

The Spinnaker

Newsletter for the Port Huron District

November 2009

District Conference Changes Things

There will be a special meeting of all the churches in the Port Huron District on Sunday, October 18, 2009 following the celebration service welcoming Rev. Bartelt at the Marlette: First UMC.

In a cabinet meeting it was decided that all the districts would fund their at large members to Detroit Annual Conference. Many districts did not know about this new ruling and did not put the monies into their budget. That was the case for the Port Huron District. The very short meeting following the Welcoming Service will be to include funding for DAC at large members from our district. This will increase the DCOM billing. The new information was sent out via email to all the pastors in the district.

P.S. - Don't forget to bring a small portion of water from your community!



Pastor Renewal Retreat

Dr. Marcia McFee will be the very special guest speaker at the February 1 & 2, 2010 event at the Lake Huron Retreat Center. This meeting will be for all pastors and **All Pastors will be expected to attend.**

Dr. McFee is a United Methodist worship educator and was leader of General Conference Worship in 2008. She will guide you in worship and spiritual awareness.

So put the date on your calendar right now: February 1 & 2, 2010 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center.

Pastor's Compensation

If your church conference falls after Thanksgiving, be aware that your Pastoral Compensation Recommendation (Pastor's Salary Sheet) **needs to be in** the district office the Wednesday **before** Thanksgiving (**Nov. 25, 2009**). Because of conference deadlines November 25 is the deadline for all the Pastor's Salary sheets to be into the district office. Thanks!

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Prayer Concerns

Terry Gladstone - made it through chemo. & radiation the next step will be surgery on Oct. 15.

Linda Donelson just had rotator cuff surgery on her "good" arm. She is still in the recovery mode unable to use either arm at the moment.

Bill Burns had a stint put in Sept. 28.

Bruce Denton is undergoing cancer treatment.

Barbara Welbaum is still dealing with the pain from rheumatoid arthritis.

Doug Mater had knee replacement surgery. He is home and working through rehab.

Bonnie Rapson underwent surgery on August 24. She is recovering at home.

Annette Stover had gall bladder surgery, she is up and returning to normal life.

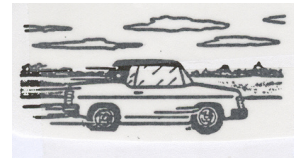
Joan Mueller (from Cokesbury) had cancer surgery on Oct. 2.

Janet Engler received her glass eye on Oct. 8. Janet served the Memphis: First & Lamb churches from 2001-2004.

John Rapson's father, William Rapson went home to the Lord on September 19. A memorial celebration of life is being planned. Please remember this family in your prayers

Dennis Irish and Dayna (William) Wright, lost their grandmother, Genevive Irish. She went home to her heavenly Father on Friday, September 25, 2009. Funeral was Tuesday, 9/29/09 in Clio MI. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Also please keep Gerald & Nancy Barrett in your prayers, Nancy's mother, Rhea Galbraith, went home to her heavenly Father on October 4, 2009. (Gerald and Nancy have served on many committees for the Port Huron District.)



D.S. Destinations

For November 2009

CC= Church Conference

Host Church in Bold type

- 1: CC - Cass City 11:00 AM
- 1: CC - **Bethel** (BASS Charge) 3:00 PM
- 1: CC - Sandusky: First 7:00 PM
- 2: CC - **Kingston**
- 3: CC - Sebewaing: Trinity
- 4: CC - **Hayes**
- 5: CC - **Owendale**
- 7: CC - Ruby 10:00 AM
- 7: CC - Thomas 2:00 PM
- 7: CC - New Hope 6:00 PM
- 8: Lay Speaker Dedication 2:00 PM at
Lapeer: Trinity UMC
- 8: Dist. Council on Ministries Mtg.
following the dedication 3:00 PM
- 9: CC - **Decker** (DASU Charge)
- 10: CC - Lapeer: Trinity
- 11: CC - Brown City
- 12: CC - Lexington
- 14: CC - **Paint Creek** 10:00 AM
- 14: CC - Washington 2:00 PM
- 15: CC - Romeo 12:00 PM
- 15: CC - Armada 3:00 PM
- 16: Cabinet Mtg.
- 17: Cabinet Mtg.
- 18: CC - Oxford
- 19: CC - Lake Orion
- 21: CC - Port Sanilac 10:00 AM
- 21: CC - Applegate 2:00 PM
- 21: CC - Croswell: First 5:00 PM
- 22: CC - Port Huron: First at worship
- SPPRC following
- 23 - 29: Rev. Bartelt on vacation
- 30: CC - **Memphis**

Observations at a Hair Salon

The other day I was getting my hair cut. Nothing unusual or exciting about that, but what happened within that hair salon that day gave me hope and made me stop and give thanks for what should be something we should see daily.

