

Three Upper Peninsula Clergy Ordained by United Methodist Church in Adrian

Three Upper Peninsula pastors were ordained as elders Sunday, May 21, by the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Adrian. The three are Sandra J. Clark, pastor of the United Methodist Churches in Newberry and Engadine, Paul J. Gruenberg, pastor of the Pickford United Methodist Church, and Eric D. Kieb, pastor of Negaunee Mitchell United Methodist Church.

Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton presided over the service of ordination and was assisted by the Reverend Grant Lobb, superintendent of the Marquette District, which includes 60 Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula churches.

Ordination is the culmination of an intensive process that includes post-graduate studies at an accredited seminary, followed by a minimum of three years of full time pastoral service that is punctuated by a series of formal examinations and inquiry.

Rev. Clark is a graduate of Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. A resident



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of Marquette from 1985 to 2000, she began preparing for full time ministry while a member of Marquette's First United Methodist Church, where she

served as a Stephen Minister, worship committee chair, and choir member and accompanist. She also served as vice president and church relations coordinator

Les Cheneaux Islands Wildlife Fundraiser Banquet June 10

A fundraising banquet sponsored by the Les Cheneaux Islands Wildlife will be Saturday, June 10, at the community center in Cedarville. Funds raised will be used for area fisheries and wildlife habitat improvements and for scholarships that to

Cedarville and Pickford high school students who will pursue environmental, natural resources, or related fields of study.

There also will be a presentation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Division about the cormorant control proj-

ect.

A 50/50 drawing, raffles for prizes, a silent auction, and a live auction will be part of the evening events.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Guests

Diabetes Support Workshop To Be Broadcast Across U.P. June 15

A workshop for diabetes support group leaders hosted at Marquette General Hospital Thursday, June 15, will be simultaneously broadcast via video-conference to interested viewers at other Upper Peninsula hospitals so support group leaders can benefit from the program, without the need to travel.

The U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network (UPDON) will host the workshop from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day and it will be broadcast in cooperation with the Upper

Peninsula Telehealth Network. The program is open to anyone involved with diabetes support, diabetes-related groups, or who has an interest in these groups.

Those who are interested are asked to register with UPDON to make arrangements to view the video conference locally. To register, call (800) 369-9522 or (902) 228-9203.

Presenters will be Gil Witt and Joan Koets, support group leaders and trainers from western Lower Michigan.

Clark Township To Host Free Clean-up Day June 17

Clark Township will host only one free summer clean-up day this year Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Light participation at last year's two free dump days prompted Clark Township Board of Trustees to cut the service back to one day. Rising costs passed to the township by Waste Management was another factor cited by the board in deciding to offer the single disposal day.

The service is available to residents and taxpayers of Clark Township, at the township's transfer site on State Avenue in Cedarville. Participants can bring any trash except the following materials: metal of any kind, compost materials, lumber, tires, and hazardous medical materials.

Tickets are required for disposal, and they can be picked up at the Treasurer's office at Clark Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Treasurer's office will also be open Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. so people can pick up tickets

for dump day.

Information can be obtained by calling Clark Township Hall at (906) 484-2672.

UP Habitat Group To Meet June 10 in Sault Ste. Marie

The Upper Peninsula Habitat Work Group (UPHWG) will meet Saturday June 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club at 1420 Riverside Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. The group is a sub-committee of the Michigan Natural Resource Commission (NRC) Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries. NRC Commissioner John Madigan chairs the UPHWG meeting, which is open to the public.

"It's an excellent opportunity for the public to participate in the process and interact with the Department of Natural Resources decision makers and local staff," said Mr. Madigan.

The UPHWG is a collaborative forum for the discussion of Upper Peninsula wildlife habitat issues and dissemination of information.

The group meets with wildlife and forest management professionals to discuss strategies for sustain-

able wildlife habitat management in the U.P. To date, much of the focus has been protection of critical winter deer range, including the acquisition by the state of U.P. deer yards encompassing several thousand acres.

At the conclusion of the formal meeting agenda there will be an opportunity for the public interaction as time permits.

Most of the meeting agenda will deal with specific deer-related habitat issues. For more information about the meeting, contact DNR Deer Range Improvement program coordinator Bill Scullon at (906) 786-2351, extension 116.

He and his wife, Lynét, have three children, Breanna, 15, Luke, 14, and Seth, 12. Rev. Gruenberg's mother and stepfather, Caroline and Dick Wirtz, reside in Freeland.

Before coming to Negaunee in July 2003, Rev. Kieb served as associate pastor of Owosso First United Methodist Church. He began his pastoral candidacy with the backing of his home congregation at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, where he was a youth group sponsor. He also served on the staff of the Detroit Area Youth for Christ. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University

and Asbury Theological Seminary, he worked as a cellular communications account manager before entering ministry.

Rev. Kieb serves his current community as spiritual director of the Superiorland Emmaus and as a member of the pastoral care advisory board of Marquette Regional Medical Center.

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Tree nominations should include name and telephone number and should be sent to: Holiday Tree Search, Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Facilities Administration, Building Operations Division, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing Michigan 48909. Information may be sent via e-mail to HolidayTree@michigan.gov.

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Call to America: Our Nation's Capitol Needs a Christmas Tree

The annual search has begun to find a tree to decorate the Capitol lawn in Lansing during the holiday season. To be considered, the tree must be a spruce or fir at least 65 feet tall, have a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a maximum trunk diameter of 30 inches, be accessible from the road and away from wires, and be available at no charge.

Nominations are requested by July 1. Submissions must include a photograph of the tree.

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Kingsford in the Upper Peninsula donated last year's tree, a green spruce that was trucked to Lansing and unveiled before 80,000 people at the Silver Bells in the City celebration. This year's tree will be illuminated at the annual event, planned for Friday, November 17.

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