

Orchard Harvester

Orchard United Methodist Church
Farmington Hills MI
March 10, 2010

Upcoming Orchard Events...

- Sun. Mar. 14 - One Great Hour of Sharing
Daylight Savings Time Begins (spring ahead!)
- Tues. Mar. 16 - Help UMW pack Easter Baskets
- Wed. Mar. 17 - Funtastiks Lunch and a Movie
- Sun. Mar. 21 - Children's Musical / Fundraising Luncheon
- Fri. Mar 26 - Kids' Movie Night (6:00 p.m., room 7)
- Sun. Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday
- Thur. Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri. Apr. 2 - Good Friday (service at W. Bloomfield UMC)
- Sun. Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday
- Sat. Apr. 17 - Spring Fling Dance
- Sat. Apr. 24 - Rebuilding Together



REBUILDING TOGETHER SIGN-UP IN MARCH

Rebuilding Together is a national organization designed to serve the needs of low-income, disabled and senior homeowners. On Saturday, April 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Orchard will join a countywide effort to improve homes throughout Oakland County. Many accidents that occur in homes could be prevented by identifying and eliminating hazards that result in injuries that prematurely send people into nursing and rehab facilities. The focus of this workday is to provide a safe, warm and energy-efficient environment for home occupants.

Orchard will be actively **recruiting volunteers age 12 and older** during the month of March. Applications must be completed and turned in to DyAnn St.Clair, or at the Connection Point desk by Sunday, March 28th. From there, you will be asked to attend a training session in preparation for the workday. You will learn more about the project at your site, the tools you will need for your team project, and some information about your homeowner.

For more information about Rebuilding Together, please visit the national website at: www.rebuildingtogether.org, or the local affiliate Oakland County website at: rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org. Donations are welcome and can be made online, or make checks payable to: Rebuilding Together Oakland County.

Orchard Proudly Presents: *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*

BE NOT AFRAID! Come and hear all manner of life lessons when the SonLight Children's Choir and Rhythm 56 present *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit* – a musical featuring the story of David and Goliath. This musical will be presented on the stage of the MAC during both worship services on Sunday March 21st.

A **delicious dining experience** will be offered immediately following the 11:00 service as the Fusion Mission Team serves a luncheon of pasta, bread, salad, dessert, and beverage for \$5/person. Stay for lunch and meet the cast members of the *Rock Slinger!* Proceeds from the luncheon go to help pay for the youth Mission Trip.

Join us this special day to celebrate and support Orchard's children's and youth ministries!

EASTER BASKETS FOR KIDS! TUESDAY MARCH 16TH 7:00 P.M.



Help pack 24 Easter baskets to be given to the Salvation Army for delivery, and/or donate a dozen items for the baskets.

Names A-L are asked to donate non-edibles (pencils, bubbles, stickers, spring fun, etc.); M-Z give edibles (candy, juice boxes, crackers, etc.). Donations can be left in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Mitchell at (248 626-3620). Sponsored by UMW.

Between Sundays...

Welcome to the Wilderness...

No, not another hiking trip, but a **place of temptation** and a time of **wrestling with myself**, the "Reverend".

You see, during Lent, we have been tracing the footsteps of Jesus each Sunday morning. We started in Bethlehem, traveled south to Egypt, and then last Sunday we found ourselves in the Wilderness... that barren, desolate, desert country of hyenas, lizards and vultures. The scriptures tell us the Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the Wilderness where Satan tempted him. Jesus resisted, and encourages us *through the grace and strength of God* to do the same.

Have you ever been tempted? Yes, of course. Big and small, we continue to struggle with our choices, secret desires (whether they are good for us or not), and that *siren call to be less than God created us to be*. Out in the Wilderness? Yes, we all have been there.

The Wilderness I have been wrestling in is related to our planned 2010 capital campaign. Last winter, after assessing the uncertain economic conditions, our church council made the decision to do a one year capital campaign in 2009, **and wait to do a 3 year campaign in 2010**. This decision was predicated on the notion that we would have a better sense of our personal economic futures in 2010. While I believe this was a good decision, I just don't want to do the 2010 campaign. For weeks now, with the stubbornness of a four year old, **I have been telling the Lord I don't want to**; I am burned out and tired. No one here at Orchard wants to do another campaign, least of all me.

