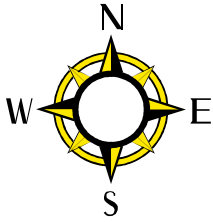


THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

*Detroit East District
June/July 2008
Rev. Duane E. Miller
District Superintendent
Cecelia Tolliver, Editor*



Compass Points

...a note from Pastor Duane

Covenant With Liberia Is Strengthened



Team members were: (L to R) Angie Hart from Warren: First & Associate Council Director, Ken Dowell from Beverly Hills, Rev. Mel Leach from Fraser: Christ, Amanda Graham from Eastpointe: Immanuel, and D.S. Rev. Duane Miller as Team leader.

Our Detroit East District Volunteer in Mission Team for 2008 had a wonderful, exciting, spirit-filled, and safe trip to one of our covenant districts in Liberia, West Africa.

Our district goal was to raise about \$24,000 to build a modern style district parsonage on the Kakata-Farmington River District. Twenty thousand would be for the house and four thousand would be for team lodging, food and vehicle use in Liberia. We actually raised about \$20,000.

We were warmly received by District Superintendent, Rev. Albert Barchue, and pastors and members of the Kakata-Farmington River District. We were taken to a place where we greeted by 150-200 people who led us singing for about 1/2 mile through the bush to a UM church where we worshiped together praising God and giving thanks for our safe arrival. They were especially excited because we were the first mission team to come to their district! The worship was spirit filled with lots of great music, singing, dancing, reading God's Word, and words of welcome.

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**Independence Day
July 4th**

Looking Ahead at 2008

Brenda Street, President

UMW Calendar

- July 26—School of the South, Howell UMC
- August 15-16 Two Day School, Lake Huron Retreat Center
- Oct. 11—District Annual Meeting, Berkley: First UMC
- Oct. 24—District Officer Training, Sault Ste. Marie: Central UMC
- Oct. 25—Conference Annual Meeting/Celebration, Sault Ste. Marie: Central UMC

Current List of Upcoming Young Adult Events!!!

If you want to be up-to-date on Young Adult activities, or want to be a part of planning conference Young Adult events, e-mail Ang Hart at trahgna@yahoo.com!

Mark Your Calendars

Conference Youth Assembly (CYA) - this 4-day camp experience is scheduled for August 1-10 (Wednesday 3:00 p.m. thru Sunday 1:00 p.m.) and will be held at Adrian College. The Camp is designed to build leadership for high school youth (completed 8th grade). This event is planned and led by the youth of the Conference council on Youth Ministries. The cost is \$200 per person and includes meals and four (4) nights in the college dorms. Registration forms are available at the Detroit East District office and at www.daccym.org. Questions can be directed to Laurie Kaufman de la Garza, adult advisor, at laurie.dklg@sbcglobal.net or 906-428-4623.

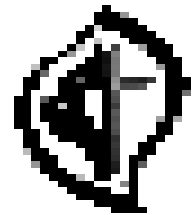
Upcoming UMM Events

- Jul. 24—No Man Left Behind Conference at 6:00 p.m. at Dexter UMC, Dexter, MI
- Sept 5-9—3rd Annual DAC Men's Gathering at 5:00 p.m. at Lake Huron Retreat Center
- Sept 20—UMM CEC meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Flint: Calvary UMC
- Oct 18—UMM Annual Meeting , (time and location to be determined)

Check Your Name

Now is a great time to check the information regarding your appointment, address(es), spelling of your name, your spouse's name, telephone number(s), email address, website, and cellular telephones are correct. If it's about you—check it! Many times Corrections are not always made in the DAC Journal or the District Directory. Check today and make sure all of your information is correct.

Additionally, the DAC is moving towards developing and publishing a directory of email addresses and websites of all of the churches in our Conference. Please send an email with your church's email and website address to the DAC Media Secretary at dwroniris@aol.com. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Do Not Discard or Throw Away Your Jubilee Spotlight 2008 Book!

