



# THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

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## United Methodists Top \$1 million in Online Giving for Tsunami Relief Effort

NASHVILLE - The United Methodist Church has surpassed \$1 million in online gifts in response to the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami, Bishop Peter D. Weaver, President of the denomination's Council of Bishops announced.

"This is an unprecedented response to the humanitarian challenge the world faces in the Indian Ocean region," Weaver said. "When there is a need, people of good will respond, and they respond generously."

Weaver said every dollar given to the church's relief agency, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), goes directly to aid for the affected region. For more than 60 years, UMCOR has worked in partnership with a number of agencies in nearly 100 countries during humanitarian crises. UMCOR is one of the agencies listed by the U.S. government following President George Bush's appeal for Americans to donate to private, non-governmental relief organizations.

A special online site, [www.methodistrelief.org](http://www.methodistrelief.org), was activated on Dec. 27th and immediately generated hundreds of positive responses. The response grew as the death toll rose towards 150,000 and the world learned millions were homeless around the Indian Ocean.

"While collecting a million dollars on our Web site is an important milestone, we must remember that vast areas have been devastated by flooding," Weaver said. "The need is great, both in the short term, and especially for long-term reconstruction and rebuilding."

Online giving is only a part of the response from The United Methodist Church, Weaver said. Congregations across the church - in the U.S., Africa, Europe and Asia - are collecting funds and mobilizing to help in any way that they can.

Weaver, who is bishop of the Boston Area of the church, said the denomination's full-page advertisement in USA Today has also generated numerous responses for the relief drive. The advertisement, which appeared on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd in the U.S. and on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, in USA Today's international edition, said "hands folded in prayer are already at work."

"We are asking simply that people give to help those who have lost so much," Weaver said. "Persons can give to their charity of choice or through their local church, synagogue, mosque or temple.

For more information on United Methodist disaster relief, go to [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), and to [www.gbpm-umc.org/umcor](http://www.gbpm-umc.org/umcor). The U.S government's Web site for non-governmental disaster relief is [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov).

## The Metropolitan Regional Offices will be closed on Friday, March 25th in observance of Good Friday.

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## DEDCYM 2005

Your DEDCYM President, Dan Hart

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:

### Upcoming Conference Events:

TBD—Spring Retreat

District youth or youth leaders who want to be involved with DEDCYM, contact Dan Hart at (586) 573-4316 or [danhart05@hotmail.com](mailto:danhart05@hotmail.com), or Rev. Caroline Hart at (586) 264-4701 or [revchart@yahoo.com](mailto:revchart@yahoo.com). You can also contact us at [DEDCYM@hotmail.com](mailto:DEDCYM@hotmail.com). Each DE Dist. Church receives mailings for every event.

The Detroit Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministries has created a website to keep churches and youth aware of activities and resources. As of this printing, the website was still under construction, however, the URL is <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/daccym>.



## UMW DATES

- Feb. 12—District UMW Day Apart for Prayer (see flyer in this publication)
- Mar. 4—Church Women United World Day of Prayer
- Apr. 1-2—Church Women United State Assembly, Bay City
- May 6—Church Women United May Fellowship Day
- June 1 6-19—Midwest Region School, Des Moines, Iowa
- July 30—School of Christian Mission—Waterford: Central UMC
- Aug. 9-12—H.O.M.E. & 3-Day School—Flint Character Inn
- Oct. 8—District Annual Meeting—Waterford: Central 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.
- Nov. 4—Church Women United World Community Day



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Detroit East District is trying to revamp our United Methodist Men's ministry. A six-person Steering Committee has been meeting to see what it is going to take to revitalize this ministry. Scott Shultz of St. Luke's UMC in Rochester Hills is spearheading this group and you are invited to help us rebuild a men's ministry in the Detroit East District.

