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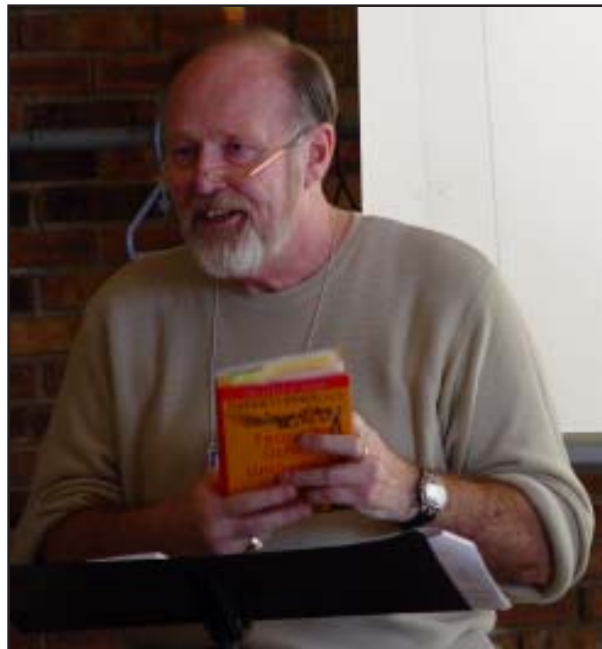
Diocesan Spring Conference Being Welcome at the Well

Rise Thew Forrester

There are places in our lives that seem to be deserts, when we are unable to live our lives as we wish, or where we have a thirst that is not quenched. In those desert times and places, God provides wells of grace where we can drink water to sooth the parched throat, living water that quenches soul-thirst.

Dancing through Deserts and around Wells of Grace" was the theme of the Diocesan Spring Conference, March 4-5, in Escanaba. It was led by Ed Leidel, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. Leidel explained to the close to 40 participants that he learned about dancing through those deserts while he was on sabbatical, studying Celtic Christianity in the lands of his ancestors. He read stacks of books and explored the geography where the Celtic type of Christianity was nurtured.

"One thing is at the heart of all churches that grow, and that is a passionate faith. I went in search of that passion, and I found it," he said. Out of that experience



Ed Leidel, Bishop of Eastern Michigan was the speaker at the Spring Conference

and study he wrote a book, *Awakening Grassroots Spirituality: A Celtic Guide for Nurturing and Maturing the Soul*. "I wanted to find the joy and wonder in the Christian life again," he said. "That's where we start, with joy and wonder, first in yourself. Your uniqueness is your gateway to God."

Asking participants to explore their own places of desert and tears, along with the wells of grace that God provides and we can seek out, small groups discussed questions that Leidel offered. He also led the group in exploring the differences and gifts of what he described as Roman/Western and Eastern/Celtic Spirituality, and suggested that the modern church has leaned too heavily on the Roman/Western to the detriment of the Eastern/Celtic way. "We need to find a balance between the two," he said. "Both are needed, but we have leaned way over to the one side."

Saturday morning the conference learned about differing Spiritual typed and prayer language, using a questionnaire developed out of originating with Corinne

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Ware. It relates different kinds of preferences in prayer, theology and liturgy and mission of the church to the Myers/Briggs personality type that many people have had experience with in churches or business. After discussing their types in small groups, participants were invited to reflect on what "habits of the heart" would help them pay attention to God or to be aware of the joy and wonder of life. Moving further along, they brainstormed the things that they could do that would help them to overcome fear and make courageous transitions.

Leidel ended the presentation by offering his understanding of what evangelism is about within Celtic Christianity: hospitality and relationship. "We most often come through the 'doorway of relationship'" he said, listening to stories from the group of how they were welcomed into Christian community. Citing *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*, a book by George Hunter, he told the group that the Celtic model was

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INVITES CREATIVITY TO WORSHIP WITH US

Rise Thew Forrester

"One of our issues is what happens when you've planned a children's or family service, and hardly any children or families show up? They seem to think that if there's no Sunday School, they should take the Sunday off from church."

That was one of the comments heard around the table at the South Central Children's Ministry workshop on March 12, in Escanaba. Leading from there, the group explored what it might mean to plan worship with children in mind, but with the understanding that the gifts that kind of service offers is inviting to more than just the children. "What if we use children as an "excuse" to be creative with our worship, so that not only are we honoring children's needs and gifts, but also people who learn best and take in the world with their bodies, or those who lead with their ears, or their sense of touch," suggested Rise Thew Forrester, presenter for the meeting.

Thew Forrester noted that there are different ways that people enter into worship (body, music, language, logic, relationship, visual, etc), and that at its best, our worship can meet people in all these different ways. Then, once people



Worship at Junior Camp, Summer 2004

enter into the worship, how does our worship send them out? Does it connect with our ministry in the world and community around us?

