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Mallory's Musings

Rev. Paul J. Mallory

This article entitled, "Philosophy of Charles Schulz" came across my desk again and I thought I would share it with you. You remember Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip?

"You don't have to actually answer the questions, just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award Winners for Best Actor and Actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies...awards tarnish...achievements are forgotten... accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here is another quiz. See you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: *The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials...the most money...or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.*

Who is it we care about? What do we care about? Do we care that anyone knows?

Pax,

Paul



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Greetings from Katie Peterson

We had a busy last quarter, with Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the holidays, between all seven churches we were able to assist close to 75 families, and around 200 children with food, gifts, clothing, and school items. There were another 200 children that we were able to provide for, with winter clothing items, socks, underwear, and school supplies for Christmas at other agencies. This was all made possible because of the generous donations of many UM Women and Church groups from many places. It is so wonderful to be a part of the connectional church and Kingdom of God.

In addition to providing many items for families at Christmas, we will be able to continue to provide emergency supplies to our schools and families all year around. We have also received prayer shawls and quilts for us to share with individuals and babies who will feel God's love and warmth around them. Thank you also to our supporting churches for continuing to support Newberry UMC's Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry – with donations of peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, and monetary donations.

I am pleased to say that after just 4 months – God's Country Cooperative Parish has paid off our Yukon vehicle!!! Thank you to the donations and support of not only our churches, but also the generous donations of individuals and churches around the conference. We have already been using it to take children home from Kids Club, to go Christmas caroling, to travel to UMW conferences and district meetings. Be on the look out for our GCCP magnets on our Yukon as we drive to conference events or around GCCP.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support for my family; especially during the month of January, as my mother lived her final 3 weeks of this earthly life with us in ICU in Toledo, OH. On January 20, 2009, she went on to live an eternal life with Jesus. It was such a blessing to be able to be with her and my father in her final days of life. Thank you for your cards, calls, emails, and prayers for my family and myself.

We are busy planning for our summer mission teams by seeking projects and reviewing them. Please continue to pray for our projects and the teams that will be working with us this summer.

Stay warm and safe this winter. May God to bless each of you, everyday!

Shalom,

Katie Peterson
Deaconess, Church and Community Worker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Peterson".

Summer 2009 VIM/NIM!!!

Seeking work projects for 2009

Do you know of anyone who is a low-income homeowner – needing some minor home repairs, or yard work done? Is there someone who needs, but cannot afford a wheelchair ramp, steps, or a new small porch on their home? If so, please contact Katie Peterson at 906-492-3680 or 293-5711 to get an application for this summer's projects during June or July. Application deadline is May 1, 2009. The following is an official form that may be used as well. (Make sure you complete the front and back.)

GCCP United Methodist Ministries Work Project Request 2009

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell _____ other _____

Type of home: (check all that apply) ___ 1 story ___ 2 story ___ Brick ___ Frame ___ Mobile Home

Do you own the property of which this work will be performed? _____

If not, who is the owner? NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Electricity available? _____ **Water** available? _____ Restroom available? _____

Vehicle access ___ no restrictions ___ 15 passenger van ___ parking for how many vehicles? _____

Ladders needed? _____ size needed? _____ available on sight? _____

Other needs? Powerwasher _____ Trash clean up _____ scaffolding _____

Pets - outdoor? _____ indoor? _____ are the pets able to be restrained while work is being done if needed? _____

Safety hazards? Bees/wasps _____ unsafe flooring? _____ unsafe roof? _____ poisonous plants? _____

Resident Agreement

Please read and check below. By signing below, I understand and agree that:

___ Signing this agreement does not guarantee that any work will be done.

___ The mission team volunteers are allowed to perform repairs and improvements on my house.

___ Some volunteers may be young people working with adult supervision.

___ Any or all projects can be cancelled at any time. Work selected depends on budget, skill level, and time available. Work teams will attempt to finish any work that they have begun, but any work not yet begun during the workweek may be considered canceled.

