



March 2010

Notes from the Pastor

The Possibility of a Snow Day

**As I write, a fine snow is falling. The snow doesn't** seem to be impeding the cars speeding along Buffalo Road, which most likely at this hour contain people making their way to work. The snow is so fine it has the appearance of fog and, according to the weather forecasters, is a foretaste of things to come in the next twenty-four hours. The prognosticators say **this could be a "snow hurricane" rather** than just an ordinary blizzard. I remember a similar warning when I was in high school. Drove of people converged on the local grocery store – the checkout line went all the way from the front of the store to the back meat counter. Everyone prepared for a horrible storm. But the storm never arrived. It was a false alarm. Only the next twenty-four hours will prove whether or not the forecasters are right. Weather can be such a fickle thing. Yet, all over the state, school children (and some teachers) **are praying, "Please let there be a snow day!"**

Snow days are like an unexpected gift – a free pass to stay home from work and school and skip all the usual demands one has on their days. On a snow day, you can snuggle on the sofa with a blanket and a good book, take a nap or watch television without an ounce of guilt. Life has been pared down to only the essentials – rest, relaxation and time to regroup. What if we saw the season of Lent as a type of snow day? What if we saw Lent as a gift rather than a punishment - An opportunity to rest and regroup, to ponder our lives and how they intersect with the life of Jesus? During Lent we are given the opportunity to pare down to essentials as well. Like a snowy day, worship takes on a quiet tone, with much more silence and opportunity for contemplation. During Lent, we are invited to let go of the things that get in the way of our relationship with God. During Lent, we are called to prayer and to contemplate the great love of God revealed in Jesus. Like a snow day, Lent is a quiet

**time, a time for resting in the knowledge of God's** love for us and discovering anew how God continues to reach out to us every day.

During this season, I pray you will make some quiet snow-day **time in your life to ponder God's** love for us, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It can be as simple as sitting for a few moments and watching the snow fall, and giving thanks to God for the blessings you have received. It might mean joining in worship and holy conversation as we study the Bible on Wednesday evenings and worship on Sunday mornings. Some of you may choose to sacrifice some personal time to reach out to others in service and ministry. Whatever you choose to do, however you choose to spend your time, know that this day is a gift from God, made expressly for you.

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Sherri



**Palm-Passion Sunday - the choir will begin Holy week with the cantata, "Thy Will Be Done."**

**Holy Thursday worship with foot washing and Communion at 7 pm**

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil with The Stations of the Cross 7 am to 8 pm**

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service with Continental Breakfast following at 7 am**

**Easter Sunday Worship 10 am**

## Lenten Sermon Series

Our theme for Lent 2010 will be "Forgiveness" Some of the questions we will be exploring include:

- What does it mean to forgive?
- How can we be forgiven by God?
- How can we forgive others?
- What if I don't feel like forgiving?

How can I offer forgiveness?

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am as we consider the topic of forgiveness.



### Media Ministry Team

We are in need of persons who are willing to participate in worship by running our audio-visual system. This is a great way to serve in worship and requires very little training. If you can click a button, you can do this ministry! Our goal is to have enough people on the team so that you would only need to serve once a month. For more information, please contact Tom Wulff at 889-2986 or Pastor Sherri at 594-9111.



### Membership...Maybe?



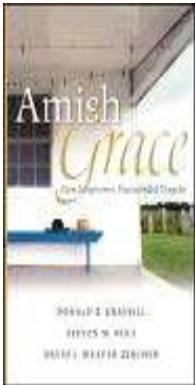
Are you interested in joining the congregation of The United Methodist Church of North Chili? Would you like to talk about the expectations of membership as well as the ministry opportunities you can find here? Then please join us for coffee and conversation on Thursday, March 18th at 7 pm. Please RSVP the church office at 594-9111. If this time is not convenient for you, please let the church office know, and another time will be arranged to meet. Attending the meeting does not obligate you to join the church. New members will be received on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.



## Looking forward to Good Friday

On Good Friday for the past two years, we have held a prayer vigil and an opportunity for persons to contemplate the Stations of the Cross. What are the Stations of the Cross? In early Christianity, people would make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to walk the path that Jesus took to Golgotha. When travel became difficult or too expensive, pictures or “stations” depicting the final hours of Jesus’ life were created, so that all could make the pilgrimage without having to travel the long distance.

