

First United Methodist Church

*We invite people into Christian community where they
can become deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ*

The Beacon

February 21, 2007

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**CALLING ALL YOUTH AROUND THE NATION
~ GOD WANTS YOU ~**

**Friday, April 13th—4 pm
To
Saturday, April 14th—11 pm**

Featured Artists: P.O.D.
Flyleaf
Hillsong United
Hawk Nelson
Tye Tribbett

BATTLE CRY

SEND OUT THE CALL

AT FORD FIELD

You will receive:

Transportation to and from the event
Accommodations at the church
(Bring sleeping gear)
Food for the weekend
A really cool T-Shirt

Cost: \$ 38.00

For more information contact Joe Rea at;
joe@pfumc.org

Membership Concerns

"Pray for one another" James 5:16
"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."
1 Corinthians 12:26

Members

Erma Collins, Jean Curtiss, John Duke, Jean Fried, Charlotte Kime, Loretta Lahr, Julie Ma, Lyda Miehle, Bill Neff, Norma West, Jennie Frew, Tony Simpson, Katherine Thompson, Carol Thomas, Angela Quinlan, Elizabeth Trame, Evelyn Stanible

Extended Family

Dorine Anderson, *mother of Kathi Lawrence*
Mary Cherrie, *friend of Torngas*
Randy, *friend of Doris & Roger Zerby*
David Engelman, *uncle of Chris Beaudoin*
Nicholas Morgan, *friend of Jim & Grace Clouse*
Michael Jones, *son of Walter & Rosmary Jones*
Dave Little, *stepfather of Tammie Todd*
Lynda McIntosh, *daughter of Bonnie Iler*
Barbara Quarles, *aunt of Natalie McLaughlin*
Jeff Quinn, *son-in-law of Bonnier Iler*
Keith Salmonson, *brother of Carol Mills*
Doug Smith, *friend of Dave Daley*
Sarah Wood, *sister of Gordon Tyler*
Wayne Miehle, *friend of the Costellos*
Milt Goldman, *friend of Nancy Whitecar*
Orin Marsee, *brother of Carl Marsee*
Carol Meszaros, *friend of PFUMC*
Betty Robison, *cousin of Loretta Lahr*
Aaron BeBono, *friend of Hoys*
Steve Duve, *friend of Joe Walker*
Robert Holloway, *friend of Joe Walker*
Blake Heindenrich, *friend of Kelly McCallister*
Carrie Feldkamp, *friend of the Porters*
Jim Ferguson, *father of Stephanie Saia*
John Mitchell, *friend of Jan Shettler*



Military Family

Beau Barker, Kevin Bowen, David Bruch, Kevin Clifton (Strobridge), Brandon Cook, Rob Day, Jeremy Thomas Jones, Jeff Klein, Ernie Krajewski, Russell McCallister, Josh Nelson, Matthew Kimsal, Ryan McClain, Christopher McClain, Brandon Saleh, Jessica Skelly, Justin Skelly.



Missionary Family

Heather Berlin, Sarah & Kris Kappler, Kim & Paul McVety, Beth Ann Nelson



If you have the new address of our members Harvey and Judith Rumpel please call our Membership Secretary Jackie Simpson in the church office.
Thank you!

Thank you

“Bluegrass and Sloppy Joes” was a winning combination! Many, many thanks to all of you who attended the bluegrass concert and sloppy-joe dinner on February 18. Nearly three hundred people attended the concert, and over 200 stayed for the dinner. The Habitat for Humanity committee has exceeded their fund-raising goal for this year. Thanks to all of you who gave generously, and those who helped sponsor the concert. We were able to contribute half of the concert offering to Habitat, and all of the proceeds from the dinner go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who worked very hard to organize, cook and serve the dinner. It was a big success!

Dr. Marcia Van Oyen
Director of Music Ministry/Organist

Glen Coker
Habitat Committee

P.S. If you are interested in an RFD Boys CD, call Marcia at the church office.

