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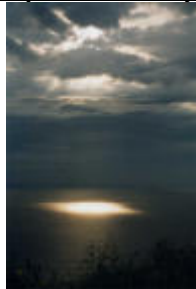
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Deep Peace Prayer



In the Deepness

Still and flowing -

In the deepest Peace...

In the Recess

Light and glowing -

Wrap me in Your Fleece.

Pastor's column



We are now in the *middle* of the “Season After The Epiphany” as we celebrate 7 Sundays before we begin

the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2012.

Remember what we said about the Lenten Season: *A season of forty days, **not counting Sundays**, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Saturday April 7 this year.*

Rethink Church calls this time a *Journey to Hope*. It is a time to reflect on our personal relationship with God and with others too, as we set time aside for spiritual growth and to think about what is really important in our life.

It is a time of repentance and spiritual renewal as we journey together to experience the promise of Easter’s life.

The United Methodist Church recognizes that worship that is oriented to the intellect or to the emotions, leaves out those of us who engage in prayer through vision, smell, and touch. This practice became part of our official worship resources in 1992 when General Conference adopted The United Methodist Book of Worship (UMBOW), and so we embrace this “imposition of ashes” on Ash Wednesday.

So you are invited to go on A Journey to Hope as we travel together with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that Hope can be found even as we encounter some of life’s most difficult circumstances.

Last year at this time we talked about how Jesus died for us, and what have we done for Him? Taking on something and blessing others. So this may require that our hands “get dirty” in the process. To emphasize this at our Ash Wednesday Service at Howarth United Methodist Church this year we will offer not only the sign of the cross with the imposition of ashes on your forehead but ashes “sprinkled” on your hands as a symbol of commitment to get your hands dirty on the journey with Jesus.

We will again be making some stops along the way. One of which is a six-week study from Bishop Rueben P. Job’s *Three Simple Questions-Who is God? Who am I, & Who are we together? Knowing the God of Love, Hope and Purpose*. This study is intended to help us to understand that “every day that we live as Jesus lived, we change the world”.

Grace, Peace & Love,

Pastor Tom

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

MISSION FOR 2011:

All pledges for our various missions were fulfilled and apportionments paid for 2011. PC should be recognized as a Spotlight Church again.
Submitted by Jan McCall

A number of teddy bears were collected that will be distributed by the Oakland Twp. Fire hall.

P.C.U.M.C. raised sufficient food for our person in need plus had surplus items to go to the food pantry. *Submitted by: Sandy Knaack*

Holiday Bake Sale a Huge Success

We finally reached our goal- to sell all of our cookies as pre-orders! We actually packed 125 boxes with 3 dz cookies in each. That's a lot of cookies!! Sorry we couldn't do more for the late orders. Our profit- \$2370.00 Thank-you to our bakers: Gretchen Drader, Becky Plunkett, Colleen Barkham, Suzie Kelly, Lois Sayers, Jean Lutz, Reva LaFountain, Judy Mair, Sandy Knaack, Leslie, and Emily Barkham. Thank-you to those who donated or helped on baking day: JoAnn Bourez and Adam Zimmerman. Thank-you to Heidi Paterson for the huge donation of toffee! Thank-you to Howarth UMC for allowing us to use their kitchen for one day of final baking.

Holiday Decorations

Thank-you again to Becky Plunkett for leading the decorating committee! We had a beautiful Christmas tree and

other decorations that made our church so special during the holidays. Thank-you to all who helped in the set-up and take-down!

THANK YOU...

On Monday, January 16th, the Paint Creek UMC provided a luncheon after the funeral service for Helen Waite. Thank-you to Becky Plunkett, Suzy Kelly, JoAnn Bourez and Colleen Barkham for hostessing the luncheon. Additionally, we thank them for providing food dishes along with Betty Wilber, Sandy Knaack, Heidi Patterson, Lois Sayers, Betty Poplawski, and Gretchen Drader.

Thank you to Judy and John Mars for loaning us their fabulous and extremely expert handy-man, Tim Bedard, to install our new restroom sink vanities, lovely mirrors, and a new light fixture! Thanks also to Suzy Kelly for organizing the whole effort, and to the UMW members for paying for the vanities and the new plumbing items needed to install them. We love the new look in our 2 restrooms!