The Stations are a powerful meditation tool for Good Friday; a way to walk with Jesus as he travels to the cross. This year, I would like to invite persons or groups to adopt a Station of the Cross and make it meaningful for you to share with others. Be as creative as you like – use different art media, music, and interaction to create your station! Help create a Via Dolorosa, the way of the cross, that will reflect our church. If you would like to participate, or you would like more information, please contact Pastor Sherri at 594-9111 or [sherriumcnc@frontiernet.net](mailto:sherriumcnc@frontiernet.net)



## What If Everyone in the Church Read the Same Book?

Our book for the Lenten season will be “Amish Grace – How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy.” Amish Grace tells

the remarkable response of the Amish Community to the horrific shooting of ten schoolgirls at Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. Bishop Will Willimon writes, “The book is a beautiful testimony to the power and the joy of Amish Grace – grace under fire, grace that wrenches something beautiful out of the jaws of tragedy. Amish Grace is also a challenge to the rest of us to more fully embody the teachings of Jesus.” Discussions of “Amish Grace” will be held in March during Lent.

“What if Everyone Read the Same Book” is sponsored by The United Methodist Women of our church.



## Don't Forget to Change your Clock!

**Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March or March 14<sup>th</sup>. Move clocks ahead one hour at the start of Daylight Saving Time.**

## A Word about Inclement Weather and Church Activities

When inclement weather comes our way, we want everyone to be safe. In the event that church activities are cancelled or postponed, a message will be placed on the church voicemail. Simply call the church and listen to the recorded message. Television channels 8, 10 and 13 and YNN News will also be notified, as well as WHAM 1180 AM radio. However, due to the number of closings, churches are not always listed. **To be sure, please call the church at 594-9111 before heading out.**

## RENOVATION UPDATE

We are well into our Renovation effort. As of the writing of this article, we are on schedule to resume our Worship Services in the renovated Sanctuary on March 21st. We expect to start carpet installation on March 1. Although most of the work will be completed by March 5, we need to allow some extra time to ensure that the audio systems are fully installed and working properly. On the financial side, we will receive a grant from the Genesee Valley District Union for \$3,000. We expect that to arrive before the end of February. We have also been approved for a loan of \$30,000 through the Conference. We are still waiting to hear from the Wilmot Foundation. They are scheduled to meet on March 10, so we should hear before the end of March. We have also borrowed funds from our own Brassier Scholarship Fund, which proved to be more cost effective than borrowing from a financial institution. Both the Conference Loan and Brassier Loan will begin repayment in May at a 5% interest rate.

We look forward to seeing you at Worship on March 21 in our new Sanctuary.

Lyle Tague, Chair of the Renovation Team.

[lmtague@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lmtague@rochester.rr.com)

## Leadership Ministry Team Notes from December



The Leadership Ministry Team would like to remind you that with the exception of personnel issues, Leadership Ministry Team meetings are open to everyone. If you have a question, concern or suggestion regarding our church, please contact a member of the Leadership Ministry Team.

The Leadership Ministry Team members are:

Don Allis—lay leader

Sue Josephson

Don Fernberg

Cliff Cook

Lori McComb

Sue Norton

Amy Archer

Janet Snyder

Tom Wulff

Pastor Sherri

Krista Oremus, our Church Administrative Assistant, is our recording Secretary.

- Finances and the R G & E bill were reviewed.
- Follow up on Roxburgh Missional Network Coaching by Pastor Sherri.
- AV computer specifications
- Request by Esther Gillie considered.
- Resignation from Nancy Dart as Igniting Ministry chair received with regret and with thanks for her many years of service.
- Nurture Team and Facilities Team need volunteers
- The Needlework and Quilt show needs a chairperson.
- Discussion regarding the timing of the capital campaign
- Clean -up day scheduled for Saturday, March 20th
- The renovation schedule and financing were discussed.

Full meeting minutes from the Leadership Ministry Team are available in a notebook, which is kept on the table outside of the fellowship hall.

## News from the Office

Happy March!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for serving in worship. Everyone should have received their copy of the schedule. If there is a conflict and you cannot serve that day, please let me know and I will help find a solution.

I would like to wish my brother, my daughter Sarah, my Dad, and my niece a very Happy Birthday!

Wishing you all a very blessed Lenten season,

Krista

## Calling All College Students

We want to stay in touch with our college students! Please take a moment to share your student's contact information, such as college address and e-mail by calling the church office at 594-9111. Help us stay connected!



### Bright Spot

Our bright spot this month shines on Cliff Cook. Cliff has taken up the task of serving as Church Treasurer, which also means he is a member of the Leadership Ministry Team. Cliff also serves as liaison to the Southwest Coalition of Habitat for Humanity and can often be seen taking pictures at church activities. Thank you Cliff for sharing your time and talents with our church family – you are a blessing to all of us!

