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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome to the NEW LOG. To keep publication cost in line we are preparing to mail by using the BULK MAIL method. The mail list is to UMM of all churches of the Detroit Conference, all EMS members of the Detroit Conference and those who have provided the \$25 support as requested by past President Lee Donley.

As your President I would like to give a brief bio of me. I am 72 yrs, grew up in Clio, taught 35 years at Beecher (5th grade for 3 yrs. and special Educ. grades 5-6-7-8). Served four years in the US Navy, married 45 years, attended Bethlehem UMC which merged with Flint Hope UMC about 20 years ago. I have 2 daughters. Karen, married, lives in Holland, MI and has two daughters. Tanya has been on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ for about 18 years.

A few years ago Peter Thoms said, "Jim, why don't you come to a District UMM meeting with me. Shortly after, I was requested to become President of Flint Hope UMM. Howard Christian was Flint District UMM president and his term of 5 years was ending. Lee Donley became Jurisdictional UMM president and could not continue in the Conference position. Last September at THE GATHERING in Port Huron I was requested to take the position. I finally agreed and was confirmed at the Feb. 2009 Annual Meeting.

Like a smoker who has quit, I have the same passion to promote UMM. We all have something to contribute to bringing men to a closer relationship to Christ.

Please work with me to make this happen.

Thank you.....James C. Walker President

PRAYER ADVOCATE

A favorite benediction and one that I often use when conducting a worship service, though not thought of such is found in Romans 15:13. To me it leaves a wonderful message. Back up to Rom.:5,6 which sets the stage for this benediction to Paul's theological dissertation addressed to the church at Rome.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Paul emphasizes the emotion of hope because he saw the contrast between believers and non believers as those with hope and those without hope. And it is that hope that should fill you with ... joy and peace in believing.

I see far too many of our fellow Christians who live in dread, who constantly wait for the other shoe to drop. Who dwell on the negative. Whose lives are a continuum of complaints. They seem never to be exuberantly joyful. Yes they seem to be afraid of being happy, hopeful, harmonious people.

In verse 6 Paul writes (so) that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul, in essence says Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full into his wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. Emphatically Yes! Live in hope. Dwell in the presence of God and then you will abound in hope. Your joy will become contagious and your life of peace will affect those with whom you fellowship. Yes! You will be a contagious Christian brother.

Peter S. Thoms, UMM Prayer Advocate.



QUARTER PAGE NEWS

Saginaw Bay District

Hello from Saginaw Bay District, we are again this year having our Rally which is on May 30th in Midland ant Aldersgate UMC. Our guest speaker is Pastor Terry Euper who will share his experiences on the Appalachian Trail. We also will be doing a combined retreat with West Michigan Conference, Heartland District on the 2,3,4 of October at "The Springs" in Gladwin Mi. Watch for our brochures to be out soon.

Hope to see you at both activities as we spend time with Jesus.

Neil T. Campau Sr.
President Saginaw Bay District.
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Detroit West District

May 9th
8:00a -10:00a Breakfast Meeting
Glenwood UMC
2130 Ford Ave (Northline)
Wyandotte

June 13th
9:00a -11:00a ANNUAL BREAKFAST MTG
Good Shepherd UMC
1570 Mason, Dearborn

Thursday, July 9, 2009
9:00p
Bus departs for Nashville
Metropolitan UMC
8000 Woodward, Detroit
Get Driving Directions

August 8th
8:00a -10:00a Breakfast Meeting
St. Timothy UMC
15888 Archdale, Detroit
Clayton Nedd
Detroit West District President
anncoo@aol.com

Port Huron District

Ken Medema - In Concert
To Benefit Blue Water Habitat for Humanity
Sponsored by:
* Marysville United Methodist Church
* First United Methodist Church of St Clair
* First United Methodist Church of Port Huron
May 4, 2009
7:00PM
Free Admission
A free will offering will be taken in support of Blue Water Habitat for Humanity
Concert Location : First United Methodist Church
828 Lapeer Ave
Port Huron, MI 48060
810-985-8107

May 9 2009
Port Huron District United Methodist Men
Sponsoring Golf Outing
Willow Ridge Golf
North River Road
Ft Gratiot, MI
Nine Holes Golf, cart and steak dinner \$42.00
For information contact Mel Scott 810-765-8820

