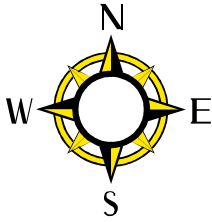


# THE DETROIT EAST NEWS

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



## *Compass Points*

...a note from Pastor Duane

My heart is very heavy, as I write this communication. My very dear friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Christler (Executive Director of our United Methodist Union), has died as a result of the injuries he received in a fall from a ladder in mid-November.

Our paths intersected in so many ways through the years. In recent years when we have lived much closer to each other we spent more and more time together. It was such a joy when he became Executive Director for the Union because we were just down the hall from each other. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. Ken would come into my office and ask if there were things I needed to get done up north at my future retirement home. He would say, "I can take some time off if you need help." Ken and Bonnie were there to help on so many occasions. We also got in lots of boat rides on the river.

Today we celebrated his life and ministry at Birmingham: First UMC. I know that many of you have felt the same tremendous sense of pain and loss that I have. While we have all felt so helpless, we have lifted our prayers for Ken and have shared words of support for his wife and family. In the midst of the struggle God has made God's love manifest. None of us have walked through the valley of the shadow of death alone!

Today we remembered and thanked God for Ken and for what he taught us. At the same time the Liberia Annual Conference had a memorial service which was broadcast live over the UM radio station so people all over Liberia could be a part of it. You have probably heard about Ken's work in Liberia – especially with the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village. He also got everyone here fired up about Liberia. I was one of those he convinced to go to Liberia with him and then asked me to lead the next trip! He made it a point to involve others and then to empower them to carry on the work to multiply what could be accomplished.

*(Continued on page 4)*

## **DETROIT EAST DISTRICT NEWS**

**December 18, 2008**

### **Inside this issue:**

<i>UM Women</i>	2
<i>Youth Adults</i>	2
<i>DACCYM</i>	2
<i>DE Youth</i>	2
<i>Lay Speakers Course</i>	2
<i>Congratulations!</i>	2
<i>Walk to Emmaus</i>	3
<i>Child Protection</i>	3
<i>Travel with Bishop Keaton</i>	3
<i>Mission Opportunities</i>	4
<i>Thank You</i>	4
<i>Other Stuff</i>	5
<i>Marriage Encounter</i>	5
<i>Samaritan Center</i>	6
<i>Camping</i>	6
<i>Young People's Ministries</i>	6
<i>Apportionment Update</i>	7
<i>Prayer Concerns</i>	7
<i>District Message</i>	8

***Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  
Sun., Jan. 11, 2009  
West Outer Dr. UMC  
4:00 pm***

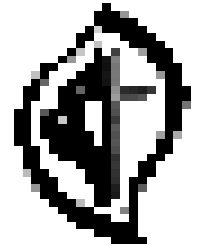
***The Metropolitan Regional Office will be closed on  
Thursday, Dec. 24th,  
Friday, Dec. 25th,  
Thursday, Dec. 31st  
and Friday, Jan. 1st  
for the holidays.***

## Looking Ahead at 2009

*Brenda Street, DE President*

### UMW Calendar

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!



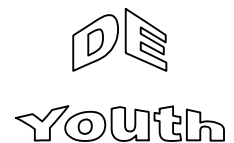
### DACCYM Calendar

Please share the DACCYM calendar with your youth workers, friends, etc. Click the links below to view/download the DACCYM calendar for 2008-2009 and the Fall Rally brochure. [DACCYM 2009 Calendar](#)



### Detroit East District Youth

Jan. 16-17, 2009: Lock-In with the Flint District, All churches have received a detailed flyer in the mail. Please check your church office for information. The District Youth will not meet in January because of the lock-in. Otherwise, they will meet the 3rd Tuesday each month at Warren: First UMC.



### Lay Speakers Course

The **2009 winter** course will be held on seven Sundays (February, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2009) at Fellowship UMC in Troy. The church is located 1 mile north of the Somerset Collection on Coolidge Hwy., just past Wattles (17 Mile Rd). Classes will meet from 2:00 pm, to 5:00 pm. Applications for registration for the **WINTER 2009** classes have been mailed to each church. For additional information, questions or correspondence, please contact Phyllis Hart, Detroit East District Director of Lay Speaking, 1894 Chatham, Troy, Mi 48084 (248) 649-2396.



### Congratulations!!

Roxann Kohler was recently named Macomb County's Meals on Wheels volunteer of the month. Roxann is a member of St. Clair Shores: Good Shepherd, and is the church secretary at Hazel Park: First UMC. Maybe there's a place for someone you know—check out their website: [www.macombcountymi.gov/MCCSA/mowvolunteer.htm](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MCCSA/mowvolunteer.htm).