___ The work of the team may not equal that of professional contractors and is not guaranteed.

___ I give permission for my or my project's picture to be taken and/or story to be shared or published.

___ I plan on being at home during the week that the team is working at my home.

Resident's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Site Supervisor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Date that project was reviewed : _____ Date project completed _____

Mission To and From the GCCP

From the GCCP Mission Committee

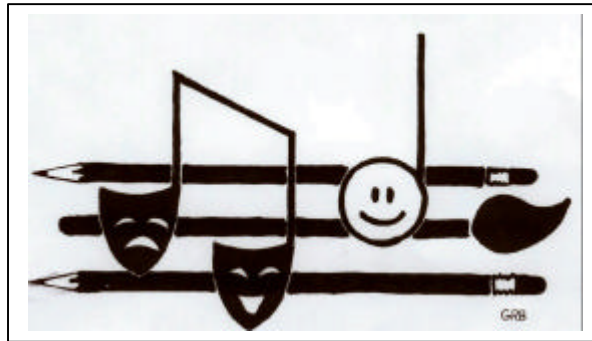
“Mission is our Mission

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The Protection for Children and Vulnerable Persons

On Saturday, February 28th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Germfask congregation is hosting a GCCP wide training for **The Protection for Children and Vulnerable Persons**. This will include both new and renewing certification. Please call Jan Barrett @ 586-3901 or email her -jan_barrett47@hotmail.com - to register, so that Katie can order enough materials for the session. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this training. Bring a lunch for yourself on the day of training. Coffee and tea will be available.



MAD Camp 2009

A Summer Program for kids 4-18

The children and youth in the GCCP area are again invited to participate in MAD (Music Art and Drama) Camp - this summer from **July 27 – July 31**. This experience is an ecumenical, faith based experience for 5 year olds – 18 year olds, and is the fourth here in the GCCP area. This program is offered to local children not connected to a church, as well as the children and youth of our church member families. The Intern Program last year was a great success. We are now including a full program for older campers (14-18) who will present some of their own material on Friday, as well as work with the musical. They will also be receiving leadership training. Instrumental experiences are also available for those who have had at least one year of experience. No church affiliation is required. Volunteers are welcome to participate. Watch for more information and registration forms in the May newsletter, but get it on your busy calendar now!
Call Jan Barrett@ 906-586-3901 for more information.

GCCP Youth News

The youth from GCCP will be going on a mission trip to Sault St. Marie, MI, June 29-July 1, 2009, to make raised flower beds and a roof overhang for Hearthside Center. Any youth who are in grades 7-12 are welcome to sign up. 6th grade youth will join for a day of the trip to help plant flowers. We will also be participating in a variety of local mission projects in our GCCP communities. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought, sold, and helped to make our Super Bowl Sub sandwich sale a success. We sold over 200 sandwiches! This will certainly help us to make the raised flowerbeds for senior citizens in Sault Ste. Marie this summer. You can still help us in raising money for our mission trip by sending money to GCCP - designated for the youth mission trip. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our youth and adults participating in missions this summer.

Programs to Assist with the GCCP Finances

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GCCP funds are very low at this time. The following section has ways in which you and your organization can help to enhance the local mission of the GCCP.

A GCCP COOKBOOK!!!

A donation of \$10.00 is being asked for each book.
(There will be an additional \$2.50 per book if being mailed.)

The GCCP cookbook has been a great success! You might want to consider this a UMW, or whole church, mission project. We do have books still available. This is a great opportunity for you to provide a gift for any occasion for friends, neighbors and relatives near and far. We will be happy to mail far and wide!

To order or with questions, contact: Jan Barrett 906-586-3901 or jan_barrett47@hotmail.com

GCCP Tee shirts for Sale

You may own a GCCP tee shirt for yourself or give one as a gift to a family member or friend. They are available for a donation of \$15.00 for short sleeve or \$27.00 for long sleeve.

Contact **Katie Peterson (906-492-3680 or ktpete@gmail.com)**

“Cross and Flame” UMC Magnets Still Available

We are currently asking for donations of \$5 for UMC magnets in order to support the mission projects of the GCCP. You may want to purchase a large number of these and sell them at conferences or large meetings. They may be acquired from any pastor or from the **CCW, Katie Peterson (906-492-3680 or ktpete@gmail.com)**. Thanks for your prayers and support!

A Way to Give as you Shop and Search On-line!

Using “GoodSearch.com” to Surf the Internet helps us out for free!

You can now SHOP through this site as well as search, and the parish receives a % of the sale. It's easy!

God's Country Cooperative Parish is earning a penny every time you surfed the Internet! GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and Yahoo powers it! So you get great results. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter **God's Country Cooperative Parish** as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! Please, be sure to spread the word! Saving the address as a favorite makes this an easy way to participate and give to the parish. Planning a big event, like a wedding? Every time you check out a site, GCCP can earn valuable money for their work in ministry. Since inception, we have earned \$111.65.

