

GREENSKY HILL TIDINGS AUGUST 2008

Pastor's Pondering

I have spent more time this summer with our dog, Willie. We rescued him from a Humane Society shelter in January of this year. He really enjoys spending time with me by going on walks, playing fetch, or simply laying down at my feet while I am reading. He especially enjoys walking down to Lake Charlevoix and going swimming with me.

Willie has got me thinking about Jesus Christ. Jesus rescued me from my life of slavery to sin and death and keeps drawing me into a life of love, joy, peace, and fulfillment. This is similar to Willie being rescued from a life destined for immediate death in the small "cell" of an animal shelter into a life of joy and fun in a loving family where his life has fulfillment. Like Willie enjoys being with Paula or me, I enjoy being with Jesus.

This has brought me to wonder about whether I am receiving all of the enjoyment I can when I am with Jesus. Although I am not always with Willie, Jesus Christ's Spirit lives within me all of the time. I am with Jesus and Jesus is with me all of the time. Do I receive the joy and peace of Jesus presence every moment o every day? Am I aware of Jesus' comfort, strength, and protection with me every moment? I invite you to ask yourself these same questions. What can you change in your day to help you realize Christ's presence in your life all of the time?

Pastor Tim

[Greensky hill.com](http://Greenskyhill.com)

Please check out our web site at Greenskyhill.com. It is still being developed so if you have any suggestions, ideas, or comments, please communicate them to us by clicking on the "Contact Us" button.

Our military: Phillip Slocum and Joshua Gloria

George and Marcie DeGraeve	Dan Pardee	Ghering Family
Rose Greane	Kim and Mary	Pamela (Sharon's S. sister)
Angeline Genia	Lily Richardson	Rose Kassube
Phyllis John	Marsha and Nancy	Rosemary and Howard
Russell and Karen	John Jeakle	Chris and Libby
Lucy Funk	Rosauco Pajol	Marsha Stewart
Margo and Kala	Dan and Carol	Herm Drenth
Dan McCreery	Matthew B.	Connie Pischner
Carolyn Satori	Shirley E.	Janice Smith
Calvin Hill	Scott	Houghton Family
Trimper Family	Little Nicole	Don and Sue
Glen and Linda	Matthew Cross	Mildred Spiegel
Duane Drost	Kay	
Katie's Family	Fran Tollas	

PRAYER LIST

LITURGISTS

AUGUST

3 Clydell Willis
10 Ed Jakeway
17 Ed Jakeway
31 Lynn Groves

SEPTEMBER

7 Al Colby, Jr.
14 Kathy Colby
21 Christopher Demanaeus
28 Rene Demanaeus

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

4 George Seamer
8 Dennis Dominic
9 David Wassenaar
10 Judy Elzinga
11 Pastor Geri Litchfield
17 JoAnn Elzinga
17 Neil Cross

SEPTEMBER

3 George DeGraeve
4 Paul Belding
15 Bonnie Dominic
21 Nancy Walker
23 Brenda Seamer

19 Dorothy Perry
22 Pastor Carl Litchfield

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

3 Duffy and Robin Johnson
13 Bob and Sue Peterson
29 Brian and Valerie Williams

SEPTEMBER

13 Carl and Geri Litchfield
16 Dan and Sharon Stout

CAMP MEETING THANK YOU'S

Greensky Hill held another inspirational and enjoyable annual Camp Meeting from Friday, July 11th through Sunday, July 13th 2008.

This year's guest speaker was Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin. Rev. Eastin is the founding pastor of the Native American Fellowship-Dayspring UMC, E. Peoria, Illinois.

The 2008 Greensky Hill Camp Meeting was successful due to a large number of individuals. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following:

Chairpersons: Molly Tate and Judy Johnson for organizing and implementing the various activities and schedule.

Guest speakers: Rev. Carol Eastin, Rev. Marshall and Mary Collins, and Pastor Tim.

Grounds: Mike Mitchell, Daugherty Johnson, Kevin Willis, Josh Elzinga, Mike McCreery, Richard Tunison, Pastor Tim, Mr. Sineway, and Amanda Nahgahwon.

Tabernacle: Sue and Ray Bice, Nancy Richardson, and Judy Johnson.

Electrical: Pastor Tim

Cooks: Molly Tate, Daugherty Johnson, Kevin Willis, Mike Marchewitz, Judy Johnson, Lynn Groves, Bonnie Dominic, Betsy Teleuwiffen, Jo Ann Elzinga, and Dan McCreery.

