



# Shepherd's Crook August 2011

## Annual Conference 2011 scheduled for September 18th

Good Shepherd's annual church conference has been scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 3:00 p.m.

The theme is "Radical Hospitality."

We have lots of information to share and business to attend to so all teams and **team leaders** are asked to gather together, format your reports and turn in all necessary data and forms to the church office by September 1st.

Do you have photos or other graphics, charts and memorabilia you'd like to share this year? Let's make our conference book and power point presentation an interesting review and celebration of all we completed in our mission to bring people to Christ Jesus in 2011.

The format for the church conference is:

The SPRC meets before the 3pm conference. The District Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey R. Max-

well will present devotions. We will have a group discussion 'exploring how GSUMC is doing at inviting, welcoming and caring for newcomers' along with a few hymns and other administrative actions.

Everyone is invited to attend this annual event.



## August 2011

### Special points of interest:

- Christian Ed news
- Meet Dave Grimm in our Who's Who
- Det. Conference Thank you

### Begin your reports!



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## UMW News

by Audrey Hunter, chair

6 UMW members journeyed to Midland, July 11th to walk the Dow Gardens in the rain. In spite of the dampness we enjoyed the lovely gardens. We completed this mystery trip with a trek to the unique Bay City Antique mall and concluded with "ice cream," of course! See what fun we can have? You will have to join us next time!

Our August 8th meeting will include our annual Pledge Ceremony. We meet 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will also finalize the details for our "**Market for Missions**"

**rummage sale; August 18th -20th.** Audrey says, "since I am now the lady-in-waiting for 'Princess Isabella,' I need extra help with the rummage sale." Please watch for sign up sheets to see how you can help in this annual endeavor. Be saving and cleaning your donations too! Thanks in advance.

### UMW Annual Market for Missions 8/18 to 8/20/11





## Pastor's Page

Through the magic of Netflix I have been re-watching the television series **LOST**. Now you don't have to agree with me, but I believe that LOST was one of the best shows that television has put out in recent years.

I don't exactly know why, but from the first pilot episode I was gripped by this story. Now I know, some of you are saying, "Pastor you're nuts! I couldn't even follow the plot." But for me, the plot - where it was headed - wasn't as important as the story.

Oh, to be sure, there were websites and blogs dedicated to making wild predictions about "where" these castaways were really "lost." Some suggested that they were trapped in a kind of purgatory, forced to work out past mistakes so that they could enter one day into "glory." Of course, if you watched the show, that, in my opinion is what they lead you to believe.

No matter the case, what captivated me most was the relationships between these total strangers; strangers whose lives would have probably never intersected in the way that they did on that fateful flight from Sydney to Los Angeles on the fictional Oceanic flight 815. A felon, a doctor who has

"daddy issues," an Iraqi Republican guardsman, a felon, con man, a couple on the brink of divorce, a father who just now after almost 10 years is discovering his son, a recovering junkie, a pregnant unwed mother, a young man adrift on the sea of life, these are just some of the characters that make up the show's cast.

Its clear as the plot develops that every character in the show is truly "lost." In some sense each character was in desperate need of a "new life." And, on the island, that's exactly what they get. They are forced to live and work together, or as "Jack" one of the main characters states they will, "die alone."

Now, while I wouldn't have a deep desire to be "lost" on an uncharted island in the South Pacific, there are some ways in which some elements of the church are captured in the show. As followers of Jesus, whose paths may have never crossed, given the opportunity, we have been brought together in this great congregation.

To be sure, we are all "in process;" all in need of a new life. We all have different backgrounds and different histories. We once were all "lost" but now, through the grace, mercy and love of God

have been found. And we, like the characters of the show, need each other.

While we might have never met on our own, God has brought us together to serve God's purpose in our community. We each have our different histories, needs, desires, fears, anxieties, etc, but together we can support one another and journey together not as strangers but as friends.

We live in a world where people truly are lost. They've lost their moorings and are adrift in the storm, looking for safe harbor. Let's continue to be a community of faith that scans the horizon for just one more soul that may be in need of joining our faith community as we journey together through life.