Adam Zimmerman, Judy Mair, Betty Wilber, Lois Sayer, Sandy Knaack, Reva LaFountain, Floris Stoner, Suzy Keely, Judy Mars, Kathy Ferriby, Colleen Barkham, Jan McCall and Becky Plunkett for sponsoring fellowship by providing delicious treats. Thank you very much!

JoAnn Bourez and Heidi Paterson for reading scripture. Great job ladies!!

Sandy Knaack for doing announcements and leading Sunday worship service. Jean Lutz and Becky Plunkett for assisting Pastor Tom with communion.

Sandy Knaack for taking over as Chairman of fellowship each Sunday.

A special thank you to all who provided gifts at Christmas time for the Rochester Area children whose families are facing difficult economic times. Your gifts were deeply appreciated.

To the many members who provided food and a gift certificate to our person in need of assistance for Christmas. They said a "Big Thank You". Great job members for being so generous.

Goodison Good Tymes... Was a Good Time!

"Oops!! - this article accidentally left out of last Trumpet!!"

The battle cry was "I don't want to be baking 20 pies!" (She will remain nameless!) OK...don't want to make 20 ...we'll bake 53!!!! And 40+ became a group project.....and what a fun time the group had! Our assembly line began with Pastor Tom and Stan manning dueling apple peelers. They handed off to Lois, Vera, Dottie, and JoAnn who then handed off to Colleen and Kathy. Becky and Sandy were making all the amazing pie crusts and Suzy was topping off with the gourmet leaves! We couldn't have done it without Andy who was in charge of oven temps and baking times! Also, as proof that you can teach a new trick to old dogs, Dottie taught us how to tell when the pie is done by putting fork marks

around the inside of the crust to see if it's bubbling!

(Thanks to Howarth for use of the kitchen and ovens!)

I think everyone will agree we had a great time (didn't even seem like work) and we can't wait until next year to do it again! We would love additional hands on duty to join the fun!

Special thanks to Trevor Barkham and family of Rochester Cider Mill for giving us the "Paint Creek Church discount" on the apples. We went through 2-1/2 bushels.

Thank you also to everyone else who took time to bake all the other goodies (disclaimer: forgive us if we omitted any names of folks who helped make our bake sale so successful)! So, thank you to Kathy, Vera, Jean, Becky and Suzy who baked cookies; Gretty, her fabulous cheese cakes; Lois, extra pies, brownies and rice-crispy treats; Sandy, extra pies and rice-crispy treats; Betty Poplawski, Nancy Nawrocki, and Jan, brownies; Cal, Currant jelly and zucchini bread; and Suzy, peanut clusters, turtles and her mom's yummy banana bread!

Gretty, Caryl, Sandy, Lois, Dottie and Suzy packaged and priced items.

Saturday, the BIG SALE DAY, Jan, Lois, and Suzy manned the church while Sandy, Andy, Colleen and JoAnn manned the booth at Bear Creek Park . Kudos to Andy, our master salesman, need I say more! The

Goodison residents didn't have a chance (or should we say a prayer) with Andy at the helm. We had a fantastic bake saletotal \$1313.00!!!!!!

Special thanks to our co-chairs, Sandy and Suzy!!

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

February:

2nd: Delores Burkhart
3rd: Lalit Herbert
7th: Linda Pasternak & Mark Taylor
12th: Patricia Summers
15th: Colleen Barkham
19th: Judy Mair
24th: John Mars

March:

3rd: Ruth Barkham
4th: Bernie Gudobba
9th: Susan Wood & Dick Bourez
23rd: Bonnie Murphy
26th: Walt Poplawski
29th: Clara (Voll) Linton & Pastor Tom Sayers

30th: John & Judy Mars



NOTICE: Paint Creek Dog

Owners: The church council had a discussion about the liability potential with dogs in church. We agreed that we should ask every dog owner for a copy of their dog license and homeowner's insurance policy to keep on file. We will also be asking our insurance agent if we need additional liability insurance. If you bring a dog(s) to church, please see Colleen Barkham to file your copies of dog license and homeowners insurance.

PC PERSON OF FAITH: Kathy Ferriby

Kathy Ferriby was born in St. Clair, Michigan, the oldest of 8 children. Her mother was a stay-at-home mom until the last 2 children were old enough for her to go to work as a cook in the school system. Kathy's father was a tool-and-die maker at Mueller Brass in Port Huron.