## 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](http://www.emmaussem.org) to find the application.



## 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.umc-detconf.org](http://www.umc-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

## EXPERIENCE AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WITH BISHOP KEATON

**Holy Land Classic 2009—Jerusalem—Galilee—Bethlehem—Jericho**—10 days of Biblical Discovery departing February 3, 2009, and **Alpine Wonders and the Oberammergau Passion Play 2010**—a nine-day European Adventure departing July 27, 2010. A complete brochure on these events are available by contacting the Detroit East District Office, or 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](mailto:annbythelakeshore@comcast.net) Make plans now to travel with Bishop Keaton and other Christians from the Michigan area!



*(Continued from page 1)*

Ken had a heart for mission – the world was his parish!. In whatever community he was serving he was involved in meeting community needs. For many years he has involved his congregations in ministry at Cass Community UMC. He continued that ministry as a volunteer even in his new responsibility as Executive Director of the Union.

Ken cared deeply for the people and for the communities he served. He had an analytic, insightful mind when it came to church and ministry planning. I worked with him on the new church start at Roscommon and experienced his passion for reaching persons for Jesus Christ, his drive and energy. Because of his faith and skill we have a strong, vibrant church in Roscommon.

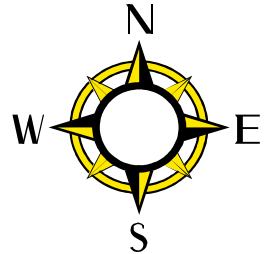
Ken was an outstanding leader. It was his passion for reaching persons for Christ and his heart for mission that motivated his outstanding leadership as Executive Director of the UM Union. As a district superintendent it was a joy to work together with him as we discussed ministry needs and set in place plans to accomplish them.

I will miss Ken greatly. He has taught me much! Even in his tragic death Ken teaches us. Life is precious. Don't waste a moment of it. Serve God. Serve God's people wherever they are. Love and love deeply. Make times for your family and for your friends. Celebrate life!

Your brother in Christ,



Duane E. Miller



## Mission Opportunities

**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](mailto:ocarrasc@umcnic.org), 847-931-0710 X 10) Elgin, IL. How to apply: For application and more information on this team, visit: [http://www.gbqm-umc.org/northcentralvim/mission\\_discovery.html](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/northcentralvim/mission_discovery.html) or write [umvim-ncj@brookings.net](mailto: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

## A Personal Note

I would like acknowledge everyone who prayed, spoke a kind word, and supported me through the recent loss of my sister, Lisa Ellen (Tolliver) Howard. We know she is with the Lord this Christmas.

*Cecelia Tolliver*

*Mission  
Opportunities*



## Other Stuff for Your Calendar

**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](mailto: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.

**IRS Announces 2009 Standard Mileage Rates:** Beginning January 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 55¢ per mile for business miles driven
- 24¢ per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14¢ per mile drive in service of charitable organizations

The complete announcement can be found at [www.irs.gov/newsroom](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom).

**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](mailto:dcarvin@gbod.org), or go to [www.gbod.org/pastorsconvo](http://www.gbod.org/pastorsconvo).

**The Fellowship of United Methodist in Music and Worship Arts:** Sharing Conference on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 9:00 am—5:00 pm at Plymouth: First UMC. Join with other worship artists, musicians and planners to explore the use and importance of elements in our worship services. All it will cost you is your time, an idea, and a snack to pass. Materials are free. Contact the District Office for more information.

**United Methodist Foundation of Michigan** presents a Stewardship Event: Encouraging the Joy of Generous Giving on Saturday, March 21st from 9:30 am—12:30 pm at Highland UMC, in Highland, MI. Presenters included Wayne Barrett, David Bell and our Account managers from Merrill Lynch. The cost will be \$10 per person. More information coming soon!

**PAUMCS 27th Annual Conference:** April 30—May 3, 2009 at Embassy Suites on the River, 101 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Early registration and souvenir deadline is March 30, 2009. Contact the District Office for more information.

**2009 Detroit Annual Conference Session**—The 2009 Detroit Annual Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday-Sunday, May 13-17, on the campus of Adrian College in Adrian, Mich.

## Marriage Encounter

**Too Much Football?** Take a break from weekend football and rediscover the one you love. You can do that on a marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from the kids, chores, phones and the T-V—and focus only on each other. If you see your marriage as a game in progress a M-E weekend can move you toward your goal! The next Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled at youth haven Ranch between Lansing and Jackson. For brochures and registration forms, contact the Registration Double Church & Dalice Yost at (931) 937-1051 or [CYOST@twmi.rr.com](mailto:CYOST@twmi.rr.com), or see [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org).

