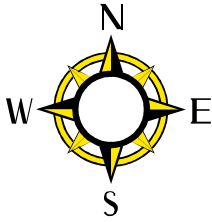


THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

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Cecelia Tolliver, Editor*



Compass Points

...a note from Pastor Duane

Whose church are you a part of?????

I want to share a message with you from my good friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Andrew Allie, Flint District Superintendent. He shared this with his district in his district newsletter two years ago, just before I came on the cabinet. As I was thinking about issues facing our district churches I remembered his article and went back and read it again. I decided not to paraphrase it or edit it, but to share it in its entirety.

Rev. Allie wrote: Among the greatest challenges or concerns we face is the shrinking of "our Churches." Many congregations are in decline. The severity of the decline varies from one congregation to another. Some are about to close their doors. Others have already closed. Others are just hanging on. Some are beginning to see the first signs of decline. Besides, there are thousands of struggling congregations all over the nation.

Dr. Robert Callender in his book: *Seeing the Church Through God's Eyes*, raised the questions: Can anything be done to slow or reverse the decline? Is there any hope? Dr. Callender points out that one universal cause of the decline, is the pervading attitude of people who really believe the church is "their church" rather than God's. The people with this attitude insist on doing things to satisfy their will and their personal desires. When church organizations become just human institutions rather than God's Church, with Christ as its head, they will eventually cease to be "upon the rock" where Christ built his church. Whenever we venture too far from God's will, we are bound to be in a fatal direction.

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*Daylight Savings
Time ends November
2 - move clocks back
one hour.*

Looking Ahead at 2008

Brenda Street, DE President

UMW Calendar

Oct. 11—District Annual Meeting, Berkley: First UMC from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Ingathering Project: Blanket for Women and Children.

Oct. 25—Conference Annual Meeting/Celebration, Sault Ste. Marie: Central UMC

Nov. 1—Elected Leadership Training, Warren: First UMC from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Several of our team members will be attending the Conference Annual Meeting and Elected Leadership Training.

The calendar for 2009 is almost completed. We are planning another exciting years of program. We read our evaluations and we set our programs around some of the suggestions from the local unit members that attend the events. Come and join us because we know it will be informative, as well as great sharing of ideas. Each event these past years left the members with the idea of attending the events for next year. So get ready for our Day Apart for Prayer; Mission Workshop; Spiritual Life Retreat and Annual Meeting for 2009. Our goal is to step each up a notch and make them events you will not want to miss. You still have time to join this great team or send suggestions or recommendations that will enhance our United Methodist Women Purpose.

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

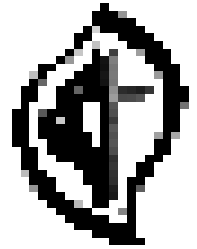
Oct 18—UMM Annual Meeting , (time and location to be determined)

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 dwrniris@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.



DACCYM Calendar

Please share the DACCYM calendar with your churches, youth workers, friends, etc. The Fall Rally will be **November 8th** at the Calvary UMC, Flint, MI. Click the links below to view/download the DACCYM calendar for 2008-2009 and the Fall Rally brochure.

[DACCYM 2008-2009 Calendar](#)



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

The DAC is seeking applicants for a Director of Connectional Ministries, *and* a new Associate Council Director for Communications. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.umc-detconf.org (click on Conference Jobs) or by contacting Edna Smith at 1-800-334-0544 (esmith@umc-detconf.org).

Mail applications, resume, and cover letter to the attention of:

Rev. Joanne R. Bartelt
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., Suite 1
Flint, MI 48504
or esmith@umc-detconf.org to be received no later than **November 4, 2008**.

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Rochester Hills: St. Luke's UMC is seeking a warm, enthusiastic, and creative individual to foster discipleship among the people of St. Luke's by helping them find opportunities for lay ministry. This position requires a flexible, part-time schedule which frequently includes night and weekend hours. The position will be under the direct supervision of the Pastor. Resume and references must be received on or before November 1, 2008 to be considered for this position. Submit information to:

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Re: Lay Leader Position
3980 Walton Blvd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Telephone: 248-373-6960
Email: slumc1998@sbcglobal.net



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.




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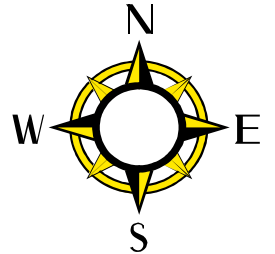
But what is God's will? With regard to the ministry, God's will always includes meeting needs, changing lives and making disciples of Jesus Christ. We need to be equipped with "prayer skill, people skill and proclamation skill." Each one of us must sincerely try to do God's will and be Christ Centered. Dr. Callender emphasizes that we need to see the church through God's eyes and hear Christ's call to do the need-meeting, life-changing and disciple-making ministry. In our familiar jargon, we say be faithful, friendly and fruitful.

