

Greensky Hill Newsletter
December 2009 & January 2-10

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Agee Family	The Ice Family	George & Marcie
Rose Greane	Luke Calhoon	Phyllis John
Angie	Russell & Karen	Margo & Kala
Calvin Hill	Rose Hassube	Lucy Funk
Lilly Richardson	Bob Alexander	David Agnew
Glen & Linda	Mildred Speigl	Caroline Kelly
Dan Elzinga	Bowman Family	Tammy Speigl
Janice Smith	William Koontz	Mildred's brother
Eleanor Baker	Matthew Cross	Steve
Clydell	Katie	Jack Balchik
Elizabeth	Kimberly	Austin Gabby & Sonya
Irene	Richard	Mary K.
Joan	Linda Dominic	Heather
Kaden	Little Nicole	Roxana Tramontini
Chase	Border Patrol	

The Military: Phillip Slocum, Joshua Gloria, Courtney Marulli, Nick Colby, Les Meyette, Walter Houlden, and Matthew Johnston.
Homeless and oppressed people throughout the world.

LITURGISTS FOR DECEMBER

6-Judy Johnson
13-Ray Bice
20-Sue Bice
27-Matt Koontz

DECEMBER

1-Doreen Wilson
5-Walter Lynch
6-Kathleen Willis
(Birthdays, continued)
6-Sam McClellan
7-Jennifer Elzinga
10-Robin Johnson
13-Roger Tally

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

1-Duffy Johnson
3-Jessica Dominic
3-Debby Chapaw
6-Michael Marchewitz
7-Carol Tunison
17-Joey Elzinga
19-Valerie Williams

15-Jim Hartwell	19-Alice Harvey
18-Margo Kalilimoku	22-Carol Adams
19-Linda Roznoski	24-Jared Willis
25-Happy Birthday JESUS!	25-Dorthoy Westover
27-Lynn Groves	25-Vanessa Sprague
27-Mark Perry	26-Nancy Koontz
28-Quintin Walker II	29-Jack Cross
30-Carl Scott Litchfield	29-Rebecca Glotfelty
30-Jessica Graham	30-Rebecca Graham
31-Christopher Demanaeus	

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

3-George & Leone Honson

JANUARY

4-Quintin & Nancy Walker
 11-Richard & Carol Tunison
 11-Paul & Kara Johnson

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT GREENSKY HILL

WEDNESDAY-DEC. 2nd at 6:00PM- Women's Christmas Party.
 JoAnn Elzinga will be hosting our annual UMW Christmas Party. Bring a \$5-\$10 gift to share with another lady. Join us in fun, song, and prayer. Desserts will be served.

SUNDAY- DEC. 13th at 12:30PM- Church Christmas Party.
 Worship at 9:00AM.
 At 12:30 share a potluck dinner and gift exchange game at 1:30ish.
 Bring a favorite dish to share and a wrapped \$5-\$10 gift for the game and go home with whatever you are lucky enough to end up with. Bring a gift appropriate for your age and gender. Worship at 3:30 PM with Marshall and Mary Collins.

THURSDAY-DEC. 24th at 7:30PM- Christmas Eve Service.
 This special service includes the children's program and will inspire you and bring a warm sense of peace to you and your family. If you are able, dim your car lights as you enter the woods to the church.
 We can seat tightly 90 people in church; overflow seating with closed circuit TV is available in Susan Hall. We will have cookies and punch following the service. Please come and feel God's love as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, December 25th. Merry Christmas!

Judy Johnson

A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM ON HIGH

By Dave Amsberry

Dear People of America, thank you for the birthday party on December 25th of the calendar you use. You went to a lot of effort shopping, decorating, cleaning, cooking- all the busy activities your culture values. And I appreciate that many of you took a few moments and thought of me amid the music, eating and drinking. I wish to thank especially those of you who attended church in my honor on Christmas.

Yet somehow I felt left out. Even though you reflected briefly on my purpose in joining mankind 2,000 years ago, most of your thoughts and energies went to the gifting and getting of the season. I kept trying to catch your attention without infringing on your free will. I wanted to gently remind you of those important things that I've said. But you couldn't hear me above all the clamor. So now during this lull, let me take this unusual opportunity to again share my thoughts with you.