First, we are interested in contacting every men's group in the District, **whether it be an official United Methodist Men's group or not**. If you have a men's group in your church of any kind, would you please send the name, address, telephone number and email address of a contact person with whom we can be in communication. Please send this information to Scott Shultz at 3095 Rolling Green Circle, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, or at [sashultz@comcast.net](mailto:sashultz@comcast.net), or call (248) 375-2712.

Second, if you have a man who would like to serve on the Steering Committee, please have him contact Scott. We are looking to build the Steering Committee to include twelve men who want to develop a viable and vital men's ministry in the District. Thanks for your help.

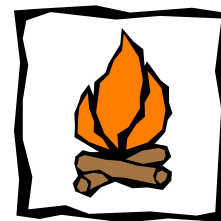


## Camping

The 2005 camp schedule is now on-line at [umccamps.org](http://umccamps.org)! Registration have begun. Are you looking for something new? Try...

- ⇒ Great Lakes Family Adventure, July 4-7, Lake Huron Retreat Center
- ⇒ Superior Backpacking, June 26-July2, Grades 9-12, leaves from Camp Kinawind
- ⇒ Adult Kayak Camp, July 19-21, ages 18 & older, leaves from Camp Kinawind
- ⇒ Outpost Challenge Camp, Grades 9-12 July 10-15 or Grades 7-9 July 17-22, Judson Collins Center
- ⇒ Dunes Survivor, Grades 7-12 July 3-8, Camp Kinawind
- ⇒ Operation: Mission, Grades 7-12 July 3-8, Judson Collins Center

For a complete listing of new camps and to see your old favorites, head to [umccamps.org](http://umccamps.org), or call Heather D. Laskos, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries at 800-334-0544.



## You Might be Called to Ministry If . . .

Have you felt a Call to be a Local Pastor? . . . An Elder? . . . A Deacon? If so, on Friday, April 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m., there will be a retreat sponsored by the Detroit Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to help persons explore God's call in their lives into ministry in the United Methodist Church. Held at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, the cost is only \$55.00 per person which includes 3 meals (pizza Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday). To register, send name and check made payable to the **Board of Ordained Ministry** by March 30, 2005 to Rev. Murphy Ehlers, 1741 Old Homestead Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. Email your questions to [murphyehlers@aol.com](mailto:murphyehlers@aol.com).



## New Cokesbury Partnership

Cokesbury is introducing a new program, which will provide an even broader service to their customers. They have entered into a nationwide partnership with top leading manufacturers who not only share their mission but also commit to creating a venture that encompasses every conceivable church need.

The following are just a few of the innovative services offered:

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| Flooring (carpet/hardwood/tile) | Sound systems    |
| Pews                            | Steeple          |
| Furnishings                     | Office equipment |

For more information about this new and exciting endeavor, call Roxanna Wayman at 1-800-237-7511, fax 1-615-749-6172, or email: [rwayman@umpublishing.org](mailto:rwayman@umpublishing.org). Because we live in an ever-changing world during uncertain times, Cokesbury is committed to provide ground breaking expansion so as children of God, they can further their work in His service.



## Give Your Spouse the Best Valentine Ever!

Fall in love all over again at a Marriage Encounter weekend. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love the difference a M-E weekend can make! United Methodist Encounters in Michigan are scheduled for February 11-13 in Southfield, and April 29-May 1 in Midland. Call Registration Couple Dalice and church Yost for information at (313) 937-1051, or email: [CYOST@twmi.rr.com](mailto:CYOST@twmi.rr.com)



## Long Range Planning

I read somewhere that, according to a survey, the average American considers the "long range" in long range planning to be 90 days. That number was a little surprising at the time since my job was assembling five-year projections to make the business plan for our department. I found most managers had difficulty thinking beyond the twelve-month point. I heard that one Japanese company has a 200-year plan.

We, as individuals, have become accustomed to pacing our actions within this short window. Ads arrive with prices and bargains that are only good for a week, two days, twelve hours or Friday only. We are encouraged by ads aired today to tune the TV to this channel tonight for these programs or to watch this talk show tomorrow. We are told to charge it with no interest for months rather than saving up the money first. Many employees do not participate in available company retirement programs.

