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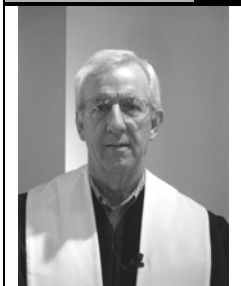
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We have
unwrapped
heavens
gift and
hopefully
for you He
has been
the gift that

keeps on giving. And now we begin a journey for Jesus and with Jesus, through death and beyond to resurrection. Lent. Friends most of us will never be asked to die for Christ. But we are asked to live for Him. That is really what Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is about.

Author James Moore reminds us in his "Give Up Something Bad for Lent" that during Lent each year, Christians give up something as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Often it is something like chocolate, knowing that after Easter Sunday they can once again enjoy what they have given up. Rev. Moore invites all to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive however. Envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking.

Ash Wednesday begins a season where we have an invitation to

be honest with God, with ourselves, and with one another. Ash Wednesday provides us with an opening to the possibility of transformation. So the question is "Where will it take us?"

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? Ash Wednesday gives us a unique opportunity for bringing our lives into alignment with God's purpose for us.

We gather and remember what and who we are on Ash Wednesday. And while we gather to remember who we are, more importantly we gather to remember who God is, and what God has done for us in and through Jesus Christ.

Perhaps this year we can go beyond trivialities as we recognize that God's desire for each of us is to come into a deeper relationship with Him as we journey through Lent to the promise of Easter's life. Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Simple Thoughts on the Art of Singing Together

By: Bishop Deborah L. Kiesey
1/16/2013

Have you ever heard the cabinet sing together? Well, I had that privilege last week when both the West Michigan and the Detroit Conference cabinets met at Lake Huron Retreat Center. We met together for worship, meals and fellowship, and it was during our times of worship that I was privileged to hear the singing. Hearing the strong voices, the harmonies, sometimes accompanied by flute, but mostly a cappella. What a joy! And what a soul-filling experience.

I've been thinking about that singing ever since, and I realized that some of the gifts that allow us to make beautiful music are the very same gifts that can guide us in all our working together.

First of all, to sing well together, each person must truly listen to those around him or her. The unity of the whole is at risk if even one person goes off in his or her own direction, doing just what he or she wants. Truly listening means not just hearing one another, but understanding them and sensing when it's right to slow down – or speed up. (*cont. pg. 2*)

Bishop Deborah L. Kieseey (cont.)

Secondly, there are times in music when one person must take the lead and the rest follow, and other times when someone else must lead. We need to know when to lead – and when to follow. A chorus of everyone taking the lead simply becomes chaos.

Thirdly, the music is not complete unless each person shares his or her particular and unique gift. Some sing soprano; some alto, tenor and bass; some help keep the tempo; some accompany with flute or piano, but are all necessary to complete the beauty of the whole.

And finally, it is important to do our best to understand the intent of the composer and, in the case of hymns, the meaning of the words being sung. To have a sense of what the composer had in mind helps us interpret the words, the music, the tempo, the inflection, the overall desired outcome. There can always be different interpretations and variations, but it is important to have a sense of the message or the emotional response the composer wanted to evoke in his or her music.

I know these are three rather simple reflections on the art of singing, but I believe they offer us guidelines for how we can work together – as Christians unified in the love and message of Christ.

So, I ask each of us to carry these reflections into our lives and faith, and to ask these questions:

Do we truly listen to those around us? Do we take the time to hear what is beneath the words not just waiting for an opportunity for us to speak, but in order to deeply understand the persons around us?

Do we allow others to lead and are we willing to step aside when it's our turn to follow?

Do we graciously share our unique gifts and honor the gifts

others bring, believing that each part strengthens the whole? Do we always keep attuned to the work of the Holy Spirit and keep in mind the larger picture and the overall outcome of our work and ministry together?

As I said, I know these are simple, but I believe they are foundational to the Body of Christ.

Friends, the work of faith and ministry involve us working together – each of us with our own unique gifts – each with our own desires and passions – each with our own journeys of faith – but each of us desiring to bring about the kingdom of God.

“God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful. ... You are Christ’s body – that’s who you are! You must never forget this.” (I Cor.

12:4-6, 27, The Message)
We must never forget this.

Friends, someday I hope you have the opportunity to hear your cabinet members share their gift of music. But for now, let’s be part of making this beautiful music together – wherever we are and in whatever we do – all for the sake of Jesus Christ!