*Rev. John C. Huhtala, Sr.
Dir. of Connectional Ministries*

We will **not** be printing a new Jubilee Spotlight book this year. Instead, we will hand out an **addendum** at annual conference with corrections and additions. You will need the Jubilee Spotlight 2008 book in addition to the addendum to participate in your ministry/mission of designated giving of resources, time, presence and prayers.

Again: Do not discard or throw away your Jubilee Spotlight 2008 book!



Walk to Emmaus

Are you interested in sponsoring someone to go on a Walk to Emmaus? The Southeast Michigan Community has openings on their upcoming Fall walks. Where there has been a waiting list, there is now walk-on status. Please visit the Emmaus Website at www.emmaussem.org to find the application.



2008 Pastoral Care Specialist Program

Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan announces the receiving of applications for its Fall, 2008 Pastoral Care Specialist Program, continuing education for local church ordained and lay professionals. Input this link www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com/index_files/Page3880.htm to find out more about the program and to download an application. The program is available in Farmington Hills, Michigan and in Holland, Michigan. Any questions; please call Dr. Patricia McCluskey, Associate Executive Director/ Director of Training, at 248-474-4701. Applications are due in August but those wishing to participate should send in their applications sooner, as space fills quickly.

Paul J. Melrose, Exec Dir.
Samaritan Counseling Center
www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com



Breath of Fresh Air - Blowing Open the Doors of Ministry

Super Sunday, September 28, 2008 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at University UMC in East Lansing., MI, is being hosted this year by the Wesley Foundation at Michigan State University and University UMC on behalf of the Lansing District.

Yes, you can also come if you are not from the Lansing District or the West Michigan Conference. Yes, you can also come if you are not United Methodist. Yes, you can also come if you are not an elected church leader or an ordained pastor. Yes, you can also come if you are one of the above.

Super Sunday is back! This great **FREE** training event for Christians has relocated to the Lansing District and is bigger and better than ever! Our theme this year is "Breath of Fresh Air". Blowing open the doors of ministry. Go to the DAC website to download the flyer with more information on this event.

**Super
Sunday**

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We sent \$5,000 in advance so they could start the project. Foundations were in and the blocks were up above the window level. They had made all of their own cement blocks. All of the timber for the lumber was cut with a large chain saw. All of the dirt was moved in buckets and empty cement bags on our heads. Each day a different church on the district sent a team to work with us on the construction. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, learning and sharing. They had even built bamboo benches under the growing bamboo as shade for us to rest from the heat and the work. We were able to complete the outside of the house and the roof of the parsonage. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a garage (to house a future motorcycle) and the District office. It is a good size home.

Yes, we were robbed in the night while we were sleeping! You probably heard that! It was not the most important thing that happened while we were there. God had sent us there to do a project and we were not about to let anything get in the way of what we came to do. When the robbery happened we never heard a thing. The robbers knew exactly what they were looking for so they didn't touch any thing other than my backpack that had part of our team money, our airline tickets, my personal money and my camera in it. They did pick up Mel's camera that was setting near-by on the floor. Our money was actually divided up between each of the team members so that if we ever did get robbed we would not lose all of our resources. The robbers assumed that since I was the team leader that I must have all the money. Six persons were eventually arrested, arraigned, and held for trial. We did not get anything back that was taken.

The Superintendent of the County (like the Governor of our states) came to visit us and apologized for what had happened to us. Bishop John Innis (UM Bishop of Liberia) called us from General Conference in the US to check on us. The news spread across Liberia on radio and pastors and friends I had met on previous trips to Liberia were calling to check on us.

There are lots more stories, adventures, and amazing experiences of God's love to tell about. I hope you will invite one or more of the team members to come to your church to tell the story and share their pictures.

We still have more work to do as a district to complete this project. Since we didn't raise the total we needed to complete the project, we still need to raise \$5,000. This will be enough to complete the inside of the house.

The VIM team also set a goal to put a roof on a church that was destroyed early in the war. The cost will be about \$6,000. We have pictures of that church and the pastor if you want more information about it. This would be a project that a church or a group could tackle to raise the money for it.

