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SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy and sorrow to the family of Pastor Steve. Pastor Steve went to be with his Lord on June 27. Although here only a short time, he has left a lasting impression on those of us who worshipped and worked with him. May his family and friends find comfort in knowing he has been lifted up by the hand of God to a better place.

The Rev. Stephen Kyne Fraser-Soots

At the age 61; of Waterford, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park; died June 27, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland due to complications from Multiple Myeloma.

Beloved husband of the Reverend Bea Barbara; father of Aaron Soots Fraser, DO, whose wife is Erin Nancy Fry, DO and Shawn Stephen Fraser, whose wife is Alicia Sue Fraser; and brother to Karen Jean Schoeni, whose husband is John Resing Schoeni and Susan Isler. He was proud to be Grandpa Teve to Alexander Fry Fraser and Lorelei Louise Fraser. His parents preceded him in death. He was a SSgt in the United States Air Force,

having served in Vietnam and Europe, after which he earned his bachelors degree at California State University at Fullerton, and two Masters degrees in business and finance at West Coast University.

In 2005, he retired from Ford Motor Company where he worked as a systems analyst. In retirement, he completed work on a Master of Divinity, and at the time of his death, was serving as pastor at Paint Creek and Howarth United Methodist Churches. Steve loved any kind of time with his family, working with his boys, going to school, visiting his sister, learning to dance with Bea, and he was a huge fan of the Harry Potter books and movies.

A Memorial Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Grace and Peace Community Church in Pontiac. A Memorial Service was held at on his 62nd birthday, Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Rev. Duane Thon, Rev. Sylvia Bouvier, Chris Titus, Maryanne McMunn, and Christina Venema for being our guest speakers during Pastor Steve's illness.

Sharon Rowden for all the extra time spent on bulletins and for trying to keep us informed and being in the office. Marilyn Foster for assisting where you were needed.

All of you have been a blessing to our Churches.

Welcome Rev. Dwayne Lee Kelsey as our interim minister while we are in transition.

Rev. Kelsey served as minister at Howarth from 1978-1981.

We look forward to sharing this time with Rev. Kelsey and his wife Ruth and feel blessed to have them with us again.

With Open Hearts, open minds we open our arms to the Kelsey's to our church families at Howarth and Paint Creek UMC.

WHEN I WAS HUNGRY YOU FED ME *by Paul Sandstrom*

I would like to thank Rick Rowden, Randy, Stephanie & Hunter Lamas, my sons Tim Getz and PJ Sandstrom and my wife Kathy for all the work they did on installing the fence around the "Love Garden". I would also like to thank those who helped plant the garden, weed the garden and supported the garden with donations. In Matthew 25, *Jesus tells his followers when I was hungry you fed me.* This verse is the driving force behind the "Love Garden"; *Jesus calls all of us to be servants to the less fortunate.*

Over the past two years the "Love Garden" has produced over 1,600 pounds of fresh vegetables that have been donated to food banks and pantries. Well, this year the garden was looking to produce very well. Then two families moved into the area and helped themselves to the fruit of our labor. So a plan was put into action to keep these two families out of the "Love Garden". It was a long day of drilling holes, digging a trench, putting up fence and fellowship. At 8 o'clock when the last wire was twisted, the mess was cleaned up; I said "these two families shall never eat from this garden again." On that one day we as a church, put a stop hopefully to the raiding of our garden by two families, who thought they could do whatever they wanted, to whoever they wanted. Well by us putting up

the fence we showed the rabbit and woodchuck families that they are not welcomed in our garden. We lucked out that it wasn't a big family; we are still looking to have a great harvest this year from the garden. Our vision of feeding God's children will come true once again.

When I was hungry you fed me, when you do it to the least of these you do it to me. May God bless you this day forward.
AMEN

Sitting in Church makes you a Christian,

*Like sitting in
your garage
makes you a
car!!*



PAINT CREEK NEWS

SPOTLIGHT CHURCH for 2008:

For the past three years, PC has met the criteria for becoming a Spotlight church. To qualify all apportionments must be paid along with donations for missions we agreed to sponsor during the year. The congregation is to be congratulated for their many contributions making it possible to earn this honor.