The hair salon was very busy, busier than I had ever seen it. Customers happily chatting with their stylist and sharing with them the most important things that had occurred in their lives since last they were in. There was lots of laughter, quiet concern and the usual banter between one customer to another. All of what I just described is not unusual behavior in a hair salon, but there was one action that each stylist took that touched me.

Most of the clients that day were elderly women. The predictable blue hues of hair, matched with the perfect curls were what one would expect to see. What happened over and over at that hair salon after the hair was finished was what touched me. As each of these women stood to leave, I noticed that their stylist would gently assist them up out of their chair, (after having gone and gotten their coats for them) and help them with their jackets. One woman who obviously had a difficult time maneuvering, was helped by the stylist get to the counter to pay her bill. The receptionist in this place practices radical hospitality to all who walk through the door, and makes each person feel as though your being at that hair salon makes a difference to them. I watched it over and over. It wasn't just some customer training these young women had taken, it was authentic and real. It moved me to watch.

So, what does this have to do with any message on Thanksgiving? Like I said, people intrigue me. What I saw in that salon that day is precisely what we should be seeing in our churches every day. Radical

hospitality. A lifestyle. My time in that hair salon made me stop long enough to give thanks for all those who have crossed my path in life. To give thanks for all those difficult people I have encountered in my life, who through their actions, have made me a better person. To give thanks for all those who believed in me in all those impossible moments of questionable decisions. To stop and give thanks for all those who are marginalized but have some folks who are helping them through difficult life situations. As one provisional candidate put it so eloquently, "to thank God for making me cry, so that I might see the tears that God cries for us". There are so many places and times and situations I give thanks for. I am ever grateful for the Port Huron District of the United Methodist Church. As I go to church conferences and hear your stories and struggles, I give thanks for the marvelous ways you have answered God's call upon your lives.

I give thanks to the newest of this position and the people I have been able to share a journey with. I deeply give thanks for that hair salon who (without their knowledge) embody the life, and the love of Christ.

May this upcoming season of Thanksgiving and beyond, be a blessing to you and yours, and may you allow yourself to stop and be thankful for all that God has and will continue to give you through God's amazing love.

I give thanks for you and pray God's blessings on you.

For all those "ah-ah" moments of thanksgiving,

Shalom,

Joanne

Circuit Riders Meet

The annual meeting of the Circuit Rider Town & Country Workshop will be held November 2-4, 2009 at the West Branch Quality Inn. This year's theme is "Sensual Worship with an Intimate God". Guest speakers include: Rev.'s Diana & Bob Goudie, presenting drama and storytelling; Rev. Paula Timm, presenting worship visuals and creative rituals; and Rev. David Pratt, showing media technology for small churches and small budgets.

Cost for clergy & spouse is \$190, this includes 2 nights hotel and meals.

Contact Rev. David Freeland if you have any questions at 989-315-8255 or davecf114@comcast.net

United Methodist Men Working Together

The Town & Country Committee extends a warm well done to the Omard UMC, to Pastor Peggy, and all the men of that church. At the fall United Methodist Men's rally at the Lakeport UMC on October 4, those Omard boys won the men's banner again for the best attendance with 25 men. They just edged out the Brown City UMC who had held the banner from the spring rally. This just goes to show that little ole country churches by the side of the road still have rich heritage in United Methodist tradition. They have faithful people to support their pastor and their church and their Lord. This just shows it's not the size of the membership it's the size of their commitment. Well Done you OMARD BOYS!

P.S. Just how many times have these boys won this banner??

T.&C. Chair - Pastor Pat Robbins

Lay Speakers Dedicated

On Sunday, November 8, 2009 the current lay speaking classes will be dedicated. Dedication will take place at the Lapeer: Trinity UMC at 2:00 PM. Everyone who would like to come and see a dedication are welcome.

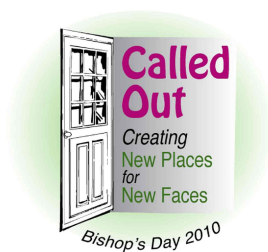
Making Disciples: the Lay Leaders Role

All laity in the Michigan Area that are currently serving, or contemplating serving, as a district or local church lay leader are invited to a special workshop, "Making Disciples: The Lay Leader's Role," which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 AM.- 3:00 PM at Lansing: Faith UMC. Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton and the conference lay leaders of the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences are hosting the event, which is also open to all pastors.

