

First United Methodist Church

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

The Beacon

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Dear Church Family,

At the worship services on February 4, I announced that I have informed Bishop Keaton, Rev. Thomas Macaulay, our District Superintendent, and our Staff Parish Relations Committee of my intent to retire effective July 1, 2007. My health is good and it is time. I am announcing this now because of the required lead-time needed for the Bishop and Cabinet to consider my replacement. I will be retiring after 36 years of pastoral ministry.

I thank you for the privilege of serving you for these past 12 years. I trust that you will be happy for me and that you will welcome with open hearts the person who will be appointed as your new Senior Minister July 1.

In terms of next steps, our Staff Parish Relations Committee will be working with our District Superintendent to clarify the congregational needs regarding the appointment.

Over these next several months, let us continue to be responsive to God's call upon us all to be faithful to Him and to His Church. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Dean A. Klump

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

Extended Family

Dorine Anderson, *mother of Kathy 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 Hoyo*
Steve Duve, *friend of Joe Walker*
Robert Holloway, *friend of Joe Walker*
Blake Heindenrich, *friend of Kelly McCallister*



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

We express Christian sympathy to...

Kelley Wardzala and family on the death of her father on January 22
Vern Dolmage and family on the death of his mother, M. Evelyn Bassett, on January 22.
Jan Groat and family on the death of her mother, Ruth Rumbold, on January 24.
Carl and Ila Marsee and family on the death of their grandson, Kevin, on January 31.
Carl Robertson & family on the death of his mother, Joy Robertson, on February 7.

We rejoice with...

Don and Bonnie Iler on the birth of their grandson, Eric Anthony, on January 26.
Proud parents are Larry and Robin Kocher.
Joe and Nicci Tse on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on January 27.



Dear Church Family,

Our family would like you to know how much all of you meant to us during a very sad time in our lives. We lost our beautiful Janice Owens on Christmas Eve. Our church had been a very special place for Janice to attend and serve from the time she was born. We especially want to thank Sanford Burr for conducting Janice's service. Also a special thank you to Ruth Dostie, Florence Turner and their committee for the lovely luncheon after the service. And another thank you to our many friends that donated to the "Janice Owens Soup Kitchen Memorial."

In God's Love,

Marian, John, Tim and Tom Owens and their families

Dear Friends of Plymouth First,

Thank you to all who have shown their love and caring through cards, prayers and inquiries regarding my daughter-in-law Chris Hewlett. Chris was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer in September. We were devastated! Prayer chains were begun within hours of her diagnosis and surgery. "The Power of prayer" has been awesome. I have said that phrase frequently but have never been fortunate enough to be so close to the energy of prayer. Chris, a young mother and wife, accepts what is happening and what can happen. Her faith is solid in the Lord. Chris' courage has strengthened all of those whose lives she touches. The initial chemo treatments are finished and a decision on a maintenance program will be decided shortly. I give you my thanks from the bottom of my heart.

May God Bless All of You,

Barb McIlhargey

Thank you for all your prayers and your cards for Carrie Feldkamp. She is out of the hospital and in rehab. Thank you again for all your support.

The Porters.

Dear First Church Family,

What a blessing my church family has been. I was hospitalized for two days to have my thyroid removed because of a suspicious biopsy and both Pastor Dean and Pastor Dave visited me, the men's and women's prayer groups and individuals prayed for me. The Knitting Ministry knitted me a prayer shawl, and Sandy Kosky brought me flowers. A prayer I never thought to pray was answered: The final report was no cancer. Thank you, first Church for surrounding me with your prayers.

Terry Tubbs

I wish to thank Pastor Dave, who came to the hospital, and Sandy for the flowers. Also Sharon Walk of the Knitting Group for the shawl and for the calls, cards and prayers. God bless everyone.

Ella Fry



F. Y. I.

Effective in March, the deadline for submission of articles to the Beacon will be:

First and third TUESDAYS
at
5:00 P.M.

PRAYER TIME FOR ALL

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Klump has called us to gather on Sunday mornings for prayer. All are invited to be part of pre-service prayer time for our pastors, congregation and morning worship. Meet in the Parlor at 8:30 A. M. and feel free to come every time you are available. Join in the “new thing” God is doing in our midst.



The Roe Scholarship





The Board of Trustees will be accepting applications for the Roe Scholarship from now until February 28, 2007.

The deadline is March 1.

This scholarship is granted to full-time students in the fields of Ministry or Christian Education.

Questions? Call Greg Giles at 734-927-4305.

