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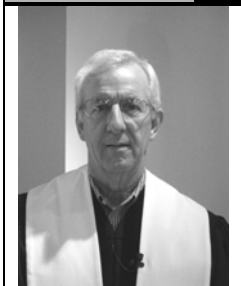
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I hope your Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter Sunday

were a memorable experience and journey for you. We are now in the midst of the Easter Season the “Great Fifty Days” beginning at sunset Easter Eve and continuing through the Day of Pentecost on Sunday May 19.

During this time we will celebrate Sunday's of recognition for Christian Family Week, Mothers Day and the Festival of the Christian Home.

It's in the Christian Home we learn who we are. We also learn what is expected of us. Family values it's sometimes called. In His life and in His teachings Jesus elevated the role of relationships high above every other human responsibility. We were created out of love and we are created for love. It is important for us to remember that there is one

place where we can always receive forgiveness, nurture and love. And that friends, is in the Christian home.

Remember on Mother's Day to give something back to your mothers for all the spit they produced to wash dirty faces, all the noses and fan-nies that were wiped, and all the bloody knees that were “made well” with a kiss. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine. A little boy was asked, “If there was one thing you could change about your mom, what would it be”. Here is his answer: “I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head”!

Our mothers are usually our first source of love, and for many of us, our mothers are the best representation we have of true, Christ-like love.

Enjoy this season of spring.
Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Hot Lunch Program - Haiti

The Detroit Conference and other conferences across the

nation provide a hot lunch for nearly 20,000 children attending Methodist-supported schools in Haiti. For many, this is their only food for the entire day. Lunch costs continue to rise due to the cost of rice, transportation, and charcoal for the cooking fires. An average cost is now 50 cents (U.S.) each. Children attend school 180 days.

We will again support this effort by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to the Haiti District of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas.

Bishop Craig Children's Village - Liberia

As a conference, we also have a covenant with The United Methodist Church of Liberia. One major focus of support over the years has been the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village. This institution provides a safe and nurturing haven for children who have been orphaned by war, abandonment, death of parents due to HIV/AIDS, or extreme economic difficulties.

Bishop Craig's requests cont.
We will continue to support our Liberian brothers and sisters by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to The United Methodist Church of Liberia for this worthwhile purpose.

It is desired that each congregation in the Detroit Conference become more informed about the people of Haiti and Liberia: what they experienced through their history; how the church has been part of that history; where God is directing the church today; and how each of us can be supportive. We pray that as we learn more about our sisters and brothers, God's Spirit will sensitize us, guide us, and empower us to fulfill Christ's command to "feed my lambs."



Bishop's Seat Cover Project

Bishop Deborah Kiesey has asked us to collect "Seat Covers" for children and youth throughout the Detroit Conference.
Bring into church by May 15th

Wojo's is sponsoring a fundraiser for Love INC of North Oakland on Thursday, May 23 and Saturday, June 1.

10% of your Total Sales will be donated.

Visit one of the three locations:
 2570 Oakwood, Ortonville
 (248) 627-6498
 7360 E. Court Street, Davison
 (810) 658-9221
 and 559 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion

• Does not include gift cards

• Make sure you mention Love INC during check-out!

Want to make a difference in a young person's life that needs to know someone cares?

Orion Area Youth Assistance Mentor Plus in Lake Orion is looking for adults 18 or older who have at least two hours weekly to give to a young person ages 5-16. One goal is to give these young people who are at risk an adult who can act as a positive role model there are always more kids who need an adult to talk to than there are mentors that are willing and able to give their time to a local program.

Mentor candidates can be empty nesters, people with kids, retirees etc. It doesn't matter. We just want people who are passionate about helping kids!! The main focus of Mentor Plus is to give young people contact with, and a chance to talk to, an adult. Having someone they can talk to who shows interest in them makes a huge difference.

Orion Area Youth Assistance is a non-profit community service organization committed to strengthening youth and families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, child neglect and child abuse. Parents, police, schools and other agencies make referrals to Orion Area Youth Assistance. Reasons for referrals include emotional or behavioral difficulties at home, at school or in the community. The police may divert teens from official court to Youth Assistance for alcohol or other drug involvement, home or school incorrigibility, larceny, retail fraud or malicious destruction of property. Youth Assistance also works closely with the schools in

matters of educational neglect and school truancy.

