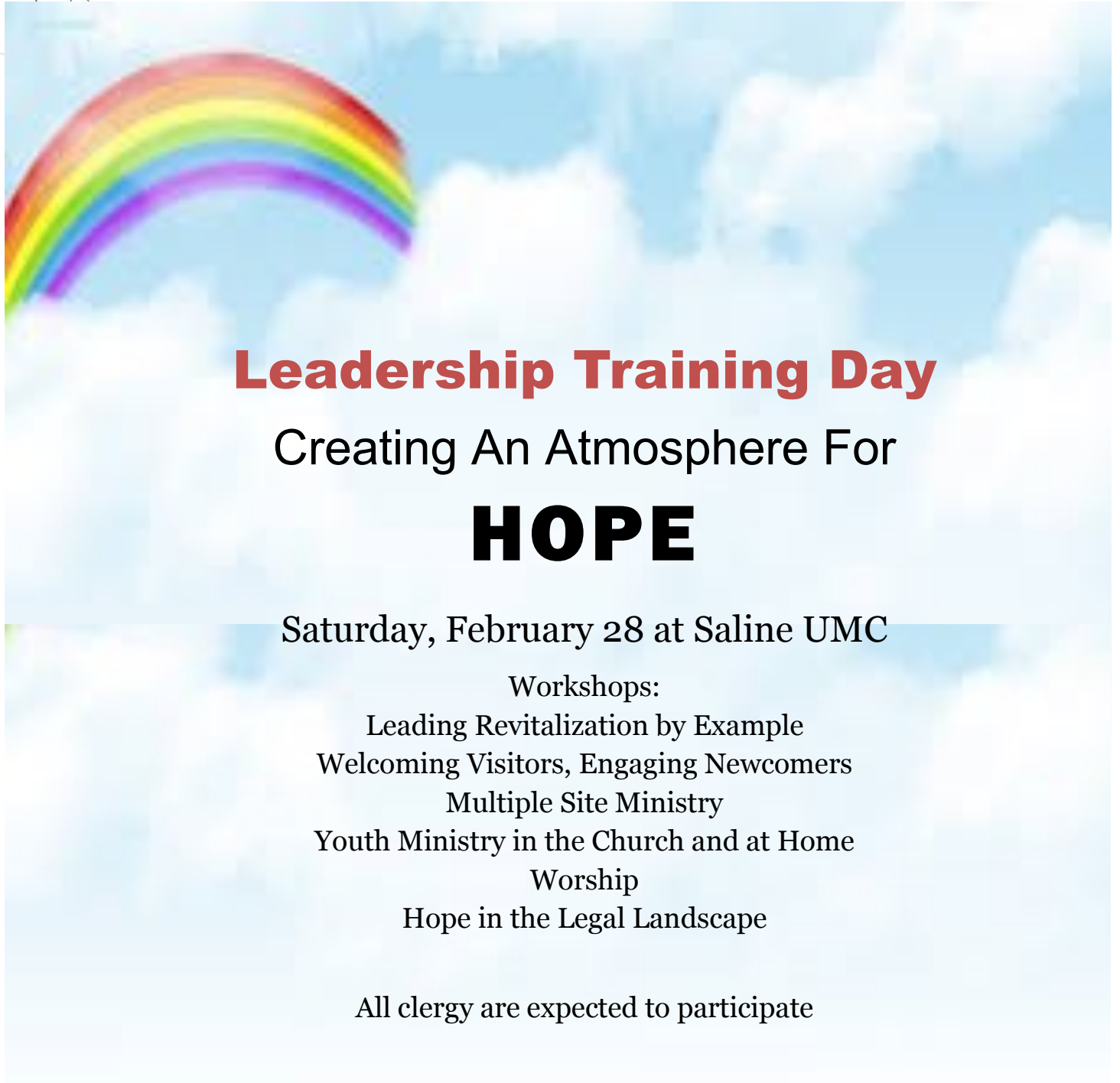


# The Arbor Vine

Ann Arbor District of The United Methodist Church  
Rev. Mark E. Spaw, District Superintendent