We also set a goal to purchase a motorcycle for the D.S., the Rev. Albert Barchue, so he can get around to the churches on his district more efficiently than walking for days at a time. The cost will be \$1,400 including helmet etc.

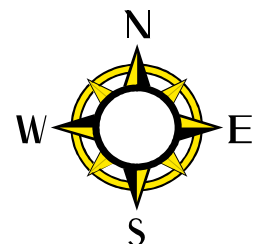
With our Liberian friends, we concluded that they could build more roofs on churches, at much less expense, if the district owned a chainsaw. That would enable them to cut their own timber and cut it into lumber rather than hiring someone who owns a chain saw to do it for them. The cost would be \$1,300.

I invite you and your church to join our district on these projects as we keep our covenant with each other. Give me a call to find out more about them. Remember to pray for the churches in Liberia and D.S. Rev. Albert Barchue. We would also like to bring Rev. Barchue to our district to itinerate to our churches next year. It would be a wonderful opportunity for our churches to hear him.

Completion of district parsonage	\$5,000
Motorcycle & helmet	\$1,400
Roof for church	\$6,000
Chainsaw with extended chain	\$1,300
Bring DS from Liberia	approx. \$3,000

Your brother in Christ,

Duane E. Miller



Large Church Initiative

This continuing education event is aimed at first time senior ministers of larger membership churches and is sponsored by The General Board of Discipleship's Large Church Initiative. Memorial Drive UMC in Houston is the event host. Their address is 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079. This program has proven most helpful for those new to the challenges of leading a staff of a large congregation or rapidly growing one.

This year the event will begin on Friday, October 3rd and conclude Monday noon, October 6th. They have planned an event the believe will offer a healthy, thoughtful, and inspirational opportunity for clergy appointed into larger membership churches during the past 3-15 months.

The program will focus on practical matters like visioning, staff leadership, self-care, stewardship, lay development and administration. Senior ministers who have been in the trenches, or who has "grown" a larger membership church in recent years may benefit. This event allows important networking across the connection.

The cost is \$300 per person or \$275 if registered before Sept. 8. \$200 for spouses. View Conference details at their website. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Suzy Reedstrom at 713-468-8356 or suzyreedstrom@mdumc.org. An information in, Is also on their website at 222.mdumc.org.



Project C.O.P.E.

The Boy Scouts of America have several camping and high adventure activities available to your church. One great activity for your high school age youth is Project C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). Project C.O.P.E. combines initiative games, a low challenge course, and a high ropes course to challenge students beyond what they thought their capabilities were. It also is a great program to develop team work, problem solving, communication, and trust within a group.

If your church is interested in finding out more about Project C.O.P.E, or would like to participate in the program, please call Rick Bassett at 248-338-0035 ext 111.

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248-338-0039 Fax

Join the eList and "Be Prepared"



Cruise Into History

Join Bishop Jonathan Keaton as he leads a group from the Michigan area on an 11-day study trip through Greece and Italy this November. The group will study the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul. The itinerary includes such wonderful cities as Athens, Corinth, Malta, Sicily, Rome, Naples and Pompeii. The mode of transportation is the Orient Queen cruise ship. *Educational Opportunities* has booked this ship for their use, which provides passengers with a unique opportunity for rich fellowship and conversation throughout their journey together.

Cost begins at approximately \$2,600 (dependent on cabin selection) and includes roundtrip airfare, motor coach transportation, cruise passage, guided shore excursions, breakfast and dinner daily, lunch aboard ship and entrance fees.

For a brochure on complete details, contact the district office or Project Coordinator, Reverend Ann Emerson at 810-327-6272 or annbythelakeshore@comcast.net



Pastoral Changes

Do you wonder why Duane has been so busy lately? These are the 2008 pastoral changes to date. Believe it or not, there are more changes to come!

