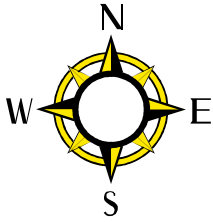


THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

*Detroit East District
August/September 2008
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District Superintendent
Cecelia Tolliver, Editor*



Compass Points

...a note from Pastor Duane

A Jumble of Pieces as We Prepare to Begin the Fall Season

District Clergy Families Picnic Get-Together – Sunday, September 7 2 – 5 P.M.: (This includes active clergy, retired clergy, and spouses of deceased clergy.) As we move into the fall, this is a very different district than it was last year. We have had many, many moves on our district this year. There have been some retirements, some incapacity leaves, some who have moved from one church on the district to another, and some who have moved to our district from other districts. We need to take time to start to build our relationships with each other so we can work well with each other and be a support network for each other. Diana and I are inviting the clergy of the district and their families to come to the district parsonage (1148 Cadmus Drive, Troy 48085) for a picnic. **ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS R.S.V.P. BY 2 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** so we know how many to plan for. Call Diana at 248-828-9920 or Cecelia at 248-557-1144 Ext. 234. You **do not need to** cook, bring a dish to pass or bring table service, Just RSVP with how many adults and how many children will be here and then come. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, potato salad, finger vegetables, fruit, beverages and table service. It might be helpful to have some additional lawn or folding chairs for the patio and backyard if that would be easy for you to do. **BUT DO PLAN TO COME.** Dress casual.

One-on-One's with the clergy: This year I am meeting with the clergy for their One-on-One interviews at their parsonages – if they live in a church owned parsonage. Some clergy have been concerned about why this is happening and why their housekeeping is being inspected. This is not what these

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The Metropolitan Regional Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1st to observe Labor Day.

Looking Ahead at 2008

Brenda Street, President

Spiritual Life Retreat, held on May 2-3 was spirit-filled and warm fellowship. Rev. Beth Macaulay's focus on "Images of God, Images of Self" included hands-on expressions of a connection to 'Images'

UMW Calendar

- August 15-16 Two Day School, Lake Huron Retreat Center
- Oct. 11—District Annual Meeting, Berkley: First UMC
- Oct. 25—Conference Annual Meeting/Celebration, Sault Ste. Marie: Central UMC
- Nov. 1—Elected Leadership Training, Warren: First UMC

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!

Upcoming UMM Events

- 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)

DAC Media Secretary

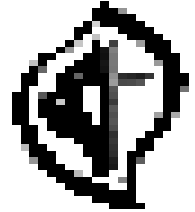
The Detroit Annual Conference is moving towards developing and publishing a directory of websites and email addresses of all of the churches in our Conference. Send an email with your church's email and website address to the DAC Media Secretary at dwroniris@aol.com. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Wanted: Hand Bells

Berkley 1st. UMC is looking to purchase hand bells. The church is looking for Octaves: 4, 5 & 6. If any churches in the district or the conference have bells they are willing to donate or sell, please contact: George Jonte, Music Director. The number at the church is (248) 399-3698 and the Music Director can also be reached on his cell (248) 818-4000. Try the cell phone first as the summer schedule at the church varies from day to day.

Available DVD

Two DVDs: 'Growing Your Church Where You Are' by Revs. Brad Kalajainen & Ken Nash, and 'Waiting On The World To Change' by Rev. Dr. Joy Moore, are available in the Detroit East District Office. These are the presentations made at this year's DAC in Adrian. If your church would like to obtain a copy, call Cecelia at 888-356-6202, Ext. 234.



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.

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.

Employment Opportunity

Royal Oak First UMC needs your help to get the word out for a part-time pastoral assistant, preferably ordained in the UMC, for a 10 hr/week position. Principle functions include pastoral care visitation, Saturday evening (5:30pm) worship leadership and occasional Sunday morning preaching, as well as on-call availability for officiating occasional funerals and weddings. Applications accepted until the position is filled. More details are available in the District Office. Interested individuals should send letter of interest and resume to: First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak, Attn: Staff Parish Relations Committee, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

The DAC Council on Ministries is currently seeking applicants for a Data/Marketing/Inter-Office Communications Position (Full-Time). The qualified applicant would facilitate the office of the Conference Council on Ministries. This position provides operating a PBX Telephone console, maintaining the Conference Data Base; operating a Pitney Bowes Smart Mailer, mail management software and printer; and other responsibilities that relate to the work of the DAC CCOM. Applicants shall demonstrate the following computer skills: MS Word, Access, Excel, Publisher, Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe InDesign CS, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, and Outlook. An attitude of helpfulness and hospitality in meeting and greeting visitors to the Conference Center is essential.