...That is what our mission is about or should be about: need meeting ministry that has real value and making a real difference in people's lives. ... The mission of the church is to do God's will, because the church is God's. This question must always be raised: What does God want us to do? Let's avoid self-centeredness and see the church through God's eyes. For that to happen, we must always seek God and freely surrender to God in Love.

Your brother in Christ,



Duane E. Miller



Other Stuff

3-Day Workshop to Help Church Find Voice on Immigration—Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the Desert Southwest Conference will be a featured speaker at "Welcoming the Sojourner — Finding the Church's Voice on Immigration." The event will be Thursday to Saturday, October 16-18, at the Lisle Hilton in Naperville, Ill.

Carcaño is chair of the UM Council of Bishops committee on immigration. "Welcoming the Sojourner" is co-sponsored by the North Central Jurisdiction and the denomination's General Board of Church & Society (GBCS). Workshops at "Welcoming the Sojourner" will include: The Bible and Immigration, Organizing United Methodists for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, The Local Church as a Place of Outreach and Ministry, Immigration and Racism, The New Sanctuary Movement, and INS Raids and Your Community. Registration fee is \$95. To register online, go to www.umc-gbcs.org/ncjimmigration. For more information, contact the Rev. Clayton Childers, GBCS Director of Annual Conference Relations, at cchilders@umc-gbcs.org or 202-488-5642.

YOUR CONFERENCE VOUCHER IS ONLINE: By going to the internet site <http://www.umconline.org/detroit> you can view your expanded conference voucher for the most recent month as well as the previous five years. Your username is your GCFA number. This is the number you used last year to enter the **UMC GCFA Statistical Input System** in January to download and file your 2007 year end report. If you do not remember what this number is, please contact Rev. Brent Webster at pastor.wbumc@sbcglobal.net or at 248.851.2330. You can also log into the GCFA Statistical Input System to find your GCFA number. It is the church number opposite your church name. Your password is your Detroit Conference church number preceded by two zeros. For example, the church number for West Bloomfield UMC is 3060. Brent's password would be 003060.

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Other
Stuff

2008 Church Conference Dates

Below is the remaining schedule for the 2008 Detroit East District Church conferences. If you have any questions, or if 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 correct time.

Sept.	CHURCH	Time		CHURCH	Time
Wed 8	Sterling Heights	7:00pm	Mon 3	Troy: Fellowship	7:00pm
Sun 12	Troy: Big Beaver	12:00pm	Wed 5	New Baltimore: Grace	7:00pm
	RO: St. Johns/B'ham: Embury	3:00pm	Sat 8	Detroit: Christ	2:00pm
Mon 13	SCS: First	7:00pm	Sun 9	Detroit: Metropolitan	12:00pm
Sun 19	Berkley: First	12:00pm		Detroit: Conant Ave.	3:00pm
	Beverly Hills	3:00pm		Madison Heights	6:00pm
Mon 20	Fraser: Christ	7:00pm	Wed 12	SCS: Good Shepherd	7:00pm
Tue 21	Detroit: St. Paul's	7:00pm	Mon 17	Rochester: St. Paul's	7:00pm
Wed 22	Waterford: Trinity	7:00pm	Wed 13	Pontiac: St. John	7:00pm
Mon 27	Roseville: Trinity	7:00pm	Sat 22	Royal Oak: First	10:00am
Tue 28	Mt. Clemens: First	7:00pm	Sun 23	Detroit: Central (10:00 Service)	12:00pm
Wed 29	Bloomfield Hills: St. Paul's	7:00pm		Detroit: Cass	3:00pm
Nov.			Mon 24	Grosse Pointe	7:00pm
Sat 1	Warren: First	10:00am	Dec.		
Sun 2	Harper Wds: Redeemer	12:00pm	Mon 1	Troy: First	7:00pm
	Rochester Hills: St. Luke's	3:00pm	Sun 7	Troy: Korean	12:00pm
	Waterford: Central	6:00pm		Eastpointe: Immanuel	6:00pm
			Mon 8	Birmingham: First	7:00pm
			<i>Underscored churches identify location of Church Conference.</i>		

Church Conference Schedule

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Friends, Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan is pleased to host church consultant, systems thinker, pastor. Peter Steinke in Farmington Hills on Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 - 3:00 speaking on "Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times." Open to all congregational leaders. Follow the link for more details on Peter Steinke and his work and the conference registration form: <http://www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com>. **Any questions, call Paul Melrose at Samaritan Counseling at 248-474-4701.**

Christian Education Resource & Training (CERT) Presents "Christian Education For All" at Oxford UMC on Saturday, October 18 from 9:45 am—2:00 - pm. \$6.00 includes lunch. There will be several workshops on Our Children, Youth, Adult Studies, etc. Registration deadline is October 13, 2008. Contact Karen Wissman for more information at 810-765-5959.