**February 2015**

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## **Leadership Training Day**

Creating An Atmosphere For

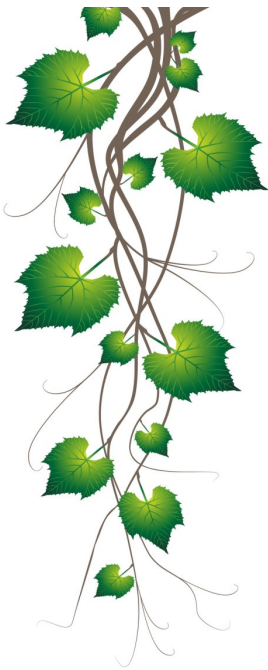
**HOPE**

Saturday, February 28 at Saline UMC

Workshops:

Leading Revitalization by Example  
Welcoming Visitors, Engaging Newcomers  
Multiple Site Ministry  
Youth Ministry in the Church and at Home  
Worship  
Hope in the Legal Landscape

All clergy are expected to participate



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## DISTRICT NOTICES

### **CLERGY SPOUSE RETREAT**

March 13, 14, & 15 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center. There will be talks, workshops, and team activities on the topic "Serving as a (W)Holy Well Encourager." The leader is Laurie DelPino. For more info call the Conference at 800-334-0544.

### **FINANCIAL SOFTWARE ADVICE SOUGHT**

Hello: I am a member of the Finance Comm. at FUMC in Adrian, MI. We are exploring getting new financial software and are looking for recommendations. If someone can give me some feedback on the various programs out there, I sure would appreciate it. My number is 517-260-1153. Many thanks. Gary McDowell.

### **ICE GOLF, ANYONE?**

Join the Ice Golf Tournament on Whitmore Lake on Feb 7-8. Bring your own club and tennis ball. Walk-ons welcome for \$8. For more information contact Robert Ewald at 248-880-7775.

### **WESLEY FESTIVAL - SING TO FIGHT MALARIA**

Methodist choirs from across the United States are being invited to Washington to join a festival chorus in a gala benefit concert to aid Imagine No Malaria at the Kennedy Center on May 23. Visit [www.wesleyfestival.org](http://www.wesleyfestival.org).

### **JAZZ MINISTRY CELEBRATION WEEKEND AT ANN ARBOR FIRST UMC**

Saturday, Feb 7: Sacred Jazz Music Concert, preceded by a family dinner and international boutique from Ten Thousand Villages.

Sunday, Feb 8: Jazz worship services at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Contact Ann Marie Koukios at 734-662-4536

### **SWISS STEAK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION AT DEXTER**

Come to the H4H Swiss Steak Dinner & Silent Auction, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm until 7 pm at the Dexter UM Church. Call 734-426-8480.

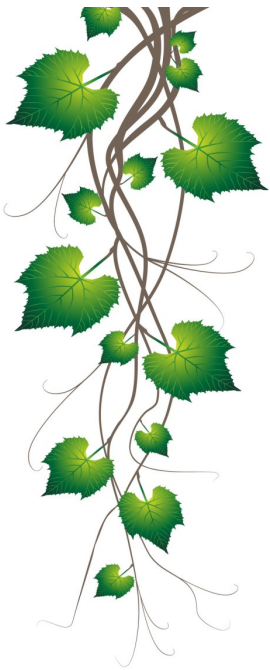
### **VALENTINE TEAS AT THE KEMPF HOUSE MUSEUM**

Historic Kempf House at 312 S. Division St. in Ann Arbor will be serving elegant Valentine teas at 1:30 and 4:00 on Feb 14 and 15. \$25. For reservations call 734-994-4898.

