

The Spinnaker

Newsletter for the Port Huron District

July/August 2009

Welcome Rev. Joanne Bartelt

As of July 1, 2009 we will again be welcoming many new faces to the Port Huron District. The first new face will be in the Port Huron District Office as we welcome Rev. Joanne R. Bartelt as our new district superintendent.

Rev. Bartelt comes from the Ann Arbor: First United Methodist Church, but has many friends throughout the conference. It is hoped that each of you will welcome her and help make her feel "at home" in her new position.

Others that I hope that you will go out of your way to make welcome to the Port Huron District are:

Micheal Kelley and his wife Lisa to the Jeddo and Buel UMC's

Craig Pillow and his wife Lorraine to the Elkton UMC

Bernadine Wormley-Daniels and her children to the Yale UMC

Timothy Ziegler and wife Lisa and their family to the Lexington UMC

Some of those who you will find in a new

location in the Port Huron District are:

Gloria Haynes will now be found at the Pigeon: Salem UMC

Ronald Hutchinson will now be found at both the North Branch: First UMC and at the Silverwood UMC

A change in church alignment will put Nickolas Genoff at the Crowell: First/Avoca UMC Charge

We will bid a fond farewell to:

Betty Blair who is retiring from Lexington UMC

Catherine Hiner who is retiring and going to live close to her daughter in Ohio

David Collins has gone on incapacity leave

John Allan has retired once again

Jerry Densmore will now be serving the Hemlock/Nelson Charge in the Saginaw Bay District

Michael Sawicki will now be serving at the Faithway New Church Start in the Saginaw Bay District

John Ball has come off Honorable Location and has been appointed to the Brighton: First UMC

Those who will be leaving our district will be missed, but they are wished God's Blessings as they continue in their faith journey.

For those who are moving into our district, it is hoped that you will take the time to greet them and make them feel at home. Invite them to the functions that you are having in your area and let them know that they are WELCOME.

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Congratulations

The people of the Port Huron District are proud that we have another Denman Award Winner in our midst. Nickolas Genoff was this year's proud recipient of the Harry Denman Award. Congratulations!

Installation Service

The installation service for our incoming District Superintendent, Rev. Joanne Bartelt, will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at the Marlette: First United Methodist Church. Make sure that the date is marked in your date book.

District Directory

Work continues on the Port Huron District Directory. It is getting close to print. If you have any changes that need to be made, please notify the district office ASAP!

Tech Grants

The Conference Commission on Communications will not be issuing grant money to churches for technology and electronic updates in 2009. They hope to renew them in the future. They are currently exploring the possibilities of discount purchasing which may be of help to some churches. They thank you for understanding as they deal with budget cuts and how best to accomplish their ministry to the conference.

Prayer Concerns:

Stephen Fraser- Soots is in ICU at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. He was diagnosed with myeloma leukemia

Colin Stover had surgery following annual conference. He feels surgery went well. He is now undergoing treatment for Multiple Sclerosis.

Bruce Denton is undergoing cancer treatment.

Barbara Welbaum is waiting for the correct medication to ease the pain of rheumatoid arthritis.

Bob Srock is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Alger Lewis will have the stitches behind his eye removed soon.

Alicea Williams had an appendectomy and developed pneumonia. She is back at work.

Catherine Hiner found the last skin lesion that the doctor removed was melanoma. She had it removed and doctors say that they got it all.

Betty Blair's mother, Gladys Montei, was hospitalized with chest pains. She is home now and doing O.K.

David Collins had knee replacement surgery on June 15. It was his right knee.

All Pastors as they begin a new year of serving God and their congregations. May God bless you each day.

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Greetings from our New D.S.



Hello Port Huron! I am honored and humbled by the appointment to be your next District Superintendent. I know that you have been ably led by Rev. Peggy Paige these last seven years, and much has been accomplished in your time together. As Rev. Paige leaves, a huge thank you is owed to her. So, thank you Peggy, for your commitment, your integrity and your attention to details. I am sure the Port Huron District joins with me in wishing you God's richest blessings as you and Jim move to the U.P.

Change is never easy. Moving into new areas of ministry, whether it be a district superintendent or a pastor of a local church, takes time. I am excited and look forward to learning about you as a district, about you in ministry, about you in your communities and about you in your faith journeys. It will be a time of new experiences for all of us. I pray our time together will be rich in faith and fruitful as we live out our call to "Make Disciples for the Transformation of the World."

Most of you know that my own journey started early in life, but was not realized until I was in my 30's. God never gives up on us and God persisted in my life until I answered God's call. It's been an incredible journey so far and I am convinced that God equips those whom are called. I will be depending on God's direction as I start my time with you. Am I surprised? Absolutely. Am I committed to be in ministry with the District of Port Huron? Absolutely, absolutely, absolutely. When we accomplish the right goals, let's rejoice. When we make mistakes, let us forgive one another.

I will be moving to Port Huron on June 18th with my two shiz tzu's J.B. and Micah. I have bought a home in Port Huron and will count on you to tell me the stories of the district. On July 25th I will be hosting a pig roast for all pastor's and their families. I hope you will be able to join me in this time together.