REMEMBER TO:

Continue bringing in food items for the food pantry at Rochester Area Neighborhood House.
The need is greater than ever

before in the history of this organization.
Bring in winter boots and clothes to be sent to the U.P.
The need is great.

Thank you to:

Joyce Weigand for the delicious baked goods she provided for coffee hour.

Colleen Barkham and Heidi Paterson for reading scripture.

Heidi Paterson for assisting with communion.

Betty Poplowski for preparing the Communion table and for the baked bread she provides each Communion Sunday.

JoAnn Bourez for the time spent selecting the music and preparing the Choir at practice.

Dick Bourez for accompanying the Choir each Sunday.

Hazel Spencer (Howarth) for collecting and transporting clothing to Katie Peterson, our missionary in the U.P.

BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES:

AUGUST:

3rd Treva Redman
13th Alex Gorski
15th Joyce Weigand
29th Tom Barkham

11th Cal & Lenna Vay Devitt

SEPTEMBER:

1st Mara Bouvier Schatz
7th Derek Herbert

SEPT. B-days continued:

16th Susan Bouvier

19th Robert Compau

21st Lillana Taylor

PERSON OF FAITH:

GRETCHEN DRADER

Gretchen was born into the Drader family when they lived in St. Clair Shores. She is 1 of 4 children. When she began kindergarten, her family lived in Shelby Township, where she attended Utica Schools and also the Utica Methodist Church. After finishing 11th grade, however, her family moved to Peoria, Illinois, where she finished high school. Gretchen then lived in East Lansing while taking courses in Interior Design from Michigan State University.

Gretchen's 2 sons, Keith and Tim, are both project managers for separate aero-space companies. Keith will be married next year at Paint Creek Church, and Gretchen is already looking forward to being a grandma! Gretchen's best friend and partner for the past 9 years is Daniel Gizynski.

Gretchen says her most important job was being a stay-at-home mom. Once divorced, however, she had to go to work to support her 2 sons. So she started Drader Interiors. Her other two businesses are Always Beautiful Head Scarves (started in 2003) for women who have lost hair due to medical condition (such as chemo-therapy) or scalp

conditions such as alopecia- (web site: www.alwaysbeautifulyou.com) and Stage Productions, which is staging of furniture and accessories in residential homes.

Asked about her interests and hobbies, Gretchen says her passion is being creative in homes, gardening, and golfing. She moved from Oakland Township to renovate a historical house in the city of Rochester. She enjoys traveling, having been on two mission trips to Honduras and South Africa, and toured Italy, France, Sicily, Croatia, Chile (3 times) and Europe (4 times).

Gretchen is a member of the Rochester Junior Women's Club and an affiliate member of the Rochester Women's Board of Realtors.

When asked why she decided to attend Paint Creek Church, she said, "I searched for a church for one year, then walked into Paint Creek Church and knew I had found a church home. I've felt at home ever since walking in the door! There is great music and very caring people!"

Gretchen's involvement at Paint Creek Church includes two mission trips, past member of Administrative Council and Pastor-Parish committee, designing and maintaining gardens in front of the church, working at Baldwin Warming Center, co-chairing the Christmas Cookie Sales, and helping with serving Communion, rummage sales

and coffee hours. Gretchen held the first annual picnic at her wonderful cottage on the lake last year!

Interviewed by Jan McCall

The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

'I've had a pretty good life,' the twenty proclaimed. 'Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean.'

'Wow!' said the one-dollar bill. 'You've really had an exciting life!'

'So tell me,' says the twenty, 'where have you been throughout your lifetime?'

The one dollar bill replies, 'Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church.'

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, 'What's a church?'

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CROP WALK FINAL TOTALS:

HOWARTH: \$565.00

PAINT CREEK: \$370.00

Thank you again to all the walkers and to those who donated to CROP.

NEWS LETTER

DEADLINE:

September 13, 2009

Birthday Party at Lake Orion Nursing Center, Aug 22nd.

Anyone interested in helping, contact Paul Sandstrom.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would prefer to receive it via email-contact the church office at www.howarthumc@peoplepc.com Or phone-248-373-2360.