**STANDARD IRS MILEAGE RATES STARTING JANUARY 1, 2015**

**57.5 CENTS PER MILE FOR BUSINESS MILES**

**23 CENTS PER MILE FOR VOLUNTEERS**



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# Spaw's Paws

Some thoughts from your D.S., Rev. Mark E. Spaw

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## "LENT 2015—SURVIVE OR PROSPER"

As our 2015 Lenten Season begins (Ash Wednesday is February 18) I wonder if I'll survive this very busy time for Pastors and the church, or if I'll prosper in the midst of this wonder-filled season. Wonder-filled because of its purpose and scope, Lent is a season of sacrifice and renewal. My hope for all of us as we experience the Lenten Celebration together is that we will, in the midst of sacrifice and renewal, prosper in the spirit, and better appreciate who we are and whose we are. It would be such a waste if we only survived another Lenten Season and did not find in our celebration spiritual renewal and growth. Be prepared, make a plan; Will it be spiritual survival or spiritual prosperity?

I have been watching a lot of Discovery Channel's "Survivor Man" and "Man VS Wild." With that in mind: Stranded without water, the unfortunate man trudged through the desert for hours until he could no longer stand on his feet. Then, as he began crawling across the burning sand, he encountered a necktie salesman. "Can I interest you in a nice new tie?" the salesman asked. "Are you crazy?" the man gasped. "I'm dying of thirst and you want to sell me a necktie?" The salesman shrugged his shoulders and moved on. The dying man resumed his crawling. Finally, he came upon an unbelievable sight. There, before his eyes, in the middle of the otherwise barren desert was a posh restaurant, with neon lights blazing and a full parking lot. The desperate man crawled to the front door, his voice growing weaker and weaker. He muttered to the doorman, "Please help me. I must have something to drink." to which the doorman replied, "I'm sorry sir, gentlemen are not admitted without a necktie!"

"He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst," says our Lord Jesus in John's Gospel. We hunger and thirst for some word of our worthwhileness, for a deeper insight into who we are, what we are doing here on God's Earth and where we are heading, for a flicker of light, and an unlocked door to the mysteries of life. We need Jesus!

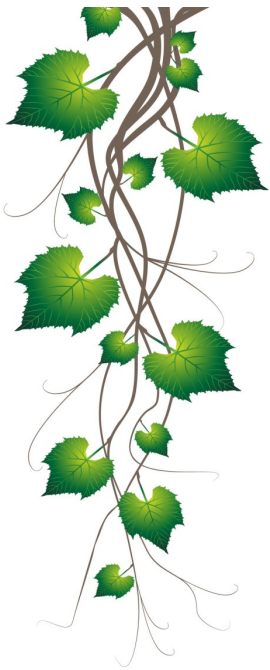
Let your 2015 Lenten Celebration be one of spiritual prosperity where your spiritual hunger and thirst are satisfied. There's work to be done! God's blessings this Lenten season!!!

For Spiritual Prosperity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "mark". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rev. Mark E. Spaw, D.S.

P.S. Hope to be greeting you at our Ann Arbor Leadership Training Day on Saturday February 28, 2015 at Saline UMC. Every church should plan now to attend. Every Pastor Participation!



## ***Plan to Power Up in 2015!***

What does United Methodist Camping have to offer to children and youth in your church? Plan to have a Camp Promotion Sunday at your church. We'll arrange for camp staff to come and talk with your congregation about our programs during Sunday School, the Children's message and/or during fellowship time. Let us answer your congregation's camping questions and teach you some camping songs along the way. See what all the excitement is about. Schedule your Camp Promo Sunday for Spring by calling Judson Collins Center at (517) 467-7711. Dates are filling fast, schedule your Camp Promo today!