In response to this, the stores do not sell out of snow shovels and snow blower spark plugs until it really snows. A version of not saving for the proverbial rainy day. Think I am kidding? Be honest, have you started planning for Christmas 2005? How about Easter 2006? I haven't made any firm plans for Easter 2005, myself.

OK, maybe you are convinced we don't plan ahead, but what is the point? This occurred to me last night as I assembled the statistical report for the Conference Statistician and I wondered just how many of those numbers (new members by profession of faith, average number of people in worship, Sunday school attendance for adults, etc.) were the result of intentional goal setting.

Well, really probably none.

We, as a local congregation, pretty much just write down what has happened with little being done to make change happen. I would be interested in hearing from you, the reader of this rambling. What has your church done lately to look, long range, at your future? What actions did you take to bring new people into your flock? How well did it work? Could another congregation benefit from your wisdom? By another word, this might be called evangelism, but I prefer to look at it as long range planning.

Oh, yes, for the record, I am writing this when it is due, not weeks ahead of time.

John Hart  
District Lay Leader

## Leadership Events—2005

**Feb. 5, 2005**—9:00—1:00 pm, Nardin Park UMC. Theme: "Spiritual Formation," Leader: Zan Holmes, Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke's UMC, Dallas, Texas, Co-creator of Disciple Bible Study. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

**Mar. 12**—10:30—12:00 pm, Metropolitan UMC. Focus (1) Church Council/Ministry Team; (2) Lay Leadership/Spiritual Gifts; and (3) Evangelism The cost is \$10.00 per person.

**Sept. 18**—3:00—4:30 pm, Orchard UMC, Farmington. Focus: Staff/Parish. Theme: Nurturing Your Pastor...Legality of At-Will Evaluation Process. The cost is \$2 per person or \$10 per church.

*Leadership  
Training*

**From Our District Lay Leader**

## Employment Opportunities

Berkley: First UMC is looking for a part-time staff member needed to coordinate Christian Education Program from nursery through adult for UMC. Must be creative, able to delegate, organized and work well with people of all ages. Experience in Christian Ed preferred. Email resume to [berkley1stumc@berkley1stumc.org](mailto:berkley1stumc@berkley1stumc.org) or fax to 248-399-1939.

Royal Oak: St. John's UMC is looking for a new organist. Interested parties may fax their resumes to 248-588-5618 or mail them to the church: 3506 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Youth Coordinator

General Description: We are a regional, multi-cultural church in the heart of the City of Detroit. If you are someone who has sensed a call to an urban ministry that touches people of many races and ethnicities, this may be the place for you! We are looking for a committed, biblically astute Christian who relates well with middle school and high school students in a PART TIME position. This person must be effective in planning programs, Bible studies and special events; in supervising young people; and, in participating with them in these as well as in other programs and relational activities. The individual needs to be organized and dependable, a self-starter and team player, outgoing in personality and dependable in carrying out his or her job responsibilities. You would work along with the Associate Pastor responsible for Christian Education. Youth group meets each Sunday at noon. Salary negotiable. Interested candidates can fax or email their resumes to Rev. Green at 313-875-9067 or [fgreen@metroumc.org](mailto:fgreen@metroumc.org).

## Albion College Chapel on Tour

The Albion College Chapel Group and The United Voices of Albion College (their gospel choir) invite you to participate in a praise and worship experience like no other! This is an excellent opportunity to get a feel for what religious life on a college campus can be like. Family, friends and all guests are welcome. They will be in our area on Saturday, February 26th from 9:00—9:00 p.m. at the Birmingham: First UMC, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham.

Invitations have been extended to youth and families from other area churches, in order to make this **free** event an ecumenical celebration.