HOWARTH NEWS:

The 150 year Celebration is in full swing for August 9th, the committee has been meeting and planning. It will be a day filled with celebration of our history and seeing former friends and members. We are blessed that our new D.S. Rev. Joanne Bartelt, Rev. Kelsey, Rev. Koski, Rev. Bouvier, and Rev. Dr. Gerritsen will be a part of this special celebration. There will also be special music by Alex Wolf, and Ashley Howden.

If interested in purchasing a DVD on the history and present activities or a DVD of the actual Celebration Day. Contact the church office.

Any questions or to RSVP for this day please call or email the church.

UMW NEWS:

The first dinner of the season was a wonderful success. Served about 115 people. With a profit of \$635

Swiss steak we served 124 with a profit of \$890. We ran out of steak and had to stop selling tickets! Will do everything we can to assure that doesn't happen again!!

MISSION NEWS:

Even in these economic hard times Howarth is once again a JUBILEE SPOTLIGHT CHURCH. From the research that was done for the celebration we discovered that we have been one since the record keeping began several years ago. This means we have always paid 100% of our apportionments and been faithful with our mission pledges. Doing the Lord's work that is what it is all about.

Howarth's "Love Garden" Report:

The garden is growing and prayerfully will produce plenty of fresh vegetables to donate to our Local Food Pantries. Stop by and check it out. Maybe pull a weed or two, all hands are greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES:

AUGUST:

2nd Marjorie Waite & Lois Parker

9th Erica Sandstrom

12th Megan Key

14th Scott Howden

18th Megan Pollock

29th Leroy Thatcher

21st Jon & Molly Barth

SEPTEMBER:

2nd Bobby Pilat

20th Alex Wolf

22nd Willard Shubert

30th Paul Sandstrom (50)

8th Dennis & Pamela Waite

23rd Ernie & Amy Young

30th Eric & Cheryl Everhart

Tiger Ballgame News:

June 20th was the Annual Trip to Comerica. The Tigers played the Milwaukee Brewers and the Tigers won-hooray!!

3 home runs were hit which meant a free Arby's roast beef sandwich for Rick!!! We had seats in the shade and it was an enjoyable day. Make plans to join the trip next year!!

Thank you to:

Sharon Rowden for the many hours she has been putting in to keep our church moving smoothly. We may not say it enough but you are very much appreciated.

All the pie makers and dinner workers for another awesome beginning to the dinner season. You are the best!!

Al Reeves for selling the tickets at the dinners!!

Marilyn Foster for making the celery seed dressing to have at the dinners and some to sell. It is delicious and really makes the salad the best.

Paul Sandstrom and Randy Lamas for being Liturgist and most of all for assisting our guests, leading worship and doing children's messages when needed.

To Elizabeth Reitz for the treat on the bus on the way to the game!!!

For all who helped with the cleaning of the church and feeding the WWAM workers.

Casie & Sharon Rowden for weeding out the flowers.

Paul & Kathy Sandstrom, Jennifer Rowden and Rick Rowden for planting the Howarth "Love Garden."

Betty Paulson for preparing the Communion Table.
Alex Wolf for sharing your beautiful singing voice.

To all who helped with weeding the garden and the flowers around the church!!

Shirley Reeves for the coffee cake for the weeders!!

Jennifer Rowden for keeping all of us informed on the happenings with our church.

Marilyn Foster for helping in the office.

Hazel Spencer for delivering the donated clothing to Katie Peterson the missionary for God's Cooperative Country in the U.P.

To Rev. and Mrs. Liscomb for the wonderful visit that Paul & Kathy Sandstrom had with them on their recent trip to the Upper Peninsula.

Wishing John Pollitt a speedy recovery after his knee surgery July 21st.

Congratulations:

Cheryl Everhart for completing her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration!!!

Kathy Sandstrom graduating from WSU Labor School in Union Leadership.

HOWARTH'S PERSON OF FAITH:

STELLA ANDREWS:

Was born November 7, 1921, and was baptized at Howarth. In 1925 they moved to Pontiac and attended Central Methodist Church for 5 years. The family then moved to Rochester to a farm at this time went back to Howarth and had membership transferred.