A more detailed job description and employment application is available at the Detroit Conference Flint Regional Office. The starting salary is: \$28,500 (negotiable depending on skills and experience). Applications will be accepted **until the position is filled**. Send a resume and letter of interest to:

Reverend Joanne R. Bartelt, Personnel Chairperson
Detroit Annual Conference—The United Methodist Church
Flint Regional Office, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., Suite 1, Flint MI 48504
Or: Phone: 800-334-0544 Fax: 810-233-5700
Email: esmith@umc-detconf.org

Super
Sunday



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parsonage visits are all about. I would hope that “basic” housekeeping is being done, but I am not inspecting your house cleaning! I want to know what the parsonages on the Detroit East District are like. I want to be sure they are being well maintained, safe, and up-to-date as much as possible. I want to be sure that our clergy families have a good home to retreat to for renewal and family life. I also want to understand when issues of parsonages come up and need to be dealt with.

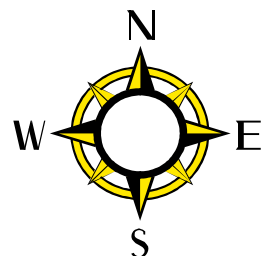
Church Conferences: Church Conferences will be coming up soon. If you get a packet of information, please read ALL the instructions carefully. Involve others who need to be part of the planning. BE SURE to plan some way to celebrate the ministry of your church. I do not want anyone telling me they did not plan some focus on your church’s ministry to be shared at your Church Conference. This is a teaching time for your congregation to help them know what they ought to be sharing about their church and faith with the world around them. Don’t disappoint them or me with a boring Church Conference. We do have some business to do, but the time we spend focusing on what you do for God is the most important function we will do.

Our Covenant With Liberia: Great news!! We have raised almost enough to purchase the motorcycle for Rev. Albert Barchue, District Superintendent of the Kakata-Farmington River District. We need about \$200 more. We did not raise the \$20,000 we needed for the District parsonage project before we went to Liberia with our mission team in April. We were about \$5,000 short of our goal. We completed the basic outside and interior walls before we returned home. Rev. Barchue has emailed us that some of the material costs have increased since we were there, so we need to raise at least \$5,000 or more to complete the project we started. Our team also made a commitment to raise \$1,300 to purchase a very large chain saw for the Kakata-Farmington River District to use for cutting timber for church roofs to cut the cost of construction and repair of the many roofs destroyed during the war. We also want to put a roof and a floor in a church that has never has a either. The cost for this project is \$6,000. Our District would also like to bring Rev. Barchue here to travel and speak on our district. Is there any way your church or a group in your church would want to take on all or part of any of these projects?

Your brother in Christ,



Duane E. Miller



2008 Church Conference Dates

Below is the schedule for the 2008 Detroit East District Church conferences. If you have any questions, or your church is not listed, please ask your pastor to call the district office to confirm your date. The S/PPRC will meet 45 minutes prior to the church conference, or 45 minutes prior to the last morning worship service. If your last morning worship service is not at 11:00 a.m., please call Cecelia with the time of that service.

Sept.	CHURCH	Time		CHURCH	Time
Sun 21		12:00pm		Tue 28	Mt. Clemens: 1 st 7:00pm
		3:00pm		Wed 29	Bloomfield Hills: St. Paul's 7:00pm
		6:00pm		Nov.	
Mon 22		7:00pm		Sat 1	10:00am
Tue 23		7:00pm		Sun 2	12:00pm
Wed 24		7:00pm			Rochester Hills: St. Luke's 3:00pm
Sun 28		12:00pm			6:00pm
	Utica	3:00pm		Mon 3	Troy: Fellowship 7:00pm
Mon 29	Grace & Peace/Fourtowns	7:00pm		Wed 5	New Baltimore: Grace 7:00pm
Tue 30	Oak Park: Exousia/Faith	7:00pm		Sat 8	Det.: Christ/Resurrection 2:00pm
Oct.				Sun 9	Detroit: Metropolitan 12:00pm
Wed 1	Detroit: Mt. Hope	7:00pm			Detroit: Conant Avenue 3:00pm
Sun 5	Hazel Park: First	12:00pm			Madison Heights 6:00pm
		3:00pm		Wed 12	SCS: Good Shepherd 7:00pm
		6:00pm		Mon 17	Rochester: St. Paul's 7:00pm
Mon 6	Clawson	7:00pm		Wed 19	Pontiac: St. John 7:00am
Wed 8		7:00pm		Sat 22	Royal Oak: First 10:00pm
Sun 12	Troy: Big Beaver	12:00pm		Sun 23	Detroit: Central (10:00 Service) 12:00pm
	RO: St. John's/B'ham: Embury	3:00pm			3:00pm
		6:00pm			6:00pm
Mon 13	SCS: First	7:00pm		Mon 24	Grosse Pointe 7:00pm
Sun 19	Berkley: First	12:00pm		Dec.	
		3:00pm		Mon 1	Troy: First 7:00pm
		6:00pm		Sun 7	Troy: Korean 12:00pm
Mon 20	Fraser: Christ	7:00pm		Mon 8	Birmingham: First 7:00pm
Tue 21	Detroit: St. Paul's	7:00pm			
Wed 22	Eastpointe: Immanuel	7:00pm			
Mon 27	Roseville: Trinity	7:00pm			