## ***Spiritual Growth Retreat***

The Ann Arbor District United Methodist Women are hosting their Spiritual Growth Retreat on Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18 at Judson Collins Retreat Center. The theme for the Retreat is "Soulful Living" and will be led by Deb Mantel. All women in the District are invited to attend. The Retreat will open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and close around 3:00 p.m. Saturday. The cost for both days with overnight is \$50.00. To attend just Saturday's session or both sessions without staying overnight is \$30.00. This will be a great time to relax, be spiritually renewed, fellowship and have fun. Please join us. For any questions, please contact Vicky Engelbert, District President. E-mail address is [greemabert@comcast.net](mailto:greemabert@comcast.net); phone is 734-483-4660.

## ***Joining the Journey with the Bishop***

After a long period of listening and discernment, Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey has invited United Methodists in Michigan to join her on a journey to discern a new path for ministry in the state. Included is the question:

*What are the compelling reasons for creating a totally new conference in Michigan?*

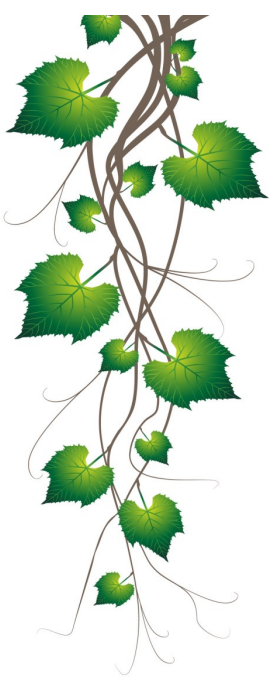
The current listening meeting will be held on

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 6:30 until 8:00 pm. at Northville UMC**

A question on the "intent to join together" will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Conference.

### **February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Feb 1 Joel Walther	Feb 22 Doug Paterson
Feb 6 Deborah Zender	Feb 22 Kyungran Cho
Feb 7 Taek Kim	Feb 22 Paula Timm
Feb 10 Gloria & Earl Downing	Feb 23 Tom Macaulay
Feb 12 Shelley Weatherup	Feb 23 Rochelle Miller
Feb 12 Larry Job	Feb 24 Pete Harris
Feb 12 Anna Moon	Feb 27 Margot Cooley
Feb 15 Mark Zender	Feb 27 Nancy Wyllys
Feb 17 Andy Lee	



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## ***Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me***

### **A Documentary on Life with Alzheimer's**

presented by Glacier Hills, Evangelical Homes of Michigan, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, United Methodist Retirement Communities, Gilbert Residence, Silver Maples, Alzheimer's Association

**Sunday, February 8 at 7:00 pm**

**Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI**

In 2011, music legend Glen Campbell set out on an unprecedented tour across America. He thought it would last 5 weeks; instead it went for 151 spectacular sold out shows over a triumphant year and a half. What made this tour extraordinary was that Glen had recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He was told to hang up his guitar and prepare for the inevitable. Instead, Glen and his wife went public with his diagnosis and announced that he and his family would set out on a "Goodbye Tour." The film documents this amazing journey as he and his family attempt to navigate the wildly unpredictable nature of Glen's progressing disease using love, laughter and music as their medicine of choice.

*105 minutes. Rated PG.*

Visit [www.umrc.com](http://www.umrc.com) to reserve your free tickets for this film via Eventbrite. Seating is limited.

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## ***"Facing Violence: Domestic, Guns, and Human Trafficking"***

*Register for "Keep Making Peace" at [msuwesley.org/kmp2015](http://msuwesley.org/kmp2015)*

"Facing Violence: Domestic, Guns, and Human Trafficking" is the program for Saturday, April 11 at University United Methodist Church in East Lansing from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Featured speakers are Bill Mefford - General Board of Church and Society, Yvonne Zimmerman - Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Linda Brundage - Michigan's Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, and Chris Momany - Adrian College.

The fee is \$15 per person or \$30 per carload of three or more persons. Students are FREE. Pay at the event with cash or check. Lunch is included. Indicate if you want vegetarian.

Everyone is also invited to the 6:00 p.m. free Friday Night gathering with a Soup Supper at 6:30 and a 7:30 showing of "Not My Life, a documentary showing human trafficking on five continents.

