

THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

*Detroit East District
October/November 2005
Rev. Dr. Dale Miller
District Superintendent
Cecelia Tolliver, Editor*

PARSON TO PARSON

I spend a lot of time in the car going from one meeting to another. My vehicle includes a ten disk CD changer for those long drives so that I can relax to my jazz favorites. On the short trips I pay attention to an AM station for news and traffic updates and I enjoy a FM station that plays "golden oldies." Of course all of the "golden oldies" include the music I grew up with as a youth. On the way to the office today I heard a singer belt out, 'Can I Get Me a Witness?' He was singing about his love for a girl, but just as they did with a few other songs in the movie "Sister Act" it wouldn't take much to turn that lyric into a song about a love relationship with God. Can I get me a witness? Can we get 17,654 witnesses from the Detroit East District?

The theme for the 2005 charge conferences is "Offering Christ." The United Methodist Council of Bishops has as its quadrennial theme, "Making Disciples." There is a gospel train roaring down the tracks with a head of steam whistling out to all disciples to become involved in sharing the good news of Christ Jesus. Some people want to jump on board. Some people like standing exactly where they are. Some people think that trains are outdated and irrelevant. What do you think? What do you believe?

On Thursday, October 6, beginning at 9 am the Detroit East and West District Pastors are invited to a Fall Pastor's Conference with Craig Miller from the Board of Discipleship. He will be addressing the reality of developing a vital church that includes evangelism. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. The host church will be Orchard UMC in Farmington. The event will conclude by 4 pm. I hope that as many pastors as possible will be able to attend this gathering.

I also received information that the DAC Board of Discipleship will be offering a Worship and Evangelism training event on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at Flint Calvary UMC. This will be for clergy and laity.

I believe strongly in evangelism, but I also believe that we don't engage in evangelism for the purpose of reversing membership decline or for increasing our giving base. In *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. Eliot wrote: "The last temptation is the greatest treason, to do the right deed for the wrong reason." On the other hand, however, to do nothing with evangelism because someone else is doing it out of the wrong motivation or with the wrong theology is to abdicate our responsibility to God to be involved with God's grace for people everywhere. Herb Miller once wrote, "Evangelism efforts are as natural a result of biblical Christianity as apples are a result of apple trees."

I invite all of us to seriously engage United Methodists in a conversation about reaching out to people with a message of grace. I challenge our pastors and churches to put as much effort into "making" disciples as we do into "serving" disciples.

Grace and Peace,
Dale

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**The Metropolitan
Regional Offices
will be closed on
Thursday, Nov. 24th
and Friday, Nov.
25th in observance
Thanksgiving**



**Daylight Savings Time
ends Sunday, October
30th - Set back your
clocks!**

DEDCYM 2005

Your DEDCYM President, Ang Pryor

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday at Warren: First UMC, 5005 Chicago Rd., in Warren at 7:00 p.m. We hope to have youth participation from each district church!!! Upcoming district events include:

Oct. 29th 2:00—5:00—God Games!!! At Detroit: Metropolitan UMC, 8000 Woodward Ave. \$3 per person. Competition between other churches in the District. Any questions, email Ang Pryor or Rev. Caroline Hart at dedcym@hotmail.com.

Winter Retreat, Jan. 27-28, 2006 with the Flint District at Genesys Athletic Center. More info later.

Spring Retreat, "The Road To Damascus—A Traveling Retreat" Travel throughout the night to participating churches. If your church would be interested in participating (serve as a host) please contact DEDCYM@hotmail.com.

The DAC Council on Youth Ministries website is <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/daccym>.



UMW DATES

Mary Fayerweather, President

Oct. 8—District Annual Meeting—Birmingham: First UMC

Oct. 24—Elected District Officers Training—Port Huron: First UMC, 4-8 p.m.

Oct. 25—DAC UMW Annual Meeting—Port Huron: First UMC, 10-3 p.m. Keynote Speaker is Margaret Madison.

Nov. 4—Church Women United World Community Day.



AIDS DAY

John Hart, District Lay Leader

Just a reminder to every pastor and lay leader -- December 1st is coming soon and, in keeping with Resolution 10, passed at the 2005 Annual Conference, we all have a responsibility to observe world AIDS day about this time. Details are on page 202 of your Journal.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Last month we were pleased to have Tony Perry visit us on behalf of the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM). I am confident that everyone who attended found the music enjoyable and the message thought-provoking.