Gordon Food Service “Fun Funds Cards”

Last, but certainly not least, Gordon Food Service is continuing to partner with us to help raise money for missions. Every time you show your “Fun Funds Card” when shopping at Gordon's, we get up to 10% back. If you do not have a “Fun Funds Card,” you can apply at any Gordon's store. Be sure to include on the form that God's Country Cooperative Parish is the agency you wish to support. Anyone can participate in giving to the GCCP from any community, whether you are connected to the church or not. This would be a great way for people who live far and wide to share with the GCCP ministry.

Yarn REALLY Needed for Love Mission

We are continually creating baby blankets, caps, and prayer shawls for mission giving. Those who are knitting and crocheting would love to receive yarn as a donation for their projects. If you are cleaning out your closets or would like to have a yarn drive at your next women's meeting or would like to purchase some yarn, any kind, you may deliver it or mail it to Joan Lynn. The address is P.O. Box 95, Naubinway, MI, 49762 – or call her at (906) 477-6299. These items go to the local hospitals for new babies, and the prayer shawls are gifted to shut-ins, cancer patients, those who are grieving, or anyone who might need a “prayer hug.” Thanks for your continued support to our mission.

News From the Seven Churches

Grand Marais UMC

Just a teeny-weenie bit of news. We have had a tremendous slow-down of activity. During the winter months, the most exciting thing we have going is the Annual Sled Dog Race weekend, on February 21st. This should be a really good run for the sleds and dogs, as it has been quite snowy and cold, which are ideal for both. Our usual table will be furnished with: cookies, small cakes, brownies, and usually some small pumpkin (or other delicious home-made filling) pies. Normal start time is around 9:00 - till sell-out (around 2:00).

We have now moved our Sunday Worship into the Multi-purpose Room, which is much more "comfy" with our reduced attendance and conserves heating costs

Hulbert Tahquamenon UMC

Several times this winter elementary students Kayla and Karley Honeysette have provided special music for our Sunday morning worship service. The girls also help out by ringing the bell and taking up the offering.

Christian Crafters

Crafters continue to meet Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Hulbert township office. Anyone is welcome to come to this lively gathering.

Engadine UMC

FREE Community Meals

Engadine continues to serve over a hundred guests at their community meal USUALLY on the last Wednesday of every month at the church. The meal is served from 4:30 – 6:30. There is no cost for this meal. The contact person at Engadine UMC is Ruth McCarney @906-477-6838.

May Fellowship

There will be a UMW gathering at the church on May 8th at 10:00 for the annual May Fellowship. All are invited.

Newberry UMC

Free Community Meals

Newberry continues to offer Free Community Meals. They strive to serve tasty, nutritional meals with a kind smile and words and with God's love. At "specialty meals" like Christmas, Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day, there may be as many as 170 meals served. These include both sit down and take out dinners. They serve from 4:00-6:00, and plenty of parking is available. A ramp inside the north door and an elevator chair make the dining area and rest rooms available to all. All are invited to join us for our once a month get-togethers. Call the church (906) 293-5711, for specific dates.

AMAZING GRACE

Do you know what is so amazing about Grace? The adult Bible Class at the Newberry United Methodist Church does. Through the generous gift from the GCCP we were provided through the resource library the Groupware package, "What Is So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey. An intimate journey with God, taking an honest look at the meaning of grace and its presence-and absence- in our church, the world, and yourself. This package is designed to allow almost anyone to lead a spirited and engaging group discussion. Included in the package are video instructions and leaders' and participants' guides. (Class members will need to purchase the participants guide and book). Each of us has expressed growth during our Spiritual Journey by understanding the Power of Grace, the art of forgiving, facing disagreements, and how as an individual to dispense Grace.

"Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is the glue." - Eugene O' Neill

"A grace-full Christian is one who looks at the world through grace-tinted lenses." - Philip Yancey

"When you forgive you rediscover the humanity of the other person. But even better, when you forgive –you rediscover the humanity in yourself." - Patrician Raybon

McMillan UMC

Fish Fries are a major part of the McMillan income. Please check the calendar for the dates of this event.

Paradise UMC

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP COMES TO PARADISE UMC
SUNDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

Praise Services

Praise Service will continue to be held on Sunday Evenings at 6:30 on the third Sunday of the month. All are invited to attend. This service has welcomed at least 50 people, and is looking forward to opening the doors to even more!