We wish to express our many, many thanks to our gourmet cooks, a.k.a. Linda and Jim Bynum, for the fantastic Valentine Party they gave for the Primetimers on said love day. The tables were beautifully decorated and the dinner was a delectable treat! It was truly a memorable occasion that was enjoyed by all.

I received an e-mail from my cousin Bill, husband of Betty Robison on our prayer list. Betty had a CT scan on her lungs, and the doctor and radiologist both said they couldn't believe what they saw. The tumor had reduced in size so much that, unless they knew what they were looking for, they would have missed it. Praise the Lord!

Loretta Lahr

Dear Church Family,

My thanks to Dr. Klump and Rev. David for their spiritual support. Thanks to all for their cards, gifts and visits during my illness. A special thanks to the women's prayer group, the men's prayer group, Ruth Circle, Sixty Plus, to my Coney friends and all for their love and support. The shawl is beautiful. I thank God for a church family like you. God bless each of you.

Norma West

UMW NEWS

Mercy Circle Presents

Parent Tot Cookie Bake/Story Time

Who: You & your child aged 3 to 6

What: Come enjoy our story time & then cut out, bake and decorate cookies!

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Saaturday, March 24, 9 a.m.—12 noon

Children aged 3 to 6 & 1 parent/adult per child

(If you have more than one child who meets the age requirement and need another adult to help, call Holly Good at 451-8685 to arrange for youth helpers.)

Sign up in Fellowship Hall on March 4, 11 and 18

Cost: \$12 per child, \$5 each add'l child *in same family*

This is a fundraiser for the children's programs at Rev. Bernardine Daniels'

Exousia UMC on Detroit's East Side.
Contact Holly Good, Karen Strobridge,
or Laura Freeman for more info.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Faith Circle

Our next Faith Circle meeting will be March 1 at 1:00 in the Parlor. This promises to be special since it will include a presentation by our own Rosemary Jones; a study on hospitality using Hebrews 12:1-2. Please bring your Bible to the meeting. Hostesses for March will be Ruth Ruhl and Doris Kuhns.

We also will be continuing discussion of our spring tea project which we're calling "SPRING TEA WITH A MISSION II." The date of our tea will be May 10, with tickets at \$10.00 Mark your calendars. Once again, our project is to benefit the Methodist Children's Home.

Coming Soon!

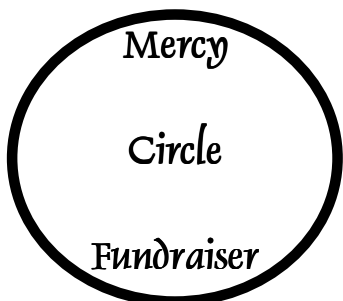
UMW Spring Rummage Sale

April 22, 23, 24 & 25

Please start saving your donations.

UMW NEWS

GET YOUR WARM, YUMMY CINNAMON ROLLS!



WHEN: Sunday, March 4, 2007
WHERE: Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour
COST: Four rolls—\$3.00
Six rolls—\$5.00

Mercy Circle thanks everyone, in advance, for supporting our fundraiser.

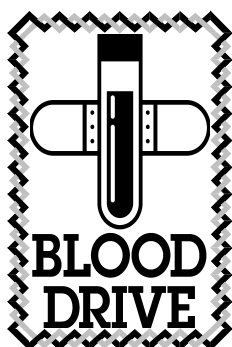
Money raised will go to Rev. Bernardine Daniels to help send kids from her church to summer camp.

“RESURRECTION WOMEN”

The Detroit and West Michigan Conferences of the United Methodist Women present a Spiritual Growth Retreat focused on the Theology of Mission.

The Retreat will be held in Lansing on the weekend of April 27—29.

If you would like to attend, contact Cheryl Koenig at 734-397-3426. Deadline is March 2.



THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE AGAIN THIS YEAR COORDINATING A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007, FROM 1—7 P.M. IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE, PLEASE COME AND GIVE. YOU CAN BE A GREAT BLESSING TO SOMEONE IN NEED.

2007 Lenten Studies

“Tuesdays with Jesus”

Dr. Dean A. Klump

The Book of Mark provides a unique perspective into the redeeming life of Jesus Christ. During these weeks of Lent, we will “Journey with Jesus” and discover new truths regarding our life in Christ. Classes begin on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 P.M. for 4 weeks.

On The Road Again

Pastor Dave Wichert

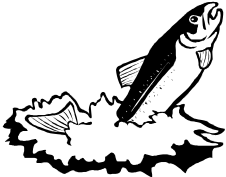
Join Pastor Dave in this 7-session Bible discussion and reflection using God’s Word and James W. Moore’s book On The Road Again. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with Pastor Dave while preparing our hearts throughout the Lenten season. The first session will begin following the Ash Wednesday Service on February 21 and then will continue on Wednesdays through April 4 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can have a book for you. Cost is \$6.00

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Nancy Whitecar, Cathy Montgomery, Chris Beaudoin

Join a thought provoking, 6 week discussion of The Love of Christ in the Local Congregation: Sharing Together in the Life and Labor of Jesus by Larry Deason on Wednesdays beginning February 28, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.





The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you." nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

1 Corinthians 12:21

Both of my sons have developed into pretty fair fishermen. They have grown up learning to swim, handle themselves in watercraft of various kinds, and fish for many different species of fish in a variety of conditions and settings. They have a healthy respect for the Great Lakes water and the surprises nature can throw one's way without warning. They have been mentored by their grandpa and by their dad. They feel comfortable fishing without a guide.

Our pride in our own abilities and accomplishments may make it difficult to accept that we don't know everything. We cannot know everything about every body of water or the fish that swim there. A guide can help us navigate difficult waters or coach us on how to get a finicky fish to strike.

We can easily wade into a spiritual drop-off that believes, "God and I can handle any situation". Despite God's power and our giftedness, we still need others in the body of Christ. A wise outdoorsman knows that to accept the help of a guide shows confidence and not weakness. Sometimes a guide may be a friend, a mentor, a counselor, or a spiritual director....

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Financial Summary Update as of January, 2007

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We are grateful for the tithes and offerings given to support our Ministry Budget. Your continued faithfulness makes our congregation programs and outreach ministries possible. Through our Ministry Budget, we grow in faith and share Christ with others.

January 31, 2007

Income:	\$76,739
Expenses:	96,081
Budget:	101,257

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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Two VIM (Volunteers in Mission) Teams have trips planned later this year. There are still opportunities to travel in mission to:

* Haiti (April 21-29) The team will help paint and prepare the new high school wing of College Modele School in Cap Haitien. Contact Curtis Bartz at jbartrz@mich.com or (313) 278-4849.

* Poland (July 5-23) Two more adults are needed. If you can speak English, like working with youth, and would like to share your love of God in another country, contact Gloria Downing at Gloria@Downing-Home.com

Service Schedule

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Liturgist: Martha Daigneau

Acolytes:

9 am Jeremy Muse
Kirsten Moore
11 am Maggie Trinka
Hannah Klingler

Ushers: 9:00 am: Dave Barrett, Capt.,
Jeff McLaughlin, Greg Sears, Toni
Hartke, Mike Hartke, Don Richter,
Wayne Wheelock, Clark McKelvey,
Jim Walk, Sharon Walk, Paul Johnson
11:00 am Mel Litke, Capt.,
Vince Maiorana, Lois Maiorana, Steve
Crecelius, Art Ruhl, Jan Seamonds,
Carl Robertson, Corinne Robertson,
Carl Marsee, Dean Scrimger