With you in the Work of Christ,
Bishop Deb

PAINT CREEK NEWS: MISSION NEWS for 2013:

One of our missions for 2013 is Water for Life. The purpose of

this mission is to construct wells to provide clean water and bring dignity and life to third world communities. The target amount of money is set at \$9,250.

RANH Food Pantry:

Members bringing in food for the RANH food pantry are reminded that cans should not be dented and must not have an old expiration date. Cans will be thrown out if not in good condition or having a current expiration date.

GOD'S COUNTRY COOP- ERATIVE PARISH:

Nine large bags of winter outerwear were delivered to Cheybonan last month for pick-up by Katie Peterson. Katie, our missionary at GCCP notified us how helpful all the winter coats, boots, hats, scarfs and mittens were. You can continue bringing in these winter items as Katie collects them year round. A special thank you to Colleen's friend, Connie Rewald-Nadjarian for delivering the clothes to the Methodist Church in Cheybonan.

Submitted by Jan McCall

SAVE THE DATES:

If you are interested in working at the Pontiac Hope Warming Center, save March 22, 23, 24 as work nights. You can work 1, 2, or 3 nights. It is a very rewarding experience. Watch for sign-up sheets or contact Paul Sandstrom.

THANK YOU:

A special tank you to all who provided gifts for the RANH Giving Tree. The 20 children receiving these gifts ended up having a Merry Christmas after finding gifts under their Christmas tree.

a big thank you to those who assist with Sunday worship service.

to Dick and JoAnn Bourez for the beautiful music at the Christmas Eve service.

JoAnn Bourez for taking charge of the wedding process to ensure the wedding ran smoothly.

thank you Fred-for everything you do. We are blessed to have you as a friend of Paint Creek and all of us. (It has been said that when you ask Fred to do something, He's like a dog on a bone 'til it's done!)

Bithdays and Annversaries:

February

Dolores Burkhart	Feb 2
Ray Rist	Feb 2
Lalit Herbert	Feb 3
Linda Pasternak	Feb 7
Mary Taylor	Feb 7
Patricia Summers	Feb 12
Colleen Barkham	Feb 15
Judy Mair	Feb 19
John Mars	Feb 24
Anniversaries	(none)

March

Ruth Barkham	Mar 3
Bernie Gudobba	Mar 4
Susan Wood	Mar 9
Dick Bourez	Mar 9
Anthony Moggio	Mar 15
Clarke Bonten	Mar 20
Bonnie Murphy	Mar 23
Clara (Voll) Linton	Mar 29
Pastor Tom	Mar 29
Anniversaries	
John & Judy Mars	Mar 30

PERSON OF FAITH:

Lizanne Chisholm

Lizanne was born in Teaneck, New Jersey. Her family moved to Hillsboro, CA returning to Tenafly, NJ before Lizanne started school. There were 5 children in the family.

Lizanne is the youngest. Her father, a 1st generation Irish immigrant, fought in WWII. He studied accounting in college and become a CPA at Price Waterhouse. Wanting a new challenge, he opened a sea food restaurant on the Jersey shore. Un-

fortunately the restaurant did not succeed so he went to work as a financial planner with Merrill Lynch. Lizzie's mom was a stay at home mom with 5 active children to raise. Because of several family moves, Lizanne attended various Catholic Schools. She graduated from St. Rose Catholic HS near Spring Lake, NJ. IONA College in New Rochelle, NY was the start of her college years. She attended IONA College on an academic scholarship for 3 years before transferring to Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Continuing on with her schooling, Lizanne enrolled in the graduate program at Oakland University. She graduated with a Master of Arts degree in counseling. These degrees (B.S. and M.A.) allowed her to pursue her career goals.

Lizanne has moved often. She has lived in 7 states and 3 Michigan communities. She now resides in Lake Orion.

Over the years Lizanne has been a jack-of-all trades when it comes to work. She started work at age 14 as a chambermaid at a Bed & Breakfast at the Jersey Shore. Lizanne's other jobs have included: waitress, a work study psychology program, working with the homeless, the VISTA program with at risk youth as a receptionist, and temp work assignments, accounting, graduate assistant, worked at puppy day care center, cottage counselor for emotionally troubled youth, after care worker at funeral homes, (now works at Pixley Funeral Home as a bereavement worker). Besides this job, Lizanne works with the Sandcastle program as clinical coordinator with youth 3years to 18 years through Henry Ford Health System. This program is for families who need support

after a death in the family. Lizanne has worked as a private practices counselor at 2 psychological clinics since 1999. Presently she works at Treeside Psychological Clinic-a Christian based agency.