Hear from Sandy Jackson, director of connectional laity development for the General Board of Discipleship, about the role of the lay leader. Bishop Keaton will also be available to discuss your questions.

Lay Leaders will have an opportunity to meet in small group settings to share ideas.

Cost is \$10 per person. Register by Oct. 31. Contact Michael Clark, Conf. Lay Leader at 906-477-6254 or michaelclark6972@sbcglobal.net for questions and to register.



Bishop's Day 2010

Plans are already underway for Bishop's Day 2010. This year we will meet together with the people of the Flint District at the Lapeer: Trinity United Methodist Church on March 13, 2010. Plan on being there at 9:00 AM.

Featured speakers for the day will be Jim Robey (ReThink Church and Life Coach) and Celina Hughes (ReThink Church and Evangelism). Make sure this date is on YOUR calendar.

Port Huron District - Youth Lock-in

Saturday, October 24, 2009 is the date of the Port Huron District Youth Lock-In held at the Marlette: First UMC. It will start at 6:00 PM. Youth from grades 6-12 are invited to join in on the fun.

There will be games, snacks, movies, praise time and more snacks. There are also sleeping rooms for drivers to sleep through the night.

Volunteers will be needed to help chaperone and must be approved under the Protection Policy of the Conference. If you have not taken the Protection training, but would like to chaperone contact Alicea Williams at 810-985-8107. There is a training in Port Austin on Oct. 31.

Sounds like a great time of connection and fun!

Council in Youth

Council on Youth Ministries Fall Rally – Saturday, Nov. 14. The 2009 Fall Rally, sponsored by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 3:30-8:00 PM at Flint: Calvary UMC. This year's theme is "S.P.L.A.S.H. – Saving People's Lives and Spreading Hope." The Rev. Jeff Nelson, pastor at Redford: Aldersgate UMC, will be the main speaker, while the band Beyond Us will be performing. Registration for the event is \$5 per person if postmarked by Wednesday, Nov. 4, or \$8 at the door. Contact: Laurie de la Garza (906)-428-4623
Or e-mail laurie.kdlg@sbcglobal.net

Youth Ministry Education

Youth Ministry Educational Opportunities from the General Board of Discipleship Perkins School of Youth Ministry, January 11-14, 2010, has a very special early bird registration of \$299.00. To lock in this special rate you need to register by Oct. 31st. After that the price goes to \$375.00. This year's featured plenary will be Mark DeVries, author of "Sustainable Youth Ministry." PSYM offers unique training for persons new to youth ministry as well as the veteran. Pre-conference classes include two youth ministry certification courses "United Methodist Studies" and "Theology." Scholarships for the certification courses are available through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. For more information on PSYM go to...
www.PSYM.org

District Books Closing

This year the DCOM and DBOM books will be closing on December 18, as the office will be closed over the holidays. Thank you for being so prompt with your December payments.

Hearts Strangely Warmed

Hearts Strangely Warmed, a worship and evangelism workshop sponsored by the Conference Board of Discipleship, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:00 AM.- 3:45 PM. at Flint: Bethel UMC. Workshop presenters include Dr. Robert Tuttle, Jr. (Overcoming Barriers to Spirit Assisted Evangelism), the Rev. Wesley Putnam (Why Worry with Worship Wars?), the Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton (Getting Over the Mountain) and the Rev. Anthony R. Hood (Door to Door Ministry: an Open Invitation). The early registration fee is \$15 per person if received by Friday, Oct. 30, or \$20 at the door. For more information and to register, please contact the Rev. Kevin Miles (rosevilletrinity@gmail.com) with any questions

District Directory Changes

Received a note from Debra Brown at Cole & Melvin. She has a new parsonage address: 2357 Snover Rd. E, Deckerville 48427. Her home telephone remains the same.

North Branch: First has a new email address: nb1umc@gmail.com

Brown City email has been changed to: bc.umc@live.com

From the Statistician

This is just an early notice that the statistician letters will be mailed out in November. The reports, filed the same way as last year, are due by January 31, 2010.



Pastoral Care

Samaritan Counseling Center has developed a Pastoral Care Specialist program that they will be making available in the Port Huron District in January of 2010.