Again, I welcome you into my life. God has called us into shared ministry and I look forward to what God has planned for us. Shalom,
Joanne

A Pig is Roasting

Rev. Bartelt is arranging to have our own district pig roast for all the pastors (appointed & retired) and their families in the Port Huron District.

The roast will be held at the North Street United Methodist Church at 4580 North Road in Clyde MI on Saturday, July 25, 2009 beginning at 3:00 PM. A potluck is planned for the rest of the meal, so start thinking about that special dish that you want to bring.

Put this into your calendar right now, so your family won't miss out on this fun day. Please contact the district office by phone, 810-385-8840 or by email phdisumc@huges.net - by July 17 - so we know how many to plan for, and get ready for a fun afternoon.

Any material to be included in the September issue of The Spinnaker needs to be in the District Office before August 1, 2009. Thanks!



D.S. Destinations:

for July 2009

- 8: One on One's at Cass City
- 9: DBOM Mtg. 7 PM West Goodland
- 12: DCOM Mtg. 3 PM Heritage
- 13: One on One's at District Office
- 14: PH Town & Country Mtg. 1 PM Marlette: First
- 15: One on One's at St. Clair: First
- 20: One on One's at Lapeer: Trinity
- 23: One on Ones's at Marlette:First
- 25: **PIG ROAST** -
3 PM at North Street UMC
- 26- Aug 1: D.S. Training

August 2009

- 3: One on One's at Oxford
- 4: One on One's at District Office
- 5: One on One's at District Office
- 6: UMW - Day Away
- 11: One on One's at Bad Axe: First
- 12: One on One's at District Office
- 13: One on One's at Sandusky: First
- 17: Cab. Mtg
- 18-20: Mich. School for Ministry
- 23-30: D.S. National Training

Free Leadership Training

A leadership training experience will be held at the Holt UMC on Sunday, September 27 from 2:30 - 5 PM. It is being sponsored by the Lansing District of the UMC. Dr. Philip Amerson will speak on the Holy Work of Encouragement. Workshop presenters will be: Rev. Robert Hundley, (how to develop lay leadership for ministry in your local church), Sabrina Corbin will speak to Christian educators, teachers & parents on the book "Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth", Chef Rejeev Patogoankar will present wonderful ideas for enhancing flavor by using spices & herbs for a variety of

traditional dishes, and Michael Hirten tells how to get the word out on church events.

The staff from Michigan Works will share information for unemployed. Other topics are: Alzheimers information, tools for a grieving child, planned giving, endowments, and early response training. Contact the Holt UMC at holtumc@acd.net For more information and to register.

Upheld in Prayer

Churches we continue to remember with our prayers these coming months are:

First Sunday in July:

Howarth & Paint Creek UMC's

Pastor - Stephen Fraser-Soots

Imlay City UMC, Pastor - Kevin Harbin

Second Sunday in July:

Jeddo & Buel UMC's

Pastor - Micheal Kelley

Peck UMC - Pastor Dianne VanMarter

Third Sunday in July:

Lake Orion UMC

Pastor - Bruce Denton

Assoc. Pastor - Marge Munger

Fourth Sunday in July:

Lapeer: Trinity UMC

Pastor - Ralph Pieper

First Sunday in August:

Kingston & Clifford UMC's

Pastor - Rick Brown

Lexington UMC

Pastor - Timothy Ziegler

Second Sunday in August:

Algonac: Trinity & Marine City UMC

Pastor - Dennis Irish

Third Sunday in August:

Marysville UMC

Pastor - Barbara Welbaum

Fourth Sunday in August:

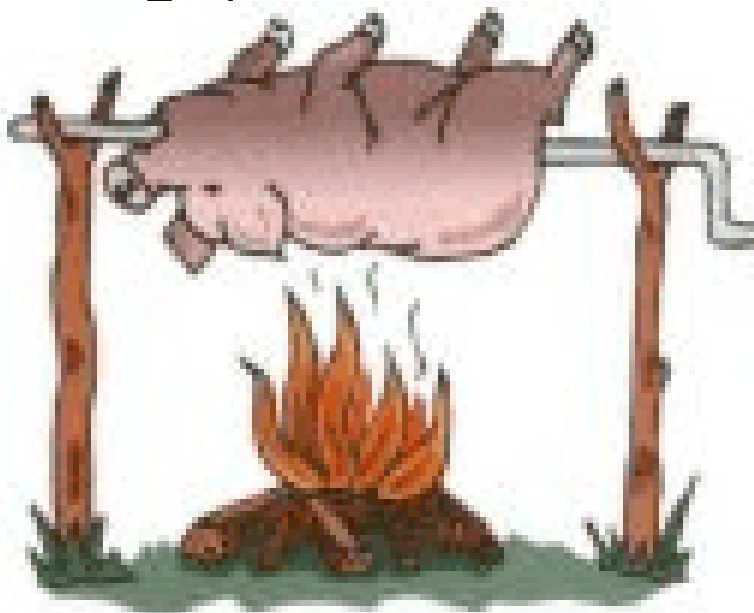
Marlette: First UMC

Pastor - Dan Bowman

Fifth Sunday in August:

Mayville UMC

Pastor - Dorothy Thon



Yes Rev. Bartelt is roasting the pig!