**There was an error in the DCOM invoices  
for the Ann Arbor District Apportionments.**

Here are the right numbers. You will receive a corrected invoice.

	DBOM	DCOM	TOTAL		DBOM	DCOM	TOTAL
ADRIAN FIRST UMC	1299	266	1565	MACON UMC	289	59	348
ANN ARBOR: CALVARY UMC	309	63	373	MANCHESTER UMC	502	103	605
ANN ARBOR: FIRST UMC	3708	759	4467	MILAN: MARBLE MEM	479	98	577
ANN ARBOR: KOREAN UMC	620	127	747	MILFORD UMC	811	166	977
ANN ARBOR: WEST SIDE	1280	262	1542	MONROE: CALVARY UMC	202	41	244
AZALIA UMC	79	16	95	MONROE: FIRST UMC	271	55	326
BELLEVILLE FIRST UMC	885	181	1066	MONROE: HERITAGE UMC	115	24	139
BLISSFIELD: EMMANUEL	226	46	273	MONROE: ST PAULS UMC	930	190	1121
BLISSFIELD: FIRST UMC	311	64	374	MORENCI UMC	239	49	288
BRIGHTON FIRST UMC	1585	324	1909	NEW HUDSON UMC	315	64	379
BRITTON: GRACE UMC	313	64	378	NORTH LAKE UMC	262	54	315
CANTON: CHERRY HILL UMC	275	56	332	NORTHVILLE FIRST UMC	2633	539	3172
CANTON: FRIENDSHIP UMC	897	183	1080	NOVI UMC	493	101	593
CARLETON UMC	480	98	578	OAK GROVE UMC	279	57	336
CHELSEA FIRST UMC	1595	326	1921	PETERSBURG UMC	147	30	177
CLAYTON UMC	156	32	188	PINCKNEY: ARISE UMC	354	72	427
CLINTON UMC	353	72	425	PLAINFIELD UMC	134	27	161
COMMERCE UMC	1134	232	1366	PLYMOUTH FIRST UMC	2593	530	3124
DEERFIELD UMC	70	14	84	ROLLIN CENTER UMC	129	26	155
DENTON: FAITH UMC	157	32	189	SALEM GROVE UMC	113	23	136
DEXTER UMC	2350	481	2830	SALINE FIRST UMC	1968	403	2370
DIXBORO UMC	574	117	691	SAMARIA: GRACE UMC	132	27	160
DUNDEE UMC	411	84	495	SHARON UMC	349	71	420
ERIE UMC	255	52	307	SOUTH LYON FIRST UMC	1013	207	1220
FOWLerville: FIRST UMC	525	107	633	SOUTH ROCKWOOD UMC	215	44	259
HARDY UMC	333	68	401	SPRINGVILLE UMC	155	32	186
HARTLAND UMC	445	91	536	STONY CREEK UMC	415	85	499
HIGHLAND UMC	1453	297	1751	TECUMSEH UMC	479	98	577
HOWELL FIRST UMC	1118	229	1346	WALLED LAKE UMC	602	123	725
HUDSON FIRST UMC	303	62	365	WALLED LAKE: AMEN	264	54	318
IDA UMC	279	57	336	WELLSVILLE UMC	125	26	151
LAMBERTVILLE UMC	708	145	853	WESTON UMC	136	28	164
LASALLE: ZION UMC	155	32	187	WHITMORE LAKE: WESLEY	142	29	171
LINCOLN UMC	232	47	280	WILLOW UMC	189	39	228
LIVINGSTON: TRINITY UMC	167	34	201	YPSILANTI: FIRST UMC	1190	243	1434
LONDON UMC	90	18	109	YPSILANTI: ST MATTHEWS	149	30	179
LULU UMC	55	11	66				

DBOM: \$44,000

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Total: \$53,000

*We apologize for any extra work this might cause.*



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## **Return Service Requested**



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