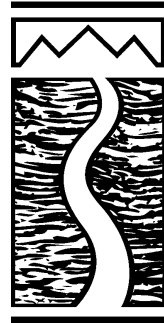
Pick up applications in the church office and return them to the Trustees Mail Box.



**WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING THIS
SUMMER?
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO TAKE A RIDE
ON THE
NILE RIVER?**

Did you know that Heather Berlin is the worship music leader for the family worship service, "Route 252", as well as one of our missionaries. Heather has been a part of our church family since she was a young teenager and lived in Egypt for four years before coming back to Plymouth for a while, about a year and a half ago. We as a church body have an exciting opportunity to see and be part of what she does up close and personal! We have a trip planned for this summer to share Jesus in many different ways with Heather all around Cairo. One of the ministry opportunities include preparing a Vacation Bible

School for one of the international (English Speaking) churches in the city for children that are hungry for the Word of God. In addition, there will be opportunities to help with other ministries around the city possibly including Sudanese refugees, Egyptian street and disabled children as well as important and significant times of worship and prayer and prayer walking to lift up this city of 20 million that has such an impact all around the world. There will also be FUN times to sightsee and take advantage of this beautiful and friendly culture that is so badly in need of all that Jesus can offer. BE A LIGHT IN NORTH AFRICA!!



Interested in knowing more? Contact Heather Berlin via e-mail at gameela2003@gmail.com, by phone at 734-709-5163, or after Route 252 service in the CORE.

Lenten Family Potluck



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 FEB. 25 AND MARCH 4

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE FOR AGES 2 1/2 AND UNDER

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS (NUT FREE) AND TABLE SERVICE

UMW NEWS

Mercy Circle

presents-

Parent Tot Cookie Bake/Story Time

Who: You & your child age 3 to 6

What: Come enjoy our story time & then cut out, bake and decorate cookies relating to the readings.

Where: Fellowship Hall, Saturday, March 24

When: 9 a.m.—12 noon

More information will follow in the next Beacon.

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.

Ruth Circle

Is meeting Wednesday,
February 21

At 11:30 a.m. in the church Parlor
(Weather permitting)

Please plan on attending, as I have a wonderful true story to read that was given to me by Diane Dolmage.

Guests and new members are very welcome!

If you have questions or are unable to attend please contact Katherine Thompson
734-459-8227

Coming Soon!

UMW Spring Rummage Sale

April 22, 23, 24 & 25

Please start saving your donations.

UMW NEWS

GET YOUR WARM, YUMMY CINNAMON ROLLS!

Mercy

Circle

Fundraiser

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.

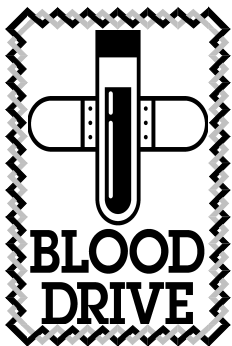
Money raised will go to Rev. Bernardine Daniels to help send kids from her church to summer camp.

“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.

YOUTH NEWS

The Strangely Warmed Players

March 11th, 6:30
After the Lenten Family Potluck

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, described his encounter with God as he walked along London's Aldersgate Street: "I felt my heart strangely warmed." The Strangely Warmed Players hope that through the venue of drama, audiences will experience warmed hearts.

The Strangely Warmed Players, youth from Ann Arbor FUMC, under the direction of Beth Miller, the programs founder, combine Christian ministry and offbeat comedy to create an entertaining and enlightening duo. Reflecting the Wesleyan tradition of bringing Christ's teachings to the masses, the Players bring an engaging collection of modern parables to a media generation.

BATTLECRY: SEND OUT THE CALL

FRIDAY,
APRIL 13TH
to
SATURDAY,
APRIL 14TH



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

ASP
BRUNCH

**Next event
is March
11th**

CONFIRMATION 2006-07

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

PrimeTimers

THE REDFORD THEATRE



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.

CORNWELL'S DINNER THEATRE

July 31st

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.



Volunteers in Mission VIM

You're invited...

A VIM team will be going to northern Haiti April 21-29, 2007 to help paint and prepare the new high school wing of college Modele School in Cap Haitien. We will be celebrating the dedication of the 3 new classrooms and also work on other projects in the area. We will worship and learn as we visit several sites and meet people in various settings. If you would like to join the Haiti School Project team as we work alongside Haitian workers, contact Curtis Bartz for more information and an application Call (313) 278-4849 or email jbartz@mich.com

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. This 4-week study will begin February 27 at 7 pm in the Parlor.

