

The Spinnaker

Newsletter for the Port Huron District

February 2009

Fruitful Congregations Are Growing

Have you filled out and sent in your registration for the March 7, 2009 “Cultivating Fruitfulness” workshop? We are honored to have this workshop lead by Bishop Robert Schnase the author of “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”. He will lead us throughout the day. The Port Huron District Council on Ministries is so impressed that he is our speaker for the day, that they are offering one of his books, “Cultivating Fruitfulness - Five weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations” as a gift for each person in attendance at the March 7th meeting. They are also giving a discount to those pre-ordering one of Bishop Schnase’s other books: “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”. (It is that important to them.)

Many of the churches in the Port Huron District are making these principles part of their sermons and special workshops are being planned in the coming months for many of our congregations. Each part of the practices of Fruitful Congregations are being explored. Why not find out from the author himself and gain new insight on the practices of: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development,

Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

This workshop is designed for everyone in our congregations. You don’t have to be one of the leaders or hold a special office, everyone is invited. Remember to register today and come on March 7, 2009 to the “Cultivating Fruitful Congregations, a day with Bishop Schnase”. We begin at 9:00 AM on March 7th at the Lapeer: Trinity UMC. It may well be a life changing experience.

Reviving Your Pastoral Heart

Rev. Terry Euper (Assistant to the Bishop) will be the guest speaker for all pastors in the Port Huron District to spend a few days away at retreat held at the Lake Huron Retreat Center on February 2-3, 2009 (Mon. -Tues.). Take time out of your busy schedule and spend it refreshing and renewing your pastoral heart. Contact Lake Huron Retreat Center at 8794 Lakeshore Rd., Lakeport MI 48059 to register today as registrations are closing. Telephone number for the Retreat Center is 810-327-6272 or email requests to lakehuronretreat@comcast.net

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Prayer Concerns

Continue to pray for Landon Pieper, new grandson of Ralph & Mary Pieper. He was having difficulty taking in nutrients when first born, but seems to be doing better at this time. Doctors still do not have all the answers, so please keep this brand new little guy in your prayers.

Please keep Amy Haynes in your prayers. She is carrying twins and is having some difficulty. (Gloria Haynes' grandbabies)

Karen Wissman spent a some time in the hospital. She should be home soon.

Please remember all those who are suffering from the flu, other symptoms, and those people who find it difficult to get around in this snowy & cold weather.

Rev. George Ward, retired pastor from the Port Huron District had knee replacement surgery on Jan. 5 in Holland MI.

Rev. James Paige will be having knee replacement surgery on Jan. 19.

Good news Chris Hoppenworth came through surgery well and is looking to go back to work when the doctor allows.



With Deepest Sympathy

Please keep Rev. Catherine Hiner and her family in your prayers. Werner Kneip Jr., Cathy's grandson went to be with his Heavenly Father on Dec. 18, 2008. Memorial service was Dec. 20.

Rev. Barbara Welbaum's 101 year old grandmother, Edith Harris, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Dec. 31, 2008. Services were held Jan. 2, 2009 in Indiana. Please also keep this family in your prayers.

Church Secretaries Shine in April and Bloom in May

The Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) will hold their annual meeting in Des Moines, Iowa at the Embassy Suites on the River in Des Moines on April 30th through May 3, 2009.

You can come to the meeting whether you are a member of PAUMCS or not. Secretaries from all over Michigan and the country will be there.

The meeting includes workshops, mission work, and opportunities to share with the only people who really understand what you do. The meeting cost is \$270 for four days. It would be appropriate for local churches to pay for some or all of the costs.

PAUMCS provides training and networking among the members. Their website is: www.paumcs.org.

Click on the front text and you can download a full brochure as a .pdf. Visit the website and learn how this event can enhance your work and your life. There will be CEU credits for the workshops as well.

Admit it, you really love your job and the church (at least most of the time). And, there aren't many other jobs these days anyway. This is a chance to grow in your job and share and have a lot of fun too.

Original article by Jane Pollock, Ann Arbor Dist.