The Book of Discipline recently highlighted the critical importance of men's ministry by requiring each church to have a United Methodist Men's group. So far in our district UMM events we've met men from over half of our churches, and it's been both an enjoyable and educational experience. For example, several of us from St Luke's played in the Utica UMM's golf outing last week. It was great to meet more United Methodist Men as well as to see many of our friends from Utica. We want to meet and share ideas with the rest of you, too. To that end, some of our district steering team members have agreed to travel to different district churches on occasional Sundays. The intent is to establish some personal contacts, not to surprise, so we'll be in contact with the church before each visit.

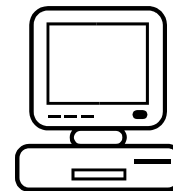
Next month, I hope to see many of you at the annual Detroit Conference UMM meeting, which will be held Oct. 8th, from 9:00 - 2:00 at Port Huron 1st UMC. Please let us know if you'd like to attend -- either contact one of us listed below or write to our Conference UMM President, Lee Donley, 1223 Brauer Rd, Oxford, MI 48371.

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Another Step with Technology

In the world today, many of us can do without some of the paper we get. Would you prefer to receive your Detroit East District Newsletter via email or 'snailmail'? Beginning with the December/January edition, you can receive our newsletter in your email inbox instead of your U.S. Mail Box. Let us know? Send your response to cecelia@umc-de.org and you will receive the district newsletter in printable form.



Around the District . . .

The Detroit East and West District have scheduled the Twelfth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Sunday, January 8, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at Warren: First UMC, 5005 Chicago Road in Warren. The Reverend Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart, III, of Southfield Hope UMC is the Keynote Speaker who will bring the message focusing on "The Power of A Dream." Mark your calendars!



Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery

At Detroit: Central UMC

- ⇒ Oct. 9th—2:00—Poetry Reading—2nd Floor
- ⇒ Oct. 29th—1:00—Films for Arts and Activism
- ⇒ Nov. 5th—1:00-4:00— 2nd Annual Silent Auction/Treasure Sale—4th Floor
- ⇒ Nov. 12th—James Gordon in Concert; \$10.00—2nd Floor
- ⇒ Nov. 19 and Dec. 10th—Films for Arts and Activism

Leadership Events—2005-6

Nov. 5th—10:30—Noon, Berkley: First UMC. Focus: Youth Ministry. The cost is \$2 per person or \$10 per church. Bring as many people as you want from your Work Area or interested members. Contact Rev. Jack, Mannschreck at 248-689-1932.

Feb. 4, 2006—9:00—1:00, DE/DW District Leadership Day. Keynote Speaker is Lovett Weems.

Leadership Training

Other Stuff To Plan

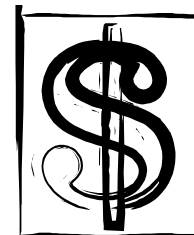
Jan. 17-19—Large Church Initiative Worship Conference; First UMC, Grapevine, TX. For more info go to WorshipConnection.com.

May 13th—Worship/Evangelism Training Event at Flint: Calvary UMC. Sponsored by the Conference Board of Discipleship. More info to come later.

The Stewardship Academy

The most exciting and comprehensive stewardship training available in The United Methodist Church, will be enrolling a new class for the session beginning this fall. The Academy is a series of four two-day seminars exploring the theory and practice of Christian Stewardship. The first session of this year's Stewardship Academy will be held Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, 2005 at Hope UMC, G-4467 Beecher Road in Flint. Participation in this first session does not obligate you to continue through the remaining sessions but attendance at the October session is mandatory for participation at future Academy sessions.

Because space is limited, participation in this year's Academy will be open to the first 25 congregations that register. Your Academy registration fee covers up to 6 persons per church. Additional participants may attend for an additional \$25 per person. Registration forms are available at the DE District Office.



Lazy Summer Days??

*John Hart,
District Lay Leader*

Whew, what a summer. Now that it is officially autumn, perhaps I can catch my breath—no, it's already time to start up the fall activities. Somewhere in my distant past, I remember that summer days were lazy and slow. This year has been full of events that have kept me way too busy.

We started with a family trip to Judson Collins Camp for the Detroit Conference Choir Camp. Four of us were counselors and two were campers. Every day was scheduled from sunrise (the woodchuck walk) through morning worship, meals, choir rehearsals, classes, evening activities, vespers by the lake and lights out. Singers from fourth grade through high school come together for a week of learning about music and their faith and conclude the camp with a concert. They take home a lifetime memory.