Kitchen and Hall: Sue Bice, Clydell Willis, Lucy Witthoef, Amy Alberts, Amanda Nahgahwon. Carol King, and Earl Misner.

Activities: Carol Tally, Dennis Dominic, Dan McCreery, Kevin Willis, Daugherty Johnson, and Mike Mitchell.

Lay Speaking School: Rev. Carol Eastin, Rev. Sandra VandenBrink, Rev. Tom John, Phyllis John, and Carmen Misner.

General: to all who donated food for the potluck and other meals; to June Cross for the generous donation of whitefish for the fish fry.

Special Thanks to EVERYONE who attended the services and/or participated in the activities.

NEW MEMBERS AT GREENSKY HILL

One of the highlights of this year's Camp Meeting was the Sunday morning service when nine persons joined the Greensky Hill Indian Mission UMC. We would like to welcome the following individuals into the church:

Sue Bice, Ray Bice, Gina Bentley, Elizabeth Coski, Amanda Greensky, Pat DeGraeve, Debby Slocum, Rene Demanaeus, and Christopher Demanaeus.
Welcome!

HARVEST DINNER- SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

Greensky Hill's annual Harvest Dinner for 2007 will be held Saturday, September 27th. Harvest Dinner is a time to come together- some describe it as "homecoming" to appreciate God's bountiful blessings and to help support the church and its outreach mission. In the past, proceeds from the dinner were distributed for college scholarships, various community service organizations and to individuals in need.

The Harvest Dinner requires lots of organizing and leadership capability. The first planning session for the Dinner was held July 17th. Kathy Colby is looking for several volunteers to help organize sub-committees for the Dinner. Please contact Kathy if you're willing to help. Also, we need people to bring food in, to prepare food and to volunteer for work assignments on the day of the dinner. Remember, many hands make light work- your interest in Greensky is appreciated.

"YOU ARE A SERMON"

Several years ago a preacher from out of state accepted a call to a church in Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown

area. When he sat down he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, “ You’d better give this back, as it would be wrong to keep it.” Then he thought, “Oh, forget it, it’s only a quarter. Who would worry about this small amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare and they will never miss it. Just accept as a “gift from God” and keep quiet.

When his stop came, the pastor paused for a moment at the door and then handed the quarter to the driver and said, “Here, you gave me too much change.”

The driver, with a smile, replied, “Aren’t you the new preacher in town?”

“Yes,” the pastor replied.

“ Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship and I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I’ll see you Sunday.”

After the preacher got off the bus he grabbed hold of the nearest light pole and held on, saying “Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.”

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever “read”. This is a scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test. Always be on guard-remember- you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself a Christian.

Watch your thoughts; they become words

Watch your words; they become actions

Watch your actions; they become habits

Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

GREENSKY HILL 2008 GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 27, 2008 Greensky Hill was able to honor its 2008 graduates. We are lucky to count seven students who have completed either high school or attained a degree from college. The students are:

Elizabeth Koski - Boyne City H.S.

Vanessa Sprague- Coleman H.S.

Levi Antoine - Central Lake H.S.

Rose Petoskey - Northport H.S.

Mike McCreery - Associates Degree from NCMC.

Jessica Dominic - Associates Degree from NCMC.

Rene Demanaeus- Associates Degree from NCMC.

Congratulations to all our graduates and best wishes in your future endeavors.

MEETING OF THE GREENSKY HILL UMW –JUNE 10, 2008

President, Judy Johnson, opened the meeting at 7:00 in Susan Hall with prayer.

Molly Tate, Alice Harvey, Sue Bice, Judy Johnson, and Wendy Sloan in attendance.

The UMW Craft show was a success with most vendors pleased with their sales.

The Saginaw Bay UMW will be visiting our Church on June 21, 2008. A salad luncheon is planned and the Drum Group will be performing. A list of food donations is in Susan Hall. Workers will also be needed. Please contact Alice Harvey, Our UMW has guaranteed a donation of \$250.00 or the profits from the luncheon to the Collins.

The UMW June 28 Flea Market is being advertised and vendors are requested. Sweet rolls in the a.m., Hot Dogs and Chips, plus coffee and pop will be sold. As usual, workers will be needed. The UMW will also have a table so gently used items will be accepted.

Molly Tate reported the Greensky Hill Cookbooks are being sold at the Round Lake Book Store in Charlevoix. Molly is looking at placing the books at other local bookstores. Molly also reported the plans, food, and activities for Camp Meeting 2008 are moving along.