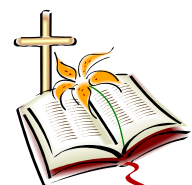
## Social Issues Workshop

Waterford: Central UMC is excited to present a workshop by Jim Winkler the General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society, the international public policy and social justice agency of the UMC. This workshop is underwritten by Peace and Justice Grant. On Saturday, February 26th at 9:00 am (registration) - 1:00 p.m., we will gather to hear and discuss the social issues of the 21st Century in the UMC. A continental breakfast and lunch is included in the \$5.00 cost. More detailed information will be shared in the Michigan Christian Advocate. Registration forms are available in the Detroit East District Office.

## Prayer Concerns:

*Bishop Jonathan Keaton  
Joanne Liles—Troy: Fellowship  
Tsunami victims and their families*

*Detroit Annual Conference Cabinet  
Peace in Iraq  
Children in Poverty*



## Worship Connection Teaching Conferences 2005

Worship Connection Teaching Conferences are three-day events that provide educational and community-building opportunities. Designed for leaders of any size church. The conferences have breakout sessions that explore specific worship topics in detail. To date, two Conferences are scheduled: April 7-9, 2005 in Kansas City, KS at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection; and May 5-7, 2005 in New York, NY at Christ Church United Methodist. Visit [WorshipConnection.com](http://WorshipConnection.com) for more information!



## Resolutions for 2005 DAC due February 15

Submit your resolution to the 2005 session of the Detroit Annual Conference in the following format with the motion and rationale taking up less than two pages.

**Motion:** State your recommendation/proposal as concisely as possible.

**Rationale:** Give supporting material and discussion of not more than 300 words.

**Submitted by:** Your name and church, your address and phone number.

Resolutions shall state the local church or church organization of which the signer is a member. If several members of a church, several churches, or more than one agency sign or submit a resolution, only the name of the individual, church, or agency and the number of persons signing shall be printed with the resolution. The committee on Reference and Daily Procedure reserves the right to place documents in the required format, if necessary.

Send one printed copy to Cheryl Mancier, 414 E. South Blvd., Troy, MI 48045. Resolutions must be submitted by February 14,15, 2005. Contact Cheryl at 248-879-9748 (H) or 248-689-1979 (W).



## Habitat for Humanity Blitz

The Jimmy Carter Work Project is Habitat for Humanity's largest annual event. It is coming to our state in June of 2005. Two cities, Benton Harbor and Detroit, have been designated as host sites where former President Jimmy Carter and his wife will be personally working on this project. In addition, 63 other sites across Michigan will be building houses in participation of the project.

I am encouraging you to seek out ways that you and your congregations can actively participate locally in this 22nd Work Project. The goal for this event is to build and complete over 225 houses throughout the state during the week of June 19-24.. An affiliate of the program will be contacting pastors to discuss your involvement or to answer any questions you may have.

*Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton*



## Igniting Ministry

Through its national television campaign, The United Methodist Church promises to be a denomination of open hearts, open minds and open doors. The call to live this promise is a worthy goal, set high, yet the achievement of the "Open Hearts" promise is perhaps best judged by those the church serves. When seekers respond to the advertising messages, they especially check out "the people of the United Methodist Church" to see whether we live up to that promise. As a result, it's essential that we live what we say.

The Igniting Ministry event offers three different training options at the same time. You can bring a team and cover all the sessions or just catch up with the newest information and resources. Your choice—all for one low price of \$40 per church. Please contact the Detroit East District Office for information or a brochure.

The dates are:

March 5th—New Jersey Area

April 2nd—North Texas Area

April 30th—California-Nevada Area

March 12th—Northern Illinois Area

April 16th—West Ohio Area



## Michigan Area Confirmands' Rally

The Confirmands' Rally provides an opportunity to consider significant decisions around saying "yes" to Jesus Christ as Savior and becoming a full member of The United Methodist Church. Participants will be challenged to consider ways in which their decisions have personal, local and global impact. Youth and their adult leaders will have an opportunity to learn and fellowship with other United Methodist youth preparing for confirmation, to meet our bishop, and to celebrate and worship together.

