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So how are you doing so far during this Lenten Season with your commitment of repentance and spiritual renewal as we journey together to experience the promise of Easter's life?

It may help you to remember that 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 like family prayer and praise time.

Going through the season of Lent reminds us that we never know what direction life will take. Going through Lent helps us to understand all the years of God-work that go into making one's life a thing of beauty. So we want to be careful not to rush the process so that the flaws will show through.

Going through the season of Lent allows us time to do some soul tending. Going through Lent is a matter of persevering, of not discouraging, of organizing our life to increase our chances of finding Easter. Going through Lent is taking misery and turning it into joy. That's what trusting God can do for us.

Going through Lent allows us to take inventory. Time to appreciate what we have and savor what Christ summons us to be.

So.....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.

And it is always a "Time to Invite" friends to church. "Most people who come to faith in Christ do so because a trusted friend shared their faith or invited them to church. The impact of each of us sharing Christ with others is astounding."

Happy Easter! Happy Christ! Happy spring!
Blessings,

Pastor Tom



April 1 - Palm Sunday
April 6 - Good Friday
Service at
Paint Creek UMC – noon
April 8 – Easter Sunday
8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Easter
Breakfast at Howarth.
Free will offering.

Restructuring Taskforce

The District Restructuring Taskforce

Invites *Everyone!*

We are excited to announce four meetings across the district to introduce a proposal for the newly designed administrative structure for the Blue Water District! One of the meetings is: **Saturday, 5/12 @ 10am – Paint Creek**

Put this date on your calendar and plan on attending. This is an exciting proposal, and we are interested in every person's input in this process. Hope to see you there!

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

UPPER ROOM

In the previous Trumpet, I urged you to use "The Upper Room" daily devotional guide. For you who only read things on a screen, "The Upper Room" is coming to your smartphone, e-readers and other applications. These new digital versions will include the full print version and be interactive with audio and visual content, interviews with authors, photos, and links. Visit www.upperroom.org for updates.

If you're like me and prefer a printed booklet, recall that they're available on the little table as you enter the church. Help yourself.

Cal Devitt

THANK YOU...

Jo Ann Bourez, Cal Devitt and Jean Lutz for reading scripture. Great job!!

Colleen Barkham, Christ Lutz, Sandy Knaack and Stan Summers for doing announcements. Outstanding as usual!!

Sandy Knaack for assisting Pastor Tom with Communion.

NOTE CARDS

Note cards showing a sketch of Paint Creek Church are again available in the annex. These lovely note cards are in packets of 10 and sell for \$5.00. Money raised by the sale of note cards goes to the general fund.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

April

Anna Jacklin	Apr 1
Chris Lutz	Apr 3
Carrie Barkham	Apr 6
Jessie Kinney	Apr 6
Trevor Barkham	Apr 10
Andy Knaack	Apr 11
Richard Poplawski	Apr 15
Robert LaFountain	Apr 20
Cal Devitt	Apr 25
Alyssa Keast	Apr 28

May

Betty Wilber	May 2
JoAnn Bourez	May 4
Peter Taylor	May 5
Floris Stoner	May 9
Amy Devitt	May 13
Suzy Kelly	May 13
Lois Sayers	May 13
Dottie Spitsbergen	May 13
Shirley Pennington	May 14
Caryl Chamberlin	May 19

Zane Bouvier Schatz May 21
Luke Wylie May 22

Anniversaries

Jean & Chris Lutz May 1
Dick & Jo Ann Bourez May 25

***In Memory of* Lenna Vay Devitt**

May 22, 1930- March 19, 2012

Lenna Vay Devitt of Rochester, MI died on March 19, 2012 in Rochester Hills. Lenna Vay was born on May 22, 1930 to Charles E. Smith and Nettie Bender Smith on a farm in Norwich Township, Missaukee County, MI. She attended the Moorestown School and later graduated from Lake City High School. She graduated from Central Michigan University and obtained a teaching certificate. Later she earned her MA degree from the University of Michigan. Her teaching career included schools in Bay County, MI and Saginaw, MI. She and Calvin Devitt were married on August 11, 1962 at the Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church, Saginaw. When they went overseas, Lenna Vay taught reading at the United States Navy Dependents School in Degirmendere, Turkey, and later taught second grade for DODDS – the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Wiesbaden, Germany. She later worked for the Rochester Schools, (Reuther and Hugger) retiring in 1996. She is survived by husband Cal, daughter Amy Devitt of