For the second half of the workshop, the group worked on possibilities for a liturgy on the Sunday after Easter as an exercise, listening to the scripture readings and thinking about seasonal and other aspects. They brainstormed entrance rites, ways to proclaim the scripture, projects and sermons. There were many more ideas than could or should ever be used on one Sunday, but it soon became obvious how

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Health Resources Update

Betty Ann Glascock

A very important part of Jesus' ministry was healing. Jesus knew that without healing, physically as well as spiritually, we could not adequately love and serve God. With this in mind, the Health Resources Committee created this Health Resources Web Page as a resource of information for better health and a longer life.

When we have a serious illness, we want the best state-of-the-art treatment that will give us the most chance of survival. How do we find it, if we do not live near a leading medical center? This Health Resource Web Page provides research and knowledge about our illness that helps us ask intelligent questions and make the best decisions with our doctor for our treatment. With medical research advancing so fast, and doctors having a difficult time keeping up in their fields of medicine, learning as much as we can about our illness and working together with our doctor to find our best available treatment, gives us the best advantage.

Many of Jesus' healings were called miracles. When the spirit is broken, healing does not take place. Hopefully our spirits will also be enlightened and lifted from our brokenness through the knowledge provided by this web page. Healing can then begin with the confidence of having the best available treatment, with faith, and with the support and prayers of family and friends. When this happens, who knows what miracles will take place!

The Health Resources Listing includes a list of Crisis Numbers, a listing of health topics in alphabetical order, followed by a list of varied Related Health Sources. Under these health headings are mostly toll-free numbers, websites, books, videos, and pamphlets for not only our personal use, but also to help our family, church family, and friends.

The HEALTH RESOURCES WEB PAGE, created by the Health Resources Committee - Betty Ann Glascock, Ellen Jensen, Lori Miller, and Lu Swetz, is ready for review. Please let the committee know of any updates, additions, outdated or inaccurate material by getting on the internet and going to the Diocesan Website, www.uepiscopal.org; in the left listing, click on Ministries/Missions; then click Health Resources. Thank you.

Betty Ann Glascock, Chairman 906-477-6730

Holocaust Memorial Plans Set in Marquette

Marquette County Interfaith Forum

We are pleased to announce that this year's Holocaust Memorial Service is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 8 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral. We are especially proud to announce our speaker, a world-renowned Holocaust survivor, author and inspirational speaker, Inge Auerbacher.

Ms. Auerbacher was born in Germany and spent three years between 7-10 years of age in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp in Czechoslovakia, where out of 15,000 children, about 1 percent survived. She remembers when the now-famous children's opera *Brundibar* was first written and performed while she was in Terezin. *Brundibar* was performed 55 times by the children of this camp before most of them and their composer were sent to die in the gas chamber.

Inge tells her life story in two books: *I am a Star: Child of the Holocaust* (NY: Puffin Books, 1993) and *Beyond the Yellow Star to America* (Unionville, NY: Royal Fireworks Press, 1995). She also chronicled the lives of the African-American pioneering track stars, the DeSaussure sisters, in the book *Running Against the Wind*. Inge was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and Louis E. Yavner Citizen Award for her work in teaching tolerance and human rights. She has been lecturing on the Holocaust since 1981. With prize-winning documentary films having been made about her, we are truly fortunate to be able to have her in the Marquette community. To learn more about Inge, see her website at www.ingeauerbacher.com.

We again turn to the Upper Peninsula faith communities and supporters for help in underwriting the costs of executing and publicizing this year's Holocaust Memorial Service. This stellar event has over the years proved to be a well-attended occasion in the life of our region. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be made payable to "Unitarian Universalist Congregation" (our accounting arm) with a notation on the lower left of your check stating: "Interfaith Forum Fund". Your check may be mailed directly to Treasurer, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, P.O. Box 687, Marquette, MI 49855. Contributors will be listed in the evening's program unless requested otherwise.

We are grateful to our inter-and-ecumenical faith communities for your support. If you have questions or feedback, please feel free to contact either myself or Dan Rydholm.

Blessings,

Rev. Kayle Rice, Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Dan Rydholm, Director of Faith Formation, St. Peter Roman Catholic Cathedral

Northern Child Care Fund Needs Help

Every semester the student government of NMU (Associated Students of Northern Michigan University) give away scholarships to students who have children. The money is used to offset the rising cost of in-state licensed day cares. This scholarship is founded entirely by donation. Members of ASNMU have collected returnable cans, participated in numerous bake sales and have asked faculty members for donations.

This semester we were able to give away five scholarships, the first for two hundred dollars, two for one hundred dollars, and the last two for fifty dollars each.

Considering the immense cost of day care with an increase of applications for the scholarship, there is a need to raise

more money. If it is within your means, we respectfully request that you would consider the ASNMU Childcare Scholarship for a contribution.