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Church Conference Schedule

To All Pastors and Mission Coordinators/Chairpersons

*Rev. Elias N. Mumbiro
District Secretary of Global Ministries*

Rev. Paul Webster is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, and is serving at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Kanyama, Zambia, Africa. He will be in our Annual Conference Area during Sept. 7-13 and Oct. 6-12, this year. Dates of September 7 and 14, and October 12 are already filled. To schedule itineration, contact Wayne Bank at 810-359-7281, or waynebank@sbcglobal.net. This is a great opportunity to have Paul come to your church and or group and make missions come alive. Feel free to contact me at 586-294-4080 or gsumc@wowway.com

If this is Summer, Why am I not at the Lake?

It certainly feels like summer –warm, humid and scattered thunderstorms. It looks like summer, grass that needs to be cut and a blue sky above. It even smells like summer with neighbors grilling dinner and the flowers in bloom.

I no longer have to trot off to work every morning, so why am I in the darkened corner of the family room with my fingers poised above the computer keyboard?

The answer is that I am getting ready for the end of summer and the events that pick up when the kids go back to school and adults jump back into the activities that somebody planned for them. Some of these connectional events were put on the back burner last spring in anticipation of the district reorganization that would happen even if the conference merger did not work out. The Bishop determined that the districts would remain as they are so committee chairs are back at work planning.

This issue of the newsletter includes lots of stuff that is coming your way from the committees that serve your district. In the short term, the fall lay speakers classes kick off and district youth group starts their monthly meetings. Longer term plans are afoot for events such as the Martin Luther King celebration.

If you or someone in your congregation is interested in serving on a committee, please let us know by contacting Cecelia at the district office.

Cecelia wants this article right away so I will send it and then go to the lake. Trust your summer has been happy and we will see you in the fall.

John Hart

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 they 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.

Lay leader



Mission Opportunities

DAC Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Teams are forming now to build a house in New Orleans (Katrina recovery) through the UMCOR Northshore Disaster Recovery Center. Volunteers can be scheduled on a team that matches their availability from a time frame of September 13th through December 14, 2008. For more information, please visit website <http://www.getinthecar.org> or contact Eric Miller at emiller629@comcast.net.

Your participation is needed for the Third Spirit's Fire Fundraising Event - August 23, 2008, Biking on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail, Midland, MI. All that is needed is a willingness to ride a bike, sponsor a bike rider, or be on a prayer team. To Register or for more information contact New Hope U.M.C. at 586-781-6577.

The Andes are calling you to Chile—The Methodist church in Curacautin needs additional space to handle conference meetings. Join with Methodist young adults from this community to help build part of the addition. See the volcanoes, mountains and thermal baths way down under! It is summer in Chile when the team travels, January 9 – 19, 2009. Led by Oscar and Joyce Carasco (ocarrasc@umcnic.org, 847-931-0710 X 10) Elgin, IL. How to apply: For application and more information on this team, visit: http://www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/mission_discovery.html or write umvim-ncj@brookings.net.

UMCOR Provides Support for Kansas Recovery—United Methodists respond immediately to the needs of the victims of the Kansas tornado. May 4th saw the town of Greensburg, KS, devastated by a powerful tornado with winds more than 200 mph. leaving destruction in a path 22 miles long and more than a mile wide. UMCOR has released an emergency grant to the Kansas West Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is providing on site support through UMCOR disaster consultant, Cherri Baer. How can you help? Provide an opportunity in you local church for cash gifts designated for **UMCOR Advance Special #901670 - Domestic Disaster Response**. 100% of all gifts will go to that cause

EXPERIENCE AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WITH BISHOP KEATON

Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey (Greece and Italy) – November 13-23, 2008. There is still time to register! This 11-day trip covers such sites as Athens, Corinth, Malta, Sicily and Rome. In Corinth, walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul once stood. In Rome, visit the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. This trip features lodging on the mv Cristal, a lovely, recently renovated, cruise ship. Bishop Keaton says, "Paul's 4th Missionary Journey continues to uncover sites, sounds, and experiences of this significant man who truly had a heart to carry the word of Christ to as many as he could." Cost for this trip begins at approximately \$2,500 and includes roundtrip airfare from Detroit, chartered cruise ship, guided shore excursions, 2 meals daily (3 aboard ship), entrance fees and lecture series.