On May 10, 1941 she married Wilten Andrews at a small ceremony at home with the Reverend Walker officiating. The newlyweds moved to the Andrew's Farm. She lived on the farm for 27 years and then moved to her home on Stoney Creek Rd, where she still resides today.

Stella has been blessed with 7 children, 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. All of her 7 children attended Sunday School at Howarth. For several years Meriel Andrews lived with them and she would take the children to church and Sunday School when Stella had to work. Meriel was a faithful inspiration to Stella and her children. Three of Stella's daughters, Barbara, Linda and Patricia were married at Howarth.

Stella worked as the Chairperson for funeral dinners for many years and continues to work on the church monthly

dinners. Stella makes the famous Sour Cream Raisin pies for the dinners. She is also known for her delicious scalloped potatoes. She takes care of the salad and the green beans for the dinners.

Stella worked for 27 years at the New Born Nursery at St. Joe's. She enjoys knitting, crocheting and cooking. Stella donated several beautiful lap blankets she made for the nursing home.

Stella is a faith inspiration to all of us through her continued work and sharing of her talents. We are blessed to have her as part of the Howarth Church Family.

The Circuit - Riders in Early American Methodism

Dr. Robert Simpson

John Wesley's Methodist plan of multiple meeting places called circuits required an itinerating force of preachers. A circuit was made up of two or more local churches (sometimes referred to as societies) in early Methodism. In American Methodism circuits were sometimes referred to as a "charge." A pastor would be appointed to the charge by his bishop. During the course of a year he was expected to visit each church on the charge at least once, and possibly start some new ones. At the end of a year the pastors met with the bishop at annual conference, where they would often be appointed to new charges. A charge containing only one

church was called a station. The traveling preachers responsible for caring for these societies, or local churches and stations, became known as circuit-riders, or sometimes saddlebag preachers. They traveled light, carrying their belongings and books in their saddlebags. Ranging far and wide through villages and wilderness, they preached daily or more often at any site available be it a log cabin, the local court house, a meeting house, or an outdoor forest setting. Unlike the pastors of settled denominations, these itinerating preachers were constantly on the move. Their assignment was often so large it might take them 5 or 6 weeks to cover the territory.

Brother Harwood in New Mexico, when asking how to begin his work, was told: "Get your pony shod. Then start out northward via Fort Union, Cimarron, and Red River until you meet a Methodist coming this way... thence westward and eastward until you meet other Methodist preachers coming this way. All this will be your work....I saw at once that I had a big field."

Francis Asbury (1745 - 1816), the founding bishop of American Methodism, set the pace. He traveled 270,000 miles and preached 16,000 sermons as he traveled the circuits. Peter Cartwright (1785-1872) described the life of the circuit-rider. He wrote in his Autobiography: "A Methodist preacher, when he felt that God

had called him to preach, instead of hunting up a college or Biblical Institute, hunted up a hardy pony, and some traveling apparatus, and with his library always at hand, namely, a Bible, Hymn book, and Discipline, he started, and with a text that never wore out nor grew stale, he cried, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.' In this way he went through storms of wind, hail, snow, and rain; climbed hills and mountains, traversed valleys, plunged through swamps, swollen streams, lay out all night, wet, weary, and hungry, held his horse by the bridle all night, or tied him to a limb, slept with his saddle blanket for a bed, his saddlebags for a pillow. Often he slept in dirty cabins, ate roasting ears for bread, drank butter-milk for coffee; took deer or bear meat, or wild turkey, for breakfast, dinner, and supper. This was old-fashioned Methodist preacher fare and fortune."

Not only did the preacher face physical hardship, but often he endured persecution. Freeborn Garrettson (1752-1827) wrote of his experience: "I was pursued by the wicked, knocked down, and left almost dead on the highway, my face scarred and bleeding and then imprisoned." No wonder most of these preachers died before their careers had hardly begun. Of those who died up to 1847, nearly half were less than 30 years old. Many were too worn out to travel.

What did they earn? Not much in dollars. Bishop Asbury expressed their reward when he recruited Jesse Lee, "I am going to enlist Brother Lee. What bounty? Grace here and glory hereafter, if he is faithful, will be given."