Counters: Harve Massey, Dave Rum-
mel, Don Richter, Pat Richter

Fellowship Hour: Mercy Circle

Greeters:

9:00 am Jim & Beverly Clark
10:30 am Mary Lynn Freeland
11:00 am

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Liturgists: Holly Good

Acolytes:

9 am Emily Watkins
Emily Swales
11 am Sally Hoy
Emma Hoy

Ushers: 9:00 am: Tom Williams, Capt.,
Terry Ryan, Dennis Piggott, Linda
Piggott, Ron Lowe, Gary Krueger, John
Thomason, Brenda Thomason, Jim
Hutchings
11:00 am Karl Little, Capt.,
Harve Massey, Wes Kappler, Keith Cox,
James D. Freeman, Eric Madsen, Bill
Schlabach, Kerry Montgomery, Katelyn
Montgomery, Duane King, Whitney Ste-
vens

Counters: Gene Kornegay, Mark
Caudill, Nancy Braden, Vickie Krause

Fellowship Hour: ASP BRUNCH

Greeters::

9:00 am Phil & Martha Daigneau
10:30 am Brad & Jennifer Heers
11:00 am Nancy Braden & Vicki Krause

Music Academy Survey

In mid-January an interest survey regarding a Music Academy here at First Church was mailed to all of you, but unfortunately, the postal service did a less than stellar job of delivering the surveys to you. A copy of the survey is included with this issue of the Beacon. We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to fill it out and return it to the church office. We think the Music Academy has the potential to benefit our church in terms of outreach and building our music program, so we'd love to hear from you. Thanks!

Second Chance!

Prime Timers

THE REDFORD THEATRE

CORNWELL'S DINNER THEATRE
July 31st



March 17th

Car pooling from the Church at 12:45 pm.

Organ Concert & Movie
"The Maltese Falcon"

starring Humphrey Bogart & Mary Astor

The cost is \$4 at the door.

We have 12 tickets to see "MURDER AT HIGH NOON" ... Detective Stone travels back in time to the Old West and the little town of Humble, Colorado. Black Bart has nothing on Black Bonnie, the meanest cook in Humble. The locals love her chocolate chip cookies, but are they just a diversion while Bonnie buys up all the land in Humble? Now the Mercantile owner is dead! Are more murders in store? You decide as the Old West comes to life...kinda.



Due to the limited tickets you will need to sign up as soon as possible. The meal begins at noon and the show time is 2 pm. The cost for this event is \$31 per person.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 7
10:00 a.m.**

**BRING YOUR CHILDREN
AGES 2 AND UP
FOR A HUNT, GAMES, CRAFTS,
AND MORE!**



Route 252: This Month's Virtue: Honesty

Bring your kids, bring your parents, bring your neighbors, bring a friend to Route 252 on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Core to learn about what the Bible has to say about Honesty: Watching what you say and do, so others will trust you. Each week the congregation will worship with contemporary music, skits, a brief message, DVD portions, audience participation and more. Each week's Bible lesson will relate directly to service and how we are called as Christians to be in service to one another. Come and worship and learn about honesty this month!

CHILDREN EVENTS

LIVEWIRES

Wednesday evenings, 6:45 to 8 pm

Livewires is our midweek program on Wednesday nights that brings a spark to our week! Kids 1st through 6th grade are invited to join us for a movie, large group teaching, small group discussion, games, crafts and much more. Preschool kids ages 3 to Kindergarten have their own fun in room 306/308 to learn Bible stories, play games, do crafts, and enjoy a brief puppet show each week. We are working on an 8 week journey, each night with a new theme:

March 7—Last Week
Service Night

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

March 23

5:30—9:30 pm

Need a night out with your spouse or just by yourself? Drop off your kids on selected Friday nights and they will enjoy an evening of games with their friends, crafts, a movie, snack, and tons of fun. You can enjoy some adult time out. Sign up by the Nursery door or contact Abby Kammann to register. We ask that for every 2 times you go out that you stay in and work one so that we have enough supervision for the kids.

