

THE TRUMPET

Vol. 10, No. 11

Dec 2013/Jan/Feb 2014

INSIDE:

Pastor's Column – page 1
Paint Creek News – page 2-3
Howarth News – page 3-4
around the church – page 5
calendar – available at church

pastor's column



Greetings,
It can't be Advent already!
But here we are moving into the 2nd week of Advent soon to be followed by the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day and Epiphany Sunday on January 5, 2014, also called Three Kings Day, and is the climax of the Christmas season for The United Methodist Church.

If you're a child, Advent is an eternity, a seemingly endless stretch of December days and waiting for Christmas. If you're an adult, especially a normal, hurried, harried adult, the four short weeks of Advent leave us breathless, not with anticipation, but with exhaustion.

Friends, Christmas will come whether we get ready for it or not. Christ will come whether we're ready or not. So now

the greens have been hung, the candles have been placed, and the first Advent candle has been lit.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, as the song says. But are we ready for Christmas yet? Probably not. That's why there are FOUR Sundays in Advent.

Advent invites us to fill the cup of today with a full measure of tomorrow. Advent is the season of the Christian church for expectation, waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

And what our children need this Christmas is not a bunch of things. What they need is time with people who love them, people who will affirm them. Don't spend more time at the mall than at the manger. Don't focus too much on what is under the tree and too little on who is in the stable. Don't get so caught up in the superficial busy-ness of Christmas

that you forget the essential business of Christ.

You want to have a fantastic Christmas? Do what God did. Reach deep down into yourself and find something beautiful, then give it to the world.

Make unwrapping Heaven's gift the first gift on Christmas Morning. May you have a blessed Christmas & New Year.
Grace, Peace & Love,

Pastor Tom

NOTE: The Trumpet from now on will include information for 3 months.

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
February 9, 2014**

There'll Always Be A Christmas

There'll always be a Christmas
To bring us hope and peace,
And nothing can destroy it..
The joy will never cease.
Whatever are our problems,
Whatever we must face,
We gain a new perspective

Within this time of grace.

There'll always be a Christmas
Though every dream may fail,
It's something we can count on
Through each December trail.
The twinkling trees, and Santa,
As carols flood the air,
The church bells ringing gaily-
While people kneel in prayer.

There'll always be a Christmas
Because upon this day,
Was born the blessed Jesus
Who came to light our way.
Author unknown.

JAIL MINISTRY:

Holiday Wish List-
Soft covered Bibles, Candy
Canes, Prayer Cards, Playing
Cards, White Socks, Bar soap,
pads of paper, shampoo, golf
pencils. Bring items to
Howarth by Dec. 10th.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLLIGHT
SERVICES:**

Howarth: 6:30
Paint Creek: 8:00

PAINT CREEK NEWS:

THANK YOU:

Big thanks to all who have
participated in the
decorating of the sanctuary
for Christmas. Beautiful

Jerolyn Szuch for taking over
the task of Musical Choral
Coordinator. We appreciate
your commitment to this job.

JoAnn Bourez for the many
dedicated years of being the
music coordinator. Great job.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

December

Bill Millerd	Dec 4
Cindy Jacklin	Dec 4
Clif Morgan	Dec 6
Laura (Devitt) Moggio	Dec 8
Sandy Knaack	Dec 17
Martin Burkhardt	Dec 21
Mike King	Dec 21
John Knoche	Dec 22

Anniversaries

Shailla & Lalit Herbert	Dec 21
Preston & Jennifer Burkhardt	Dec 24
Bill & Jerolyn Szuch	Dec 28

January

Nancy Nawrocki	Jan 1
Hilda Taylor	Jan 5
Jerolyn Szuch	Jan 7
Clifford Keast	Jan 9
Tommy Barkham	Jan 9
Virginia Ferguson	Jan 14
Jean Lutz	Jan 18
John Taylor	Jan 21
William Smith Moggio	Jan 21
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Leslie Keast	Jan 24

Anniversaries

Robert & Reva LaFountain	Jan 4
--------------------------	-------

February

Dolores Burkhardt	Feb 2
Lalit Herbert	Feb 3
Linda Pasternak	Feb 7
Mary Taylor	Feb 7
Colleen Barkham	Feb 15
Judy Mair	Feb 19
John Mars	Feb 24

Anniversaries (none)

NOTE: The 7th annual Holi-
day Cookie Sale at Paint
Creek UMC has been can-

celled. (Check out the sale at
Howarth on Dec. 14th)

PERSON OF FAITH:

Vera Rhine

Our person of faith this month
is Vera Rhine who was born
in Harrow, Ontario, which is
20 miles south of Windsor.
She is the youngest sibling
with two older brothers. Vera
is the only member of her
family living in the United
States.