Lizanne was married for 15 years and has recently divorced. Her family has been her dogs and cats.

Hobbies and interests of Lizanne include: Nature, children, animals, volunteer work, gardening, reading, writing poetry, baking and dog pet therapy-taking her dogs to assisted living centers and youth programs to visit.

Traveling is a love of Lizanne's. Her journeys have been to Ireland, Canada, Texas, California, Maryland, Washington D. C., Virginia and touring Michigan. Once Lizanne retires her goal is to travel via train across this nation sight-seeing.

Nancy Nawrocki and Max brought Lizanne to Paint Creek church. Lizanne wanted to see the church allowing dogs. Her first visit was to attend the Blessing of the Animals. Also, Lizanne was going through "a life transition" and was in need of spiritual support. She found this support at PC.

Lizanne's involvement at PC has included: She is supportive of the children's Church school, hosting coffee & fellowship after church, usher, working at the Warming Center, baking for Goodison Good Tymes, speaker on Lay Leader Sunday, reading scripture, announcements, helping with communion and attending membership class. Lizanne finds the PC congregation to have a welcoming nature which makes her feel part of a church family. She also finds Pastor Tom's messages hold great meaning for her. Appreciates the support of Pastor Tom and Lois and loves the fact that dogs are invited to attend.

PC church is truly blessed that Lizanne found our church and has become a member.

Interviewed by Jan McCall

A Magical Christmas Eve @ Historic Paint Creek

December 24, 2012 we were blessed with the first snowfall on Christmas Eve creating a magical scene at Historic Paint Creek. Our path was lit by luminaries; a special touch suggested by Gretty. As members of the congregation arrived around 7:00pm, everyone joined in the "spirit" that is Paint Creek.

Andy went to organize for the service while Sandy and Luke, their grandson, starting shoveling the snow to clear the way for others. Suzy began bringing out the luminaries just as Chris, Jean, Jessica and Travis (their children) pulled up. They immediately jumped out of their car and began placing and lighting the luminaries and, soon, it all looked magical!

We were blessed with a full house of 90 (despite the falling snow), although we were expecting 120. What a joy to have generations of families together! Grandparents, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends gathered together celebrating the birth of Christ with our family of faith. Thanks to Jo Ann, we were honored to have two soloists. Lorrie Garrison, a friend of Paint Creek, sang "Birthday of a King" beautifully and set the tone for the service. Our second soloist was Regina Woodson who had all spellbound with her moving rendition of "O Holy Night"...unforgettable! Pastor Tom's message was profound and inspiring encouraging all to be open to receive the love of God through his only child, Jesus Christ. His encouragement included to "do nothing with

great effort" for God chose to be with us. Amen!

We concluded with "Silent Night" while lighting our candles, passing the flame to each other to form a circle of light and hope. The service ended with a joyous "Joy to the World!" praising and honoring all who contribute to the spirit of Paint Creek.

Amen and Hallelujah!

Submitted by Lizanne Chisholm

The Gifts of Paint Creek

As if the Christmas season was not a gift in itself, our Church had the blessing of the gift of music, talent and joy from our Children's Church school. On the Sunday before the Christmas holiday the congregation was fortunate to experience a Christmas Children's Program they had been preparing for many weeks. The talent of Lois Clark, chime specialist, and Jo Ann Bourez as our musical and lyrical support created an opportunity to allow our children to be shining stars by performing a memorable collection of Christmas songs.

The children (and Moms :o) opened with "Jesus Loves Me" reminding us of the reason for this season and why we come together as family to love and share the greatest gift from God, our Father. The children even "signed" the words to these precious lyrics with loving care. We were then brought to joyful smiles with a rousing rendition of "Jingle Bells", bells and all! Our talent at Paint Creek includes violinist Charlie Bonten who delighted us with a tender version of, "Away in a Manger". The surprise treat concluded the program with a heart-felt rendition of "Joy to the World" played on the chimes with the guidance of Lois Clark. Each participant contributed to this piece exemplifying that "spirit of

Paint Creek", each person playing a part to create something special together.

We want to sincerely thank all the participants: Cindy, Julia, Maria and Anna Jacklin and Clarke, Charlie and Izzy Bonten. Sharing your gifts with the Paint Creek community allowed us to receive a very special gift this Christmas season. We appreciate all you are to us and the blessings you are to our community. Amen!