Session One (2/27) Divine Confirmation

Mark 1:1-11; Mark 9:2-8

Session Two (3/6) Divine Teaching

Mark 4

Session Three (3/13) Divine Healing

Mark 5

Session Four (3/20) Divine Timing

Mark 8:31-38; 9:30-32; 10:32-34

Divine Salvation Accomplished

Mark 15:33-47; 16

Your Divine Call

Mark 1:16-20

Take up your Bibles and come!

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 – 8:00pm.

“Each year as we move toward Easter, we make a road trip. We join Jesus on the road as He moves to and through the cross. It is interesting to note that some of Jesus’ most powerful and poignant experiences happened on the road. In a real sense, we could say that Jesus spent His whole life on the road. He was born on a road trip. He died on a road trip. And one of His most dramatic post-resurrection appearances occurred on the road to Emmaus. In the Lenten study, we will explore the significance of Jesus’ experiences on the road, and we will take a closer look at some people He met along the way.” James W. Moore

Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can have a book for you. Cost is \$6.00

Lenten Studies (continued)

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Nancy Whitecar, Cathy Montgomery, Chris Beaudoin

What does the love of Christ look like in the local church? What should it look like? For years the author of our text would come home from preaching to have his parents ask, “What are you speaking on next Sunday?” His mother would say, “What about love?” Larry said, “I used to think there were more important things. Now I know better. Nothing is more important than love... God’s love. He has called us all to know and learn this love. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to know, learn, become, and express this love in all of our relationships.”

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 FELLOWSHIP HOUR MINISTRY NEEDS CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for hosting an upcoming Sunday.

Contact Jim Soltau at 734-455-2941 to select a day.

Is God calling you to pray with others? Join the Altar Prayer Ministry Team!

Training will take place on Thursday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. in the PFUMC Parlor

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Klump at the office
or Jeanne Martin at 734-844-6501 or jelmartin@hotmail.com

Service Schedule

SERVING SUNDAY, FEB 18

Liturgist: Dennis Brunzell

Acolytes:

9 am

11 am

Ushers: 9:00 am: Art Single, Capt., Wayne Fercho, Mark Caudill, Chris Holland, Bonnie Iler, Kent Montgomery, Betsy Montgomery, Bruce Christenson

11:00 am Mel Litke, Vince Maiorana, Lois Maiorana, Steve Crece-lius, Art Ruhl, Jan Seamonds, Carl Robertson, Corinne Robertson, Carl Marsee, Dean Scrimger

Counters: Dennis Piggott, Greg Giles, Wayne Ferko, Carol Kelly

Fellowship Hour: Boy Scouts.

Greeters: 9:00 am Jim & Sharon Walk

10:30 am King Family

11:00 am Brenda Rice

SERVING SUNDAY, FEB. 25

Liturgists: Rich Hoy

Acolytes:

9 am

11 am

Ushers: 9:00 am: Jim Bynum, Capt., Bill Pickering, Ed Wittenberg, Eileen Wittenberg, Barbara Werner, Margaret Lane, Drew Lane, Josh Kearis, William Maxwell, Joy Coyle, Brad Coyle

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 Stevens

Counters: Don Blunden, Jim Freeman, Nancy Thomas, Pat Carne

Fellowship Hour: Womens Prayer Group

Greeters: 9:00 am Dave & Sandy Rummel

10:30 am Amy & Mark Vierqutz

11:00 am Open



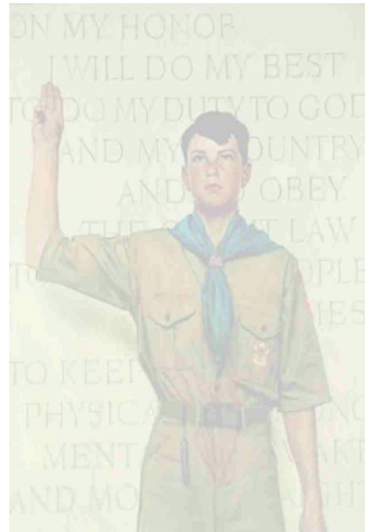
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MEDICAL BOXES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each year medical supplies are sent to areas around the world in need. This year the cost per box will be \$425. If you are interested in donating a box, please make your check out to PFUMC, for \$425, and give it to Jim Clouse, before February 15. Jim will then send one check to cover all donations. If you have any questions, please call Jim at 734-416-0129, or email at jgclou@sbcglobal.net.