To learn more about the Mentors Plus Program contact **Orion Area Youth Assistance at (248) 693-6878** and we can mail a brochure to you.

National Day of Prayer Event
Thursday, May 2nd, 2013
8:00 a.m.

Community of Christ Church, Lake Orion

531 E. Flint St., Lake Orion
Sponsored by the Oxford-Orion Ministers Association

Come and join us at Community of Christ Church of Lake Orion on Thursday morning, May 2nd for an ecumenical prayer event in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Ministers from local Christian churches will lead us in prayer for our nation and our world. This early-morning event begins at 8:00 a.m. with prayer, song, and an inspirational message from Pastor Rochelle Beckemeyer of Echo Christian Fellowship in Lake Orion.

A free continental breakfast will follow. There is no charge to attend. A freewill offering will be taken up to benefit the work of the Oxford Pregnancy Center. Come and join us in earnest prayer for our nation and our world! For further information, call Kathy Hasty at St. Joseph Church, 248.693.0440.

The National Day of Prayer is observed on the first Thursday of May each year. It was established by an act of Congress in 1852 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. On the National Day of Prayer, events are held all over the country to call Americans into prayer for our nation and our world.

CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, May 5th. See Elizabeth Reitz (H) or Judy Mair (PC) for information and pledge envelopes!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
May 19th, 2013

Summer Camp books are available at the churches. Get yours today!

PAINT CREEK NEWS:
MISSION NEWS for 2013:

Special Collections:

During April and May, members will be asked to donate money to the Native American Ministries and the Peace with Justice Sunday. It is important these special collections are supported. Methodist are asked nationally to fund these programs on the stated dates.

Sunday, April 14th is **Native American Ministries Sunday**. Funds collected on this date are used to educate Native Americans by providing scholarships to study at seminaries. Half of the money collected is used for scholarships while the remainder is sent to annual conferences to support other Native American Ministries.

Peace with Justice Sunday will be May 26th. This program funds are used to advocate for peace and justice in the USA and around the world. This program allows United Methodist "to speak out against structures and systems that harm God's children."

Please be generous in supporting these worthwhile programs.

Missions this spring:

The Bishop is again asking churches to support the following missions before the Annual

Conference in May. Collections will be taken to support Bishop Judith Craig's orphanage in Liberia. Funds are used to assist in housing and educating orphans who have lost parents due to AIDS or civil war.

The other collection is for the Hot Lunch Program in Haiti. This program provides a mid-day meal to children living in poverty-often due to the economic turmoil caused by the hurricane which devastated much of Haiti.

Again the Bishop is asking churches to collect "seatcovers", underpants, for children in our local communities where parents have limited funds. "Seatcovers" will be donated to RANH-Clothes Closet here in Rochester. You can bring in these items April 15th – May 15th.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to folks who added such beauty to our Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Services:

1. Cal Devitt's beautiful solo, "Holy City", with amazing Choir voices added, Palm Sunday.
2. Lois Clark's lovely solo, "Were You There?", and lovely choir echoes, Good Friday.
3. Fred Rosvold's colorful pansies, planted in pots at the front doors for Easter Sunday.
4. Becky Barkham Plunkett's 2 huge Easter lily's on the altar for Easter Sunday.
5. Fabulous violin solos by Charlie and Izzy Bonten on Easter Sunday.
6. Richard Bourez, for the gorgeous organ music that added much beauty for Easter
7. All the wonderful cooks for the marvelous food we enjoyed at Fellowship Time after church on Easter.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

April

Anna Jacklin	Apr 1
Chris Lutz	Apr 3
Carrie Barkham	Apr 6
Jessie Kinney	Apr 6
Violet Moggio	Apr 7
Trevor Barkham	Apr 10
Andy Knaack	Apr 11
Richard Poplawski	Apr 15
Robert LaFountain	Apr 20
Cal Devitt	Apr 25
Alyssa Keast	Apr 28
Anniversaries	(none)

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
Bob Jackson	May 18
Caryl Chamberlin	May 19
Charlie Bonten	May 21
Luke Wylie	May 22
Allie (Devitt) Buchner	May 30

Anniversaries

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

PERSON OF FAITH:

Suzy Kelly was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has an older and younger brother. At age 2, her father bought a 40 acres fruit farm in Mattawan, Michigan. There she became a little farm girl for the next fifteen years.