Farewell to

Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna to the Samaritan Counseling Center
Rev. Dr. Patricia Green to Milan: Marble Memorial UMC
Rev. Susan DeFoe Dunlap to Dearborn: First UMC (Co-Pastor)
Rev. Robert Wright to Flint: Court Street UMC
Rev. Faith Green-Timmons to Holly: Calvary UMC
Rev. Caroline Hart to Coleman: Faith UMC
Rev. Donald Derby to Hillman, Spratt UMCs
Deacon April McGlothlin-Eller to Highland Park: Presbyterian
(Northern Illinois Annual Conference)

We Welcome

Rev. Dr. Gary Williams to Pontiac: St. John UMC
Rev. Jack Amick to Rochester: St. Paul's UMC (Associate)
Rev. Dr. Julius Del Pino to Rochester Hills: St. Luke's UMC
Rev. John Hice to Royal Oak: First UMC
Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford to St. Clair Shores: First UMC
Deacon Kathryn Pittenger to Waterford: Central UMC

Within the District

Rev. Judith May to Grosse Pointe UMC
Rev. Marshall Dunlap to Harper Woods: Redeemer UMC (¾)
& Dearborn: First UMC (Co-Pastor) (¼)
Rev. Thomas Taylor to Madison Heights UMC
Rev. Dr. Hal Weemhoff to Troy: First UMC
Rev. Dr. Dennis Paulson to Warren: First UMC
Rev. Rony Veska to Ferndale: First UMC
Deacon Carl Gladstone to Young Leaders Initiative

Enjoy Retirement

Rev. Dr. Anthony Shipley (Retired) ending DSA at Detroit: Christ UMC
Rev. Frederick Moore is Retiring from Pontiac: St. John UMC
Rev. Richard Peacock is Retiring from Troy: First UMC

Healing

Rev. James Schwandt is going on Disability Leave

Other Stuff & Dates

Copies of information on the following events are available in the DE District office.

- June 23 4-8:30 pm—Prayer in America: The 7th Annual Worldviews Seminar, Detroit Public Television, and the Interfaith Partners of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion at U of M Dearborn. To reserve a place, call Tanaya Parker at 313-870-1500.
- July 4—Metropolitan Regional Offices are closed in observance of Independence Day.
- July 15-19—Jurisdictional Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan



Other
Stuff
&
Dates

Upcoming Events!!

*Heather D. Laskos, Program and Marketing Assistant
Detroit Conference Outdoor & Retreat Ministries
800-334-0544 umccamps.org*



Both God's Treasures events at Lake Huron Retreat Center are full.

Joanne Liles Memorial Camp Scholarship Golf Scramble: Friday, June 13th, 2008, Cost: \$75, Dutch Hollow Golf Course Durand, MI, Registration: 8:30 to 9:15AM, Modified Shotgun Start @ 9:30AM

Counselor-In-Training Ages 16-18 Camp Kinawind

Put your leadership skills to the test with the Counselor-in-Training program! It's an opportunity to learn new skills and develop spiritually while gaining an understanding of working with children in outdoor ministry by hands-on experience. Those who successfully complete the CIT program may have the opportunity to serve as a volunteer counselor at an additional camp(s) later in the summer. Includes Detroit Conference Child Protection Training. June 14@11:30am-June 21@10am. Dean E. Stone. Cost \$166. Event ORM 1091.

Try: Summer Fun Ages 18 & Older Judson Collins Center

This event is for developmentally challenged adults who are capable of meeting their own basic self-care needs. Spend time with us making new friends, singing your favorite songs, and taking part in lots of exciting (developmentally appropriate) camp activities! Sign up and make this a summer of fun. A questionnaire to assess needs and abilities/skill levels will be sent to applicants and must be returned before being accepted into this program. June 30@10am-July 4@3pm. Cost \$337. Event ORM 2255. www.umccamps.org