Love Wins,

Pastor Eric



**"We have been brought together in this great congregation; Let's continue to.. scan the horizon for one more soul..."**

# Cross Connection Youth

## Upcoming Events

**All-Nighter @  
Kokomo's  
August 19-20**



**September  
Back to  
school bash  
ALL NIGHTER.  
TBA**

## The past month through the eyes of YDJ

What an amazing weekend we had at Kings Island. It was such a blessing to see this NOW generation ... Planning for the future:

It's time to start thinking about next year's youth trip to Spring Hill. We will be having a few more pancake breakfast fundraisers between now and October, watch the calendar for upcoming dates.

If you still have an M&M container from our past fundraisers, we are still accepting these towards Spring Hill. If you WANT an M&M Container, look for them to roll out again in August.

I am seeking 4-5 youth that are interested in forming a CORE group. This would be an event planning and feedback group to assist us in planning future events and analyzing past ones. Let me know if you are interested in serving on this team.

Inform me if you are participating in fall sporting events or extracurricular activities. I would love to support your team and cheer you onto victory.

Greetings in Christ,  
In Christ,

John or (YDJ)

Cross Connection Youth Director,  
John McKay

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**KoKomos Lock-in  
Aug 19th Friday to  
Aug 20th Saturday  
Midnite to 5 am \$25**

**For unlimited go-karts, laser tag, water wars, bumper boats, mini-golf, roller coaster, plus additional group games & prizes.**

**Includes pizza & pop!  
Sign up with John McKay**

## Starting in September Events for Youth

### *Sunday*

*Jr High Youth 5-6:30 p.m.*

*Sr. High Youth 5:30-7 p.m.*

### *Monday*

*Sr High Jam at*

*Roscommon Sr. High*

*A Lunch ~ Ms. Young's Rm*

*B Lunch ~ Mr. Perrelis' Rm*

*Jr. High Jam at*

*Roscommon Middle School*

*Cafeteria 2:55 ~ 3:40 p.m.*



**NATIONAL PSORIASIS FOUNDATION®**

Working to find a cure for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and to eliminate their devastating effects through research, advocacy and education.



**Thanks for your Continued support!**

**Health Ministry**

By Bev Emery, chair



Thank you for your support of the **RELAY for LIFE**. We had about 15 walkers and raised \$13,600. We came in 2nd place for total monies raised and 1st place for “faith based” teams. Our relay team consists of 8 people and we would appreciate new members at any time. We would LOVE to get some youth involved in our fundraising efforts. Thanks to everyone involved in this Fight against cancer!



**PSORIASIS:**

Psoriasis is a chronic, autoimmune disease that appears on the skin. It occurs when the immune system sends out faulty signals that speed up the growth cycle of the skin cells. Psoriasis is not contagious.

There are five types of psoriasis: plaque, guttate, inverse, pustular and erythrodermic. The most common form plaque psoriasis appears as raised, red patches of lesions covered with a silvery white buildup of dead skin cells, called scale. Psoriasis can occur on any part of the body and can be associated

with other serious health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, and depression. Psoriasis can also cause inflammation of the joints, which is known as **psoriatic arthritis**. Between 10% and 40% of all people with psoriasis have psoriatic arthritis.

According to current studies, as many as 7.5 million Americans have psoriasis. The cause of psoriasis is not fully understood, but it is believed to have a **genetic** component.

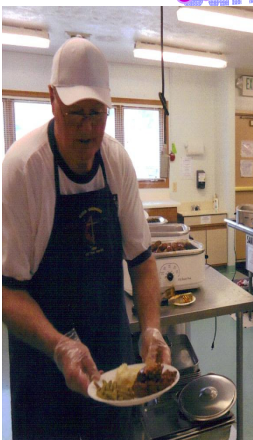
Living with psoriasis is more than just treating your disease. It means taking an active role in your care and developing habits and routines that support your well-being. Developing a healthy lifestyle is important to everyone such as a healthy diet, regular exercise, stress reduction, and a support network.

REMEMBER to get your blood pressure checked between services August 21st.



**Carryouts available!**

**Rosco Ribs Dinner - YUM!**



Lyle Mead at work!



Don't these ribs look mouth-watering? Can't you just smell the aroma? Have I tempted you enough? Well, come to the **August 25th** Rosco Rib Dinner and find out for yourself!