Yet, as I continued to pray about this, the Lord spoke to me through the scriptures. First through the experience of Sarah and Abraham; God promised Abraham he'd be the father of many nations, yet he and Sarah had no children of their own. Later, when well beyond eighty, God tells them they are finally going to have a child, Sara laughed. It was hard for her to believe, because she was so old. But God said to Sarah,

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" *-Genesis 18:14*
(*anything - not even a capital campaign, Carol*)

The second experience was of a young teenager named Mary. She encountered an angel who told her she would have a child, "The Son of God." Mary wondered, and questioned the angel, and he reminded her,

"For nothing is impossible with God." *-Luke 1:37*
(*nothing - even another capital campaign, Carol.*)

The third experience was my own... As God encouraged me to remember the difficult twists and turns that

I have faced over the years, as well as the scripture God wrote upon my heart as a small child.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." *-Philippians 4:13*
(*All things - even a capital campaign, Carol*)

The Lord led me to a conclusion that I tried hard to avoid, but which **I believe is important for our future together**. So, we **will** have a capital campaign to pay down the debt on our building addition.

It is my deepest prayer that everyone at Orchard will share together in this journey of faith.

Blessings,

Carol ☺

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY MARCH 14TH

Necessities of life include food, shelter and clothing. However, many people around the world lack these basic necessities. Working in more than 80 countries, including the United States, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) continues to be there and to be the hope for millions of people, often the poorest in society, who suffer as a result of natural catastrophes, conflicts or wars. UMCOR responds to natural and civil disasters so massive that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR partners with local organizations and survivors, reaching out to ease the pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid of food, shelter, health and peace.

The *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering is the financial lifeblood of UMCOR, United Methodism's not-for-profit, international, humanitarian-aid organization. By giving to *One Great Hour of Sharing*, you enable UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of designated gifts go to the specific causes. Unlike other mission programs, UMCOR receives no World Service or other apportionment money.

God calls us to be the hands, heart and hope of the church for people who are suffering. Through *One Great Hour of Sharing*, we enable the church to answer that call. Be there. Be hope.

One
great hour
of sharing.



Holy Week Calendar

Labyrinth

To enter the labyrinth is to choose to walk a sacred path. The labyrinth will be available in the MAC for prayer and meditation Mar. 31st - Apr. 3rd. Volunteer hosts are needed. Contact the office staff (248 626-3620) or Linda Hall if you can help with a two-hour shift.

Palm Sunday Worship Services

March 28th at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Childcare for infants/toddlers at both services.
Kids' Own Worship during both services

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday April 1st - 7:30 p.m.
Holy Communion.
Childcare available.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

April 2nd - 12:15 p.m.
*West Bloomfield United Methodist Church
4100 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield*

Easter Sunday Services of Worship

Sunday April 4th at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Childcare for infants/toddlers at both services.
Kids' Own Worship during both services.
Special Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m.
No Children's Sunday School classes (see Easter Egg Hunt below).

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 12 - 10:00 a.m.
Orchard's 3 year olds - fourth graders, and their parents and/or grandparents, are invited to gather in Room 7 to decorate bags, receive instructions and search specific locations in the building for goodies! Join the fun!

MARCH FUNTASTIKS

Lunch and a Movie

Join us Wednesday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and a movie. Bring your own sandwich, we will provide soup, dessert and beverages. Sign up in the church office. See Rev. Margo for info.



EASTER GARDEN

Lilies, Mums, Tulips and More!

Help decorate our sanctuary for Easter services. This year we're trying something new, and will be offering a choice of spring flowers for you to choose from, including lilies, mums, tulips, azaleas and hydrangeas. Prices will vary, depending on the flowers you order. All flowers will be wrapped in foil with a bow. You may include a dedication or memorial to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Order forms are available at the Connection Point or in the church office, and will be included in the church bulletins. You may take your flowers home after the Easter service you attend.

PROPS REQUEST

The Drama Department of Orchard United Methodist Church sends forth an urgent request for any and all medieval weaponry (plastic) including spears, daggers, swords, shields, helmets, breastplates, chainmail, shin guards, and all other battle armor and armaments! (Also acceptable would be any contributions of modern-day shin guards, elbow pads, or other gear which may be spray-painted to look like armor pieces.)