Checks can be made out to ASNMU Childcare Scholarship Fund. If you would like to obtain more information, please feel free to check out www.asnmnu.edu or call the ASNMU office at 227-2452.

Thank you so much for considering this cause for a donation. We appreciate any contribution.

Sincerely,
The ASNMU Childcare Scholarship Committee

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

We envision a world in which all people live together in peace and in harmony with all of creation, where all can contribute and the gifts of all are joyfully received, nurtured, and supported, where our diversity is celebrated in community, and every human being is recognized as having eternal significance.

We commit ourselves to identify, nurture, and support the baptismal ministry of every single member/person of this diocese. The baptismal covenant is our guide and inspiration.

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Meetings and Events

All Times Eastern

APRIL 2005

1-2	LifeCycles		Diocesan Offices, Marquette
13	Finance Committee	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
16	South Central Region	10:00am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
16	Commission on Ministry	10:00am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
16	Council on Diac Ministry	2:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba
26	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
27-May1	US/Canadian House of Bishops		Windsor, Ontario
28	Justice/Peace	3:30pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
30	Standing Committee	10:00am	Trinity, Gladstone

MAY 2005

4	Trust Association	10:30am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
7	Diocesan Council	10:00am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
7-8	Affirmation Weekend		Grace, Menominee
8	UTO Spring Ingathering/CPC Sunday		
10-11	Michigan Dioceses (AMEN)		Conway
14-15	Affirmation Weekend		St James, Sault Ste Marie
19	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
20	South Central Region	6:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba
21	Commission on Ministry	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
21	Faith in Action Training	10:00am	St Paul's, Marquette

JUNE 2005

10-11	ECW Board		Page Center, Little Lake
11	Standing Committee	10:00am	Trinity, Gladstone
18	Diocesan Council	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
19-24	Junior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
25	Commission on Ministry	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
26-Jul1	Senior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake

JULY 2005

8-10	Family Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
23	Commission on Ministry	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
26-31	Episcopal Youth Event (EYE)		Berea College, Kentucky
31-Aug6	Camp New Day U.P.		Presbytery Point, Michigamme

AUGUST 2005

7-13	Camp New Day U.P.		Camp Michigamme, Michigamme
14-20	Camp New Day U.P.		Page Center, Little Lake
20	Diocesan Council	10:00am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

Children's Ministry, Continued

many possibilities there were, and how this could be a worship service that was inviting to the adults as well as the children. Some of the possibilities imagined were drama, tableau (a simple "living picture" way of listening to the scriptures), masks, different translations or paraphrases or stories, and responsive refrains from the congregation during the reading.

Bonnie Turner and Arlene Gordanier provided a list of internet resources, which was added to by other participants (see box; live links to these sites are at upepiscopal.org, click on Ministries/Mission, then Children's Ministry).

Transitions Baptisms

Tyler Maynard
Troy Povich
Trinity, Gladstone

Ada Phillips
Eric Brodersen
St. Paul's, Marquette

Deaths

Catherine Paupore
Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain

Irene Urbanski
St. Paul's, Marquette

Children's Ministry Website Links

- www.elca.org/dcm/christian_education/nd_intergen.html
- www.daniellesplace.com (arts and crafts)
- www.ministryofthearts.org
- www.kidssundayschool.com
- www.superkidz4christ.com/BestIdeas.htm
- www.childrensministry.com/links.asp
- www.episcopalchurch.org (go to "Life and Work of Church and it will take you to the Christian education site.)
- www.episcopalchurch.org/sermons_that_work.htm (go to Small
- Church Sunday School for lessons for different age groups)
- www.childrensministry.net
- www.childrenatworship.org (great ideas for worship, subscription website)
- www.childrenbulletins.com
- www.teacherhelp.org
- www.anglicanonline.org/resources/ce.html
- www.rotation.org (rotation-style children's ministry)
- www.puzzlemaker.com (make your own printable puzzles for kids)

Diocesan Spring Conference: *Dancing in the Desert*



Charlie Piper, Linda Piper and Marion Luckey discuss questions at the Spring Conference

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based on the monastic communities of men and women which were safe places for anyone to come. The community was always willing to share its resources with all who wanted or needed them. In the Celtic way of evangelism: you first establish relationship with people, or bring them into the fellowship of your faith community. That is: you practice hospitality. Then, within the fellowship, you engage in conversation, ministry, prayer and worship. In time, as the welcomed discover that they now believe, you invite them to commit. "Christianity is more caught than taught," he said, "and belonging comes before believing."



Jennie Hansen listens as a member of her small group speaks.

Leidel was joined by Ira Leidel at the conference. David Vickers, a rector and musician from the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, was unable to come and help lead music, as had been planned.