Kids' Club

The Paradise UMC began its 6th year of ministry to children with Kid's Club on Wednesday, October 1st at 2:40 p.m. This is for children 4 years old through 5th grade. They meet right after school for music, games, a snack, Bible study and a craft! It's great fun and the kids love it.

Young Youth

The Paradise UMC Young Youth continue to meet now that school has started. Because of sports practice the time is now every other Sunday night. There are now at least five youth who attend regularly.

Monday Night Bible Study

Adult Bible study will resume after Easter at 6:30 on Monday nights at the Paradise United Methodist Church. All are invited to join even though it's in progress.

AA Meetings

AA meetings are held at the church on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Birders' Dinner

The Birders' Dinner welcomes all to the church on April 24th at 4:00 to celebrate the migration of the birds return to God's Country. This pasty dinner is provided for a cost by the members and friends of the Paradise UMC. This project helps to support the camp fund and the fuel fund for the church.

Germfask UMC

A Farewell Potluck

A church and community potluck was held at the church on January 25th to bid farewell to the Ednae and Rex Baker who moved back below the bridge. They will be missed.

Lenten Study

Germfask/Grand Marais/McMillan Churches will participate in a **Lenten Study** each Thursday during Lent. They will meet at noon at Germfask UMC. The individual churches will provide a soup lunch.

The Protection for Children and Vulnerable Persons

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Spring Tea

The **Spring Tea** is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th from 2-4 p.m. There will be a penny auction to raise funds for the camp fund for children who wish to participate.

Rummage Sale

Germfask will participate in the **Community Rummage Sale** on June 13th. Feel free to bring items for sale and to come shop on that day.

Self Denial Offering

On August 22, Saturday, the Germfask UMC is hosting a Stone Soup Self Denial Offering meal for the church and community. More details will be announced in the May Letters. Anyone is invited to attend and a free will offering will be taken for mission giving.

Craft Sales and Rada Knives

At this time there are no craft sales planned, but anyone may notify a member of the church if you are interested in acquiring Rada knives for yourselves or as a gift for a family member or friend. They would make very nice Mothers' Day or wedding gifts.

Quick Reference Calendar

Lenten and Easter Season are being planned at this time. Please call the individual churches for schedules. Service details will be made available on the GCCP Web site as they are finalized.

2009



February

- 13th - McMillan UMC – 4 p.m. ... Columbus Hall - Fish Fry
- 13th - Paradise UMC – 6 p.m. Game Night
- 15th - Paradise UMC – 6:30 p.m. Praise Service
- 19th - Germfask UMC – 10 a.m. First gathering for the Audrey Dunlap Scrapbook Wor
- 21st - Grand Marais UMC – 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. - Community event – UP 200 Dog Sled Races
- 25th - Engadine UMC - 4:30-6:30 -Free Community Meal

25th - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES - CALL THE CHURCH OR PASTOR FOR TIMES .

- 26th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 27th - McMillan UMC 10 a.m. **GCCP COUNCIL MEETING**
- 28th - Germfask UMC– 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.(GCCP wide) Training and recertification for Protection for Vulnerable Persons (Brown Bag Lunch)

March

- 5th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 12th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 13th - McMillan UMC - 4 p.m. Columbus Hall - Fish Fry
- 19th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 26th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study

April

- 2nd - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 9th - Germfask UMC- noon - Germfask, McMillan and Grand Marais meet for Lenten Study
- 3rd - McMillan UMC – 4 p.m. ... Columbus Hall - Fish Fry

12TH - EASTER SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES - CALL THE CHURCH OR PASTOR FOR TIMES .

- 24th - Paradise UMC - 4:00 p.m. – Birders’ Dinner

May

- 8th - Engadine UMC – 10 a.m. May Fellowship
- 11th - Newberry UMC – 10 a.m. White Breakfast
- 16th - Germfask UMC– 2-4 p.m. Spring Tea

June (For planning purposes)

- 13th - Germfask UMC – Rummage Sale in conjunction with the Community Sale
- 20th - Youth Trip begins to the Sault Ste. Marie

July (For planning purposes)

- 6th – 10th – Hulbert Tahquamenon UMC - Bible School
- 13th – 17th – Engadine UMC - Bible School
- 19th – 21st – Paradise UMC - Bible School
- 27-31st - Newberry UMC – 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. **MAD Camp 2009**



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