Being a fruit farmer is year round work. Winters are when all the trees are pruned, spring when all the spraying is done and then summer and fall you are packing, sorting, going to market 3 times a week and to the cannery daily.

The family attended the Third Christian Reformed Church twice on Sunday. Her parents grew up in Lafayette, Indiana and met a Purdue University. After graduating from Purdue her father enlisted in the

PERSON OF FAITH cont.:

Navy as a 1st Lieutenant and served on the USS Hannibal in the Pacific. After the war, they moved to Michigan from San Francisco. Once back in Michigan her father worked at WR Grace and farmed while her mother worked the farm and later worked at Gilmore's, Jacobson's and then retired from Western Michigan University.

The farm was sold in 1965 and the family moved back to the house in Kalamazoo. Suzy graduated from Loy Norrix High School.

Being a sports fan, Suzy attended a track meet where she met and Air Force Academy Cadet. They later became engaged. He encouraged her to go sky-diving..oops. Suzy went out and join the local sky diving club and started competing around the state at different meets and met one of the infamous Thunderbolts.. Gerry Kelly – the adventure begins.

Suzy's 15 minutes of fame is when she worked at the Kalamazoo Safety Council as their secretary and the Kalamazoo Gazette did a feature story, "Safety Council Secretary Sky-Dives." The story was picked up by the AP and went worldwide. Suzy has made 48 jumps.

Suzy and Gerry were married at Kanley Chapel at W.M. U. and moved to Farmington Hills and then Novi. They loved to travel across the USA and on one trip bought 40 acres of land in the California foothills of the Sierra Nevada's.

While living in Novi, Suzy worked for a small manufacturing firm, first as the accounting manager secretary and then as Personnel Director.

Guess what they manufactured? A machine that huge "egg" houses used to candle and size eggs!

One day Gerry came home from work and announced they were moving to California to pioneer. So everything was sold except the VW, the '61 Corvette, the tools and dogs.

So with Gerry pulling the travel trailer with 1 dog and Suzy pulling the VW with another dog and their CB's off they went. Two years later when everything was built they decided to return to Michigan and leave the mountain top retreat for when they retired.

Upon returning to Michigan, they settled in Rochester Hills and while becoming familiar with the area, Suzy stopped at an estate auction at the little red house behind the Goodison Cider Mill and bought an old oak pool table for Gerry. He was not thrilled about the purchase, so she decided she would immediately get a job. She did, at 1st Federal of Michigan. Suzy worked there from 1978 to 1999. Starting as a part-time teller, to full time teller to customer service rep to mortgage loan officer. When Gerry became ill, she became a full-time care giver.

It was Jan McCall who kept in contact with Suzy throughout the years that she was a caregiver. Eventually Jan was the reason Suzy has become a part of the Paint Creek family. She was also told dogs were allowed in church. Favorite activity is traveling. Gerry and Suzy have been to about 43 of the 50 states (missing Alaska and the north east) and most of the National Parks. Besides diving, she is also a private pilot, a painter, a real estate investor, a decorator for many friends, a nature lover, dog lover and sports fan. Gerry and Suzy designed and built 3 house (using Gerry's plans) and renovated 3 others.

Since attending Paint Creek, Suzy has been quite involved by becoming a church trustee, serving on church council, co-chair of Goodison Good Tymes, doing fellowship weekly, baking for Christmas Cookie sale, gardener-landscaper, decorator of the annex tables, helper at rummage sales, coir member, shopper for supplies, sunshine lady for cards and has attended membership classes. Suzy enjoys Paint Creek because of the church's charm, Pastor Tom and Lois and all the friendly people. Paint Creek has been blessed that Suzy found her way to our church.

HOWARTH NEWS:

NEW TREASURER: Welcome Rita Sauls as our new treasurer. Rita took over the

job at the beginning of March replacing Stephanie Lamas. Thanks Stephanie for all your dedication to the job in the past.