Or: Acorn Camp Ages 9-23 Widewater Retreat Center

Physically challenged campers will enjoy a full schedule including games, crafts, swimming, campfire gatherings, worship experiences, music programs, and a talent show that is geared toward the age levels and abilities of physically challenged youth and young adults. Our aim is to pair each camper with a same-gender buddy to give assistance, offer companionship, and experience camp life together. A questionnaire will be sent to applicants and must be returned prior to acceptance. Widewater Retreat Center, in Liberty Center, OH, is approximately 30 minutes south of the Michigan border. This camp is offered as a joint event with West Ohio Conference. July 27@4pm-August 1@3pm. Registration due by July 11. Deans B. Stone & C. Snyder. Event ORM 8711. Cost \$337. www.umccamps.org

Grand Camp Grades K-4 (A grandparent / grandchild camp) Judson Collins Center

"Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation". Experience camp with your grandchild and energize your relationship with God. Create memories as you learn new songs, worship, play games, study the Bible, make crafts, swim, and laugh. Counselors will be on hand throughout this three-day/two-night event to provide age specific activities for you and your grandchild. June 29@3pm-July 1@3 pm. Cost \$168. (One Adult/One child, additional person \$78). Event ORM 2281.

Teddy Bear Grades K-1 Camp Kinawind

First-time campers will keep busy at Teddy Bear Camp with lots of teddy bear activities including crafts, cookouts and swimming. Come with a favorite adult and come with your favorite teddy bear! July 21@10am-July 22@4pm. Dean A. Terhune. Event ORM 1513. Cost \$118. (1 adult & 1 child)

Reality Tee Pee Grades 3-9 Judson Collins Center

Forget reality TV. Christian life is real! Challenge yourself and your campmates as you face new challenges from the tee pee challenge master. You will have opportunities to stretch your limits in teamwork and self-esteem as you progress in your spiritual journey, physical capabilities and emotional strengths. Your efforts will not go unrewarded; you are sure to gain the greatest prize of all, a closer relationship with God! Cost \$308.

Summer employment opportunities still available at Camp Michigamme and Lake Louise Camp. Please visit their websites for more information and contact info. <http://www.campmichigamme.org/> or <http://www.lakelouise.com>.

APPORTIONMENT PAYMENT UPDATE

Below is the record of the Detroit East District churches through February 2008. If you are on target, you should have paid at least 40% of this year's apportionment. We congratulate each churches effort in maintaining their connection

CHURCH	% Pension	Common Budget	CHURCH	% Pension	Common Budget
Berkley First	13	12	New Baltimore Grace	30	30
Beverly Hills	0	0	Oak Park Exousia	0	0
Birmingham: Embury	40	40	Oak Park Faith	0	0
Birmingham First	40	40	Pontiac First	0	0
Bloomfield St. Paul's	30	0	Pontiac Grace & Peace	40	25
Clawson	30	0	Pontiac St. John	40	29
Detroit Cass	0	0	Rochester St. Paul's	33	11
Detroit Central	30	0	Rochester Hills St. Luke's	10	10
Detroit Christ	30	7	Roseville Trinity	0	0
Detroit Conant Avenue	0	0	Royal Oak First	30	30
Detroit Metropolitan	30	0	Royal Oak St. John's	30	13
Detroit Mt. Hope	4	2	SCS First	40	4
Detroit St. Paul's	0	0	SCS Good Shepherd	40	6
Eastpointe Immanuel	30	10	Sterling Heights	40	11
Ferndale First	18	0	Troy Big Beaver	40	40
Fraser Christ	30	30	Troy Fellowship	30	30
Grosse Pointe	40	40	Troy First	30	30
Harper Woods Redeemer	40	28	Troy Korean	70	40
Hazel Park First	30	30	Utica	30	18
Korean First Central	100	4	Warren First	40	40
Madison Heights	30	16	Waterford Central	40	40
Mt. Clemens First	11	22	Waterford Four Towns	16	0
			Waterford Trinity	30	0

Apportionment Update

Prayer Concerns:

*Bishop Jonathan Keaton & DAC Cabinet
Churches experiencing pastoral changes
Members of the United States Military*

*Rev. Elizabeth Hill
Nida Donar (Spouse)
Carl Ventour (Spouse)*



Sunday, June 15th



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*Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Dads,
Brothers, Uncles, Cousins, Nephews,
and Pastors*

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