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Service project builds homes in Honduras

CARMICHAEL, Calif. – The United Methodist Committee on Relief is supporting a two-year grant for the Sierra Service Project of Carmichael, Calif., to build 12 homes for families in need in Honduras, where hundreds of thousands of families live in substandard rural homes vulnerable to flooding, mudslides and fire. The United Methodist agency is providing building materials and funds to hire local labor to supervise the work. The Sierra Service Project, an incorporated agency of the United Methodist California-Nevada and California-Pacific annual conferences, enlists North American youth and adult volunteers to assist in building homes in Honduras. For more information about volunteering with the Sierra Service Project team in the summer of 2010, visit their website at <http://www.sierraserviceproject.org>.

World has means to end hunger, experts say

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Advocates working to end hunger contend that the world produces enough to feed everyone between 2,700 and 3,000 calories a day. "We basically produce enough food to make you fat," said the Rev. Kenneth C. Horne Jr., executive director emeritus, Society of St. Andrew. "The food is not very well distributed and never has been." When asked if worldwide hunger can be ended, Horne and others advocates give a resounding "Yes."

Death in a small town

SHENANDOAH, Pa. — A story of race and a deadly beating amid hard times brought the national media to this small Pennsylvania community last year. Yet amid the twists and turns of national protests and highly charged verdicts, people like the Rev. Brunilda Martinez, the Hispanic leader of a predominantly white United Methodist congregation, were the ones who brought light to the divided town, after Luis

Eduardo Ramirez, a 25-year-old Mexican illegal immigrant, was beaten and left dying on July 12, 2008.

Runner's quest brings wells to Africa

RICHARDSON, Texas-- Mike Lightfoot wanted to mark his 50th birthday by realizing a dream – running the 56-mile Comrades Marathon in Durban, South Africa. But it was not long before the music director at First United Methodist Church came up with the idea that his personal quest could be turned into something greater. By the time Lightfoot left for Africa in mid-May, the church staff logged 5,800 miles on their own and the congregation raised enough money to provide three wells for clean drinking water in Africa.

Motorcycle pastor rounding up visitors

STEWARTVILLE, Minn.— The Rev. Rob Kopp, a motorcycle minister, wants passing bikers to make a pit stop at his church every second Sunday during the summer. He says the church is in prime territory along a busy highway, "They're going by the church all the time," he said. On the first Sunday he extended the invitation, 11 bikers showed up at Sumner Center United Methodist Church. "It went really well," he said. "Our families were pleased and after the worship service we had a great time of fellowship and making connections." Kopp began riding a motorcycle last year and has urged his congregation to think about motorcycles as a way to evangelize and build connections for Jesus. As evidenced by the turnout in June, the message is getting across. "That's more visitors we've had to Sumner Center in I don't know how many years," he said. Kopp invites all area motorcyclists to Sumner Center United Methodist Church on Sundays, July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13.

SOULfeast guides participants in faith journey

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.—“Show me your ways, oh Lord” is the theme this year for the Upper Room’s annual SOULfeast event to be held July 12-16 at Lake Junaluska, N.C. The annual spiritual formation event will bring speakers and workshop leaders to guide people of all ages, both clergy and laity, who are searching for direction along their faith journey. The Rev. Trevor Hudson, a best-selling author and pastor of Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni, South Africa, will be the featured speaker. For registration and other information visit www.upperroom.org/soulfeast.

Seminary to teach musicians and worship planners to use music more effectively

DELAWARE, Ohio—The Methodist Theological School in Ohio is offering “Congregational Song: Praise and Worship,” to help musicians, pastors and worship planners use praise music most effectively. The three-session course will be taught by Robin Knowles Wallace, professor in the Taylor Endowed Chair of Worship and Music.

The course will be held Sept. 18, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17.

United Methodists ads to appear on Times Square ‘Super Screen’

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--The United Methodist Church is taking its Rethink Church advertising and welcoming campaign to New York City’s iconic Times Square. The church began airing spots on the CBS full-motion “Super Screen,” on July 1 and two 15-second spots per hour will air 18 hours per day, through Sept. 30. The July spots will focus on literacy and environmental awareness. The second asks, “What if church considered ecology part of theology?”



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