Around the Diocese... UTO Spring Ingathering

Maria K. Maniaci

Is Spring Coming?

Spring Is Coming!

And with it, many traditional events.

This year, two of our traditions will be celebrated on the same Sunday, May 8, 2005. We will honor Mothers and Motherhood and we will be holding the Spring In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO).

The UTO In-Gathering is when we say "Thanks Be To God" for all of the blessings, and trials, of this life. And it is from all of the mite box donations, no matter how large or how small, great things get done in Christ's name.

In 2003, St. Alban's, Manistique, received a grant to assist in building a vertical lift to make their century old building accessible for all. Following their lead, the congregation at St. Mark's, Crystal Falls, applied for the same type of grant in 2004, and were also helped with their plan to make their church physically welcoming to all with the installation of a vertical lift on the east side of their entrance.

We will know in early Summer if our latest grant request, this time for the undercroft of Trinity, Houghton, will be accepted for assistance.

Because Trust Fund earnings cover all of the salaries and day to day expenses of UTO, every penny, every dollar, placed in "The Little Blue Box" or the Blue Envelopes, becomes part of the granting process.

In recent years it has been in excess of \$2M, but that is always short of what is needed. Examine your heart, examine your life.

You will find so much to be thankful for.

Give accordingly.



Grace Church, Menominee has nearly finished their ramp and new bathroom on the parish house. They hold worship services in the parish house in the winter, saving heating costs and allowing for a different style of worship as well.

Trinity, Houghton and Christ Church, Calumet have been sharing a soup and bread lunch each Wednesday during Lent. In addition to lunch they are reading the meditation of the day from the ERD resource "The Call of the Cross" and discussing the reflection questions.

David Coles, Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand, our companion diocese, and his wife Joy, will be visiting in our diocese April 15-18. They will be joining several groups and congregations to share ideas and ministry.

The Coles were last here a few years ago, and since that time several members of our diocese, including Jim and Mary Kelsey, have visited there in New Zealand.

Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain notes that they have moved from two Sunday morning services to one at 9:00.

Spring College Care Packages will be sent out to 15 students from the congregation in time for their final exams. The packages contain various homemade and purchased snacks and edibles and a greeting in the name of the congregation.

"Potluck and Games" takes place after service every other month. Good food and fun (bingo, team trivia, etc).

Margaret Sottile of the Keweenaw Family Resource Center in Houghton sends word that thanks to your generosity, she was able to send \$1600 to St. Michael's School in Khayalisha, South Africa. She offers great thanks on the behalf of the children that these scholarships will serve.



Trinity, Mackinac Island, and the two other year round island churches, St. Anne's Catholic church and the Bible church, collected warm winter clothes for the Grand Hotel workers arriving early from Jamaica. It was not possible for them to purchase hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters, winter coats and heavy pants in Jamaica. Five sled loads were taken up to employee housing to greet them when they arrived, sorted and displayed attractively on tables for their selection. They seemed to really appreciate all the efforts.

You can help

Send a youth to camp
Support the youth camp program
Provide skills and time at Page

Summer Camp at Page Center will be here before you know it. The people of our diocese have always been very generous in giving "camperships" for youth to go to camp, and we are asking this year for your support of the larger program, as well. As we prepare for the building projects at Page in the near future, there are current needs for new equipment and other support materials.

You can also donate to help send youth to the Episcopal Youth Event this summer (see article), a national gathering that is held every three years.

Please contact Jane Cislucis at the diocesan office for more information on how you can help out. 800-236-0087 or jane@upepiscoal.org

SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULES

JUNIOR CAMP JUNE 19-24
for youth finishing grades 5-7

SENIOR CAMP JUNE 26-JULY 1
for youth finishing grades 8-12

FAMILY CAMP JULY 8-10
for all the diocesan family

**EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (EYE)
JULY 24 - AUGUST 2**
for youth who have completed grades 9-12, not in college

"Can You Catch the Spirit off the Beaten Path?"

is the theme for the national youth gathering held every three years. The gathering this year is planned for July 24-August 2 (including travel time) in Berea, Kentucky.

This is a chance for youth to experience what it is like to be in a large group of young episcopalians who are excited about life and learning to live their faith.

Jim and Mary Kelsey will be leading the delegation from our diocese. Youth who have completed grades 9-12, who are not in college are eligible. Adult mentors will participate, as well.

Interested youth should contact Mary Kelsey at marykelsey@chartermi.net

COLE HONORED AS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Fred Cole, member of St. Paul's, Marquette and a teacher in Marquette, has been named "Educator of the Year" by Street Law, an organization that provides programs and curricula which promote knowledge of legal rights and responsibilities, engagement in the democratic process, and belief in the rule of law, among both youth and adults. He will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive the award. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will also be honored by Street Law at that time.