

The Arbor Vine

A newsletter for the Ann Arbor District of the United Methodist Church

Leadership Under Pressure

Sat.
Feb. 7, 2009
9am-Noon



First UMC
Brighton

1 Week Away!

**Ann Arbor District
Leadership
Training
Day**

**Yes you can still come, even
if you are not registered !**

This is a FREE training

Workshops on Finances, Worship & Music, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, Christian Education, Church Marketing, and "How to run a productive church meeting"

For more information, call the District Office 734-663-3939

Something for everyone. . .

*Macaulay's Musings
will return next month*

Don't forget Lay Speaker Training

Saturday, March 7 and Saturday, March 21

Fowlerville First UMC, 201 S. Second, Fowlerville MI

Basic Class

Refresher Class

“Lay Speakers Discover spiritual Gifts”

“Justice in Everyday Life”

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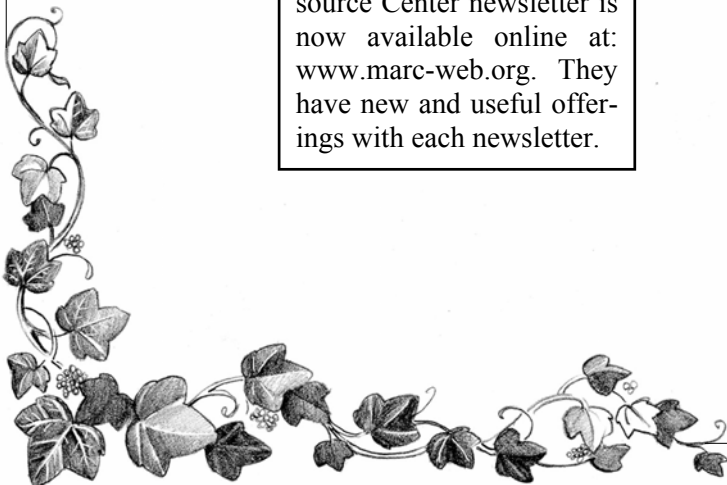
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Articles are due on the 10th of the month.
Comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Michigan Area Resource Center News

The Michigan Area Resource Center newsletter is now available online at: www.marc-web.org. They have new and useful offerings with each newsletter.



The February Schedule for the District Superintendent

Feb 1	8:30 a.m.	UM Retirement Community Board Meeting
Feb 7	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Training
Feb 11-12		WTS Seminary visit
Feb 23-24		Cabinet Meetings
Feb 26	9:30 a.m.	Leadership Task Force Meeting

Tom's personal day is Friday.

Mileage Rates for 2009

- ▲ 55 cents per mile for business miles driven
- ▲ 24 cents per mile for medical or moving purposes
- ▲ 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

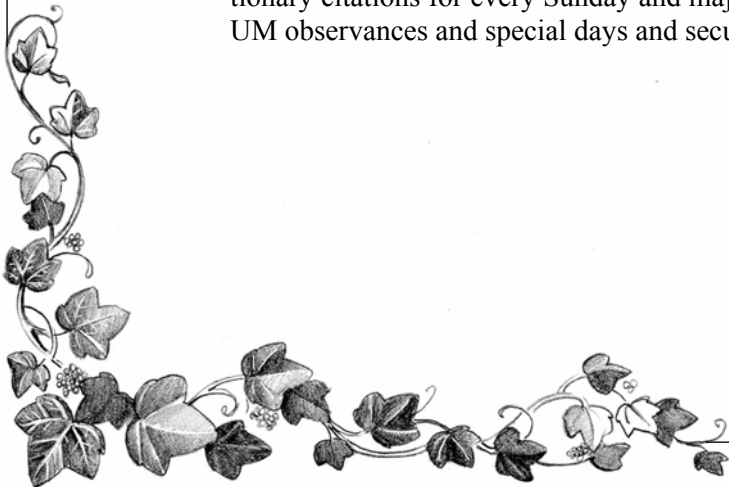
UM Planning Calendars

The General Board Of Discipleship is offering free 2009 and 2010 planning calendars for worship and music leaders. To download the calendars, go to:

www.gbod.org/worship/2009cwrplanningcal.pdf

www.gbod.org/worship/2010cwrplanningcal.pdf

These planning calendars for 2009 and 2010 use the Revised Common Lectionary citations for every Sunday and major day of the church year, as well as UM observances and special days and secular holidays.