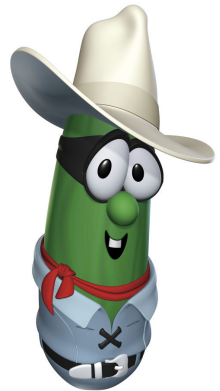
"A Scout is Reverent" Scout Sunday is February 18

Scout Sunday this year will be on February 18. All boy scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts, brownies, and any other scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church on this day. All scouts are also invited to participate in the scout processional at the beginning of the service. We will meet at 8:40 a.m. in the main hall. We will serve in several ways on this day. For more information on how your scout can serve, please call Kevin Spala at 734-459-3624.



MOE and the **Big Exit**™

Come on down to First Church for an awesome night of family fun including the new Veggie Tales movie (Moe and the Big Exit), games galore, a potluck dinner to please any kid or adult! Bring your whole family on Friday, February 23rd from 6-8 p.m. for all of the fun. The cost is only \$5 and a dish to pass. To sign up please contact Abby Kammann at 453-5280 or abby@pfumc.org



Route 252: This Month's Virtue: Service

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 Service: lending a hand to help someone else. 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 service 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;

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day
(Wear pink or red.)

Feb. 21—No Livewires
(Ash Wednesday)

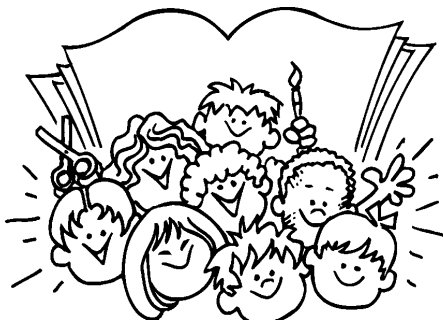
PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Discovering God's Direction for 2007

“Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.” 2 Chronicles. 30:12

Saturday, February 3 over 80 members of our congregation gathered, prayed, listened and discerned what we believe God most wants us to accomplish in 2007. We watched a DVD to help us learn how to set one Thematic Goal for 2007. Something that was broad and reached across the whole church. This was to be single in nature and qualitative. At the close of Saturday many good things had happened, but we still did not have a consensus on where God is leading us. We agreed to meet again Monday, February 5. Many stayed on past noon on Saturday for the better part of an hour discussing what the goal should be. We all agreed to continue in prayer and to write down what came to mind.

Monday evening came and over 60 members attended to continue the work we started. It was very exciting to see the frustration of not finishing on Saturday turn to complete consensus on Monday. Everyone in the room said “I can get behind this thematic goal for 2007” (there will be other years and possibilities). This year God has led us to concentrate on the following goal: **FOCUS ON UNIFYING AND REVITALIZING OUR CHURCH.** Obviously this will always need attention, but for 2007 God said we especially had to do this so we can be healthier and better able to reach out with the Love of Christ to the world around us. We desire to be a church that so exhibits our love for Christ and each other that people in the community will say, “Jesus must be real, see how they love and care for one another and freely share with their community and world.”

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. Psalm 133:1

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:5

So what is next? We are beginning to put together the **DEFINING OBJECTIVES.** These will be the areas and steps we need to take to accomplish our goal. The areas of concentration identified were: Worship, Nurturing, Organizational, Prayer, Biblical and Effective Communication. If you can get excited about contributing in any of these areas there will be sign up opportunities in Fellowship Hall or in the church office.

The **ministry objectives** that make us a church will continue and receive evaluation and attention. We will always be about: Worship, Healthy Ministries, Evangelism Effectiveness, Discipleship and Stewardship. Our broad goal for this year will enhance these ongoing areas as well. Watch for more information as it unfolds and please, please continue to pray that we may become all that God intends. God Bless you and thank you for your work to this point and as we see it through.

Linda Bynum

See Colossians passage at the top of the next page

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:12 – 17



Men's Ministry
8th Annual
Steelhead Fishing Trip



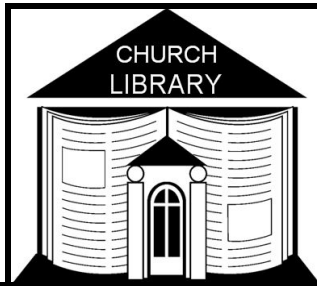
Are you a fisherman? Are you interested in Christian Fellowship? Then you need to attend the 8th Annual Men's Ministry Steelhead Fishing extravaganza on March 30, 31, and April 1. The event takes place in Pentwater, Michigan, which is within driving distance to two great fly-fishing rivers. Come and fish one day, every day...or just come and hang out. Come when you can...leave when you have to.

Sign up between services in Fellowship Hall. Plan on coming to the "Information meeting" on Saturday, March 10, at 8:00 a.m. at the church.