Upcoming Dates: April 20, June 15,
September 14



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar

May 25	6-9pm	Area 56
		Movie Mania
June 18-22	6:30-8:30pm	Area 56
		5 Day Slam
July 16-20	9am-noon	VBS
August 1&3	9am-noon	Preschool
		Day Camp
August 8,15, 17, 22, 24	10am-2pm	Elementary
		Day Camp
August 29	11am-4pm	Back to School Blast

YOUTH NEWS

ASP

BRUNCH

Next event is
March 11th

CONFIRMATION 2006-07

Field trip to
Citadel of Faith
March 11th
1—6 pm

See front cover
for more details

BATTLECRY: SEND OUT THE CALL

FRIDAY,
APRIL 13TH
to
SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

Cost: \$38.00
Includes T-shirt, transportation,
ticket, & food.



Topic for March :
God Wants to Save
Christians Too

GREAT LAKES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Have you been wondering about the proposal to combine the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church?

Here's your chance to have all your questions answered!

The Michigan Area Transition Team (co-chaired by our former member, Paul Thomas) will be touring the state during March and April.

The team will conduct a series of meetings at local churches, allowing church members to hear updates about this process and to offer their thoughts and feedback.

The team will meet here at
PFUMC
on
Saturday, March 24,
from 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Don't miss this important and informative meeting!



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

Sunday, March 11

4:30 Potluck dinner

6:30 "Strangely Warmed Players"

Once again, this extremely talented youth drama troupe from Ann Arbor will combine Christian ministry and offbeat comedy for a truly entertaining performance. Free will offering for the program.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall on March 4.

Babysitting available for children 2 1/2 and under.

Please bring your table service and a dish to pass (nut free).

Mission Trip to Egypt

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Beverages/Coffee

Munchies

& Treats

Did you know a group of adults and students

*are traveling to **Egypt** this summer?*

They plan to share the love of Christ
by hosting VBS in Cairo.

Coffeehouse

(FUNDRAISER)

March 31st

Do you have extra frequent
flyer miles you would like
to donate to defray
the expense of the
trip?

Questions? Contact Heather Berlin ~ gameela2003@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 04, 2007

9:00 am Adult Class/Crecelius
 9:00 am Worship Service
 9:00 am Wake Up Call
 10:10 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:00 am Fellowship Hour
 10:30 am Adult Bible Class/Smith
 10:30 am Route 252: Family Worship
 10:30 am High School Class
 11:00 am Abundant Life Class
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm FUMC Orchestra
 3:30 pm Exploring Our Faith
 6:00 pm Fusion

Monday, March 05, 2007

8:00 am BSF Leaders Meeting
 10:00 am Bynum Small Group
 11:30 am 60 Plus
 7:00 pm AA/Alanon
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee
 7:30 pm Plymouth Oratorio Soc.

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

9:00 am BSF/Volunteer Lunch
 11:30 am BSF Fellowship
 1:00 pm BSF Seminar
 1:00 pm Friendship Group
 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice
 6:30 pm BeckRidge Chorale
 7:00 pm Tuesdays With Jesus

Wednesday, March 07, 2007

6:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:30 am Charity Circle
 12:45 pm UMW Board Meeting
 1:00 pm Library work time
 6:00 pm Carol Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 6:30 pm Love of Christ - Lenten Study
 6:30 pm On the Road Again - Lenten
 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
 6:45 pm Livewires
 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 08, 2007

2:00 pm Knitting and Crochet Group
 6:45 pm N.E.W. Small group meeting
 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Friday, March 09, 2007

5:00 pm Plave Rehearsal

Saturday, March 10, 2007

12:00 pm Super Huddle
 4:00 pm Plave Wedding

DON'T
FORGET!