Submitted by Lizanne Chisholm

Our Holiday Cookie Sale was another success! Thank-you to the following bakers: Becky Plunkett, Gretchen Drader, Colleen Barkham, Suzy Kelly, Lois Sayers, Emily Barkham, Carrie Barkham, Leslie Keast, Jean Lutz, Sandy Knaack, Reva LaFountain and Kathy Ferriby. A big thank-you to Heidi Patterson who donated toffee for every cookie box! We also had donations of cooking ingredients and cash, so we thank Cal Devitt, Dick Bourez, Vera Rhine, and Nancy Nawrocki.

Thank-you:

Rob Mair for his diligence in cutting and removing fallen trees at the back of the annex.

Suzy Kelly and Sandy Knaack for being our every Sunday hosts at coffee hour (brunch?).

Suzy Kelly who sends out those cute cards that we all receive on our birthdays/anniversaries. Sometimes they are handmade by Suzy!

Our head usher and trustee, Andy Knaack, for keeping things running! Someone has to change those light bulbs!

Gretchen Drader and Fred Rosvold for the luminaries on Christmas Eve. Beautiful!

All our Sunday School teachers, students, JoAnn Bourez and Lois Clarke for our special program on December 23rd. You were our "angelic" choir that day!

Connie Rewold Nadjarian for delivering our coats donation to the Cheboygan UMC. That was the pick-up point for Katie to continue the delivery to the U.P.

Becky Plunkett for making the blue altar cloths which we used for the first time this Christmas! They were stunning! Also thank-you to Lois Sayers and Colleen's friend Jackie Epker for the finished design on the cloths. Such talented ladies!

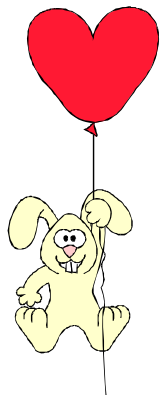
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 17th, 2013

HOWARTH NEWS:

MISSION NEWS:

Paul and Kathy Sandstrom (and their helpers) served a turkey dinner at the Hope Warming Shelter on Christmas Day. Approximately 90 people were served. The leftover food was donated to the shelter to provide dinners throughout the week.

AngelFish: Over \$1,300 worth of clothing, toys, and electronics (including Christmas stockings with all the fillings!) were provided by Howarth. Thanks to our generous donors!



Howarth UMW News: Happy New Year!

The UMW has become a 5 Star giving unit for 2012! Check out the certificate on the mission board.

Our giving for the year:
Methodist Children's Home: \$200.

Riterment Village in Chelsea: \$50.

Mission Pledge to Blue Water District UMW: \$580 (Included the Five Star giving)

Christmas gratuities.

AngelFISH \$800

In the coming months we will be having a planning meeting for the 2013 dinners.

Be sure to sign up for coffee time. Juice and coffee provided.

Received a thank you from: UMRC Retirement Foundation, Sharon and Stephanie for the Christmas Gift.

Marilyn Foster, UMW President

Birthdays & Anniversaries: February

Anniversaries (none)

March

Elizabeth Beauchamp	Mar 5
Pat Pollitt	Mar 14
Betty Paulson	Mar 17
Kevin LaCourse	Mar 19
Erin Spencer	Mar 21
Jennifer Howden	Mar 25
Pastor Tom	Mar 29

Anniversaries (none)

Thank you...

John Pollitt for making a stable for our nativity scene in the narthex.

To all of the Advent readers.

To Lois and Pat for leading the children in the Christmas program. It was a joy to watch.

To the Pollitt's for lighting our "luminaires" on Christmas Eve. (and to Pastor Tom and Paul Sandstrom for relighting the candle that went out!)

To Ray Sauls for all the maintenance work around the church.

COOKIE WALK

Was a success. A profit of over \$1,500 was put in the general fund. Thanks everyone that baked, sorted, helped set up and worked at the sale. Special Thanks to those who cleaned up after.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Stephanie Lamas for earning her MBA. We are all proud of you Steph!

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news around the church

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Hamilton preaches at Inaugural event

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., delivered the sermon for the interfaith Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral. President Obama, Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Jill Biden were among those who attended the Jan. 22 service. To watch the prayer service, go to the cor.org

United Methodist takes Cathedral post

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Gina Campbell, a United Methodist elder, is the first worship director at the National Cathedral who is not an Episcopal priest,

and she believes that was intentional. “I think they knew this would be a departure from what people expect. And from a missional point of view, the cathedral is a house of prayer for all people,” said Campbell.



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