This will be a certificate program designed for pastors and lay pastoral caregivers who are responsible to meet the pastoral care needs of congregations.

This program consists of 60 hours of training. Each session includes three components:

1. Didactic seminars: focus on the theoretical foundations and practical aspects of pastoral care and supportive counseling with multi-contexts.

2. Clinical Consultation: conducted within a group context where participants can share and reflect upon counseling experiences.

3. Peer Support Group: a confidential setting in which personal growth is encouraged through sharing and reflection on the issues and challenges encountered in one's personal journey.

When I receive more information on the location and date of these upcoming classes I will publish it.



Prayers for Our Churches

First Sunday in November
Port Huron: First UMC
Pastor: David Gladstone

Second Sunday in November
P.H. Gratiot Park UMC
Pastor: Bob Chapman
P.H. Washington Avenue UMC
Pastor: Bob Chapman

Third Sunday in November
Port Sanilac UMC
Pastor: Eric Johnson
Forester UMC
Pastor: Ellen Schippert

Fourth Sunday in November
Richmond: First UMC
Pastor: Trevor Herm

Fifth Sunday in November- Please Pray
for the Port Huron District & it's leadership.

District Directions:

For October:

- 18: **Welcome Celebration for New D.S.**, Rev. Joanne Bartelt,
at Marlette: First UMC, 3:00 PM
- 24: Port Huron District Youth Lock In
at Marlette: First UMC
- 24: Det. Conf. UMC Annual Mtg., Fenton
- 31: DAC Protection Training at
Port Austin UMC, 10:00 AM

November:

- 2-4: Circuit Riders Workshop
- 8: Lay Speakers Dedication @ Lapeer:
Trinity UMC at 2:00 PM
- 8: DCOM Mtg, following dedication at
3:00 PM at Lapeer: Trinity UMC
- 25: All Pastor's Compensation forms
due into the district office
- 26: Thanksgiving
- 27: Office Closed

December:

- 4: D.S. Open House for pastors & their
families. 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- 5: D.S. Open House for the Port Huron
District: Noon - 7:00 PM
- 18: DBOM & DCOM Books Close

Detroit Annual Conference will be held
Thursday May 20 through Sunday, May 23,
2010 at Adrian College in Adrian Michigan.

Celebrations in the Port Huron District



Happy Birthday to:

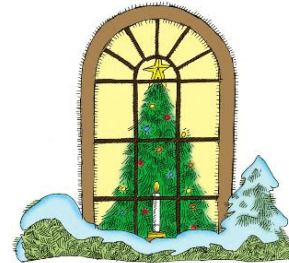
November:

- 3: Lonni Collins Pratt
- 3: Sandra Chapman
- 6: Rev. Ellen Burns
- 22: Cleina Bowman
- 22: Barbara Srock
- 24: Rev. Donald Francis
- 24: Annette Stover
- 25: Rev. Bob Garrett
- 25: Rev. Don Emmert
- 27: Rev. Patricia Van Wormer
- 28: Rev. Ralph Pieper II



Happy Anniversary to:

- November 24: Rev. Ralph
& Diane Barteld
- November 24: Rev. Dianne
& Merle VanMarter



Christmas is Coming

This year the celebration in the Port Huron District will be a little different.

On December 4, 2009 the Port Huron District Superintendent will be hosting an open house for Pastors and their families from 4-8 PM at her home.

On Saturday December 5, 2009 there will be an Open House at the District Superintendent's Home for all those people in the Port Huron District who wish to attend.

No new information as yet. Working on parking arrangements. Keep the date open!

Christian Education News

Coming Events

Protection Training

Port Austin – 8625 Arch, Port Austin, MI 48467

10 A.M – 12:30 P.M.

Please Contact Karen if you plan to attend. Contact info below

Special Needs Ministry

Special Needs Ministry could be a valuable asset to any churches children' and youth ministry. Perhaps you have some children with special needs or there are children with special needs in your community.

The District has a new resource – *Special Needs Smart Pages by Joni and friends*, the book has many helpful articles and pages on many kinds of special needs and the pages are reproducible. I will be putting together several booklets with information on different areas of Special Needs ministry. Please contact me and I will mail out the information as I get it ready. The first booklet that will be available will be "Begin with the basics." It will include – How to begin a Special Needs Ministry, Building a T.E.A.M., Keys to Disability – Friendly Classrooms, To Mainstream or Not to Mainstream, and A Basic Guide for Curriculum Adaptations.