Community Help for Foreclosure

Feel free to share this information with members of your congregation.

Washtenaw County Michigan State University Extension

The office has two mortgage foreclosure prevention specialists.
Telephone: 734-997-1678

Washtenaw County Treasurer's Office

Two housing counselors focus solely on tax foreclosure prevention.
Telephone: 734-222-6600 In mid-January, a new hot line will open at 734-222-9595

Legal Services of South Central Michigan

A private nonprofit provides free legal advice and representation to low-income people and seniors, including foreclosure.
Telephone: 734-665-6181

Housing Bureau for Seniors

A University of Michigan office has a staff member devoted to helping seniors avoid foreclosure.
Telephone: 734-998-9341

For Youth Leaders

Be sure you are on the list to receive the Youth newsletter from DAC Youth Service Fund. It contains much information about events and grants available to your youth.

Conference Youth Assembly (CSA) will hold a four-day camp in Adrian.

The first annual Youth Leadership Award will give an award to one youth from each District for an essay on this topic: "Why do you believe youth leadership is important within a church and community?"

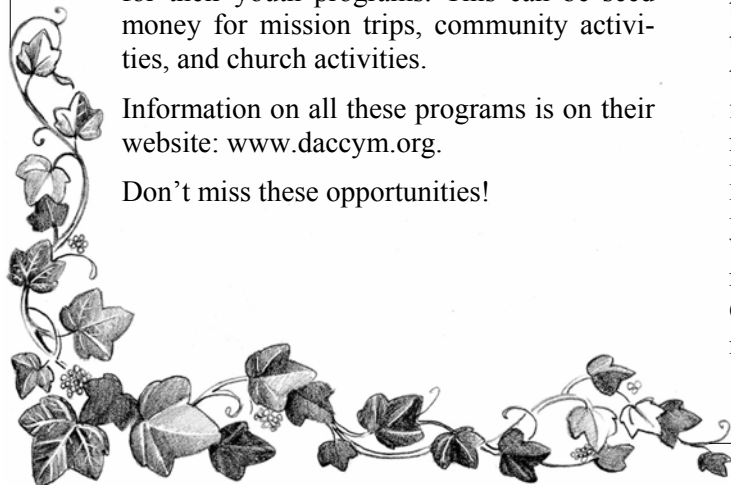
Youth Service Fund gives grants to churches for their youth programs. This can be seed money for mission trips, community activities, and church activities.

Information on all these programs is on their website: www.daccym.org.

Don't miss these opportunities!

Job Opening – Director of Christian Education

Plymouth First United Methodist Church is searching for a Director of Christian Education. This position is responsible for developing, directing and/or coordinating all Christian Education Ministries and related educational programs for children through adults, including Sunday School and Wednesday evening programs, Vacation Bible School; and other classes/programs throughout the week and year. Responsibilities include leading classes, recruiting and training volunteer teachers, and supervising the Directors of Nursery Ministry. This is a full time position with benefits. Requirements include prior experience in Christian Education Leadership and a minimum of a Bachelor's degree. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Please send resumes to Plymouth First United Methodist Church; 45201 N. Territorial Road; Plymouth, MI 48170; Attn: Martha Daigneau.



More thanks for Connectional Grants

From Plymouth First

I write on behalf of Plymouth First United Methodist Church to express our sincere thankfulness for the receipt of two separate grants and to share and celebrate how they were applied for ministry beyond our local church. Thank you for allowing us to do and offer something new for this community and hopefully share the "good news" and love of Jesus Christ.

The five hundred dollar grant to our youth ministry was used to prepare for and offer a cooperative youth retreat with three other United Methodist Churches; Saline, Dexter, and Ann Arbor West Side. The theme for the youth retreat was called Balance. How to live a balanced life for God, both spiritually and physically was studied and explored at the retreat. Scholarships were made available for youth that would not normally be able to afford a weekend retreat allowing three youth with financial need to attend.

The nine hundred dollar grant was and is being used to set up and maintain a web community defining volunteer activities where persons can go online for help or to volunteer to assist others. This program called "Lotsa Helping Hands" is available on the church website and has over seventy persons who have volunteered to assist a need. Brochures have been printed to get the word out and the church evangelism committee has pledged to continue with promoting and maintaining this great ministry and extend it in our greater community. Check it out at pfumc.org.