Sponsored & cooked by the U.M.M., this delicious fund-raiser is a treat for the appetite!

Served with tasty side dishes and dessert be sure to come and enjoy great food and fellow-

ship. Keep your kitchen cool and let the men of the UMM cook your dinner.

Suggested donation of \$8 is appreciated but it is a **free-will offering**. Hurry, there aren't many dinners left in the season. Treat yourself this month!

Dinner starts **4:30 pm and runs until 6:30 pm** but pity the poor office staff who must endure the aroma all day long.

**CARRYOUTS ARE AVAILABLE!**

p.s. We have received phone calls asking when the next dinner is because they enjoyed it so very much! Great work UMM!

## The Body of Christ

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

As I read these words in Ephesians V 4:11-13 and 16 and remember sermons I have heard on Sundays, I am reminded that we at Good Shepherd are all part of the body of Christ and are called to serve the Lord by loving those around us and giving of our time and talents whenever

possible. A motor does not work when its parts are strewn all over the garage floor. Likewise, a body does not work when some of its bones are broken or ligaments torn. That is why the whole body is dependent upon all of its members to do their part so it can move in one direction- that of serving our God with all of our hearts, minds and souls.

These bodies that God created are a miracle, aren't they? We are composed of thousands and thousands of tiny cells all working together. Sometimes the smallest can be the most important. So as you think about these passages, think about what you can do as part of the body of Christ. Have you considered where **you** could volunteer to help Good Shepherd be an even better example of

Christ's love in the world? Are you seeing a need that could be addressed? Perhaps **you** are the person that could answer that need. Do you have a mission you would like to start? All it takes is to begin. It could be one phone call you make or a visit to a shut in. It could be taking canned goods to the food bank or bringing a friend to church. It could be as simple as giving someone a hug or a pat on the back for a job well done.

All you have to do is look around. There is a place for you to serve.

Love and blessings,

Cindy Edwards  
Ministries assistant



"From him, the whole body .... grows and builds itself up in love...."  
Ephesians 4:16  
NIV





We LOVE to pray for you.  
 Please contact the office to  
 update this list.  
 office@gsumc-roscommon.com  
 or  
 275-5577  
 Thank you.

Our Church Ministries

- Sunday School
- Child Development Center
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men
- Cross Connection Youth
- Worship Services
- Bible Studies
- Small Groups
- All ministry teams

- JoAnn Visotsky
- Karen Churchill
- Anna Linton
- John Fitch
- Dorothy & Jim Hull
- Harry Rose
- Peggy Rose
- Martha VanVoorhis
- Barbara & Larry Gifford
- Mike Mercurio
- John Erickson

- Tammy Seconder
- Ann Bolzman
- Jake Cook
- Ed Harper
- Kathleen Glover

We are praying for Rev. Ken and Suzanne Reeves with the recent passing of Suzanne's mother.

Remember our shut ins: Brunetta Harden at Hilltop Manor  
 Pat Anderson and Grace Carter at the Brook Retirement Community.

Why not remember these folks with a visit, phone call or greeting card?

Hilltop Manor: 1290 E. Michigan Hwy. Roscommon, MI 48653

Brook Retirement Community: 195 S. State Street Roscommon, MI 48653

Cherished Thought....  
 "Friendship is the source of the  
 greatest pleasures, and without  
 friends even the most agreeable  
 pursuits become tedious."  
**Thomas Aquinas**



"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.  
 There is no such thing."  
**C. S. Lewis**

## Who's who at Good Shepherd

**David Grimm** grew up in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Cass Tech High School. He went to college at the Center for Creative Studies. Hired by General Motors, in Warren, Michigan, Dave worked as an Illustrator and Designer until he retired in 2000.

Through a blind date he met Diane Strell and the couple was married July 6, 1963. Although the couple are no longer married, they did raise three sons together; Donald, Darren, and David. Dave enjoys his two grandsons Kyle, and Lucas who are his son David's children. Because one of his grandsons has a hearing deficit, Dave took an American Sign Language class so he could communicate better. Although he says he doesn't know much about signing he uses a very good book that helps him.

