



June 2009

# The **Slate**



Thoughts and News  
from St. Paul's  
United Methodist Church

## Youth Opportunity Program

I have been contacted by staff of the Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) regarding the benefits of their program Paid Work Experience (PWE). The Youth Opportunity Program is a SEMCA program supervised by Michigan Works and housed at the ISD. They provide various services to youth 16 to 21 years of age.

The YOP provides personalized employment services. They offer services that will assist youth in finding and keeping a job, including: Career exploration, Individual job search, Personalized resume and cover letter construction, Work-readiness workshops, Job shadowing and Other supportive services.

Y.O.P.'s paid work experience is similar to the Summer Youth Employment Program. The P.W.E. allows a client to work for an employer for up to 3 months and the Y.O.P. pays their wages.

This is a great program and a great opportunity. You can help a youth excel at the same time you receive valuable help in your agency and the best part is, SEMCA is the employer of record and pays the wages.

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## UMW Praises!

RSVP, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, awarded Wanda Barton the Distinguished President's Award at the Annual Dinner on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Wanda has volunteered 4,000 hours of her time to the following organizations since 2001: St. Paul's UMW, Monroe Thrift Shop, Sawyer Homestead, Mercy Memorial Hospital Guild, and the Church Women United. Former President Bush sent a letter of recognition to her. What an inspiration to all retirees to be of service to others!

## Two St. Paul's Members awarded Michigan Minuteman Award

Michigan Week was celebrated on May 17 thru 23, 2009. The Michigan Week recognition lunch was held on May 21 to honor residents as 'Minuteman' of Monroe County for their service as citizens who promote in service, Michigan and its communities. St. Paul's members Alisha Cooley and Jim Jacobs were nominated by the City of Monroe's honorable Mayor Mark Worrell (also a St. Paul's member).

## Eve Circle

The members of Eve Circle gathered on May 4, 20.09 at the home of Laura Burchette for the May meeting. The evenings devotions were lead by Norma Huntley and a program on old baskets was presented by Rose Marie Diem. Fran Rayce, circle leader, reported on the upcoming church Trash and Treasure Sale on June 19, 2009. Carol Hartong, UMW president, reported on the activities of the UMW unit and reminded everyone of the June 18th bus trip to Turkeyville. Refreshments were provided by Georgana Brouse. The June meeting will be a dinner outing planned by Rose Marie. Members are to meet at the church and car pool to the restaurant.

*Georgana Brouse*

## UMW News


UMW hosted a light-hearted meeting with JoAnn Rinne as our guest speaker on Thursday, April 23 at 7pm. JoAnn entertained us by speaking on "Laugh for Goodness Sake!" It was so enjoyable to laugh and discover the healthy benefits of laughter. Ladies were present from three local churches. We had 33 in attendance. Our pianist was Lisa Byers, and our Pastor Evans closed the meeting with prayer.

God's Blessings to All!

Submitted by:  
*Carol Hartong, Co-President*



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# June Birthdays

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2. Christina Rice     | 19. Maxine Lahti     |
| 3. Ruth Massoll       | 20. Eleanor Kominek  |
| Diane Pfeiffer        | 21. Jay Johnson      |
| 6. Karen Miller       | Leland Robinson      |
| Daniel Pirlot         | 22. Hazel Boos       |
| 7. Chase Blackwell    | Adrienne Helser      |
| Brendan Decator       | Sharon Wood          |
| 8. Jim Bourdeau       | 24. Caedan Blackwell |
| Brian Geal            | Sydney Fiala         |
| Carol Geal            | Katy Gnaedinger      |
| 9. Michael Everly     | Orion Tyner          |
| Jeff Kohler           | 25. Ryan Starr       |
| Kaitlyn McFarlane     | Donald Watkins       |
| 10. Mike Mortiboy     | 26. Taiya Himebauch  |
| 11. Hunter Ochs       | Nicolette Larkins    |
| 12. John Hile         | 27. Evans Bentley    |
| 14. Thomas Heiss      | Jill Dobie           |
| 15. Dale Sturm        | Jonena Hall          |
| 16. Susan Bourrillion | 28. Ken Vergowven    |
| Kurt Cawood           | 29. Gerald Sampsel   |
| Jill Hepner           | Robert Vergowven     |
| Leananett Mash        | 30. Eric Allen       |
| Wendy Santure         | Kelly Skarbek        |
| 18. Becky Hutchins    |                      |
| Nancy Lannen          |                      |

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## 'Crocodile Dock' VBS - June 22-26, 2009

'Crocodile Dock' Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26 from 9am to Noon. Kids in kindergarten through 6th grade won't want to miss seeing God's light during this fun week! Register in Fellowship Hall or church office. or online at [www.stpaulsumcmmonroe.org](http://www.stpaulsumcmmonroe.org). Fee is \$10 per child.

Volunteers wanted to Vacation Bible School! Even if you can only help for one day, we'd love to make you part of our exciting week in the 'swamp'. Please prayerfully consider supporting this fun outreach for children. See *Alisha Cooley* for more information.

### VBS Training Meeting

The 'Crocodile Dock' VBS training meeting for volunteers will be Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. Training will include information of the theme, station set-up, and a question and answer session. If you want to be part of this exciting outreach program, come be a part of the 'dock'! For more information, see Alisha Cooley, Christian Education Director.

Donations needed! Vacation Bible School is in need of donations for our fun week themed, 'Crocodile Dock'. There are coupons with items needed on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We love to borrow items, too so check out the coupons that list things like blankets and sheets. Please deliver items to St. Paul's by June 19th.

Thank you in advance for your help!



### Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God. Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

Answers: "The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today." Isaiah 58:19, NIV

## Service Podcasts Available Online

If you have ever been ill on a Sunday morning, or out of town, or simply found it impossible to make it to Church, we have good news for you! You can now listen to the morning's service on line. Simply go to [www.stpaulsumcmmonroe.org](http://www.stpaulsumcmmonroe.org), and on the home page you will find a link that will take you to Sunday morning's service. Check it out!



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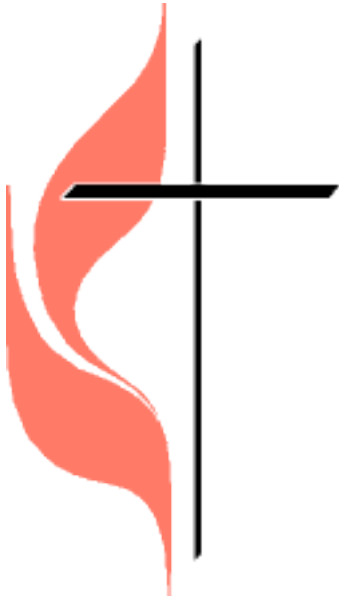
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