the May 28th pasty sale profits.

The clothing collected for God's Country Cooperative Parish was delivered to Katie at the Detroit Annual Conference.

2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner was another success in donations for FISH and Love INC. 200 lbs. of donations were delivered and very much appreciated!!

Howarth and PC were awarded their Jubilee Spotlight Church Certificates for 2010.

Our Mission giving is going strong. It is what we are all about. Giving to our community-locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

June:

7th: Pat Plawinski
8th: Casie Rowden
12th: Trent Davis
13th: Adam Sandstrom
18th: Robert Geeck
19th: Cheryl Everhart &
Rose Ann Spencer
23rd: Randy Lamas
26th: Marie Dillenbeck
28th: Marilyn Foster

10th: Rick & Sharon Rowden
12th: Paul & Kaye Hamman

July:

4th: Melissa Spencer
10th: Amy Young
16th: Scott Spencer
28th: Ernie Young

4th: Bob & Marie Dillenbeck
22nd: Willard & Barb Shubert
31st: Dick & Barb Hill

Thank you...

Rick Rowden and Eric Everhart for taking care of the lawn!! (Other volunteers are always welcomed!)

Paul Sandstrom for representing both Howarth & PC at Annual Conference.

Sharon Rowden for delivering to Love INC., we appreciate it and mostly they appreciate it!!

Pastor Tom & Lois for delivering the "seatcovers" to Love INC.

To all the pasty rollers, stuffers, & wrappers for making another successful fund raiser!!

To all who walked and donated for the CROP Walk.

To Paul Sandstrom, Randy Lamas & Pat Pollitt for being Liturgists.

To our wonderful coffee time hostesses for making our fellowship time so enjoyable. Volunteers still needed.

Howarth's Person of Faith:

Howarth was blessed for a very short time to have Ray Marshall as part of our church family!! Ray touched the hearts of many here and he will be sadly missed!!

Ray was 100 years old when he went to be with his Heavenly Father on May 21, 2011. He was the loving husband of the late Zella and dear father of Jeanette Landry and Marie (Bob) Dillenbeck; grandfather of Bill, Carol, Mike (Robin), Gail, Linda and Bryan; brother of Esther Chris and Gene Marshall. Great grandfather of 11 and great, great grandfather of 9. Raymond William Marshall retired after 40 years from GM and 20 years from A&S Trailer Sales. He volunteered 5600 hours at the Care Center in Frostproof, Florida. Ray was also a Volunteer Fireman for Waterford Township and a Boy Scout Leader. Ray was a member of the National Guard; he was an Air Raid Warden during WWII. A memorial service was held at Howarth on June 1st to celebrate Ray's life.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 10th!

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College's 1970 class gets commencement

AUGUSTA, Ga. – Paine College's Class of 1970 finally participated in commencement exercises on May 1 – four decades after graduating. The United Methodist-related school was closed temporarily and commencement cancelled in May 1970 due to a race riot in Augusta. The

riot and subsequent protests were sparked by the death of a 16-year-old in the county jail. Paine's graduating seniors received their diplomas in the mail. The Class of 1970 was recognized with the Class of 2011 and the Golden Class of 1961 at Paine's most recent

commencement last weekend, The Augusta Chronicle reported.

Meals for Haiti spared when tornado hits N.C. warehouse

SNOW HILL, N.C.— A warehouse used by United Methodist partner Stop Hunger Now sustained major damage during the round of tornados on April 16. But a shipment of the hunger relief agency's packaged meals bound for Haiti was miraculously undamaged. Some meals were shipped on April 20, and Stop Hunger Now has found a temporary storage space while its warehouse is repaired.

Bishops seek change in presidency

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. – United Methodist bishops approved a proposal May 4 that would significantly redefine the role of president for the Council of Bishops. The amendment to the church's constitution would allow the council to elect one of its own to a full-time, four-year position without the usual responsibilities of overseeing a geographic area. The president also would serve as the denomination's chief ecumenical officer.

Churches assist flood victims in Kentucky

CRESTWOOD, Ky. — The United Methodist Kentucky Annual (regional) Conference is assisting communities

affected by flooding from the Mississippi and lower Ohio rivers in the Elizabethtown District. In West Point and Colesburg, United Methodist churches worked in conjunction with the American Red Cross to collect and distribute more than 63 gallons of bleach and 60 cleaning buckets to help those whose homes were inundated by floodwaters.

2011 State of the Church Report now online

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) — The 2011 State of the Church Report is now available to be downloaded at <http://www.umc.org/2011sotcreport>. The report, titled "Called to Act: Make Disciples, Transform the World," presents church data collected by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

It also offers a summary of the work done in the past year on behalf of the Call to Action effort to reorder the church.

The report is put together by the Connectional Table in collaboration with the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Finance and Administration.



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