Other  
Stuff



## Samaritan Counseling Centers

Upcoming events:

- January 18, 2009: Lay Caregivers: Understanding the Challenges of Chronic Pain. Katherine Gothard, Psy. S., TLLP
- February 15, 2009—Lay Caregivers. TBD
- March 15, 2009—Lay Caregivers: the Central Task of Mourning. Sharon Hagen, M.A., LPC
- April 19, 2009—Lay Caregivers; Dealing with the Challenges of Aging and Dementia and the Effects on the Family. Judi Thurswell, Psy. S., LLPC

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Michigan is located Nardin Park UMC at 29887 West eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

## Upcoming Camping Events!!

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

### Locked-In/Snowed Out: Jr & Sr High Lock-in Judson Collins Center

**February 27@9pm-February 28@7am**—Hayrides\*, movies, board games, snowshoeing\*, table tennis, foosball, campfire and s'mores, sledding\*, snow games\*, Christian fellowship and praise, Pizza, pop, and snacks provided. \$15 per youth, adult chaperones free. Call Sarah at 517-467-7711 for questions or to receive your registration and promo pack or visit <http://www.judsoncollinscenter.org> for more information.

*\*Weather Permitting*

## Young People's Ministries to Focus on Spiritual Formation

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 4, 2008/GBOD/ -- Young People's Ministries will host a series of leadership development workshops, beginning with a free pilot event in Nashville, Tenn., January 23-24, 2009.

Spiritual Formation is the theme for the 2009 events, called The 'Source, which will be held in 11 cities around the country. The 'Source targets church leaders who work with youth and young adults. Two events will be held in each jurisdiction, in addition to: **Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 20-21**. The events begin on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and end Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Designed especially for lay volunteers, the event offers practical training for those who work with young people, and will allow participants to experience spiritual practices that can be utilized for effective ministry. Registration is **\$59** and includes lunch on Saturday. To register, visit: [www.gbod.org/thefsource](http://www.gbod.org/thefsource). A downloadable PDF for sharing with campus ministers, youth ministers and young adult ministries is also available at <http://www.gbod.org/thefsource/training.pdf>.



Young  
People's  
Ministries

## APPORTIONMENT PAYMENT UPDATE

Below is the record of the Detroit East District churches through October 2008. If you are on target, you should have paid at least 80% 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	59	36	New Baltimore Grace	60	55
Beverly Hills	0	0	Oak Park Exousia	20	0
Birmingham: Embury	70	70	Oak Park Faith	26	18
Birmingham First	80	70	Pontiac First	0	0
Bloomfield St. Paul's	70	8	Pontiac Grace & Peace	80	44
Clawson	100	50	Pontiac St. John	91	40
Detroit Cass	0	0	Rochester St. Paul's	75	21
Detroit Central	70	0	Rochester Hills St. Luke's	39	10
Detroit Christ	70	12	Roseville Trinity	80	17
Detroit Conant Avenue	60	22	Royal Oak First	70	70
Detroit Metropolitan	70	0	Royal Oak St. John's	70	70
Detroit Mt. Hope	63	24	SCS First	80	4
Detroit St. Paul's	0	0	SCS Good Shepherd	80	15
Eastpointe Immanuel	70	40	Sterling Heights	100	37
Ferndale First	17	0	Troy Big Beaver	90	90
Fraser Christ	80	80	Troy Fellowship	66	73
Grosse Pointe	80	80	Troy First	90	90
Harper Woods Redeemer	70	38	Troy Korean	70	80
Hazel Park First	80	80	Utica	80	80
Korean First Central	100	80	Warren First	80	80
Madison Heights	90	16	Waterford Central	70	70
Mt. Clemens First	35	22	Waterford Four Towns	21	9
			Waterford Trinity	70	17

# Apportionment Update

### Prayer Concerns:

*Bishop Jonathan Keaton & DAC Cabinet  
Churches experiencing pastoral changes  
Members of the United States Military  
Rev. George Covintree, Jr.*

*Mrs. Bonnie Christler  
United Methodist Union  
Ms. Cecelia Tolliver  
Rev. Mary Ellen Chapman*



*The Detroit East District Families  
wish Joy, Hope and Peace to all of you,  
with the appreciation from the staff  
for all you do in the pursuit of God's  
mission in the world.*

*Duane & Diana  
Miller*

*Rev. Miller will be out of the office Dec.  
18th and return Jan. 5th. For  
emergencies, call the parsonage.*



*Cecelia & Alta  
Tolliver*

*Cecelia will be out of the office Dec.  
18th and return Jan. 5th.*

Detroit East News

The United Methodist Church  
Metropolitan Regional Office  
17117 West Nine Mile Road, Suite 1545  
Southfield, MI 48075

---

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
[www.umc-de.org](http://www.umc-de.org)

---