Dave enjoys several hobbies. He likes wood-working, building model trains and boats, and he loves to go kayaking. He even owned a used boat at one time although this wasn't a very good experience. Back in 1988, he took his family out on the St. Clair River for the day. As soon as he navigated on the river his engine conked out! He began to paddle but didn't seem to be getting anywhere because of the swiftness of the river current. To his horror, he noticed that they were in the middle of the shipping lane which ran very close to shore and a very large freighter was coming urgently sounding its horn. He continued to paddle as fast as he could and as he looked up to his relief he saw someone handing him a tow rope. All he could think of was, "THANK GOD!" Dave intends to stick to smaller waters with his kayak now.

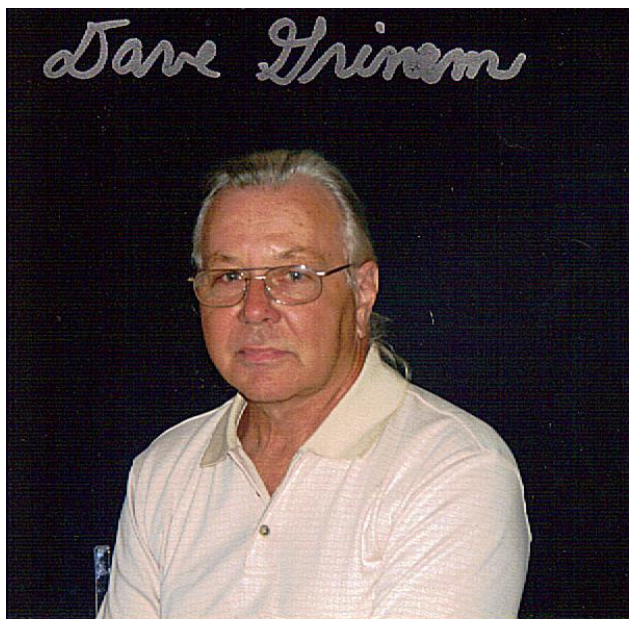
Dave began attending Good Shepherd via an invitation from Janet Ford. Eating dinner at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Janet was sitting at a table with some friends and invited Dave to join them. While they were enjoying their meal, Janet invited Dave to visit Good Shepherd UMC. Dave visited us in 2004 and then became a member.

He now serves on the Good Shepherd Tech Team, sings with the Choir, and serves as president of the UMM.

**Dave attends the 9:00am service so take a minute to say hello to a great guy.**

**Your Roving Reporter**

**Reva Love, Shepherding Co-Chair**



### Prayer for a Summer Day (anon.)

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest a while in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.



## Birthdays this Month



8/2	Katelyn Brookes Harlous Wilson Nicole Grace	8/11	Jerry Stewardson	8/28	Ginny Trombley
8/3	Deb Kelley Gerry Wilson	8/12	Steve Reinke	8/29	Bill Evans Anna Linton
8/5	Gary Boushelle Mike Tremi	8/14	Betty Heness	8/30	Kate Fitch Casey Gamber
8/6	Skip Christian Isabella Anne Kieb	8/17	Bev Emery Sharon Huffman Dana Strickler	May your birthday be a blessing to you now and in the years to come!	
8/7	Jimmy Anderson	8/18	Paul Wojey		
8/8	Nancy Marks	8/20	Dave Petrosky		
8/10	James Bannon Karen Churchill	8/22	Luke Huteck Mary Markle		
		8/26	Randy Bowers Amy Hahn		
		8/28	Anna Erickson		



## Anniversaries this month

8/1	<b>Roy &amp; Alva Delleree</b>	8/2	<b>Pastor Eric &amp; Lisa Kieb</b>
8/3	<b>Walt &amp; Pat Osmond</b>	8/5	<b>Merlyn &amp; Gerry Wilson</b>
8/6	<b>Dick &amp; Sharon Garrison</b>	8/7	<b>John &amp; Debbie Brown</b>
8/9	<b>Ron &amp; Elaine Stoner</b>	8/10	<b>Ken &amp; Suzanne Reeves</b>
8/13	<b>Ron &amp; Lenore Uphoff</b>	8/17	<b>John &amp; Bev Fitch</b>
8/18	<b>Tom &amp; Yvonne Sutton</b>	8/19	<b>Dick &amp; Gay Dimock</b>
8/20	<b>Wade &amp; Judy Thompson</b>	8/20	<b>Mike &amp; Barb Eva</b>
8/26	<b>Harlous &amp; Joyce Wilson</b>	8/26	<b>Richard &amp; Connie Colvin</b>
8/29	<b>Bill &amp; Nina Gulledege</b>	8/29	<b>Bob &amp; Cindy Edwards</b>
8/31	<b>Gordon &amp; Marylou Archer</b>		

May God continue to bless these marriages!