The middle of July was occupied with the wedding of our youngest daughter. Nuff said?

Then came the "Circle G ranch" Vacation Bible School. Did your church reach out to the children for this yearly event?

Then it was time for high school youth to meet at Adrian College for the Conference Youth Assembly (CYA) camp. Again our family provided both a camper and a counselor. Again this is an opportunity for Christian young people to gather to learn about leadership by doing and grow their faith. All seven districts were represented in the 40 campers with more from Detroit East than any of the others. Election results included Detroit East youth in the positions of Vice President Angie Pryor from Ferndale and Youth Service Fund (YSF) Officer Pat Hart from Warren First. The outgoing President of this organization is Dan Hart also from Warren First. Each year the Conference youth plan and conduct a fall rally, the Confirmand's meetings with the Bishop, the CYA camp, distribute the Youth Service Funds and hold other meetings and events through the year. Be sure your youth group knows the schedule for both district and conference youth events. The camp ended with worship at Adrian First UMC where it was good to see Rev. Gary Dawes (just transferred from Berkley) welcome all 40 plus of us. Gary was one of the first deans of the CYA camp.

So who do you know who went to camp or VBS this summer? Next Sunday, try to locate a child, a youth or an adult in your church who has been connected this year and ask them about their week. See how God's word comes to the children through activities they enjoy.

Come to think of it, isn't that the way God's word comes to us, too?

Spring Workshop—2006

We are making plans for the spring workshop and would like your input. "Do You Know?" will go over the books/resources that should be in every church office (The Book of Disciplines and Resolutions, Social Principles, the Detroit Conference Journal, The Detroit Conference Resource, United Methodist Publishing House, Cokesbury, InfoServe, the Detroit Conference Web Site, etc.)

If you would like a particular top covered, please let us know so we can incorporate it into the program. The date and location for this workshop has not been determined yet, but we will let you know as soon as possible so you can make plans to attend.

The 24th Annual PAUMACS Conference is scheduled for April 20-22, 2006 in Pasadena, CA. The theme "We're Coming Up Roses" promises to deliver a variety of workshops led by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, California-Pacific Annual Conference, Dr. Philip A. Amerson, President and professor of Church and Society at Claremont School of Theology; Rev. Sara Armstrong, author of *The Shattered Pearl*; and others. The deadline for registration is March 18th 2006. Copies of the complete brochure is available at the Detroit East District Office.

Lay Leader

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Friend Raising Tour

The Michigan Area UMC Campus Ministry having a 'Friend Raising Tour' not much different than the Mission Saturation we experienced this past Spring. They envision a good speaker willing to tell their personal campus ministry story. It is believed that the best person would be a student currently involved in a United Methodist campus ministry (whether in Michigan or elsewhere). Other potential speakers might include: a former student (i.e. alumni/us); a member(s) of the Board of a campus ministry; staff and/or clergy associated with a campus ministry

A short (up to five minutes) presentations would be given in the context of a Sunday Worship Service. Other contexts might include group meetings which could allow for more time shared. Such groups might include: UMW; UMM; Youth Groups; Weekday worship meetings; and Mission Encounter Teams. The context and time can be negotiable. It is hoped that speakers share a story about how Jesus Christ used campus ministry to change (help, transform) their life; or the role of campus ministry in their faith journey. Some speakers may want to share photos, a skit, or special music from their campus ministry experience. The exact content is entirely up to the speaker and the local church to decide.

The designated dates are October 23rd through November 13th, 2005. The goal is to have at least one story from campus ministry shared in every church in the state. The 'tour' is meant to heighten the awareness of our campus ministries and build stronger connections with our local churches. There is no fundraising involved (other than Higher Education Sunday which comes later on November 27th 2005).

To participate, churches need only recruit a student (current or alumni) who is involved in a United Methodist campus ministry. Ask her or him to speak or write about her or his experience with your congregation. That's really all there is to it. Of course, you are welcome to make the "Friend Raising Tour" campaign as big of deal as you want. You may want to invite multiple speakers over the course of a month, or having a special service dedicated to this theme. The goal is simply one story from campus ministry shared in every church in the state.

For assistance in arranging speakers, discussing ideas, and learning more about the tour, contact Rev. Chris Momany, Chaplain, Adrian College, 517-265-5161, ext 4211 or cmomany@adrian.edu.