ASP BRUNCH

SUNDAY
MARCH 11

BETWEEN
SERVICES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 11, 2007

- 8:00 am Wake Up Call Band Practice
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Adult Class - Crecelius
- 9:00 am Nursery Parent Adult Class
- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 9:00 am Wake Up Call
- 10:00 am ASP Brunch
- 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Class - Bob Smith
- 10:30 am Route 252: Family Worship
- 10:30 am High School Sunday School
- 11:00 am Abundant Life Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm FUMC Orchestra
- 1:00 pm Confirmation trip to Citadel of
- 4:30 pm Lenten Family PotLuck
- 6:00 pm Fusion

Monday, March 12, 2007

- 8:00 am BSF Leaders Meeting
- 10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
- 10:00 am Bynum Small Group
- 11:30 am BSF Leader Fellowship
- 7:00 pm AA/Alanon Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Mentoring
- 7:30 pm Plymouth Oratorio Society

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

- 9:00 am BSF
- 11:30 am BSF Fellowship
- 12:30 pm Beacon Belles
- 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice
- 6:30 pm BeckRidge Chorale Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Tuesdays With Jesus - Lenten

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

- 6:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Knee High Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheons
- 1:00 pm Library work time
- 6:00 pm Carol Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
- 6:30 pm On the Road Again - Lenten
- 6:30 pm Love of Christ - Lenten Study
- 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
- 7:00 pm Stephen's Ministry
- 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15, 2007

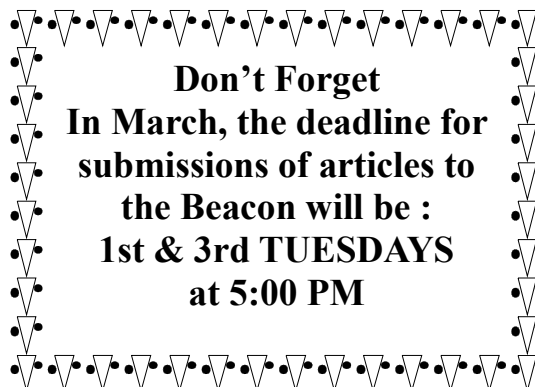
- 12:30 pm Study & Prayer Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Mercy Circle Meeting
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:30 pm Festival Bells rehearsal

Friday, March 16, 2007

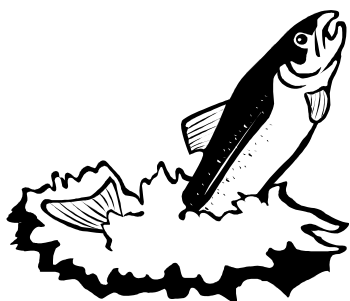
No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 17, 2007

- 8:00 am Soup Kitchen



Don't Forget
In March, the deadline for
submissions of articles to
the Beacon will be :
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS
at 5:00 PM



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My boys and I are looking forward to attending the Steelhead Fishing Trip that the Men's Ministry has organized for March 30, 31, and April 1st. I wholeheartedly recommend this event for any men and older boys in the church. The three of us attended the fall salmon fishing/golf event and had a great time. Not only will you enjoy fishing or learning about this sport, you will grow in your faith by participating in worship, Bible study, and prayer. You will make new friends and become better acquainted with those you think you already know. You will learn how to model and live Christian discipleship. **Yes, real men pray, and deal with all kinds of distraction and junk that can clutter our lives.** This is a great time for dads to model for their sons and with their sons what a God fearing man is really like, and you don't have to go about it alone. If you don't have a son of your own, adopt a fishing partner for the trip. There are lots of young men starting out without a dad or a mentor. They are unaware of the dangers and caught in the illusion of self-sufficiency. Remember to keep your fishing rod straight and take the slack off of your line! I hope to see you there! You catch 'em and God will clean 'em! Pastor Dave

For more info: <http://www.pfumc.org/Adults/Men/special-events.html>

Contact Larry Kummer to sign up: 734-459-0273

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