### UMW Reading Program

Looking for some interesting summer reading? Check out the shelves in the church library marked "UMW Reading Program." Anyone can select one of these books which we know you will find stimulating and challenging subject matters. We have some 'easier' reading choices too, like "Kiki's Hats." If you read one book from each of the 4 categories: social action, nurture and community, spiritual growth, education for mission; the UMW will award you a special certificate. The person who read the most books will receive a 'special' award. Young people can participate too.  
So, keep COOL this summer and read!

## Applying Biblical Principles

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to Him, we will need to report on how we have managed His assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a "fiduciary" of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before Him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of His assets?



**2011 Crop Walk  
September 18th  
3 pm  
See the bulletin  
Board for details!  
Walk for Hunger!**

## Giving in support of our budget & mortgage

Thanks to Marlyn Byrd, our financial secretary for these updates.

Average Amount Required each week for our Operating Budget is \$5273.00

Amount given 7/3/11 \$5575

Amount given 7/10/11 \$3439

Amount given 7/17/11 \$4337

Amount given 7/24/11 \$3839

Average Amount Required each week for our Mortgage Loan is \$1584.00

[mortgage balance is \$725,907]

Amount given 7/3/11 \$1582

Amount given 7/10/11 \$1202

Amount given 7/17/11 \$2097

Amount given 7/24/11 \$1314

Save the Date!

Sunday August 28th 4pm

Annual Church Picnic at Gerrish Twp Park

Hot dogs provided, bring a dish to pass. Fun, food and activities for everyone.



## ENDOWMENT FUND STATUS

\$20,473.22

(June 30th, 2011)

Could you add to this amount? Call, Sharon Boushelle at 989-275-6131 with any questions.



“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.... Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.”  
Leviticus 19:9-10

## Society of St. Andrew

(aka Pennies for Potatoes)

Pennies for Potatoes is a well known program for feeding the hungry with good food that would otherwise go to waste. The program distributes the food efficiently with low overhead and administration costs. Another aspect that may be overlooked is the focus on fresh produce.

Most agencies that provide food to the hungry rely on long shelf life (non-perishable) food. While this food too is important and also greatly appreciated, it also needs to be supplemented with fresh produce which is not always readily available. Through the Society of St. Andrew, (SOSA) fresh fruits and vegetables are provided by the tens of millions of pounds. Kids and adults perform better in school and at work when their diets include fresh fruits and vegetables. SOSA salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories

due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes. Usually, these rejected loads end up in landfills. Through the SOSA potato and produce project, they are able to redirect the 43,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens and the like for distribution to the hungry.

So, how can YOU help? Your continued support by donating your spare change to our “penny” jar helps—really it does! Why not save your spare change from your morning coffee purchase and consider sharing it with our penny jar?

Helping locally: Do you have a summer garden with surplus veggies? More tomatoes than you can possibly eat? Lettuce that may spoil because you cannot eat it quickly enough? Overplanted some green beans? Share your surplus with a friend who may not have access to a garden. Look around, and “share the health!”

Think locally—give globally.

## Dig Into the BIBLE :

## New for Sunday School!

COMING SOON to our very own halls of education!

We are looking for adult helpers to lend a hand for only a few weeks at a time teaching new exciting sessions on topics such as Art, Science and Cooking. That's right, you don't have to be an expert, just love your topic and love sharing God's love with others.

See our Christian Education team leaders, Lynda Wise or Amy Hahn if you think you might want to be a “guide” in our NEW Sunday School curriculum.

We begin September 11th.



**GOOD SHEPHERD PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING SOON!**

"...Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!"  
Luke 10:20

"Smile, God loves you!" Isn't it amazing to realize that God calls us to be His family and our names are written in His Family Album? As the family of God at Good Shepherd of the North, we have an opportunity to be included in the "family album" of our church this month.