Other desired items for our inventory include walking staffs or shepherd's crooks. Kingly and princess-ish garb in children's sizes would also be welcome! If you have any of these items and would like to donate, please contact Rev. Suzanne.



Quarter Mania

Thursday March 25th - 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy an opportunity to try different products from local home show businesses, including Tupperware, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia and more! At each Quarter Mania event, an auction is held to showcase the best products from each home business. Every vender auctions off at least 6 of their best items (minimum retail value \$10). Approximately 100 items or more are auctioned at each event.

Bring your friends to this fun night out. All it takes is a \$4 entry fee, and a roll of quarters to have a good time and maybe be the recipient of some valuable merchandise. Pizza, pop and water will be available for purchase (proceeds will benefit Orchard youth).



The Orchard *Harvester* is the newsletter of Orchard United Methodist Church.
The next newsletter deadlines are March 15, 2010 and April 5 2010, with mailings on March 24, 2010 and April 14, 2010.
E-mail articles may be directed to Susan Stone at: susanstone@orchardumc.org

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9:00 and 11:00 A.M. ; 10:00 A.M. Christian Ed for all ages.

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Long-term Prayer Concerns List* - March 2010

Pam Abdallah's father, **M. T. Meaney**
Adamowskis' and Biancos' friends, **Kaitlin Aldea & Family**
Scott Adamowski's father, **Don Adamowski**
Kyle Albery's and Katie Stone's friend, **Brian Eib & family**
Kelly Barker and Family
Karen Besek's niece, **Jane Hefferan**
Florence Carver's son, **Dan Atkins**
Mary Clark's cousin, **Greg Pyle**
Debbie Cremering's mother, **Penny Hargreaves**
The Cross Family's friends, **Steve Percha and Family**
Sue and Al Darold's friend, **Suzanne Rhoades**
Miriam Dauer's son-in-law, **Brandon Trudel** (Iraq)
Rev. Margo Dexter's father, **Tom Byers**
Mary Dible
Dee Dougherty's aunt, **Claudia Reed**, and friend, **Gary Blok**
Tom Edwards
Norma Frasure
Beth Graham
Marcia Harmon's aunt, **Agnes Dale**
Vivian Henderhan's aunt and uncle, **Helen and Arthur**
Gustina, and friends, **Florence Cooper, Phyllis Pung, and**
Lucille and Bob Wolf
Diane Holden's former son-in-law, **Craig Glaser & Family**
Sharon Hurst's mother, **Peggy Prophater**
Lisa Jackson and her mother, **Diana Jackson**
Lori Knop
Deanna Kohl's friend, **Kathy Milczarski**
Debbie Lamson's mother, **Ruth Orthner**

Lynne Lehmann's friend, **Ken Kall**, and niece and
nephew-in-law, **Kari and Major James Gallagher** (Iraq)
Christine Maier and her mother, **Lilly Benzing**
Rita Meredith's cousin, **Patrick Lamb**
Janice Mitchell's parents, **Doris and Bob Bean**
Anne Paddock's friends, **Jim and Ruth MacKay**
Sandy Parry, Mike Parry, Sandy Parry's parents, **Ruth and**
Roland Cagle, and friend, **Tina Girard**
Bunnie Recht
Cassandra Rescoe
Bernie Rish's friend, **Ernestine Bowen**
Louise Rudnick's brother, **John Clinton**
David Sarti's mother, **Ires Sarti**
Brenda Schultz's friend, **Todd Bolitho**
Jane Shillito's cousin, **Patrick Joyce**
Susan Stone's father, **Jim Jordan**, and sister, **Jennifer Hotka**
Shelly Tengler's mother, **Dorothy Bernath**
Former Orchard member, **Betsy Watson**
John Young's sister, **Karen Young**
Sue Young's son-in-law, **Tom Carr**, & cousin, **Margaret Ross**

**The Long-Term Prayer Concerns List will be updated every 6 months,
notice will be given in the Harvester and in church bulletins. Please contact
the church office at that time if you or a loved one would like to remain on
the Long Term Prayer Concerns List. We appreciate your help in keeping
our prayer concerns updated.

Remember to *turn your clocks*
ahead Saturday, March 14th!