## Update on Christmas Donations

Many thanks to all who contributed to our annual mitten, hat and scarf tree at Christmas time. 38 hats, 2 ear muffs, 63 pairs of mittens and 25 scarves were donated to Grace Urban Ministries in Rochester. Because of your generosity, many have been kept warm this winter. Thank you!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and "goodies", since I had been hit by a car. I am recovering the best that I can, with God's help. I miss you and hope to return real soon. Please continue with your prayers for me and my family.

In Christ's Love,

Linda Bushart

## We'll do the Dishes!

We're delighted that so many people have brought their own mugs to use in the fellowship hall. This is certainly good stewardship and cuts down on the amount of paper going into the landfill.

For good health and sanitation, please put your mug on the cart near the coffee station when you are done with it and we will wash it for you! Rinsing in the sink does not meet the health code. Thank you for your help!

## January 2010 Financials

Cash Inflows	\$14,092
Less Cash Outflows	<u>\$10,015</u>
Net Cash Flow	\$4,077

Year-to-Date Apportionments Bill = \$1,718

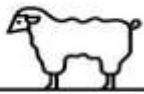
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**The construction has created a lot of dust!** Please join us on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning from 9:00 am—Noon to clean prior to our first Sunday in our newly-renovated sanctuary. If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your help.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2 Bible Study 9:30-11 am Troop 630 6:30-8 pm	3 Troop 116 6:1
7 Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Worship 10 am Youth Chime Choir 11:30-11:45 am Adult Chime Choir 11:45 am—12:15 pm	8 UMW Meeting 7 pm	9 Bible Study 9:30-11 am	10 Lenten Wors 7 pm
<b>14 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Youth Group 8:45-9:45 am Worship 10 am Education Meeting following worship Youth Chime Choir 11:30-11:45 am Adult Chime Choir 11:45 am—12:15 pm	15 Troop 544 6-8:30 pm	16 Bible Study 9:30-11 am Staff Luncheon & Devotions Noon—1 pm Troop 630 6:30-8 pm	17 <b>St. Pa</b> Lenten Wors 7 pm Troop 116 6:1
21 <b>Pretzel Sunday/Newsletter Deadline</b> Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Youth Group 8:45-9:45 am Worship 10 am Youth Chime Choir 11:30-11:45 am Adult Chime Choir 11:45 am—12:15 pm	22 Leadership Ministry Team 7 pm	23 Bible Study 9:30-11 am	24 Lenten Wors 7 pm
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Youth Group 8:45-9:45 am Worship 10 am Youth Chime Choir 11:30-11:45 am Adult Chime Choir 11:45 am—12:15 pm	29 Troop 544 6-8:30 pm	30 Bible Study 9:30-11 am	31



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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 5—7:30 pm	4 Choir Practice 7 pm	5  YOUTH RETREAT 6 PM TO 9:30 AM	6
11 hip/Bible Study	11 Choir Practice 7 pm	12 Troop 578 6:30—9:30 pm Troop 378 6:30—8:30 pm	13
18 hip/Bible Study 5—7:30 pm	18 Choir Practice 7 pm Membership Maybe? 7 pm	19 Cuddle Quilt Prep 9am— noon + overnight Troop 578 6:30—9:30 pm Troop 378 6:30—8:30 pm	20 Cuddle Quilt 9am— noon Clean Up Day 9 am—Noon
25 hip/Bible Study	25 Choir Practice 7 pm	26	27

**Serving in Worship in MARCH**  
*Liturgy is the Work of the People for  
the Glory of God*

**Liturgist**

- 3/7 Don Allis
- 3/14 Lyle Tague
- 3/21 Anita Taft
- 3/28 Kerry Lewis

**Greeters**

- 3/7 Millie Huey & Judy Drews
- 3/14 Allen Family
- 3/21 Stephanie Raker & Cliff Cook
- 3/28 Nichols Family

**Ushers**

- 3/7 Kathy Krisher & Randy Bloechl
- 3/14 Jim & Carol Miller
- 3/21 Holly Wadkins & Sue Josephson
- 3/28 Dee Colwell & Kim Kline Sr.

**Communion Servers**

- 3/7 Peggy Wittman, Mary Twist,  
Sue Josephson

**Acolytes**

- 3/7 Rory Bloechl
- 3/14 Dakota Raker
- 3/21 Dakota Raker
- 3/28 Cameron Lewis

**Altar**

- 3/7 Dee Colwell
- 3/14 Helen Klimeck-Jones
- 3/21 Stephanie Raker
- 3/28 Martha Kline

**Nursery**

- 3/7 Nicole Jewell & Nick Klimeck-Jones
- 3/14 Carol Bloechl & Jessica Archer
- 3/21 Stephanie Raker & Lauren McComb
- 3/28 Amy Downs & Karley Allis

**Coffee Hour for March will be hosted  
by Igniting Ministry.**

**Just for KIDS**

*Our first love*

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.