All Pastors and their families are cordially invited to the

First Annual Pig Roast/ Potluck

July 25, 2009

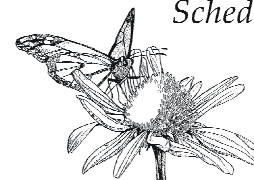
3:00 PM

at the North Street UMC

Bring your appetite, your family
and a dish to pass.
We will truly enjoy each others company.

Please call the office and let us know you are coming.
(So we know how many to plan for)

*Summer
Schedule*



Secretaries Come Away

On Sunday evening, September 27, 2009 secretaries from all over the conference will be coming together to be renewed and inspired through a two day retreat at the Lake Huron Retreat Center.

A very special service is being planned for Sunday evening at 5:00 PM when our own Bishop Jonathan Keaton will be with us as the keynote speaker. The Yale Praise Band will enrich our lives with their Christian music. Following the service some fun fellowship experiences are in the works.

Monday (Sept. 28) will bring workshops led by Faith Fowler and Joy Barrett.

"It was the worst of times...it was the best of times." Yes, we've intentionally flipped this famous Charles Dickens quote. Because of our Christian FAITH, we have a HOPE that will stand up to and find a way through every obstacle in the path of effective and vital ministry for Christ...and that brings us JOY. See the flyer in this issue of the Spinnaker and send it in to experience the renewal of our "Faith, Hope, and Joy".

First Pastorate Changes

As appointments are still being worked on, it was decided that the July session of First Pastorate will be canceled for this year. A lengthened October seminar date will be October 5 & 6. Rev. Richard Brown, Kingston & Kilmanagh UMC's, will be the registrar this year. If you should be attending these meeting (becoming a new Full Time Local Pastor) contact the district office for more information.

District Directions

July:

- 9: Dist. Board of Missions Mtg. 7 PM
West Goodland UMC
- 12: DCOM Mtg 3 PM @ Heritage UMC
- 14: Town & Country Mtg. 1 PM, Marlette
- 25: PIG ROAST for all pastors and their
families 3 PM at North Street UMC
- 25-31: Bay Shore Family Camp

August:

- 6: UMW - Day Away
- 15: Back to Sunday School
St. Clair UMC, see flyer
- 15-30: District Office Closed for
cleaning & renovation
- 18-20: Michigan Area School
for Ministry Lexington Lansing Hotel
- 21-22: School of Christian Mission, By
The Lake - Lake Huron Retreat Cntr.

September:

- 12: UMW Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM at
Marlette: First
- 13: Port Huron District Conference 3 PM
DCOM Mtg. following
- 16: Dist. Committee on Ordained
Ministry, 9 AM, Port Huron: First
- 27: Port Huron: First Celebrates 175
years of Christian Witness in the
community
- 27: Det. Conference United Methodist
Church Secretaries Retreat at
Lake Huron Retreat Center 4:30 PM
through Sept. 28

Celebrations in the Port Huron District!



Happy Birthday to:

July:

- 1: Char Cowdin
- 2: Rev. Stephen Fraser-Soots
- 3: Rev. John Rapson
- 7: Carol Herm
- 22: Rev. Gloria Haynes
- 22: Ruth Lewis
- 27: Rev. Eric Johnson
- 28: Rev. Paul Donelson
- 28: Dennis VanWormer
- 30: Ella Brakeman
- 30: Rev. Tex Rickart

August:

- 2: Rev. Rick Brown
- 3: Rev. Marion Pohly
- 5: Rev. David Freeland
- 6: Rev. Betty Blair
- 9: Rev. Pamela Barnett
- 9: Rev. Basel Curtiss
- 15: Ellen Harbin
- 18: Cheri Griggs
- 21: Rev. Gary Glanville
- 25: Sherri Irish
- 31: Donna Spencer

Happy Anniversary to:

July 2:

Rev. Betty & Coulson Blair

July 7:

Rev. Robert & Sandra

Chapman

July 9:

Rev. Nickolas & Tina Genoff

July 10:

Rev. Debra & Dennis Brown

July 11:

Rev. Carla & Gary Jepsen

July 22:

Rev. Jim & Darlene Huff

July 24:

Rev. Patrick & Karen Robbins



July 26:

Rev. Dick & Jean Andrus

July 30:

Rev. Daniel & Celina Bowman

July 30:

Rev. David & Lonni Collins Pratt

August 2:

Rev. Patricia & Dennis VanWormer

August 4:

Rev. Marion & Louise Pohly

August 9:

Rev. Mike & Rose Mary Coffey

August 11:

Rev. George & Donna Spencer

August 14:

Rev. Peggy & Kim Ronald Katzmark

August 15:

Rev. Dennis & Sherri Irish

August 17:

Rev. Trevor & Carol Herm

August 20:

Rev. Harry & Ella Brakeman

August 21:

Rev. Jerry & Cheri Griggs

August 24:

Jenella & Mikhail Emelianov

August 27:

Rev. Alger & Ruth Lewis

August 28:

Rev. John & Bonnie Rapson