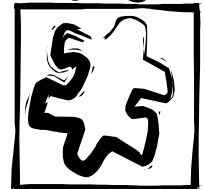
Prayer Concerns:

*Bishop Jonathan Keaton
Rev. Karen Noel
FEMA/Red Cross/U.S. Government
The Gulf Coast survivors and victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita*

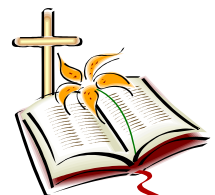
*Detroit Annual Conference Cabinet
Detroit: St. Paul's UMC
Our communities*



**Don't forget
to ask
Dr. Miller
to sign your**



**God Games!!!
puzzle piece at
your Church
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Camping & Retreats—Upcoming events

Horse drawn Wagon Rides, Judson Collins Center

Sundays, through – November. Come Join Mike and Pat our Belgian Horses for a wagon ride through the fall foliage and refreshments. Rides are \$6 per person and include donuts and cider by a campfire. Register to reserve your time! For more information, visit www.judsoncollinscenter.org or call 517-467-7711.

Harvest Festival, Myers Lake Campground

Oct. 7-8, 2005. Traditional Fall events including hay rides, costume dance, pumpkin carving and judging, and trick-or-treating. Come for the day, or camp out for the weekend. For more information visit www.myerslake.com or call 800-994-5050.

October 14-15, 2005—Ragland Peace Institute, Lake Huron Retreat Center

Named in memory of former Lake Huron Camp Manager, Jim Ragland, a World War II Christian Pacifist, the Institute engages us in putting peacemaking into practice. Leadership will engage participants in discussion and Bible Study dealing with peace and justice issues. The retreat experience will contain time for prayer, worship and Holy Communion. More information available at <http://www.umccamps.org/huron.peaceinst.htm>

Nov. 4th-6th—Confirmation Retreat, Judson Collins Center

Expand your confirmation experience by sharing it with other youth from UM Churches. Join us as we cover a variety of topics in sessions and workshop lead by UM Clergy and Judson Collins Center staff. For more information <http://www.judsoncollinscenter.org/Upcoming%20Events.htm> or call 517-467-7711.

Nov. 4-6, 2005—Women's Spiritual Retreat Weekend, Lake Huron Retreat Center
More information coming soon, or you may call or e-mail Lake Huron Retreat Center to be sent a brochure, 810-327-6272.

Christmas Dinner & Silent Auction, Lake Huron Retreat Center

Dec. 3, 2005.—We will begin with punch and appetizers and then move on to a delicious holiday buffet of carved roast beef and baked chicken. Following dinner there will be a silent auction to benefit Lake Huron Retreat Center. \$20 per person. Visit www.lakehuronretreat.org or call 810-327-6272 for more information.

Single Adult New Year's Eve, Lake Huron Retreat Center

Dec. 30-Jan. 1, 2006—Single Adult New Year's Eve, Lake Huron Retreat Center
Single adults of all ages are invited to Lake Huron Retreat Center for a weekend retreat that rings in the New Year! Our weekend begins on Friday, December 30th at 7:00 p.m. and concludes with a special New Year's Day Brunch on Sunday, January 1st. The weekend includes lots of time for fellowship and conversation, with an emphasis on group interaction and relaxation. There will be a special worship service at midnight on New Year's Eve. Rev. Carl Gladstone will be our featured guest, providing music on Saturday evening. Event cost is \$100 per person and includes 2 overnights, 4 meals, snacks and retreat leadership. All guests will stay 2-3 per room. Littleton Lodge will be utilized first, with Ragland Lodge being used once Littleton is full. Come enjoy a relaxing weekend at Lake Huron Retreat Center. Meet new single adults, worship and play together and ring in 2006! More information at <http://www.umccamps.org/huron.newyears.htm> or call 800-334-0544.

Summer camp Schedule for 2006 will be available in December!

Does your church use slides on Sunday mornings? For scenic photos of camps go to <http://umccamps.org/scenicphotos.htm>



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Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers training events and workshops around the country. They are having two events in the Detroit area in November, 2005. The events are:

God's Own Peace: Systems Thinking and Spirituality—November 2, 2005 in Dearborn. **God's Own** Peace is designed for anyone who desires to ground daily life more intentionally in their relationship with God. It acquaints participants with some basics of Bowen theory, and then proposes that “working at self” requires grounding self in God. Emphasis is given to meditative prayer as a means through which participants can work to ground self in God in ways that impact one’s functioning. Participants are given an overview of approaches to meditative prayer and opportunities to practice them.