... your heart and with all your soul ..."

Answer:  
"... fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD  
your God with all ..."



## Happy Birthday!

- 3/1 Nicholas DiFlorio
- 3/3 Paul Cloutier
- 3/5 Justin Foltz  
Aaron Smith
- 3/7 Karen Huey
- 3/8 Max Powell
- 3/10 Erin Nichols
- 3/11 Sarah Oremus  
Terry Smith
- 3/14 Sandy Wulff
- 3/15 Adam Josephson
- 3/16 Lois Struthers
- 3/17 Mike Pecora
- 3/20 Shawn Lawton
- 3/21 Marcia Caswell
- 3/22 Jim Kline Sr.
- 3/24 Linda Tague  
Rocky Chambers
- 3/25 Scott Boyce
- 3/26 Lorelei DiFlorio  
Robert Preston
- 3/28 Roger Godown
- 3/29 Clara Fairbank
- 3/30 Doris Frediani
- 3/31 Cliff Cook



- 3/5 Richard & Gayel Todd (50 yrs)
- 3/17 Allen & Elizabeth Hulme (21 yrs)



*Lu Cigno; Alta Harris; Gary & Thelma Mayewski; Sarah and Larry Sanderson; BJ Ward; Glenn Everett; Eleanor Gleffe; Joe Catalano; Steve & Lorraine Powell; Lois Geer; Matt Polissini; Janice Hulme; Daniel Hosp; Alicia Sheridan; Maryellen Oremus (Krista's sister-in-law); Patti Cremaldi; Bryan Parslow; Tom Sloey; Alma Bettencourt; The Hogemans; Concetta Catalano;(Helen Klimeck-Jones Aunt); Kurt (Peg Wittman's nephew); Marie Ives; Charles (June Harndon's nephew); Stephanie Raker's Dad and Mom; Ruth Mori's daughter Katy; Esther Gillie, Paul Skelly (friend of Marge Roberts); Carol Martin and family; Ken Hughes (the Hughes' son); Jan Wagner & Kris Page ( Dianne Arazy's sister & nephew); Peg Wittman's cousin Carol & her family; Baby Chase; The Miller family; the McComb family; Mary Jane Reed; Becky Urlacher and family ( Amy Archer's co-worker); Richard Masceri & Jeannie Malone ( Marguerite Barrett's nephew and in-law); Linda Tague; the Krisher Family; the Calvin family; Dianne Arazy; Linda Bushart; Bob Joyal ( Gail Powell's brother-in-law). Rebecca Gibbs*

\*A JAR OF\*

## Love and Appreciation



*Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.*

### What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

### What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!



## How we can help with earthquake relief in Haiti

UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide health kits that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti.

“For people who are feeling powerless in being able to help those in Haiti, providing health kits is a tangible way they can make an immediate difference,” said Kathy Kraiza, director of UMCOR's relief supplies. She estimates that hundreds of thousands of kits will be needed in the days and months ahead.

The kits will be distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the recent disaster.

UMCOR requests that the following NEW items:

- 1 hand towel (15” x 25” up to 17” x 27”. No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (NOTE: Toothpaste is purchased in bulk to be added to health kits to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.

Items may be brought to the church and placed in the box marked Health Kits for Haiti.

### **In February, 27 health kits from our church were shipped to UMCOR's Mission**

Central in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania with other kits from our Annual Conference. Mission Central sent over \$250,000 in aid and kits to Haiti in the days and weeks following the earthquake. We will continue to collect health kits through the month of March.

Monetary Donations may be made through UMCOR Advance # 418325

United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti. The strong ties between the Methodist Church of Haiti and The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helped in facilitating the opening of the UMCOR Haiti field office in 2005. 100 percent of Advance gifts made will go to support relief and development efforts due to emergencies in Haiti. To contribute to the Advance, checks may be made payable to The United Methodist Church of North Chili, but marked Advance #418325 in the memo line. Checks may also be sent directly to:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068, GPO

New York, NY 10087-9068

Donations may also be made on line at: [gbgm-umc.org/umcor/](http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/)



## Easter Flowers



To celebrate Easter, the Altar will again be decorated with fresh, flowering plants. Plants may be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and Easter lilies will be available for **\$8.00** per plant. To place an order, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection plate with your payment. You may also donate to the flower fund. Checks should be made payable to UMC of North Chili. Orders can also be mailed to the church. The Altar Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support.



**\$8.00 per plant:**

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Fund: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total No. Plants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed \$**\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Will \_\_\_\_\_ Will Not Pick Up Plants

**Orders will be accepted between March 7- March 21, 2010**

**No orders can be accepted after March 21, 2010**

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