Please believe that I understand you – love you. I appreciate your wanting to honor my birthday in your traditional ways. But if you really wish to please me on my birthday, here are some things to consider :

Your country makes up four percent of the world's population, but the United States uses in excess of 25 percent of the world's resources. From my viewpoint, I look down on the world and see millions of your brothers and sisters going without basic needs, many actually starving, while you favor yourselves with more abundance. If you would have given more of your food and money to the poor, some of your time to the lonely, the homeless, to anyone in need- and done all this in my Name, this truly would have brought me honor.

And forgiveness. It has become a lost virtue for many of you. I see generational grudges passed along from country to country, from family to family, from individuals to one another. I forgave those who crucified me on the spot to teach all of you how important this was to me and to the Father. Yet many of you are hindering your chance to join us in

Heaven because of a lack of forgiveness. It may not be easy, but I will judge your sincere efforts as much as your successes.

Also, my birthday would be more rewarding if you could give me more of your time. I am competing with your affluent and materialistic culture and your interest in entertainment. Especially television, it has become a new church of worship for millions of you, and it shapes the values of your youth much more than most of you realize. It hurts me especially on the Sabbath having to compete with your entertainment schedule.

Finally a word about Scripture. When scripture was being written centuries ago, I carefully picked people to write it and guided their thoughts and hearts so they would get it down pretty much the way I wanted it. Some of it is hard to understand, but I've got people on earth to help you with it. If you would give me more of your time to consider my word, it would truly make my birthday more special. From Scripture you can learn what I value and how I want you to live; you can learn how to develop a firm faith. My heaven is filled with souls who had learned the value of Scripture and how to live it. They wish they could tell you this personally.

There is of course more I could share with you here, but this is enough for you now. Maybe next year.

With eternal love,
Your Savior

IMPORTANT TIDBITS

1. As The Journey of Life Unfolds- Caregiving for each other through Life's changes. An invitation to caregivers and those they care for to explore faithful, hope-filled possibilities. Facilitated by Nancy Rohde-Chaplin, Hospice of NW Michigan and Pastor Tim Wright. This group will be meeting Wednesdays, Dec.2nd, and Jan.6th in Susan Hall from 1-3PM.

2.Designated Smoking Area- The Church council has designated the east side porch of Susan Hall (porch facing the old cemetery) for those wishing to smoke. No smoking zones include the north, south, west

porches of Susan Hall and inside Susan Hall. Please place cigarette butts in sand containers on east porch. Thank you for your consideration.

3. Toys for Tots- Please bring an unwrapped toy and place in cardboard bin and/or loose change for the large jug in Susan Hall to help the Toys for Tots Campaign provide a Merry Christmas for the children in our area.

4. Charlevoix Food Pantry & Women's Resource Center. There is a tub in Susan Hall for food donations to the food pantry, also a tub for articles for the Resource Center.

5. The time for the Sunday Evening Worship Service will change from 5PM to 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 6th. The 3:30 PM time will remain in effect until Spring for the evening service.

6. A special thank you to Vaughan and Audry Black for donating a brand new roaster for our use at Greensky Hill!

7. Christmas Dinner in memory of Richard Elzinga will be held at the Charlevoix Senior Citizen Center for anyone who may not have family in the area, can't afford dinner to eat out, or would just like to share Christmas dinner with others. Call JoAnn Elzinga (437-3044) or Karen Campbell (547-9739) for more information.

PROFILES OF THE GREENSKY HILL FAMILY

DID YOU KNOW?????

Vaughan and Audry (Krulik) Black are new to Greensky Hill Church since they attended the Camp Meeting in August. As of September 23 they have been married for 15 years, and moved here from Georgia where they met.

They are the parents of four children, 10 grandchildren, and two and one-half great grandchildren, and currently the caretaker of Pepe (their poodle).

Audry, who grew up in Charlevoix, is a member of Eastern star, and a retired hospital employee. She now likes to spend her time cross-

stitching, traveling, and collecting Siamese cat paraphernalia (Vaughan is not a cat person).

Vaughan grew up in Providence, Rhode Island, and is a descendant of the Osage Indians. He is a Grand Mason, and a retired tool sales business owner. Vaughan is a member of the Charlevoix Senior Center Board, a veteran of the Army National Guard (7 years) and the Navy (5 weeks during the Cuban Missile Crisis). He now likes to spend his time traveling with Audry, and taking care of Pepe.