We are thankful and honored to be awarded these ministry grants and we make covenant with you to be good and faithful stewards of these gifts. May God bless and multiply the service and the recipients of these gifts. Thank you for allowing these opportunities.

Grace and peace,
David Wichert

From Lincoln Community

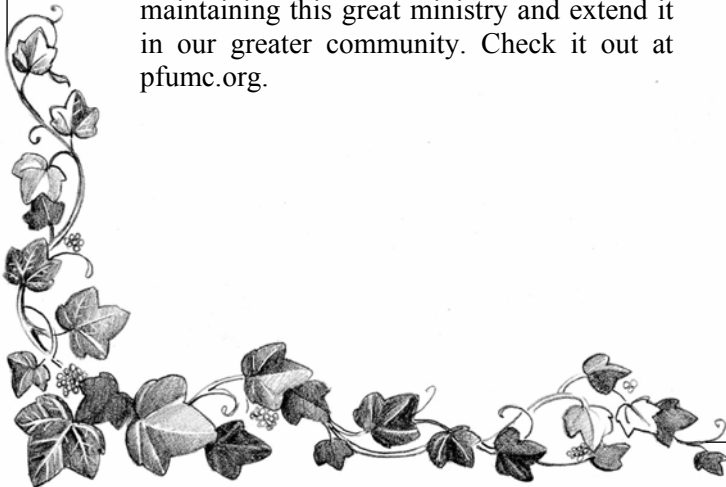
Lincoln Community UMC is so grateful for the \$500 grant we received at the District Annual Conference.

We are now the proud owners of a fabulous laptop: projecting worship elements, teaching Sunday School lessons and soon to design newsletters. Hopefully we'll be able to get our website going again with this new technology.

Thank you for the help your grant has given us.

In his service,

Lincoln Community UMC
Bev Marr



2009 Detroit Annual Conference

Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, May 17

Please note: the original plan was to have the opening worship service on Wed, May 13. In order to save resources, that service has been moved to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, followed by the first plenary session. The Service of Ordination and Commissioning (the final event) will begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 17.

The full schedule is posted on the Conference website: www.umc-detconf.org

Materials for lay delegates will be mailed to their church. At-large delegates will receive their materials at home.

The Haiti Container Project

The Annual Conference is again accepting donations for Haiti. The Haiti Container contributions are limited to basic UMCOR kits. We also collect choir and pastor robes, and used eye glasses in a case. These all must be in new or good condition. Your church may also purchase medicine boxes.

See the front page of the Conference website for specific information. www.umc-detconf.org

With joy and thanksgiving we share God's Bounty.

DAC Hunger/UMCOR Committee of Board of Global Ministries

Questions: Ask: crawford_margier@hotmail.com Rev. Dr. Margie R. Crawford

A New DS for the Port Huron District

Bishop Jonathan Keaton has appointed Rev. Joanne R. Bartelt to be the new District Superintendent for Port Huron starting July 1, 2009. Joanne Bartelt is currently an Associate Pastor at Ann Arbor First. She will be replacing Rev. Peggy Paige, the current District Superintendent.

Haiti Needs You

Teacher Salary Support needed at Haitian Methodist Schools

Teachers in Methodist run schools in Haiti are way behind on salary compensation for the year 2008.

- In some circuits, teachers have not been paid anything for the 2008 school year.
- Others have been given only half their compensation.
- They continue to work because of their dedication to the children and their faith in God.

If you wish to contribute to this support of teacher salary, send funds to:

UMCOR Advance 3019695

"Haiti-Teacher Salary Priority" in the memo area of your check

The information comes from the Michigan Area Task Force.

Curtis Bartz



Resolutions for 2009 Annual Conference Accepted until February 15

Resolutions are now being accepted for consideration by the 2009 Detroit Annual Conference, which is scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17, 2009, on the campus of Adrian College in Adrian, Mich. Resolutions must be submitted by **February 15, 2009**, in order to be considered by the conference membership.

According to the *Rules of Order of the Detroit Annual Conference*, a resolution is “a motion to initiate business submitted by an individual, local church, or church agency of The United Methodist Church within the Detroit Conference.”

