



THE LAUNCHPAD

January 2010

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends, The following is my outline for what I see as the future for UMCL. I'm leaving it as an outline so that you can imagine what the results will be.

Our Purpose: Make Disciples – Change the World

Sunday School-making age appropriate disciples a 5-6 year old example

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| Who God Is | - Like a good Father |
| What God Has Done | - Sent Jesus the Son to earth |
| How to Love God | - You can talk with God through prayer |
| How to Love Neighbor | - Who is my neighbor? |
| How to Have Character | - Honesty |
| How to Have Strength | - Pray at meals |

Small Groups place for everyone – including teenagers to become a Disciple

Not settle for typical surface church relationships (intimacy not just busyness)

Limit time spent on control and fund raising

Aimed toward growth in ability to love (which includes conflict)

Mutual Support in ministry and life (counter the individualistic culture)

Bible study that is connected to ongoing life needs of the group (yeah)

Worship that comes out of real work together (not some abstract conceptualizing)

Fun (not churchy fun – real, honest to goodness good time fun)

Constant orientation toward non-churched (how easy it is to forget)

Mission Trips local and international – when Disciples become free

- Break out of this culture
- Connect with other believers - encourage each other
- Grow new muscles • A different kind of vulnerability
- Rochester is only a few miles from here
- Haiti, Honduras, Honolulu? • Take your kids

Experiments (if you never fail, you don't need God) – Disciples don't just sit there

The Thrift Shoppe was an experiment once – it happened to work

If you only do things that work – that's not experimenting.

If you only do things you can already do then you don't need God

Teen Challenge Livonia? Entrepreneurs' Workshop? Build a Windmill?

Senior Care, Pre-School, nursery school, after school, Emergency Shelter

Ask some messed up people for suggestions. Stuff I never thought of.

Be Ready opportunities will appear – The Landowner could return any moment

Long Range planning no longer works

God is already working nearby – go find out where by listening to stories

Flexibility, resources, and rapid response are essential

Recognizing opportunity is essential – watch and pray

Infrastructure – that aids the Disciples and the Disciple Making

Pay down mortgage

Build an Addition?

Additional Staff?

Please tell me what God is saying to you. Blessings, Pastor Dan



Catch the Excitement!
Witness the Joy!
Shape the Vision!



Open hearts

Open minds

Open doors

The people of the United Methodist Church welcome you.

Uth Groups

7th , 8th and 9th Grade Youth Group continues to gain momentum! **New Night during Ski Club, we will be meeting on Thursdays.** The following youth group meetings will be on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21 to start out 2010. Don't miss these - you never know what we'll be up to!

Duane Waldron & Dave Bernacki

Save the Date for the **Progressive Dinner, Saturday January 30, 2010.** Sign up will begin in mid-December.

Spaghetti Dinner,

Wed. Jan. 13th; 5-7 pm

At the United Methodist Church of Livonia. This will be the second Wednesday of every month. Meat sauce, salad, garlic bread & finger food desserts. Adults \$6, child 10 yrs and under \$3. The dinners will benefit the Mortgage Fund.

Cardio/aerobic

Have you thought of what your New Years resolution is going to be? Is it to get in shape and be healthier? If so, have we got an exercise class for you that is both fun and economical! The United Methodist Church of Livonia will be hosting cardio/aerobic classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM starting Tuesday, January 12th. Classes are taught by Kathy Olson. Sign up for 1 class/week:\$24 or 2 classes/week:\$48, for an 8 week session. Please bring your own water bottle, floor mat, sneakers and light hand weights.

Book Store & Gifts

If they want to special order any specific book or new bibles for Christmas gifts/ to see Lori Shull. All profits will be starting scholarships for those who would like to attend Summer camps at Asbury & Findley. Will be open between services only.

Weight Watchers Group Mondays

@ **6:15 pm at Church.** If interested please join us. We have a great group.

Rummage Sale

Every Fri. 9 am-3 pm & Sat. 9 am-1 pm @ 6 Spring Street.

We need help on the days the Sale is open. Please call Margaret even if it is a couple of hours, contact her 346-3223. Also for donations and drop offs—Monday, 9 am– 1 pm.

Wednesday Social Luncheons @ Church, Noon Starting again Jan. 13th.

Join us for homemade soup and sandwiches, devotion and activity.

*** Praise Band Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm @ Church

Church Family Updates

Please stop by the Welcome Center and in the binder provide updates for the following:

Birthdays Anniversary Telephone #'s

If you are new to our church within the past year you probably are not on any of these lists please check and add your name.

Need health resources or support services for yourself, an aging family member or a disabled loved one? Do you know about the many health resources available to you? NY Connects Livingston County can help! Call 1-888-443-7520 or visit www.NYConnectsLivingstonCounty.org. Friendly, knowledgeable case managers can also help connect you to resources and services! This is a confidential, FREE service! Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week; supported by local organizations.

DEADLINE FOR Feb.'s

NEWSLETTER WILL BE

TUESDAY Jan. 19th!