Lifetouch photographers will be here at Good Shepherd at the following times:

August 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m

You will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait, a free pictorial directory, and several discount coupons you can use if you wish to order other pictures.

You may also want to take advantage of the advertising section of the directory. You can advertise your business, product or services and your advertising investment will let others know what you offer as well as benefiting the ministry of Good Shepherd.

Please schedule your appointment TODAY so we can have everyone included in our "family album".

There are several ways to schedule your appointment. You may go to the church website at [www.gsumc-roscommon.com](http://www.gsumc-roscommon.com), and click on the Lifetouch link, you may schedule your appointment on Sunday between services at the Lifetouch display in the gathering area, or you may call Reva at 989-275-1706 or Gay at 989-821-6854.

We are looking forward to seeing YOU in the family album of Good Shepherd!

Smile! God Loves YOU!

Gay Dimock, Shepherding co-chair



**Church Directory Advertising!**

**Do you own a business in our village or in your home? If you do we would like to offer you the opportunity to advertise in our pictorial directory. This directory will be available to all of our parishioners so information about your business would be visible every time that directory was referenced and hopefully our church family will consider**

**your business "first" for their needs.**

**The cost for a business card ad is \$50.00. A half page ad is \$75.00 and a full page ad is \$130.00. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity we will need to have your business card or art work to the church office no later than August 16<sup>th</sup>.**



**Oct 14-16 @ Best Western near Detroit Metro Airport \*Please note change in date from the June newsletter - editor error. Sorry!**

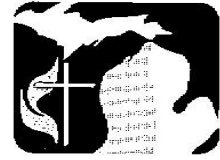
**Questions? Jim & Sharon Kavanaugh @ 821-7244**



## Detroit Conference The United Methodist Church

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July 14, 2011

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Grace and peace to you. We write to thank you for your faithfulness in ministry, and your faithful support of ministries beyond your own doors. You are one of the 296 churches in the Detroit Conference of The United Methodist Church that paid 100% or more of your 2010 apportionments. Of those churches, 47 had not been able to reach the 100% goal in 2009. We celebrate that growth. Your commitment has allowed a wide range of ministry to unfold and develop. Please find enclosed a certificate of gratitude from our General Council on Finance and Administration.

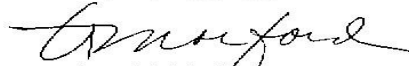
The Detroit Conference received 83 percent of the apportionments asked in 2010, an increase of four percent over the 2009 totals (79 percent), and the third highest amount over the past 10 years. The total amount apportioned to local churches in 2010 was \$9.7 million, nearly \$1 million less than the amount apportioned in 2009, an intentional effort of our conference leadership to adjust as our local churches have made adjustments.


We continually live as a people of hope, and this is evidence of churches who are committed to stewardship that is both sacrificial as well as selfless. We celebrate the contributions of our local churches that allow us to live out our vision of creating and nurturing dynamic and fruitful congregations that bring about transformation of lives and communities.

With the contributions to apportionments, The Advance, Ministry Jubilee projects and the ministries within your communities, our churches are showing that it is not just about themselves but about the world in which they live. The people called United Methodists in the Detroit Conference are generous, and for that we are thankful.

May God continue to bless the shared ministry of which we are a part. May your local church continue to be a presence and movement for Jesus Christ in your community and beyond.

In Christ's Service,

  
 Anna M. Morford  
 Conference Treasurer

  
 Rev. Dr. Jerome R. DeVine  
 Director of Connectional Ministries

### Mustard Seeds to the Rescue

Judy Barbour, secretary

**“What shall we say the kingdom of God is like....? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”**  
**Mark 4:30-32**

Just before this goes to print my Markey Church Sunday school class, “The Mustard Seeds,” are painting my house—in this dreadful heat!

Our class has just finished studying “The HOLE in our Gospel” by Richard Stearns. In brief, he says, “2000 years ago 12 people changed the world.” Rich believes it can happen again; “each of us doing a part to complete God’s vision of reclaiming the world for God’s kingdom.” We decided to give it a try; the Mustard Seeds would help others with tasks they could not do or afford to do alone. I was the lucky recipient of this action although to be honest the “seeds” have done multiple other projects helping others in various ways.