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit resolutions to be considered by the 2009 Detroit Annual Conference via email to Diane Brown at dianebr@umich.edu or via U.S. mail (send on disk in Microsoft Word and one printed hard copy) to:

Diane Brown, 4512 Cottonwood Dr, Ann Arbor MI 48108

Please include your name and phone number in case follow-up discussions are needed. Deadline to submit resolutions for annual conference consideration is **Feb. 15, 2009**.

RESOLUTION FORMAT:

Please refer to the *Rules of Order of the Detroit Annual Conference*, Rule I.B, in the *2008 Journal* for details regarding submitting a resolution for action by the annual conference.

Your resolution must be submitted in the following format:

MOTION: State your recommendation/proposal as concisely as possible. This is the action you are requesting the conference approve/support.

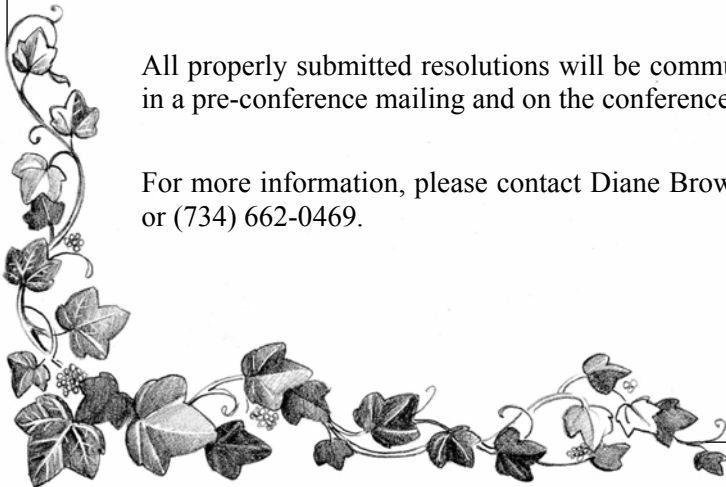
RATIONALE: Give supporting material and discussion. For conference resolutions, the rationale may NOT be more than 300 words. The rationale will be printed to clarify or support the motion, but will not be acted upon by the conference members.

AFFILIATION: Include the name of the local church or church organization of which the signer is a member. If several members of a church, several churches or more than one agency sign or submit a resolution, only the name of the individual, church, or agency and the number of persons signing will be printed with the resolution.

The Committee on Reference and Daily Procedure (ReDaP) reserves the right to place documents in the required format, if necessary.

All properly submitted resolutions will be communicated to the annual conference membership in a pre-conference mailing and on the conference website by April 1, 2009.

For more information, please contact Diane Brown, ReDaP chairperson, at dianebr@umich.edu or (734) 662-0469.



Encouraging the Joy of Generous Giving

A stewardship event presented by the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Highland UMC, 680 Livingston Rd.
Highland MI

with Dr. Wayne C. Barrett and David S. Bell
from the UM Foundation and

Craig Sharp, Vice President, Merrill Lynch

RSVP to info@umfmichigan.org

\$10 per person, payable at the door

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Tracy Huffman
- 6 Barbara & Jim Bowen
- 7 Judi Darling
- 7 Taek Kim
- 10 Cathy Freeman
- 10 Gloria & Earl Downing
- 12 Shelley Weatherup
- 12 Larry Job
- 13 Ruth McCully
- 15 Lisa and Ron Cook
- 16 Joy Won
- 18 Ron Cook
- 18 Joy Barrett
- 19 Laura Speiran
- 22 Doug Paterson
- 23 Tom Macaulay
- 24 Pete Harris
- 27 Nancy Wyllys

Summer Camps

There is so much going on at the United Methodist Camps we can't begin to list it all.

See the website: www.umccamps.org

Note: **Summer Employment** is available for college-age youth and adults. Judson Collins needs counselors, general staff, Program Interns, DCD Production, and Health Officer.

Camp Coordinator Kick-off

Learn important information about camp, such as:

- What a Camp Coordinator does
- Registration info and deadlines for 2009
- New programming at Judson Collins
- Camp tours
- and more. . .