D.S. Destinations:

for February 2009

2-3: Port Huron Clergy Retreat

11: P.H. Superintendency Committee

12: P.H. Board of Missions

23-24: Cabinet Meeting

From the Port Huron DS –

We are in a new year and I am looking for great things to happen in the Port Huron District as we all work together to “make disciples for the transformation of the world.” It is my expectation that every pastor and at least 3 persons from each charge will be in attendance at “Cultivating Fruitfulness – A Day with Bishop Schnase” on March 7th. The PH DCOM believes that putting the five practices in practice will bring renewal to all our churches, and to assist in this three charges will receive the Complete Set - “Focus on the Five Practices” at the Workshop on March 7th. The set consists of: 1) Five Practices Leader Manual, 5 DVDs, promotional material, sermon outlines, etc. 2) “Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Weeks of Prayer & Practice for Congregations; and 3) Participant guides for each of the Five Practices.

The charges with the highest percentage of pre-registered participants compared to average attendance in the following 3 categories will receive this set compliments of the PHDCOM, categories are: the charges with an Average Worship of Under 60; the charges with Average Worship of 60-105; and the charges with an Average Worship of 106 or over .

In addition every lay leader whose pastor pre-registers for the event will receive a free copy of the book: “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.”

See you on March 7th.

Shalom,

Rev. Peggy Paige

Conference Appointments

The Detroit Annual Conference has appointed a new superintendent for the Flint District. Rev. Eugene Blair will begin July 1, 2009 as the new Flint District Superintendent. Rev. Blair is currently appointed as the Associate Council Director of African-American Spiritual Formation and Congregational Development of the Detroit Conference. He will be replacing current Flint District Superintendent, Andrew Allie.

As of January 1, 2009 Mr. Paul W. Thomas has become the new (part time) Associate Council Director of Communications for the Detroit Annual Conference. He also currently serves as the Conference Program Committee Coordinator for the Detroit Conference. Paul previously served as the co-chair of the Michigan Area Transition Team.

In the West Michigan Conference it was announced that Rev. Dennis Buwalda will be the interim District Superintendent in the Lansing Dist.

Rev. Benton Heisler (past Lansing Dist. Superintendent) has been appointed as the West Michigan Conference Director of Connectional Ministries.

Christian Education

Karen Wissman is under the weather this month, but I'm sure she would like to remind you that many Christian Education training programs are available from the district. All churches are invited to host a training on a variety of C.E. topics. For a complete list or to set up a training contact Karen (she is probably up and at um by the time you receive this) at 810-765-5959 or online at kwissman@softhome.net

I'm Still Looking

for the Church Leadership Mailing Lists from the following churches:

Applegate - Rev. James Barnett
 Bad Axe: First - Rev. Jean Love
 Cole, Melvin - Rev. Debra Brown
 Davis, Mt. Vernon - Rev. Doug Shepard
 Deckerville, Minden City -
 Rev. John Rapson
 Elkton - Rev. David Collins
 Harbor Beach, Port Hope -
 Rev. Paula Timm
 Lake Orion - Rev. Bruce Denton
 Lexington - Rev. Betty Blair
 McGregor, Carsonville -Rev. Jerry

Griggs

P.H. Gratiot Park - Rev. Bob Chapman
 Port Sanilac - Rev. Eric Johnson
 Sebewaing: Trinity - Rev. William

Wright

Thomas - Rev. Carla Jepsen
 Washington - Rev. Cheryl Mancier
 West Goodland - Rev. Pamela Barnett
 The conference office has already

requested the information as to who the Lay Members of the Detroit Annual Conference will be from each church this year.

Spring Lay Speaking Classes

Lay Speaker/Leadership Classes are scheduled to begin on February 15 and run through to Lay Speaker Dedication on April 5, 2009. Sebewaing: Trinity UMC is the only church that has requested classes thus far.

If you are interested in hosting a lay speaking class or are interested in taking a lay speaking class please contact Ron Bailey at rbailyism@aol.com or at his home after 5:00 PM.

2009 Standard Mileage Rates

from the IRS were announced they are:
 55¢ per mile for business miles driven
 24¢ per mile for medical or moving
 14¢ per mile driven in service or charitable organizations
 Please Note: These rates are lower than the rates were in 2008.