The day will begin with an opportunity for photos with Bishop Jonathan Keaton. (Please be sure to bring a camera and film!) You will then welcome together before breaking into a variety of group settings with your confirmation classes. The day will conclude with worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Michigan Area Confirmands' Rally is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 am—3:30 pm at Albion College in Albion, Michigan. The Rally is sponsored and coordinated by Albion College and the Detroit and West Michigan Conference United Methodist Church Councils on Youth Ministry.

To register, please complete one church registration and an individual registration/medical release for each participant. The registration deadline is Saturday, February 26th. No telephone registrations will be accepted. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person, which includes lunch and program costs. Please feel free to contact the Detroit East District Office for a brochure.

## PAUMCS

Travel with the New Mexico Conference Chapter to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 23rd Annual Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) Conference! The Conference is from April 14-16th. The theme is 'Catch the Dream of the Land of Enchantment', The cost of the Conference is \$200 for members and \$220 for Non-members. Scholarships for a portion of the Registration are available on a limited basis. Forms may be obtained from the Registrar. Please feel free to contact the Detroit East District Office for a brochure.

## Institute Certification Program

The PAUMCS Institute Certification Program is held annually at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. The Programs is sponsored by the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church. The Institute provides outstanding advance professional training and enrichment for Untied Methodist church secretaries from across the denomination. A participant who completes the program and meets the requirements set forth by the GCFA is eligible to apply for certification as a Professional United Methodist Church Secretary.

The five-day PAUMCS Institute is designed to stimulate professional growth and development of the individual. Participants are introduced to business concepts required for understanding the financial operations of the church as well as relationships with the pastor, church employees and members of the congregation. Studying such concepts with professors selected from a strong business school faculty and other experts encourages secretaries to become better informed and more effective church administrators.

Tuition for the 2005 Institute is \$300. This includes course materials, some lunches and dinners, and refreshments. Travel, room and additional meals and any other incidentals are the responsibility of each participants. Tuition scholarships for the Institute are available on a limited basis by written requests. Please feel free to contact the Detroit East District Office for a brochure.



*Good Friday*



*Easter*



## PARSON TO PARSON

Ash Wednesday falls on February 9th and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It seems that we have barely unwrapped the newborn Messiah and now we are challenged to begin the journey of passion with a grown Savior. We serve a God of miracles, a God who goes before us as a cloud by day and a fire by night. Lent envelops a time of spiritual discipline that drives us to our knees in prayer and opens our hearts and our hands to receive the ultimate expression of God's grace. It is a time of intimate, personal discovery that develops into a committed life of mission. We are part of a great and noble mission, a transformation of ourselves and of our world.

2005 brings to the Detroit East District a time of mission celebration. On January 15th over 150 people from 26 different Detroit East District churches gathered at Troy: First UMC for a satisfying dinner and a wonderful worship experience with Wayne Rhoades. Wayne was marvelous and a lot of excitement was generated for our Mission Celebration Event scheduled for April 23rd –28th.

There will be another banquet on April 23, 2005 at the Troy: Korean UMC with Dr. Bill Ritter from Birmingham: First UMC as our speaker. This is our Kick-Off Dinner for what we are calling the **TEAM CHURCH** mission celebration. Our guests at this dinner will be the 60+ mission interpreters that will be available to speak in our churches. Our goal for this evening is to have every church of the district represented with 300 people in attendance. We can do it!!!

Coming to you soon will be a letter asking you to let us know when you need mission interpreters to speak to various groups at your church. We are expecting that each church will have a mission interpreter in their pulpit on Sunday morning, April 24th, and at least three or four other events during the week. **TEAM CHURCH** can make a difference in the life of your people. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Grace and Peace,

**Dale**



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