2009 Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches: January 6-9 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, Texas. For registration, contact Deborah Carvin at (877) 899-2789, Ext. 7051, dcarvin@gbod.org, or go to www.gbod.org/pastorsconvo.

Other
Stuff

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.

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 Carassco (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

Mission
Opportunities

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 Camping Events!!

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

Myers Lake Campground is open until Oct. 15. Bring your tent or RV and keep busy with your family or church group with the many activities offered. Swimming, boating, basketball, volleyball, playgrounds and more! Information is available at <http://www.myerslake.com> or call 800-994-5050. Also, **the Harvest Festival is Oct. 3-4** at Myers Lake Campground. Traditional Fall events including hay rides, costume dance, pumpkin carving & judging, & trick-or-treating.

4th Annual Silent Auction and Food Fair benefiting Lake Huron Retreat Center. Friday Oct. 17, 2008. 6-9pm. Live entertainment. Over 100 Items including: gift baskets, cottage getaway packages, hand crafted items and much, much, more! Featured Food Stations: Carved prime rib & turkey sandwiches, Assorted fall salads, shrimp cocktail, gourmet cheese and crackers, dessert buffet and more! \$20 per person Event location: Lexington UMC, 5597 Main Street, Lexington, (just 10 minutes north of LHRC). To make reservations, call LHRC office, 810-327-6272 by October 13.

Come to the Well: a Retreat for Women Lake Huron Retreat Center—Take time to renew, review, refresh, rejoice, re-create, re-connect, and revitalize. Nov. 7-9. Registration form and more information at <http://lakehuronretreat.org/womensretreat.htm>. *This event is half full, register soon if you plan on attending.*



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-conf.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 August 2008. If you are on target, you should have paid at least 65% 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	50	32	New Baltimore Grace	50	50
Beverly Hills	0	0	Oak Park Exousia	20	0
Birmingham: Embury	60	60	Oak Park Faith	19	13
Birmingham First	60	60	Pontiac First	0	0
Bloomfield St. Paul's	60	2	Pontiac Grace & Peace	60	44
Clawson	70	10	Pontiac St. John	70	32
Detroit Cass	0	0	Rochester St. Paul's	58	21
Detroit Central	60	0	Rochester Hills St. Luke's	30	10
Detroit Christ	65	10	Roseville Trinity	60	0
Detroit Conant Avenue	60	22	Royal Oak First	60	60
Detroit Metropolitan	60	0	Royal Oak St. John's	70	39
Detroit Mt. Hope	34	13	SCS First	60	4
Detroit St. Paul's	0	0	SCS Good Shepherd	60	11
Eastpointe Immanuel	60	10	Sterling Heights	80	27
Ferndale First	18	0	Troy Big Beaver	70	70
Fraser Christ	60	60	Troy Fellowship	60	60
Grosse Pointe	60	60	Troy First	60	60
Harper Woods Redeemer	69	28	Troy Korean	70	50
Hazel Park First	60	60	Utica	60	60
Korean First Central	100	37	Warren First	60	60
Madison Heights	70	16	Waterford Central	60	60
Mt. Clemens First	24	22	Waterford Four Towns	21	6
			Waterford Trinity	60	18

Apportionment Update

Prayer Concerns:

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

*Rev. Jean Snyder (Ret.)
Cecelia Tolliver*



Hearts Strangely Warmed

Rekindling the Call to Make Disciples for Christ

A Workshop on Worship & Evangelism sponsored by the DAC Board of Discipleship to be held on Saturday, November 8th at Swartz Creek UMC, 7400 Miller Road in Swartz Creek. The cost is \$15 per person (after October 31st, \$25 at door). Child Care is available for \$10 per child—contact Rev. Ray Wightman at 517-448-5891. For registration forms, Scholarship and Hotel information, contact the Detroit East District Office or Rev. Lynn Hasley, Registrar, Eastpointe: Immanuel UMC, 23715 Gratiot, Eastpointe, MI 48021, PH: 586-776-7750.



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