Muskegon; son Steven at home; daughter Laura (Anthony) Moggio of Rochester. Grandchildren Amanda McNerney of Muskegon and William and Violet Moggio of Rochester. Great Granddaughter Allie Buchner of Muskegon. Brothers Garth (Beverly, the late Edna) and Frank (Betty, the late Nellie and Lucille) Smith. The youngest of sixteen children, Lenna Vay's siblings who preceded her in death: Ralph (the late Beatrice) Smith; Juanita (the late Lyle) Whipple; Geraldine (the late Nigel) Spohn; Hilliard (the late Josephine) Smith; Edgar (the late Freda) Smith; Brooks Smith; Donna (the late Israel Gundy and Russell Lawhead) Lawhead; Iris Smith; Janette (the late Steve) Novak; and Fred Smith. Three brothers died in childhood. Thursday, March 22. Funeral service Friday at 11:00 a.m., March 23 at the Paint Creek United Methodist Church, 4420 Collins Rd., Rochester, 48306, (just a short distance off Orion Road in Goodison). She will be in state at 10:00 a.m.; Lenna Vay was a loving wife, beloved and devoted mother, proud grandma and great-grandma. She had a strong faith and loved her Savior, Jesus Christ. Memorial donations may be made to the Paint Creek United Methodist Church. *All of us who knew Lenna Vay will greatly miss her kindness and great smile.

PC PERSON OF FAITH: Elizabeth Mulso

Elizabeth was born in Highland Park and is the youngest of 4 children (2 brothers and 1 sister). Her father was a Tool and Die worker, and her mother was a stay-at-home mom.

She attended Rochester schools, and afterward attended courses to become a school bus driver.

Elizabeth has 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Her sons live in Auburn Hills and her daughters live in Berkley and Rochester Hills. She has 2 grandchildren - Cassidy and Jordan, both 3-year-olds.

She has been a cashier at a donut shop, a waitress, a nursing aide at convalescent homes, and currently is a bus driver for Rochester Schools.

Elizabeth's hobbies and interests include photography, camping, watching Red Wings, riding her bike, people watching, reading, walking, garage sale shopping, and talking with people.

She also enjoys being around elderly people, studying the history of Rochester, touring houses, and very much loves animals. She loves to get into genealogy, and has researched her father's family, going back 5 generations.

Elizabeth has been to New Orleans, Chicago, West Virginia, Washington DC, North and South Caroline, Florida, New York and went camping around Michigan.

When she was driving a school

bus on Collins Road on her way to and from Baldwin School, she saw the sign about dogs being welcome at Paint Creek Church. So she returned with her dog, Cocoa!

At Paint Creek Church she has helped with coffee hours and rummage sales, attended Membership class, Bible Study class, and is a dog sitter for Abbie, while Caryl is singing in the choir!

Things she likes about Paint Creek: "all the people - they are like family", "Pastor Tom and Lois", "the special feeling of closeness", "everyone who has helped her to get to where she is today". and of course she loves the dogs!

We are all grateful for Elizabeth's eagerness to be helpful at our little historic church - she's a blessing!

Interviewer - Jan McCall

Since a chuckle is good for the soul, here is...

“Don't Mess with the Choir Director!”

Church feuds are not uncommon, especially among cliques in the congregation. But when the pastor and choir director get into it, stand aside!

One week our pastor preached on commitment, and how we should dedicate ourselves to service.

The director then led the choir in singing "I Shall Not Be Moved".

The next Sunday the pastor preached on giving and how we should gladly give to the work of the Lord.

The choir director then led the song, "Jesus Paid It All".

The next Sunday the pastor preached on gossiping and how we should watch our tongues. The hymn was "I Love to Tell the Story".

The pastor became disgusted over the situation, and the next Sunday he told the congregation he was considering resigning. The choir then sang "Oh, Why Not Tonight".

When the pastor resigned the next week, he told the church that Jesus had led him there, and Jesus was taking him away. The choir then sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Anonymous

People in **Dexter**, are recovering today from a tornado that struck the community, and the Detroit Conference is actively involved in bringing assistance to those who have been affected by the storm.

"The devastating winds of a tornado cut a swath of destruction through Dexter," said Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton. "May the winds of the Holy Spirit breathe on our hearts and minds to help our brothers and sisters who are reeling from the impact of the storm."

"Pray for them. Then, GIVE what you can to bind up their wounds and fill their hearts with fresh hope for tomorrow."

Disaster response personnel from the Detroit Conference, with assistance from Jeremy Wicks, the disaster response coordinator for the West Michigan Conference, have been assessing the damage in Dexter. In addition, the conference has been in contact with Tom

Hazelwood, assistant general secretary for disaster response for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to begin the process of requesting UMCOR's assistance.

Leaders from Dexter United Methodist Church, including the Rev. Matt Hook, and the Ann Arbor District are already involved in the community care response efforts. Through their direction, and with the guidance of UMCOR, specific volunteer opportunities will be made available. **At this point, only monetary donations are requested.**

Make checks payable to the church with: "Disaster Relief" in the memo section.

Love, INC. News

Do you love to golf? Well, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to have fun while you are benefiting your favorite charity!

Love INC of North Oakland County will be participating in the Choose Your Charity Golf Outing at Paint Creek Country Club on Monday, June 4th. We will receive \$75 from every golfer who is participating, so we are urging you to sign up now and choose Love INC as your favorite charity! The \$150 fee includes lunch, dinner and several opportunities to win prizes.

*See flyer in narthex

LAUNDRY MISSION. There is a great need for this mission, so remember to turn in those quarters. (If you don't have a container, dollars will be fine also!)