While Kathy was still quite young her family moved to Port Huron, so she attended and graduated from Port Huron Schools. While in high school she took business classes.

Kathy married at 19 and had 3 children - Lisa, Julie, and Laura. Laura lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Julie lives in Kalamazoo. Kathy has 3 grandchildren, ages 6 to 11, and she visits them in Kalamazoo once a month. Those 3 grandchildren have visited Paint Creek Church!

Kathy has worked as a dental assistant, a bank teller, and her last job was at HMS as a secretary. She babysits now, but otherwise is retired.

A very wonderful man in her life, whom she met 4 years ago, is Clif Morgan! He always comes to Paint Creek Church with Kathy!

Kathy has lived in St. Clair Shores, Port Huron, Bad Axe, Fort Gratiot, Oklahoma, Rochester and now Clinton Township.

How did Kathy happen to come to Paint Creek UMC? She met Pastor Tom at Davis UMC and Mt. Vernon UMC, heard his sermons, and wanted to check him out as Pastor at Paint Creek UMC!

At Paint Creek, Kathy's activities include ushering, baking for the Christmas Cookie Sale and the Goodison Good Tymes Bake Sale, providing refreshments for our fellowship-coffee hour and has been the Communion Assistant.

Here are her warm thoughts about Paint Creek: "It's small, homey, and I love the friendly people, the nice little church, and Pastor Tom and Lois"!

We are so happy that Kathy found our historic little church and attends so faithfully!

Interviewed by Jan McCall

(Jo Ann Bourez)

Helen Waite

Sympathy to the family of Helen. She went to be with her Lord on Jan 4th at the age of 93. Helen was a long time member of PCUMC. She had been very active in the UMW and many other activities of the church. Helen is survived by 3 children, 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren. She will be missed by those of us who knew her (she was Sharon Rowden's aunt).

Bless you Helen.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST (Love INC.)

Message from: Denise Fouracre
A simple way to support Love INC...and to share with your church!! Please go to Love INC's Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Love-In-The-Name-of-Christ-of-NOC/122894581154367> and while you're there, please "Like"! Share with your church's congregation...we'd love to see your affiliate church's FB support!

Joining in the Body of Christ,
Love INC



exercise daily walk
with the LORD!!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 4th

**HOPE HOSPITALITY
WARMING SHELTER!!
MARCH 23rd, 24th, & 25th!!!
Mark your Calendars!!!**

**PASTY SALE AT
HOWARTH: February
18th!! Order slips are
available!! \$4.00 each.
Order and payment
deadline is Feb. 10th.
Proceeds will be used
for "Howarth's Wish
List!!"**

HOWARTH NEWS:

MSSION NEWS:

Hope Hospitality Warming Shelter will be the weekend of March 23rd -25th!! All hands needed for this mission to help the homeless!!! Signup sheets are available. Paul visited the shelter and the facilities have come together in the last year-the kitchen is complete and he says really nice!!

On Christmas Day!!

Paul & Kathy Sandstrom had a plan to bring Christmas dinner to those in our area less fortunate. The Baldwin Center graciously allowed us to use their facilities.

With the help of Sharon & Rick Rowden, Stephanie Lamas, Pat & John Pollitt, Ray & Rita Sauls, Tim Getz, Pastor Tom, Lois and family, Marci, Roy, James and Breana Coates, Kathy & Jim Kelly & Henry we were able to provide this mission!! Thank you to Sylvia who runs the center and the rest of the other volunteers who came to fellowship with others on this special Christmas Day. A wonderful turkey and ham dinner with all the fixings plus homemade cut-out Christmas cookies were enjoyed by all.

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!!

Sharon is collecting quarters to donate to Love INC. for the Laundry Mission!!

Don't forget the gas can that is collecting change to offer help to those in our community through Love INC.

HOWARTH UMW:

I hope all of you are having a good start to the New Year.

The U.M.W. gave out 10 cookie baskets for the holiday.

The dinners for 2012 have been posted on the calendar. They will be held on:

June 27th, July 25th, Aug. 22nd
Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th
Nov. 10th Turkey Dinner.

The menus are not complete at this time. There will be a meeting at a later date to discuss the menu.

May 1st is the Rochester Tues. Musciale Dinner.

These dates seem like they are far away but time goes by quickly.