A complete brochure on this event is available by contacting Rev. Ann Emerson, Director at Lake Huron Retreat Center. Rev. Emerson is assisting Bishop Keaton in leading these tours. She is available to answer questions you have. She can be reached at 810-327-6272 (w), 810-327-6468 (h) or annbythelakeshore@comcast.net Make plans now to travel with Bishop Keaton and other Christians from the Michigan area!



Upcoming Events!!

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

Lakeshore Interlude Ages 55 & up Lake Huron Retreat Center

A Summer Event for Adults

Lakeshore Interlude is a retreat experience designed for men and women ages 55 and up. Step away from the busyness of everyday life and come to the lakeshore for fellowship, rest and worship. Guests enjoy Bible study, music, crafts and worship. A highlight of the retreat is the annual talent show. There is a nurse on site, nutritious meals and snacks are served and there are plenty of opportunities for relaxation and conversation. Guests stay in Littleton and Ragland Lodges. Dean: Rev. Catherine Hiner. August 4@10am-August 8@11am. Married Couples: \$290 per person (2 per room). Singles: \$250 per person (3-4 per room). Event ORM 3797.

Young Adults Backpack Ages 18-30ish Camp Kinawind

NEW Porcupine Mountains. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a Christian group hiking/camping experience before heading back to work or school. No backpacking experience is necessary. Kinawind has all the equipment you will need. Contact Fred at kinawind@umccamps.org for more information. August 13-20. Cost \$335. Event ORM 1939.



DAC Child Protection Training

The DAC embraces its calling to provide functions, activities and events which are spiritually and developmentally appropriate and free from abuse and neglect. A policy has been created, approved and updated to guide the selection of **leaders and care-givers for District and Conference sponsored functions, activities or events**. To read the DAC Protection Policy, to go www.umd-detconf.org—click item at bottom right corner. At this same website, you can view the list of training dates scheduled in your area, plus all of the paperwork for certification and re-certification. For more information, call Pat Helmer at 800-334-0544/810-233-5500. The fax number is 810-233-5700.

Top Ten Ways DAC Protection Policy Effects YOU!

Provides:

safe and nurturing environment!
a health care officer for emergencies!
the Bob Ditter video for your enjoyment
information on cyber-safety !
consistent, safe ministry events!

Protects:

you from false accusations!
children, youth & vulnerable persons!
the church from financial liability!
all by requiring free background checks!
EVERYONE!



Who should attend a 3-hour Protection Class and complete the test & paperwork for certification?

Pastors
Volunteers
District leaders
Youth leaders

special needs leaders
children's leaders
conference leaders
mission trip chaperones

nursery workers
confirmation leaders
camp counselors
camp staff

APPORTIONMENT PAYMENT UPDATE

Below is the record of the Detroit East District churches through June 2008. If you are on target, you should have paid at least 50% of this year's apportionment. We congratulate each church's' effort in maintaining their connection.

CHURCH	% Pension	Common Budget	CHURCH	% Pension	Common Budget
Berkley First	40	25	New Baltimore Grace	50	50
Beverly Hills	0	0	Oak Park Exousia	15	0
Birmingham: Embury	50	50	Oak Park Faith	11	7
Birmingham First	60	60	Pontiac First	0	0
Bloomfield St. Paul's	40	0	Pontiac Grace & Peace	50	27
Clawson	50	10	Pontiac St. John	50	29
Detroit Cass	0	0	Rochester St. Paul's	42	21
Detroit Central	50	0	Rochester Hills St. Luke's	10	10
Detroit Christ	40	8	Roseville Trinity	50	0
Detroit Conant Avenue	0	0	Royal Oak First	60	60
Detroit Metropolitan	50	0	Royal Oak St. John's	40	13
Detroit Mt. Hope	19	7	SCS First	50	4
Detroit St. Paul's	0	0	SCS Good Shepherd	50	8
Eastpointe Immanuel	60	10	Sterling Heights	50	14
Ferndale First	18	0	Troy Big Beaver	50	50
Fraser Christ	60	60	Troy Fellowship	60	60
Grosse Pointe	60	60	Troy First	50	50
Harper Woods Redeemer	50	28	Troy Korean	70	50
Hazel Park First	50	50	Utica	60	51
Korean First Central	100	20	Warren First	60	60
Madison Heights	60	16	Waterford Central	60	60
Mt. Clemens First	11	22	Waterford Four Towns	16	0
			Waterford Trinity	50	17

Apportionment Update

Prayer Concerns:

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

*Rev. Bernardine Daniels
Cecelia Tolliver
Phares Noel (spouse)*