District Directions

For January 2009

13: P.H. Town & Country Mtg. 1:00 PM, Sandusky

19: Martin Luther King day-Office Closed

February:

2-3: P.H. Clergy Retreat "Reviving Your Pastoral Heart", Lake Huron Ret. Cntr

11: P.H. Superintendency Comm. Mtg. 2:00 PM, Dist. Office

12: DBOM Mtg., 7 PM, W. Goodland

15: Lay Speaking Classes begin

March:

7: Cultivating Fruitfulness (Leadership Day) at Lapeer: Trinity UMC

19: P.H. Committee on Ordained Min

April:

5: DCOM Meeting

16: Dist. Board of Mission Mtg. 7:00 PM West Goodland UMC

21: PH Town & Country Mtg, 1:00 PM Sandusky: First UMC

23: PH Committee on Ordained Ministry

Any material to be included in the March issue of The Spinnaker needs to be in the District Office before February 2, 2009.
 Thanks!



Year End Info

On the end of year report to the statistician there are a couple of lines for items that are not General Advance Special Projects (line 43). They are....

Line 51a: Benevolences sent directly to DAC and UMC anencies (not through Conference Treasurer)....such as District benevolence

Line 51b: Benevolences sent directly to NON-DAC and NON-UMC agencies..... Such as CROP, projects that are not listed in the General Advance etc.

From: Anna Morford to help clarify.

Prayer for Our Churches

February

First Sunday: Avoca - Nick Genoff

Ruby - Rev. Lisa Clark

Second Sunday: Bad Axe: First

-Rev. Jean Love

Third Sunday: BASS - Rev. Pat Robbins,

Bethel, Akron, and Sutton Sunshine

Fourth Sunday: Bay Port & Hayes -

Rev. Doug Mater

Directory Updates:

Email changes:

Maureen Baker is at

bakerm@gogreatlakes.com

Ellen Burns is now at

burns_rev59@thumb.net

Lisa Clark is now at

hltjclark@gmail.com

Douglas Mater is now at

bphumc20@comcast.net

Dan Chrysler's home telephone number is now 810-245-1209

How Long Do We Keep Records?

About this time of the year I receive questions on how long do we need to hang on to some of our records. The answer this year is easy as a few mouse clicks. On the General Council of Finance & Administration's web site your can get a list of items (everything from finance to minutes to personal records) and the length of time the item(s) should be kept (permanent, 7 years, or "X" number of years after the event.) This might be helpful advice for your trustees and finance committee people. The email address is: www.gcfa.org - look in Forms & Reports then resources then record retention.

Summer Camp Promotion Opportunities

Rev. Ann Emerson, Director at Lake Huron Retreat Center, is available to come to your church to speak about the opportunities available to children, youth and adults in our conference camping program. She would be available not only on Sunday mornings, but also for a mid-week program or an evening event. Please contact her at 810-327-6272 or annbythelakeshore@comcast.net to schedule a date!

Dates for Location & Building

The dates for 2009 for the Port Huron Board of Church Location & Building are:

April 4, 2009

June 13, 2009

October 10, 2009

Celebrations in the Port Huron District



Happy Birthday to:

February

- 4: Blanche Chapko
- 4: Lois Francis
- 7: Ann Timm
- 10: Patty Sawicki
- 13: Roberta Collins
- 16: Karen Robbins
- 21: Rev. Duane Thon
- 22: Rev. Paula Timm
- 22: Merle VanMarter
- 24: Darlene Badly
- 25: Linda Donelson
- 25: Dana Wright



Happy Anniversary to:

February 10:
Rev.'s Bea & Stephen Frazer-Soots

February 14:
Rev. Don & Laura Gotham

UMW

To all Port Huron United Methodist Women. Just a reminder if you want to register for the Spiritual Growth Retreat - "Hot Potatoes" on April 3-4 at the Lions Bear Lake Camp, send your registration in to Avis Hale, 4480 Atkins Rd., Port Huron MI 48060.

The registrar's name did not get on your flyer in the latest issue of Thumbprints - so above is that information.

A Word of Appreciation

We wish to thank the ministers and their spouses for the thoughtful remembrances which were presented to us at the Christmas Party. Knowing the difficult times we are in, it was especially appreciated that you would think of us.

We count it a privilege to be a part of the Port Huron District and to minister along with you for the ongoing mission to share Jesus Christ with the people of the thumb.

Our sincere prayer is that the New Year will bring Gods rich blessings to each and every one of you.

Rev. Peggy Paige & Joan Rogalski