As a new widow, I find many of the chores to up-keep my home overwhelming at best; and I certainly could not afford to hire a painting crew. Some ‘seeds’ own a hardware store and gave me a deep discount for the paint. Other seeds brought food for the volunteers, taped windows or loaned us scaffolding and ladders. All of us prayed for safety and job completion.

And it’s all done, 2 days of sweat-soaked but cheerful labor and the job’s complete. But the Mustard Seeds are not done; we’ve more projects on our horizon.

Did you read Cindy Edwards article this month? (pg 5) See how serving can help others in a big way? I encourage you to read “The Hole in Our Gospel,” by Rich Stearns or “Love Wins,” by Rob Bell. If we are to wear the name of Christians, what are we doing to change OUR world? Each of us can do some small part for God’s Kingdom.

See Martha Clapp’s write up of the pennies for potatoes; (pg 10) see how mere pennies; the coins tossed in our car console or found on the ground(!) can help others who are hungry.

Small people, small ideas = big help!

Feeling so very blessed,  
*Judy Barbour*

## A Day in Mission Event - Thursday, September 8th, 2011

Join *Flint District UMW* in a **Day in Mission** as we travel to Detroit to **Cass Community Social Services, Inc.**, which began in the 1880's as Cass Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church. We will have a variety of jobs assigned to us by the Rev. Faith Fowler, now leader of this great ministry, located in the inner city of Wayne County.

The church started its first food lines in the 1930's during the Great Depression. Several acquisitions of property and program expansion have taken place. **Cass Community** now has over 100 employees, utilizes 5000 volunteers annually and has an operating budget of \$6 million dollars!

We invite YOU to have this day of service at **Cass**, as we work, eat and fellowship together and experience this great mission in action!

SIGN UP EARLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS GREAT DAY IN MISSION

**Reservations:** Your full payment will confirm your reservation. Please make check payable and mail to:  
 Sally J. Andrews, tour coordinator  
 423 W. Todd Ave. Reed City, MI 49677-1143 phone #810-444-4823

**Cancellation policy:** In the event there is no one to replace you, an administrative fee in addition to any non-refundable costs, will be charged for cancellations made 30 days (August 7th) or less prior to the trip.

**Departure Point:** Flint, K-Mart parking lot, eastside of Applebee's , I-75 @ Miller Road  
 Check in 7:30 a.m., departure 8:00 a.m. Approximate arrival home 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per person, includes round trip transportation, escort, lunch at the mission, tour and work day at Cass Community, and Christian fellowship.

Reservation Form	<u>A Day in Mission</u>	September 8, 2011
Name _____	phone # _____	Cell phone # _____
Address _____	City _____	Zip _____
Enclosed \$ _____	for # _____	persons
Name of church _____		
Attendees names _____		
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**Cass Community Social Service**



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**Update on Our Mortgage Campaign Drive**

Well, our race is underway and the pace is good and steady! We can see the finish line ahead.

We have neared completion of our **“Race to Win”** campaign drive to keep our mortgage fund well funded for the next three years.

So, are you **In It to Win It?** This race to the “finish line” doesn’t have to be difficult if we all do our part.

Thanks very much to all of you who returned your Consecration Pledge cards on Celebration Sunday for our “In It to Win It Campaign”. Our preliminary estimates towards the mortgage-side of our budget showed 57 pledges that totaled over \$171,000. This represents about 73%

of our goal. Our church needs \$234,000 over the next 3 years to meet its mortgage commitment to the bank. While the fast “runners” (i.e. pledgers) have crossed the finish line, we are still waiting for “joggers and walkers” to “finish” the race!

So there is still time for you to make a pledge & see that our “race” finishes strong! Pledge cards can be mailed, dropped off at the church or placed in the offering plates over the next few weeks. Thanks again for your strong faith and commitment to all that GSUMC of the North does here in Roscommon.

Remember our “in in to win it” statements:

We’re committed to inviting people into a life giving relationship with Jesus;

We’re committed to investing in the hearts and lives of the next generation;

We’re committed to loving and serving the needs of our community in the spirit of Christ-like love; and

We’re committed to being a welcoming, loving and caring family of faith that is open to all.

With blessings, from your GSUMC Finance Team.