Howarth UMW News:

Happy Spring (I think)!

Our dinner schedule is included in this newsletter. Note that the July and August dinners have been changed. We will plan on a dinner meeting in June to see if all is going according to plans. Will need everyone's help to serve & clean up. Also need pie bakers. I will talk to Shirley Reeves (our pie wrangler) to see how many that we need. I'm sure this meeting will be after church. Keep watching the bulletin and e-mails for date.

May 7th the Tuesday Muscial will be held at 6:30 p.m. Will need help for that dinner also to serve & clean up. This is served family style, one setting only. I don't know yet the number of people will attend.

Marilyn Foster, UMW President

Birthdays & 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
Ruth Lambert	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

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May

Al Reeves	May 1
Dawn (Pollitt) Key	May 1
Katie Nelson	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

Thank you to...

Lois for her dedication to the Sunday School children. You are very much appreciated!

all of our coffee hour hostesses.
If you have not signed up, there

are still plenty of available Sundays!

Marilyn for getting our palms for Palm Sunday.

Dick Bourez for being so kind & patient with our choir. And also for the beautiful music each week.

Pastor Tom for his endless dedication to both congregations. His numerous trips for visitation of church members and family. For continued prayers for all.

Howarth Dinner Schedule

Note dinner prices have changed.

4:30 – 7 pm

\$12 for adults, \$5.00 children

June 26th – Swiss Steak

July 24th – Swiss Steak

August 28th – Pork

Sept. 25th – Swiss Steak

October 23rd – Pork

Sat. Nov 16th – Turkey

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From Sharon:

As I am typing this Newsletter, my dear friend and “church sister” Kathy Sandstrom is home not feeling well. I pray she will get stronger each day. Please join me, her family and church family in prayer and hope for her. God bless you Kathy. We love you bunches.

news around the church

from United Methodist News Service – <http://umns.umc.org>

Computers feed mind and body in Haiti

THOMAS, Haiti — United Methodist Communications has a partnership with Inveneo, a business with a social purpose to provide a network of local IT partners in Haiti and throughout Africa. That partnership has already led to one solar-powered computer lab that is opening worlds and changing lives. [For more information, go to umc.org/Haiti](http://umc.org/Haiti)

United Methodist women making history

JENKS, Okla. — Jalisa Ross is a 21-year-old United Methodist and Native American who has addressed the United Nations on behalf of The United Methodist Church as well as a recent United Methodist Women’s gathering. She is just one of the women in the church who are featured during March, which is Women’s History Month. To meet some of these women, go to www.umc.org/women.

United Methodist Men give to hunger fight

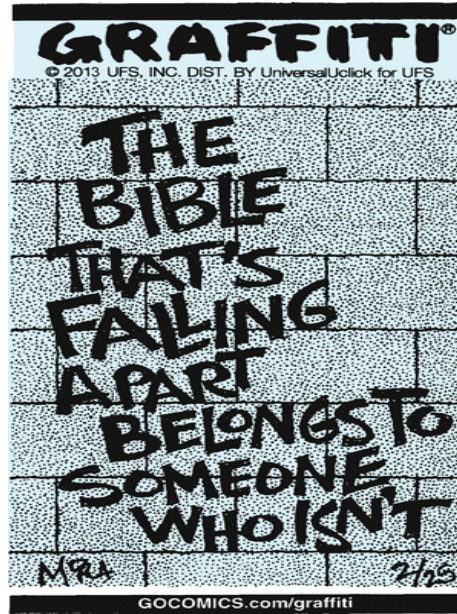
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — United Methodist Men in 2012 gave \$179,000 to Meals for Millions, a program of the Society of St. Andrew to feed the hungry. Wade Mays, national director of Meals for Millions, honored Indiana Annual (regional) Conference United Methodist Men for giving the highest amount of money to the society in 2012.

UMCOR helps with Mississippi recovery

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination’s relief agency, has issued a \$10,000 emergency grant to the Mississippi Annual (regional) Conference to help support relief efforts in Hattiesburg, Petal and other communities affected by a February tornado and flooding. UMCOR is also part of a long-term recovery committee called “Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi.” To support the recovery efforts, go to www.umcor.org.



Happy Mother's Day



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