Vera's parents were
Mennonite immigrants from
the Ukraine. Her parents
lived in a German Mennonite
village in Russia. After the
Russian Revolution in 1917,
they fled Russia due to reli-
gious persecution and immi-
grated to Canada. Once in
Canada, eight families
purchased acreage and

divided the land into parcels
far farming. Vera's parents
became produce farmers.

Because she grew up
in the German Mennonite
community, German became
Vera's first language. She
attended high school in
Canada. Here in Michigan,
she has taken classes at
Macomb Community College
studying areas of interest such
as comparative religions.

After high school,
Vera entered the work world
as a key punch operator at
Ford Motor Company in
Windsor. In 1961 Vera
married her first husband,
Neil Miller, who she
describes as an amazing man.
He became a quadriplegic due

to a diving accident before they were married. Though seriously handicapped, it never stopped him as he worked at the Warren Tank Arsenal as a computer programmer. They married and moved to Bloomfield Township.

Vera and Neil adopted two children, Peter and Judy. When Neil was forty five-years-old, he died leaving Vera a young widow with two young children. While attending a Methodist church in Warren, she met her second husband, Bob Rhine. He had four grown children and worked as a firefighter in Warren.

Today Vera is called Oma by her eight grandchildren, a title of which Vera is very proud. Oma is the German word for grandmother, as if you didn't know!

Vera's interests and hobbies are many! They include making blankets, crocheting, reading, making jewelry, writing stories for grandchildren and taking German language classes. She also participates in activities at the OPC and volunteers as a receptionist there.

In the past, she has volunteered at two hospitals, been in choirs and served in bell choirs. Vera has traveled extensively around Europe, the United States and Canada. Presently she travels with the OPC and the Michigan Senior Center at Washington, Michigan.

Since she began attending the Paint Creek United Methodist Church, Vera has helped making apple pies for Goodison Good Tymes, prepares food for the after service fellowship and has attended Bible study. Paint Creek is very fortunate that Vera discovered our church. She has become a wonderful addition.

SYMPATHY:

SUMMERS, PATRICIA J.; age 83; of Rochester; died November 7, 2013. A member of Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library, she also was a member of Paint Creek United Methodist Church. Beloved wife of Stanley Summers, whom she married June 16, 1951; dear mother of Lynda (Victor Dorer) McGee, Richard (Suzetta) Summers, Mary Beth Summers, and the late Kerry Summers; loving grandmother of Robert Summers, Luke McGee, Daniel Summers, Christopher Karafa, Michael Summers, and Lyndsay (Alex Gouldey) McGee; great grandmother of Samantha and Andrew Summers; sister of Jerry (Ruth) Stuart, Timothy Stuart, and Kathy Trax. Funeral Service was held Monday at Paint Creek United Methodist Church with Interment in Mt. Avon Cemetery.. Memorial contributions in Patricia's name may be directed to Paint Creek UMC.

Pat will be missed by all who knew her. She touched so many lives.

HOWARTH NEWS:



**Birthdays & Anniversaries:
December**

David Bouvier	Dec 2
Robert Plawinski	Dec 4
Taylor Davis	Dec 8
Penny Peterson	Dec 8
Shirley Reeves	Dec 12
Dick Hill	Dec 13
Tim Getz (Sandstrom)	Dec 15
Caden Nelson	Dec 27

Anniversaries (none)

January

Tami Wayne (Spencer)	Jan 1
Dennis Waite	Jan 12
Eric Everhart	Jan 12
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Rachael Bouvier	Jan 23
Katherine Thatcher	Jan 23
Matthew Spencer	Jan 23

Anniversaries

Robert & Pat Plawinski	Jan 15
Claude & Lois Parker	Jan 26

February

Megan Davis	Feb 15
-------------	--------

Anniversaries (none)

SMPATHY:

Sandstrom, Kathy Lynn, Age 55 of Orion. November 15, 2013 Loving wife of Paul for 27 years. Dear mother of Tim Getz, Moriah (Jeremy) Kimble, Erica (Jordan) Pohl, Paul (Stephanie) Sandstrom, Ashley Sandstrom, and Adam (Alysha) Sandstrom. Cherished grandmother of Cayden, Trent, Keira, Kayla, Samantha, Daniel, Nathan, Evelyn, Jocelyn, Kayla M.,

Zachary, Layton, Anthony, Georgia, Jackson, Alexa, and one grandson on the way. Sister of Wayne (Annie), Kurt (Pam), Marvin (Tricia), and Cheryl (Jeff). Kathy worked for Lake Orion Schools for over 15 years. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Editor's note: Life at Howarth will not be the same without our beloved Kathy. She was passionate about mission work and insuring that everyone got involved. I already miss her "suggestions" for things we can do at the church (always evoked a "oh no" from me, knowing of course there would be work involved!). Our sympathy goes out to Paul and their entire family.

Thank you to...

Pat Pollitt for decorating the altar with fall decorations.

Ray and Rick for mowing the lawn.

Ray for re-caulking the hand sink in the kitchen, for installing the motion sensor light at the back door and replacing the burned out bulbs in the ceiling.



ANGELFISH

Once again we are purchasing gifts for children in need through the Angelfish program in Oxford/Orion. A big thank you to the shoppers: Cheryl Everhart, Lois Sayers, Pat Pollitt, Nancy Key and Rita Sauls. Sharon will be purchasing the stocking stuffers. Special thanks to the UMW for their generous donation of \$800 to pay for these gifts.



Cookie Walk at Howarth Dec. 14, 8 a.m. – noon. We bake for you. \$9 lb. Bring your friends and neighbors!



HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Dinner season is over for the year!! Thanks to everyone who helped out. There has been discussion about changing our dinners to Saturdays. We would appreciate your thoughts on this subject. Let me know.

UMW donated \$800 to purchase gifts for less fortunate children through the O/O FISH.

The Trumpet is published 6 times a year by the Howarth/Paint Creek UMC.
Editor: Sharon Rowden
550 E. Silverbell Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360.
It is sent to members free.
Phone: 248-373-2360
Fax: 248-373-8138
email: howarthumc@att.net

The most important part of Christmas...is the first 6 letters.



news around the church

from United Methodist News Service – <http://umns.umc.org>

Appeal for ‘powerful’ Philippines response

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church urges the public to make the response to Typhoon Haiyan “just as powerful” as the storm through prayers and contributions. Relief supplies have reached some of the hardest-hit areas of the Central Philippines, distributed by United Methodist Committee on Relief staff and volunteers who are assisting survivors of the Nov. 8 typhoon. Ahead of the storm, UMCOR had teams in the Philippines laying the groundwork for a quick response. UMCOR is now coordinating a long-term plan for recovery, and United Methodist Communications is working with partners to restore much-needed communications infrastructure to the islands. The Chicago Tribune reported that United Methodist Bishop Ciriaco Francisco of the Philippines told parishioners at a Chicago church where many Filipino Americans attend that, “Life will no longer be the same again (for the people affected).” For more information, go to umcor.org and to umc.org/Philippines-typhoon

UMCOR responds to Midwest tornados

NEW YORK —The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working with affected conferences to assist with immediate relief needs after tornados left widespread damage Nov. 17 in Illinois and Indiana. “God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in the time of trouble” (Psalm 47), reminded Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton of

the Illinois Area as he asked for prayers and relief help after the tornado devastation. For more information, go to umcor.org

United Methodists honored by President

WASHINGTON — Richard Lugar and the late Daniel Inouye have been recognized as the type of public servants who have “strengthened our nation.” The two United Methodists, who both had lengthy careers as U.S. senators, were among the 16 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom lauded by President Barack Obama in a Nov. 20 ceremony at the White House.

WCC carries forward peace, unity message

BUSAN, Korea — Focusing on issues of justice and peace, the World Council of Churches has wrapped up its 10th assembly since 1948. For United Methodists, a highlight was the election of Bishop Mary Ann Swenson as one of two vice moderators, the first woman bishop to be elected to top WCC leadership.



Working to keep you connected

<http://umns.umc.org>

Howarth U.M.C.
550 E. Silverbell Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360 USA
www.howarthumc.net

Paint Creek U.M.C.
4420 Collins Rd.
Rochester, MI 48306 USA
paintcreekumc.org