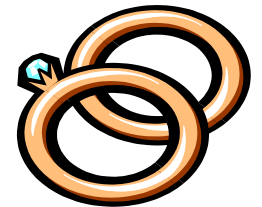
Charting Self: The Beliefs Chart as a Tool for Change—November 3, 2005 in Warren. **Charting Self** is for individuals who want to begin a long-term effort at clarifying the “solid self” which provides a basis for responsible thought and choice in an anxious world. The workshop assumes that many of our beliefs have more to do with being comfortable in relationships than with independent thought.

Further information, registration brochures, and discount coupons can be obtained by visiting their website—www.LMPeaceCenter.org—or by calling Erin Dalian, LMPC Assistant for Communications at 630-627-0507. If you would like a quantity of brochures and discount coupons, let them know and they will mail you some.



Marriage Encounter United Methodist

Marriage is a journey. Continue to grow and make discoveries along the way. In the world today, couples often settle for less than the true potential in their marriage relationship. Why settle for less than the best? Come grow with us and experience all that you can be as a couple. Weekend dates and locations are October 7-9 in Marquette; November 4-6 in Muskegon; and February 11-13 in Southfield. For more information, brochures, speakers, video, etc. contact: Chuck and Dalice Yost, 313-937-1051 CYOST@wmi.rr.com. *An Affiliate of the General board of Discipleship*



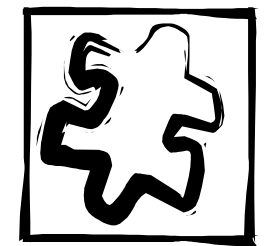
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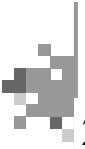
GOD GAMES!!!

October 29th 2005—From 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.
At Detroit: Metropolitan UMC
8000 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202

**Cost- \$3 per person to be donated to a charity
decided by the church with the most points.**

**You do not want to miss this competition
between other churches in the district!
To pre-register, or if you have questions, e-mail Ang Pryor
or Caroline Hart at dedcym@hotmail.com.**





2005 Church Conference Dates

October

Sat	1	Pontiac: First	10:30 am
Mon	3	Waterford: Trinity/Four Towns	7:00
Wed	5	Detroit: Mt. Hope	7:00
Sun	9	Harper Woods: Redeemer	2:30
		Detroit: Exousia	5:00
Mon	10	Mt. Clemens: First	7:00
Sat	15	Baldwin @ Grace & Peace	10:30 am
Sun	16	Detroit: St. Paul's	12:00
		Sterling Heights	5:00
Mon	17	Clawson	7:00
Tue	18	Eastpointe: Immanuel	7:00
Wed	19	Warren: First	7:00
Sun	23	Detroit: Central	2:30
		Madison Heights	5:00
Mon	24	Roseville: Trinity	7:00
Thurs	27	Detroit: Christ	7:00
Sat	29	Fraser: Christ	10:30 am
Sun	30	Royal Oak: St. John's	12:00
		Ferndale: First	2:30

November

Tue	1	Royal Oak: First	7:00
Wed	2	New Baltimore: Grace	7:00
Sun	6	Korean First Central	12:00
		Hazel Park	2:30

		Oak Park: Faith	5:00
Mon	7	Troy: Fellowship	7:00
Sat	12	Berea-St. Paul's	10:30 am
Sun	13	Berkley: First	12:00
		Birmingham: Embury	2:30
		Beverly Hills	5:00
Mon	14	Grosse Pointe	7:00
Tue	15	Rochester: St. Paul's	7:00
Wed	16	Waterford: Central	7:00
Sun	20	Troy: Big Beaver	12:00
		Utica	2:30
		Rochester Hills: St. Luke's	5:00
Mon	21	SCS: First	7:00
Mon	20	Pontiac: St. John	7:00
Tue	29	Troy: First	7:00
Wed	30	SCS: Good Shepherd	7:00

December

Thurs	1	Detroit: Metropolitan	7:00
Sun	4	Troy: Korean	12:00
		Bloomfield: St. Paul's	2:30
		Detroit: Cass Community	5:00
Mon	5	Birmingham: First	7:00

S/PPRC meets 30 minutes before the church conference, or 30 minutes before the last morning service.



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