Mel Scott
President Port Huron District

Flint District

Flint District UMM
April 25 concluded a well received conference for men at Lake Fenton H.S. auditorium. It was attended by at least 207 men. Rev. Brad Mitchell presented three messages about: Not you?...Then who? Next year's conference will present Rev. Tyrone Gordon ...who spoke at Purdue 2005.
The District Executive Board meets at Flint Hope UMC on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. It is important that all local presidents or their representatives attend to develop activities to enhance men's relationship with Christ. Men are capable of more than hammer and nails.
The 10th National Gathering of UMM is July 10-12. We want to charter a bus to take about 48 men. Cheboygan UMM have reserved 5 seats. Ask you president to get information. Let's go to Nashville together and get a spiritual renewal.
James C. Walker, Conference President

SOCIETY of ST. ANDREW

STATISTICS

Historical totals lbs./ serving saved & distributed by SoSA / 1983:
SoSA has saved a total of 569,051,854 pounds of fresh ,nutritious
food that would have gone to waste. It was distributed to the
hungry throughout America, providing 1,707 Billion serving!

Costs

Admin & Fundraising 8.5% Howard Christian
Cost per serving provided: About 2 cents SoSA Coordinator

MICHIGAN SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) feeds those in need by taking donations of venison from Michigan sportsmen to be distributed to food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the state.

Recent year's donations have been:

2006 – 29,691 pounds venison and \$4683 from United Methodist sources

2007 – 36,000 pounds venison and \$5838 from United Methodist sources

2008 – 36,808 pounds venison and \$4113 from United Methodist sources

You can join in this worthwhile missions project by: Donating from your successful hunt a package or two of your ground venison or a second deer. Making a cash donation to MSAH through the Sportsmen Against Hunger fund when buying your hunting or fishing license from the Michigan DNR sales outlet. Making a cash donation to MSAH through the Conference Mission Jubilee.

For more information contact:

Al Ludwig

MSAH Coordinator for the Det. Conf UMM

SCOUTING NEWS

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I am the new Scouting Co-ordinator. I have been a scoutmaster, weblo leader, and active in the old West Mi. Shores council. Since I am just getting started, I do not have a lot to report. Our Flint district is by far the largest chartering organization in the Tall Pines Council having 24 churches chartering 28 packs and troops. A big round of applause for Flint. Chartering packs and troops is a great way to grow and enrich our youth and help bring young families into your churches.

Robert Sanders

Nashville Speaking -David Adams

United Methodist Men have been playing a vital role in the UMC that has gone unnoticed.

This past year we celebrated our 100th anniversary of becoming an official part of the denomination. Men's ministry has been impacting the lives of men, women, and children for Jesus Christ for centuries—but under the radar.

The church is unsure what role men play, and not much attention has been given to inclusiveness of men. The common perception is that all men's ministry is about is a series of meetings. Most members believe we only make minor contributions to the church as a whole, much less assist in the spiritual growth of others.

Now is the time to set the record straight! UMM is not about meetings, it is about providing opportunities for the spiritual growth of men. Our purpose is to help men grow in Christ so that others may know Christ.

So, how do let the UMC know that we are in ministry together and that significant mission and ministry is happening all over the country and in every local church?

On July 10-12, 2009 the National Gathering of UMM Men will be held at Belmont University in Nashville. This is our opportunity to showcase our unity and connection and re-establish our long-standing identity of being about evangelism of men.

The speakers, workshop and seminar leaders will all be there. Will you?

This event is going to be the best ever. To find out more about United Methodist Men and the National Gathering visit our web site (www.gcumm.org). God bless, and we look forward to seeing you there. *The Rev. David Adams, general secretary, General Commission on UMM Men*

CONTACTING CONFERENCE UMM LEADERSHIP

check out our WEB site:

www.detconfumm.org

contact national UMM WEB site

www.gcumm.org

EVENTS CALENDAR

10th National Gathering of UM Men

July 10-11-12, 2009

Belmont University,

Nashville, TN

Registration deadline is June 15, 2009. Detroit West UMM have chartered a bus and you can contact John Walls at 734 282-5930. Flint District UMM will also charter a bus and you can contact James C. Walker at 810 7323-6396. This will be firmed up at our meeting on May 4th. Buses are leaving Thursday about 9:00 pm.

Registration up to June 1 for EMS members is \$175. Two nights lodging with breakfast is \$80 + bus trip.

Three ways to register: online at gcumm.org or by mail or by phone: (615) 340-7145 or (866) 297-4313 I have brochures and applications if you want to sign up by mail. -J. Walker

If you've been to **Purdue**.....this is the same great men's meeting but it's at **NASHVILLE!!!** Let's GO!

Men, are you sending your president to the District and Conference UMM meetings?
Join the Men's Team to develop programs to give men spiritual growth.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT MEN'S MINISTRY

Chartering \$80.: National EMS for \$45 CONFERENCE for \$15 DISTRICT for \$10 [less than \$6/month]

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