Food Pantry needs supplies

We will receive food offerings any Sunday, but communion Sundays the first Sunday of the month will be our special food offerings. First service worshippers will bring their food offerings to the front pew as they enter the sanctuary. In the second service the children will collect the food offerings and bring them to the front as they come forward for the children's service.

Food Pantry is in need of the following items—Cereal, fruit, juice, jelly, brownie mix, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, Jello & pudding.

SMALL GROUPS

YOU are welcome and encouraged to join a small group, the joy, friendship, belonging!

Family Matters Group (Rhonda & Chip Howard 346-9478)
Sunday's, 6:00-7:30 pm; Childcare provided

God & Games Group (Sarah Hoff, 624-3653 or sarah.hoff@earthlink.net)
2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:30 at Sarah's 7114 Jenks Road, Lima. Bible study, snack and games (board or card).

Men's Group (Russ Mosher 624-4711)
Sundays, 8:00 am in conference room.

Women's Group (Ronda Howard 346-9478)

Couple's Group (Alicia & Scott Mahnke 346-5606)
Every other Friday @ Church; Dinner-dish to pass 5-6 pm; Bible study 6:15-7:30 pm
Childcare available call Alicia 346-5606 for more info.

Parents in Transition (Mimi Dutton 367-2069)
Parent(s) with older kids or empty nesters, here's a group for you. Bring a dish to pass supper, Bible Study (call Linda Futter 346-6199 for when and where).

Serendipity Endeavors—Helping hands, serving our community.
If this group interests you, please call Marty Heuer at 346-5397.

Disciples I - Cheryl McDougall is leading, please contact her if you would like to take the course at 243-4612.

Divorce Cares (Gene & Sue Nietzsche) We will begin a new session in May 2010

Single's Group (Sue Bell 346-6299) Will resume in the fall @ Church w/ Dinner, Fellowship.....

Marriage Bible Study (Erin & Dave Bills 346-5915)
Thursdays, 7:00 pm please call for info.

****NEW** Small Group**

If you are interested in forming a group of health care professionals (nurses, NP, PA's etc) then please contact Cheryl Long at zumalong@gmail.com or 346-2636

Please contact the Church office (346-3511) if you would like to start a group or have an idea for a group you would like to have start.



January

- 1 Bill Stekl
- 2 Inez Stekl
Matthew Auble
- 3 Keith Alexander
Stacey Hoff
- 5 Zachary Bishopp
- 6 Sandi Jischke
John Williams
Maggie Malinowski
Ken Losey
- 7 Larry Kramer
- 8 Daniel Downey
- 9 John Dutra
Noelle Woodruff
- 12 Jennifer Lasch
Metasovsky
Amy Stahl
- 14 John Sciera
- 16 Amara Evans
- 17 Karen Coty
Peggy Keppen
- 18 Doreen Barcomb
- 24 Rebecca Lasch Kovach
- 26 Brett Leader
- 27 Shirley Wingate
Jack VanDerMeid
- 28 Katie Cross

BIRTHDAY'S

- 29 Luke Dutton
Kirstin Moore
Chase Losey

Emergency Response Training

In the midst of the most turbulent storms, UMCOR is on the ground to help rebuild, walk with survivors and stay until the job is done.

UMCOR's domestic disaster response personnel and specially-trained early response volunteer teams stand ready to be dispatched as storms develop.

Are you in the picture? When the storms come, will you be ready? If others cry out will you go?

We are called to support our needy neighbors and help the hopeless. When disasters strike everyone becomes a neighbor and hopelessness is a real risk. You can be the love of Jesus and the hands of God for someone who reaches out for help.

Instead of feeling helpless, restore hope. Get trained for emergency response and become part of a team of Volunteers-in-Mission ready to help stabilize a community after disaster strikes. If you can offer caring listening, or basic cleaning, or simple carpentry skills then you can connect in a most meaningful way with survivors putting their lives back together.

Help make their homes safe, sanitary and secure until the rebuilding can begin. An Emergency Response Team typically works for three days and goes home, so your time commitment is limited but critical to rebuilding confidence and restoring hope.

The next UMCOR Emergency Response Training in upper New York is **March 13, 2010 at Clifton Springs United Methodist Church. Register by February 28 by phone or email to Roger Cullen, rcullen1@rochester.rr.com (585-582-6375).** Roger Cullen, 9 Fox Hollow Lane, Ionia, NY 14475; Ph: (585) 582-6375

Prayer Concerns

Sylvia Woolston— at The Water's of Houghton
Inez Stekl—in nursing home in Canadagua
Cynthia Lanphear— alzheimers— Karen Malinowski's mother.
Don Merwin —cancer of the throat—friend of Bev Rawlings
Joyce Kurtbas—our missionary to Turkey
Wynn Woodruff—cancer
Bill Evans—congestive heart failure- Roger's father
Hiedi Rowley—Cancer-Margaret Downey's great-niece
Bill & Shirley Vandermied— Conesus Lake Nursing Home
Pam Oleman—Liver Cancer-Tim & Joyce Lasch's niece
Dave McLaughlin—throat cancer
Tom Walker— Cancer
Kathy Sheeley—Illness— Scott Sheeley's mom
Marshal Burley— stroke—Mike & Flint's dad
Nancy Luce—surgery—co-worker of Ron Palmer
Gary Delavilla— auto accident—co-worker of Ron Palmer