Lunch is provided

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2:30 am-1:30 pm
Judson Collins Center
1000 Hane Hwy
Onsted MI 49265

RSVP to Heather Laskos 800-344-0544

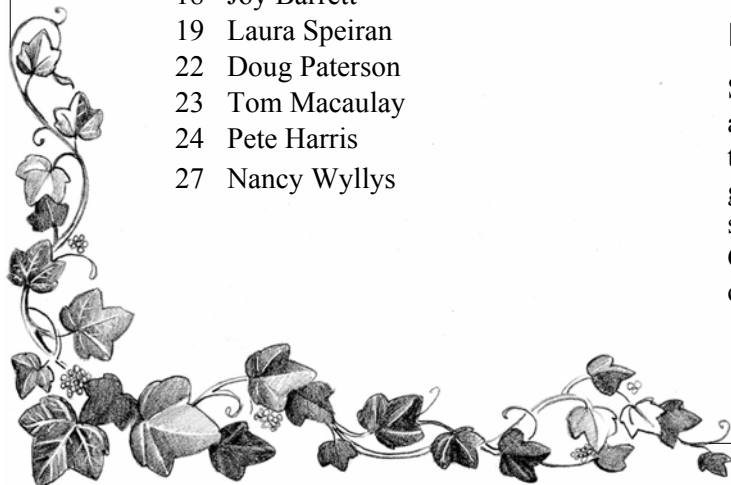
Fun at a Church near You

Clinton

Join us at Clinton UMC for good food and a night of enjoyment, on Saturday, Feb. 28. Dinner served from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Advanced ticket sales for adults \$8.75. Contact Larry at 423-7757.

Britton: Grace

Super Saturday—A Day of Scrapbooking and Crafting on Saturday Feb. 7, for 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. \$25 full day, \$15 half day. You get 4 feet of table space, lunch, dinner, snacks, and help with your crafts, including a Creative Memories Consultant. Call the church at 517-451-8280.



Upcoming Workshops, Seminars, & Trips *that are not mentioned elsewhere in The Vine*

April 20-25

A River Deep and Wide: Christian Spiritual Practices

Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville

“In a world of increasing multicultural diversity, how shall the Church respond?”

Information: www.upperroom.org/river

April 30

Burning Bush peer learning group for large membership churches

Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville TN

From GBOD, revitalizing congregations

Registration: www.gbod.org/du Information: mmcdonald@gbod.org

February 5-7

Using Media in Your Local Church

Led by Rev. Steven D. Martin at Lake Junaluska, NC

How a small or large church can use media to enhance its ministries

Information: 800-482-1442

March 5-7

Bridging the Gap: Connecting Church and Academy

from GBHEM in Naperville IL

Information: events@gbhem.org

April 19-22

Disaster Response Academy

Training for VIM Coordinators, Disaster Response Coordinators and others

Information: [www.gbhm-umc.org/northcentralvim/disaster response.html](http://www.gbhm-umc.org/northcentralvim/disaster%20response.html)

May 8, 2009

Maximum Impact Simulcast

Motivational speakers include Jack Nicklaus, Tony Blair

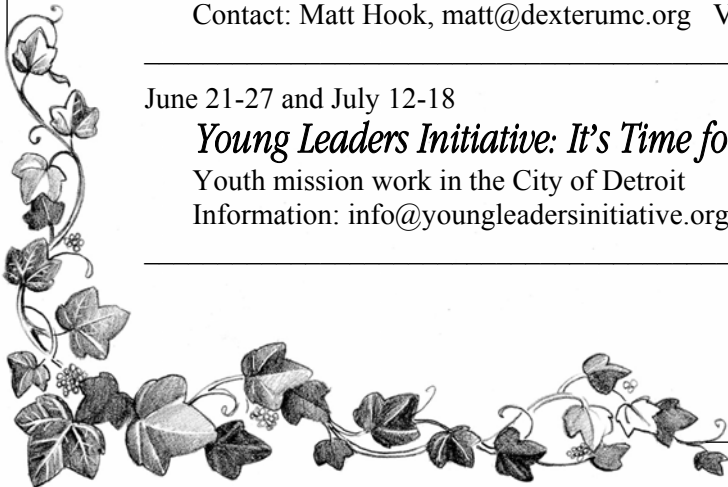
Contact: Matt Hook, matt@dexterumc.org Video clip on www.injoy.com/mis

June 21-27 and July 12-18

Young Leaders Initiative: It's Time for Motown!

Youth mission work in the City of Detroit

Information: info@youngleadersinitiative.org



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