New Lending Libraries

The District will be offering two new lending libraries. The materials will be available to any church to borrow to use in their Christian Education Area.

Children's Literature Library

This collection will include a variety of Children's Literature. The books could be used in a variety of ways in Children's worship, Sunday School, after school programs, etc. Please contact me for a list of book available now and I will keep adding to the list as possible. Two seasonal books available are *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, by Liz Curtis Higgs and *Saying Grace A Prayer of Thanksgiving*, by Virginia Kroll. Please contact me to borrow either books or to receive a list of books available.

Multi Media Library

I am currently putting together all the Multi Media resources the District has to available for churches to borrow. The library will include Bible Studies with videos or DVD, DVD studies, DVD's and Video's for Adults, Youth, and Children's ministries. Please contact me for a list of materials or to borrow any materials.

Please contact me for any of the above information or if you have any Christian Education needs or concerns.

Karen Wissman

Christian Education Consultant

810-765-595 or kwissman@softhome.net

DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

2010 Revised Apportionment Figures

CHURCH NAME:	DIST. APPT.	CHURCH NAME:	DIST. APPT.
ALGONAC: TRINITY	\$297.00	KINGSTON	\$254.00
APPLEGATE	\$126.00	CLIFFORD	\$61.00
ARMADA	\$224.00	LAKE ORION	\$2,075.00
WEST BERLIN	\$128.00	LAKEVILLE	\$165.00
ATTICA	\$271.00	LAPEER: TRINITY	\$1,542.00
AVOCA	\$81.00	LEXINGTON	\$502.00
BAD AXE: FIRST	\$746.00	MARINE CITY	\$289.00
BASS: SUTTON SUNSHINE	\$186.00	MARLETTE: FIRST	\$760.00
BASS: BETHEL	\$97.00	MARYSVILLE	\$730.00
BASS: AKRON	\$116.00	MAYVILLE	\$589.00
BAYPORT	\$175.00	MC GREGOR	\$114.00
HAYES	\$157.00	CARSONVILLE	\$79.00
BETHEL(WORTH TWP)	\$169.00	MEMPHIS: FIRST	\$134.00
BROWN CITY	\$331.00	LAMB	\$144.00
CAPAC: FIRST	\$179.00	NEW HAVEN: FAITH	\$153.00
CAPAC: ZION COMMUNITY	\$306.00	NEW HOPE	\$642.00
CASEVILLE	\$342.00	NORTH BRANCH: FIRST	\$377.00
CASS CITY	\$604.00	NORTH STREET	\$484.00
CENTRAL LAKEPORT	\$142.00	OMARD	\$77.00
COLE	\$194.00	OMO ZION	\$81.00
MELVIN	\$69.00	OWENDALE	\$110.00
CROSWELL: FIRST	\$402.00	GAGETOWN	\$81.00
DASU DECKER	\$54.00	OXFORD	\$662.00
DASU ARGYLE	\$60.00	PECK	\$77.00
DASU SHABBONA	\$156.00	PIGEON: FIRST	\$493.00
DASU UBLY	\$55.00	PIGEON: SALEM	\$554.00
DAVIS	\$232.00	PORT AUSTIN	\$188.00
MT VERNON	\$119.00	PINNEBOG/GRIND	\$138.00
DECKERVILLE	\$107.00	PORT HURON: FIRST	\$1,640.00
MINDEN CITY	\$56.00	P H: GRATIOT PARK	\$160.00
DRYDEN	\$232.00	PH: WASHINGTON AVE	\$207.00
LEONARD	\$80.00	PORT SANILAC	\$155.00
ELKTON	\$514.00	RICHMOND: FIRST	\$571.00
FORESTER	\$89.00	ROMEO	\$1,087.00
HARBOR BEACH	\$157.00	RUBY	\$73.00
PORT HOPE	\$146.00	SAINT CLAIR: FIRST	\$846.00
HERITAGE	\$461.00	SANDUSKY: FIRST	\$573.00
HOWARTH	\$222.00	SEBEWAING: TRINITY	\$681.00
PAINT CREEK	\$160.00	SILVERWOOD	\$95.00
IMLAY CITY	\$441.00	THOMAS	\$158.00
JEDDO	\$240.00	WASHINGTON	\$129.00
BUEL	\$119.00	WEST GOODLAND	\$416.00
KILMANAGH	\$122.00	YALE	\$429.00
UNIONVILLE	\$127.00		
	\$9,291.00		\$18,775.00
		TOTAL	\$28,066.00