A thank you from the Methodist Children's Home was received for our \$180.00 donation given at Christmas. And also from the Methodist Retirement Village.

A big thank you to Sharon for being our Cookie Walk Chairman, we wouldn't be able to have it without her. (Keep that decorating arm limbered up)!!! 2012 Christmas Cookie Walk is December 15th.

Watch the bulletins and emails for upcoming meeting dates and times!! Submitted by Marilyn Foster

Our Christmas Cookie

Walk was a great success. Made over \$1,500!! We thank all those who worked, shopped and helped out at the cookie walk. (Special thanks for the little mice that Marilyn and Betty made-so cute!!!)

THANK YOU....

To everyone who decorated the Church for the Christmas season, it looked beautiful!!

For all the generous donations from the congregation and the UMW and the shopping done by Sharon Rowden for Angel Fish!! Wonderful gifts for those who needed the help!! For Sharon and Rick Rowden for delivering the Angel Fish gifts!!

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

Sharon Rowden for making the sugar cookie dough for the Christmas Dinner at the Baldwin Center.

Pat Pollitt, Sharon, Stephanie Lamas, Kathy, Paul & Ashley Sandstrom (and Alexa) for rolling, cutting out, baking and decorating 25 ½ dozen cookies for the Christmas dinner!! Great time of fellowship for all!

To our "elves" who undecorated the church!! You are awesome.

To all those who provide goodies for coffee time after church!!

Pastor Tom for the wonderful Christmas Eve Service.

Pastor Tom & Lois for the New Year's Day Service!! So blessed are all of us for having the two of you as part of our "family"!!

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

February:

4th: Ashish Rajam
13th: Rhea Richardson
15th: Megan Spencer

March:

5th: Elizabeth Beauchamp
10th: Keira Getz
14th: Pat Pollitt
15th: Cayden Getz
17th: Betty Paulson
19th: Kevin LaCourse
21st: Erin Spencer
25th: Jennifer Howden & David Osterkamp
26th: Kimberly Osterkamp
29th: Pastor Tom Sayers

CELEBRATIONS:

Congratulations to Ashley Sandstrom on the birth of Alexa Maylee on November 28, 2011. Proud Grandparents: Paul & Kathy Sandstrom. (She sure is

adorable; we love to see her in church-from Sharon)

UPDATE: Clara Marie Howden is now 6 months old!! She is doing fine; all 11+ pounds of her (remember she started out at 2.5 lbs.). She smiles a lot and can now roll over. Thank you everyone for your out pouring of support and prayers. She is our miracle baby and we are ever so grateful for this gift from God!
The Howden & Rowden Families

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Ground Hog Day
Feb. 2



Feb. 14



Feb. 22nd

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300-plus at General Conference briefing

TAMPA, Fla. -- More than 300 United Methodists attended a briefing Jan. 19-21 to learn about some of the legislative issues that will be before General Conference, the denomination's top lawmaking body, when it meets April 24-May 4 in Tampa, Fla. The group, which met at the Tampa Convention Center, the site for the 2012 conference, included General Conference delegates and United Methodist communicators. The attendees listened to presentations about proposals that include changes to the ordination process, to the Council of Bishops and to the denomination's organization and participated in question-and-answer sessions. More coverage, including video of the discussions, will be posted on www.umc.org/gc2012. For more information on General Conference, go to www.umc.org/gc2012countdown.

Bread for World push for hungry, poor

WASHINGTON -- Bread for the World has launched its 2012 Offering of Letters campaign to urge the U.S.

Congress to create a circle of protection around programs vital to hungry and poor people this year. Within this broader campaign are four mini-campaigns that address specific legislative topics that will come before Congress in 2012: nutrition, poverty-focused development assistance, tax policy and food aid. For more information, go to www.bread.org.

Training churches for job ministry

ROSWELL, Ga. -- John Harper has been a volunteer for the Job Networking ministry at Roswell (Ga.) United Methodist Church since 2001. He says the church is committed to helping those who are out of work. "We try to make people understand that number one, God will hear you and God will help you. And number two, you're not alone." The Roswell church, which is near Atlanta, invites hundreds of job seekers to its job networking ministry each month. Church member Katherine Simons says she hopes other churches will begin their own ministries to help those who are out of work. For more information about the jobs ministry, go to www.umc.org/jobministry.



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