You were formed for God's family—come and spend the weekend with your brothers. Put it on your calendar.

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

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



In Karen Kingsbury's *Even Now* series, teenager Emily searches for her parents (childhood sweethearts) who do not know she exists. They had searched unsuccessfully for each other for years, being separated by lies and time. The father becomes a jet fighter flight instructor and the mother becomes a war correspondent overseas with set beliefs about war. Yes, Emily finds her parents; but the reunion doesn't go as smoothly as she had hoped, nor are the results what she expected. (The outcome is revealed in the sequel.)

In the sequel, *Ever After*, Emily still struggles to keep her parents together and in the process, meets Justin, a military medic home from Iraq. When he's recalled to Iraq, valuable lessons are learned by everyone touched with this young man's life. Ironically, the author had just finished the book when she learned of another young soldier whose life had an uncanny resemblance to Justin.

Kingsbury's message in this story: "Love is impossible without sacrifice, and sacrifice is not possible without love. ...The cost of freedom is great. ...living in the U.S. is free to all of us, but freedom is never really free either."

This timely, touching story of patriotism, undying love and the true power of sacrifice is in your FUMC Library. Charlene Churchmouse suggests that you keep some tissues nearby, but says the story is worth a few soggy ones.

Philip Gulley writes of small town experiences even though he pastors a church in Indianapolis. Several of his books are already on your FUMC Library shelves.

A new one, *Front Porch Tales*, is full of short, warm-hearted tales of family, faith and love that will bring smiles and chuckles.

He reflects on TVs and PCs, vacations and vocations, fitness and stuff, family values and the price of boats, his kids and other kids. Many of his essays have been quoted by Paul Harvey, and Paul Harvey, Jr. has written the foreword in this book.

Philip has found two things that constitute the good life: 1) "Never ask people how they are doing unless you really want to know" and 2) "Find a vocation that uses your God-given gifts, or you will be a miserable wretch of a human being." Look for this delightful reading in the fiction section of FUMC Library!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 18, 2007

8:00 am Wake Up Call Band Practice
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Worship Service
 9:00 am Wake Up Call
 10:20 am Ad Council Meeting
 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:00 am Fellowship Hour
 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 Concert/Habitat Dinner set-up
 4:00 pm Noteworthy Concert

Monday, February 19, 2007

8:00 am BSF Leaders Meeting
 10:00 am Bynum Small Group
 7:00 pm AA/Alanon
 7:30 pm Plymouth Oratorio Society

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

9:00 am BSF
 11:30 am BSF Fellowship
 1:00 pm Friendship Group
 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice
 6:30 pm BeckRidge Chorale

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

6:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:30 am Comfort Circle - UMW
 11:30 am Ruth Circle
 1:00 pm Library work time
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
 6:45 pm NO Livewires-Ash Wed
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 7:15 pm On the Road Again - Lenten
 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22, 2007

2:00 pm Knitting and Crochet Group
 6:45 pm N.E.W. Small group meeting
 7:00 pm Altar Prayer Team Training

Friday, February 23, 2007

6:00 pm Family Fun Night-Moe and the Big Exit

Sunday, February 25, 2007

8:00 am Wake Up Call Band Practice
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Worship Service
 9:00 am Wake Up Call
 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:00 am Fellowship Hour
 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
 6:00 pm Fusion

Monday, February 26, 2007

7:00 am Set-Up for Voting
 8:00 am BSF Leaders Meeting
 10:00 am Bynum Small Group
 7:00 pm AA/Alanon
 7:00 pm Confirmation Mentoring
 7:30 pm Plymouth Oratorio Society

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

6:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 am Knee High Fellowship
 1:00 pm Library work time
 6:00 pm Carol Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 pm Hope Circle
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 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 01, 2007

12:30 pm Study & Prayer Fellowship
 1:00 pm Faith Circle
 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations
 7:30 pm Festival Bells rehearsal

Friday, March 02, 2007—NO ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 03, 2007—NO ACTIVITIES



The **Music** and **Mission** ministries
are partnering to provide
two great activities
on
Sunday, February 18

Bluegrass Concert given by the RFD Boys at 4:00 p.m.

“the house band of Michigan bluegrass”

A four-member ensemble that combines toe-tapping music with humorous anecdotes

Benefit Dinner for Habitat for Humanity 5:00—6:30 p.m.

All you can eat Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, Chips, Drink, Dessert

A free-will offering will be received at both the concert and the dinner.

We are only \$800 from meeting our fund-raising goal for Habitat!

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If you or your group would like to work on the Habitat building project,

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