GAS CARDS. Coffee hour donations and loose change go towards this much need item. Please give generously!

FUNDRAISERS

Be sure to check out the flyers on the bulletin board for restaurant fund raisers for Love, Inc.

SEAT COVERS:

Bishop Keaton has asked once again that we collect new underwear "seat covers" for children in need. Paint Creek will be giving those they collect to RANH. Howarth will be donating them to Love, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: MAY 13th

TIGER BASEBALL

Tickets are sold out. Game is Aug. 25th. Will be leaving the church at approx. 5 p.m.

HOWARTH NEWS:

Pasty sale at Howarth:

Thanks to everyone who helped out. A profit of \$1,300 was made.

HOWARTH UMW

Our next meeting will be April 15, 1 p.m. We will be discussing the up-coming dinner season. If this time or date is not convenient, let me know.

We need your feedback on how the dinners are being received and if there are any problems that need to be worked out. Hoping to have programs of interest to all of us at our future meetings.

May 1st is the Rochester Tues. Musicale Dinner. The menu will be the same: Lemon garlic chicken, rice, salad, bread and pineapple upside down cake. Will need waitresses, cooks and cleanup crew. Please let me know if you will be able to help.

Submitted by Marilyn Foster

THANK YOU....

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

to our new choir members. What a joy to have voices in the choir loft again!!!

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

Paul & Kathy Sandstrom for organizing the Warming Shelter meals.

to everyone who helped out at the shelter. What a rewarding experience. If you have not helped in the past, consider doing so for next year!

to those who spent time with residents at the nursing home church service. Greatly appreciated by those folks.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES:

April

Brianna Howden	Apr 3
John Pollitt	Apr 4
Barbara Shubert	Apr 4
Robert Key	Apr 6
Tim Spencer	Apr 7
Mathew Landon Spencer	Apr 7
Ashley Howden	Apr 13
Ashley Sandstrom	Apr 15
Stephanie Lamas	Apr 18
Barb Hill	Apr 26
Hunter Lamas	Apr 28

Anniversaries

Randy & Stephanie Lamas	Apr 10
Ray & Rita Sauls	Apr 15
Dave & Sue Linsenman	Apr 19
Scott & Jennifer Howden	Apr 24

May

Al Reeves	May 1
Dawn (Pollitt) Key	May 1
Angela LaCourse	May 7
Linda Duddles	May 7

Erika LaCourse	May 8
Lois Sayers	May 13
Thomas Spencer	May 14
PJ Sandstrom	May 15
Paul Hamman	May 19
Rick Rowden	May 30
Carl Paulson	May 30
Ray Sauls	May 30

Anniversaries

Paul & Kathy Sandstrom	May 2
John & Pat Pollitt	May 9

CELEBRATIONS:

Baptism of Clara Marie Howden was on Feb. 12th. Many friends and family helped celebrate this wonderful sacrament.

Alexa Sandstrom was baptized on March 18th. With lots of friends and family there to celebrate this event. A wonderful brunch was served after the service.

Paul & Kathy Sandstrom were honored by the UMW for recognition of all their mission work for the community.

REMINDER

We are still collecting empty printer ink cartridges (any brand) to be recycled. Money from this is used to purchase office supplies.

Still collecting eye glasses (in case if possible), use postage stamps and pop can aluminum tabs.

Drop these items off in the boxes on the table in the fellowship hall.

We no longer take used greeting cards.

Don't Miss the DS

Curious about what the

District Superintendent's (DS) thoughts and opinions are on a wide variety of subjects? Then check out Rev. Joanne Bartelt's blog on the Detroit Conference website.

Stay current with The DS

Blog go to

detroitconference.org/bluewater

and click *The DS*

Blog link on the left side menu.

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news around the church

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What do general agencies do?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As the 2012 General Conference approaches, United Methodist News Service is offering information to help readers better understand how the church works. A number of proposals are aimed at restructuring the denomination and its general ministries, so UMNS asked the top executives of each agency to answer five questions about their agency's role in the church. The responses from the Commission on Archives and History, the Commission on Religion and Race, the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and the United Methodist Publishing House appeared last week. To read these responses, go to <http://umc.org/BoardsAndAgencies>

Hope rises above flood damage in Minot

MINOT, N.D. — Recovery from last summer's massive flooding in Minot, N.D., has been painstaking, but hope for the future is rising.

Beginning April 1, United Methodists heading to Minot to volunteer can count on Hope Village, located on the Our Savior Lutheran Church campus, for food and housing. Some observers view Hope Village, the first ecumenical, cooperative venture of this scope, as a possible model for future disaster response across the United States.

Japan's Christians active in quake relief

NEW YORK — A year after a devastating earthquake/tsunami crippled the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, Japanese Christians — in northern Japan and nationwide — are grappling with radiation concerns. "In our area, the government says it's not a problem, it's not dangerous at all," said Jonathan McCurley, a United Methodist missionary based at the Asian Rural Institute. "But a lot of people are very concerned that's not necessarily true."

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