The next UMW meeting will be held July 1, 2008 at Susan hall. All women are welcome.
Wendy Sloan
Secretary

MEETING OF THE GREENSKY HILL UMW - JULY 1, 2008

The July 1, 2008 meeting opened with prayer by President, Judy Johnson. Attending the meeting were Judy Johnson, Molly Tate, Alice Harvey, and Wendy Sloan.

Our Flea Market was a success. The Women and Men’s club split the \$210.00 profits. Graduation honors will be held for 5 Greensky graduates on July 27th. A gift will be presented and ice cream and cake will be served.

The next meeting will be held August 5, 2008 at Susan Hall at 7:00 PM. All Methodist women are welcome to attend.

Wendy Sloan
Secretary

HEART SHARING

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.
 A sharp tongue can cut my own throat.
 If I want my dreams to come true, I mustn't oversleep.
 Of all the things I wear, my expression is the most important.
 The best vitamin for making friends....B1.
 The happiness of my life depends on the quality of my thoughts.
 The heaviest thing I can carry is a grudge.
 One thing I can give and still keep... is my word.
 I lie the loudest when I lie to myself.
 If I lack courage to start, I have already finished.
 One thing I can't recycle is wasted time.
 Ideas won't work unless "I" do.
 My mind is like a parachute... it functions only when open.

Author unknown

FRIENDS

Friends are like balloons; once you let them go, you might not get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away. Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget what's right and wrong. Sometimes we just don't realize what real friendship means until it is too late. I don't want to let that happen so I'm gonna tie you to my heart so I never lose you.

Author unknown

JUST FOR FUN

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"
 "I wouldn't know what to say, the girl replied.
 "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.
 The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"
 One child answered, "Mary."
 The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"
 A little kid said, "Verge."
 Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, “ Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n’ Mary.

Overheard in Church

3-year old, Reese:

“Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.”

Greensky Hill Council Minutes May 13, 2008

The council meeting opened with prayer at 7PM. Attending were: Carol and Richard Tunison, Emily Sitka, Craig and Carol Adams, Paul and Tim Wright, Molly Tate, Bonnie and Dennis Dominic, Judy and Daugherty Johnson, and Sue Bice.

Emily Sitka gave a presentation regarding using the Susan Hall Kitchen for a catering business this summer. Motion was made to enter into a contact with a two-week cancellation provision, and that there schedule cannot interfere with church/hall needs. Also with fees contingent on our 5013 status. No alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises, or to be supplied with the product. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

Trustees and cemetery committee met April 22; will meet again On June 10.

Bible study is continuing at Lynn Groves'; next meeting will be May 19, two more studies to come.

Membership class will be rescheduled. Seven people have expressed interest in joining. Another class will be held if there is interest.

August 16th, wedding, Alice Harvey will be sponsor.

May 31, Sue Louiselle will be using the building for a graduation.

On September 14 the Manton Methodist Church will be having a fundraiser with proceeds going to Greensky Hill. They would like a speaker, and the Greensky Women's Drum Group may go.

August work camp – we'll need suggestions for jobs that need to be done, and will need someone to suggest work and coordinate with the group. Trustees will decide this at their next meeting.

No office hours this week; will be at Grandview working on selecting a new pastor.

Standing Committee Reports:

Trustees: Will meet June 10th.

Men's Club: bottled syrup; 30 gallons left to bottle, \$140 worth sold at the Craft Show.

Visitation: Has not met

Worship: Has not met

UMW did not meet; craft fair made net profit of \$500.

Finance Committee: Has not met

Newsletter: May 18th is the deadline for the June-July combined issue. 100 copies of the May newsletter were made, 78 were mailed out.

Open Comments: Molly discussed her plans to start a Mother's Group here, possibly on Wednesday afternoons, and she will need volunteers. Council will support this if there is enough interest.

We need another microphone so people in Susan Hall can hear all speakers during funeral services.

Evening Sunday school will not meet during the summer, and will be reconsidered in the fall.

Old Business:

Camp Meeting: Molly presented a list of possible events for Saturday Camp meeting.

Website: Paula Wright discussed procuring a domain name and Website. The domain name selected will be Greensky Hill.com. Cost will be \$193.86/year, plus a \$50 set up fee and \$14.95 for the domain name. If this name is not available the second choice will be Greensky Hill Indian Mission Church.com.

Golf Update: Going well

Outreach service at Odawa Casino Hotel: First service will be June 1st.

Photo Directories: Sent out directories to those whose picture was included. Twenty-five additional have been ordered.

Ordination Celebration: Pastor's Tim's ordination will be celebrated at Greensky Hill; date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Bice