After going south for the next two months, they will be moving into their new home in Charlevoix Estates. Their new address will be:

06685 M66 N., Lot 30
Charlevoix, Mi. 49720

The phone number is 547-1970.

We look forward to their rejoining our Greensky Hill family upon their return.

-----Debby Chapaw

UMW MINUTES- NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Our November 17 meeting was attended by Judy, Madlyn, JoAnn, Sue, Alice, Clydell, and Wendy. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by President, Judy Johnson.

A discussion was held how to share the Officer duties next year. It was decided that the duties of President and Vice-President would be rotated monthly (a different person would lead the meeting each month.) Wendy Sloan will remain Secretary. Clydell Willis was elected Treasurer and Alice Harvey will be the secondary check signer when needed. Our meetings will be held the second Wednesday monthly. Our next meeting will be in April, Sue volunteered to lead that meeting.

JoAnn Elzinga suggested maybe other Methodist Women might be interested in forming other church activities, such as, Bible study, Prayer Chain, Visitations etc. Anyone interested in these or other activities please contact JoAnn.

The UMW Christmas Party will be held at JoAnn Elzinga's, December 2, 2009 at 6:00. Please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange. Anyone needing directions, please ask any of the above ladies.

UMW will be sponsoring 13 scholarships this year, 12 from Harvest Dinner funds and Madlyn Heise has generously donated a scholarship. We also will be donating \$500 to the Church for repairs to the dishwasher. Our Christmas giving will be to the following organizations: Women's Resource Center, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, Christmas Project, Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, Nehemiah House, Greensky Children's Stockings, Greensky Elder Gifting, Camp Quality, and Community Relief.
Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Sloan, Secretary

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN MISSION UMC.
Committee on Lay Leadership
Officers for 2010

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Dennis Dominic (10)
Vice chairperson: Daugherty Johnson (10)
Lay member to West Mi. Annual Conference: Carol Tunison(11)
Recording Secretary: Sue Bice
Lay Leader: Judy Johnson
Pastor-Parish Chairperson: Albert Colby Jr. (11)
Treasurer: Richard Tunison
Financial Secretary: Sue Bice
Membership Secretary: Pastor Tim Wright
Trustees Chairperson: elected by Trustees
Representative to Indian Workers Conf.: Judy Johnson
At-large Members: Bonnie Dominic

OTHER OFFICERS AND LEADERS:

Hunger Awareness:
Communion Steward: Albert Colby, Jr.
Greeter/usher:
Asst. Greeter/usher: Byron Wright
Sunday School Chairperson: Debby Chapaw

Card/Flower Ministry: Debby Chapaw
Funeral Meal Contact: Alice Harvey

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairperson:

PPR Chairs: Mary Jane Jewell/ Liz Nortley(10) (HB) & Albert Colby, Jr. (11) (GH)

PPR Reps: Greensky Hill PPR Committee
 Horton Bay PPR Committee

Lay Leaders: Inge Ledahl (HB) & Judy Johnson (GH)

Lay Members to West Mi. Annual Conf.: Carol Tunison (GH) & _____(HB)

Parish Treasurer: Sue Pepper

Asst. Treasurer: Jeannie Babbitt

TRUSTEES

Class of 2012

Kevin Willis
 Daugherty Johnson

Class of 2011

Mike Mitchell
 Matt Koontz
 Pat DeGraeve

Class of 2010

Ray Bice
 Dennis Dominic

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

Class of 2012

Lynn Groves

Class of 2011

Madlyn Heise
 Molly Tate

Class of 2010

Albert Colby, Jr.

Additional members on PPR Committee: Judy Johnson, Lay Leader
 Carol Tunison, Lay Member to Annual Conference

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Johnson

Jo Ann Elzinga

Molly Tate

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (formerly Nominating Committee)

Class of 2012

Craig Adams

Class of 2011

Carol Tunison

Class of 2010

Clydell Willis

Additional Members on Lay Leadership Committee: Judy Johnson

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Kevin Willis-Chairperson
 Pat DeGraeve

Craig Adams
 Ray Bice

Daugherty Johnson

I ASKED GOD

I asked God for strength that I may achieve,
I was made weak to humbly obey.
I asked God for health that I may do great things,
I was given infirmity that I may do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy,
I was given poverty that I may be wise.
I asked for power that I may have the praise of men,
I was given weakness that I may feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I may enjoy life,
I was given life, that I may enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for--- but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all, most richly blessed.