January Sermon's

- Jan. 3rd— "Vision Week" Matthew 22:34-40 Matthew 28:16-20
- Jan. 10th— "Joy In Community" Philippians 1:1-11
- Jan. 17th- "Strength in Suffering" Philippians 1:12-30
- Jan. 24th— "Humility in Service" Philippians 2:1-30
- Jan. 31st— "Hope for the Future" Philippians 3:1-4:1

Thank you to Bill Shull for building clothes racks and shelving at the Thrift Shoppe.

Thanks Margaret & Crew



Genesee Valley District
Mission Trip to Project Chacocente

Cost \$1750 per person – covers everything

Mission – to move families from the dump in Managua into productive lives
Call 340-9525

Masaya, Nicaragua
February 13-20, 2010

Led by Ted and Mary Anderson

Great trip for a Small Group to do together

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP RECORD
Unified OFFERINGS

Pledges & Envelopes.....	\$20,439.64
Loose Offering.....	\$1053.50
Sunday School.. ..	\$21.60
Building use.....	\$1100.00
Special Projects Transfer for Mortgage.....	\$4600.00
Total Unified Income	\$26,914.74
Total Expenses for December.....	\$20,112.14
Total Unified Income for the Year	\$211,560.12
Total Expenses for the Year.....	\$216,003.22
Benev. Income: Food Pantry.. \$488.00 Innsbrook Wrap	\$536.16
Special Projects: Rummage Sale	\$2,380.43
Building Mortgage commitment offering for December ...	\$10,737.78
(our mortgage payment is \$14,214.31)	



Church Conference of the United Methodist Church of Livonia
Saturday, December 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Dan Finch at 7:00 PM.

Rev. Ted Anderson, Genesee Valley District Superintendent, opened the meeting with a devotion and presided.

The minutes from the 2 previous Church Conferences (10-12-2008 and 1-11-2009) were approved unanimously.

The pastor's package (salary, cpp, pension, health ins., and connectional health ins.) was approved unanimously.

The 2010 budget (\$ 384,128.13) was approved unanimously. It was noted that the conference has forgiven \$20,000 of our conference apportionments so we will only pay \$295 this year; and the general salary increases were about 3%

There were no nominations for Trustees from the floor. A paper ballot vote was held for the attached list of new Trustees and they were elected overwhelmingly.

The attached list of nominations was presented. Darcy Young nominated the following for the nominations committee: Sara Hoff, Mike Burly, and Sue Nietsche. All were voted in unanimously.

Darcy Young, for the SPRCommittee, brought the recommendation for candidacy for Matt Finch who will be pursuing the path for Licensed Local Pastor initially. Being properly before the group, it was approved unanimously.

The Annual Lay Speaking Report from Bonnie Crichton and her continuation as a Certified District Lay Speaker for 2010 was approved unanimously.

Mike Burley's continuation as a Certified District Lay Speaker for 2010 was approved unanimously contingent upon his turning in his report before the end of the year 2009.

The Membership Report was presented. Several additions were made:

Baptism of David Bernacki 11-29-2009

New Member:

January 4, 2009 – Pastor Dan Finch presiding

Matthew Finch – transfer from Bergen UMC

And three were removed from the "Unable to Locate List" by the following people who will be securing addresses so the Membership Secretary can contact them:

Nancy Galbraith by Dave Woodruff

Justin Nichols by Darcy Young

Corinne Robinson by Carol Parisella

The attached motion was passed with regret.

There were no bequests to report.

Other Reports were approved with one correction to the UMW report – the remaining silver "may be donated" to the Thrift Shoppe.

Rev. Ted Anderson presented the most up-to-date information about the new conference which begins July 1, 2010.

Several important dates are:

June 5, 2010 – Asbury 1st in Rochester - last meeting of Western New York Conference

June 19, 2010 – First meeting of the Upper New York Conference and election of 4 staff.

September 11, 2010 – Upper New York Conference meets to pass the budget, approve a process for election of members for the next General Conference, and celebrate the creation of the new conference.

The meeting was closed with prayer offered by Rev. Dan Finch.

Happenings @ UMCL

Social Lunch Every Wednesday @ noon

Cardio/aerobic classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM starting Tuesday, January 12th.

7-9th grade youth group will be on **Thurs.** Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, 6-7 pm.

Spaghetti Dinner, Wend. Jan. 13th; 5-7 pm

PROGRESIVE DINNER
Jan. 30- 6:00 pm

Meetings
Jan. 25th—Trustee's Meeting @ Church 7:00 pm



*Progressive
Dinner*



January

"BUILDING OUR WORLD
AROUND CHRIST"



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