

# Good Day, Horton Bay

February and March 2010

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

[www.hortonbayumc.org](http://www.hortonbayumc.org)

Sharing the love of God so that all may continually grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

## Pastor's Ponderings

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, for 4 weeks beginning Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year as financial stewardship is an integral part of our discipleship. Yet, our emphasis is NOT about increasing the church's budget. It is about helping each of us to experience the life God has for us and to have the kind of relationship with our money that God wants us to have-finding greater joy in life.

Grace,  
Pastor Tim

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## Living Out God's Mission for Us

We are moving forward in following God's call on our congregation to *Share the Love of God So That All May Continually Grow as Followers of Jesus Christ*. We are gathering groups together to discern Goals and Action Plans for the two areas that we believe God desires us to concentrate on in the near future to cause God's mission for us to become a reality: *Worship Enhancements* and *Young Adult Ministries*. We are calling these groups *Task Forces* because the function and duration of the group is to accomplish a task, rather than a committee that has an ongoing function and duration. The *Young Adult Task Force* met just prior to the publication of this newsletter and the *Worship Enhancements Task Force* will be meeting in February. If you are interested in either of these Task Forces, please watch our bulletin for announcements and contact Pastor Tim [wright.tim.b@gmail.com](mailto:wright.tim.b@gmail.com) or (231) 582-9441. Please keep these Task Forces in prayer-prayer is one of our core values.

## Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship at 10:30 am  
Children's Church during Worship  
Adult Study: Sun. at 9:15 &  
Wed. at 7:00



## HATS OFF . . .

To all those involved with the "Christmas Through a Child's Eyes" video. It truly conveyed the true reason for the season.

To the congregation for donating \$150 each to the Nehemiah House and to Liberia for clean water wells.

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From Mary Ellen Van De Car: "I am in the twilight years of my life now and I wanted to share this [poem] as widely as possible as a witness to my faith and in thanksgiving for my love and gifts with children over the years."

## Welcome, Children, Welcome (11/7/1991)

I'm glad to see that you have brought  
Our most precious possession.  
Never worry about the thought  
That it might be a transgression.

Jesus said, "Let the little ones come,  
Forbid them not to me."  
Where else will they come from?  
If you'll not share yours, you see.

Did they make a little noise?  
Or laugh excitedly?  
Oh, what happy girls and boys  
They share their happy glee.

Or did they cry from gas, wet pants,  
Or maybe getting a tooth?  
We ourselves went through that once,  
A part of living and that's the truth.

I sit out here 'cause I can't hear  
And how lucky can I be?  
Why, I'm so near your little ones,  
Their lovely faces I see.

So please, continue them to bring;  
They're blessed, don't you see?  
In them we hear the angels sing  
That's where I most want to be.

## February Birthdays

- 13 Kathy Cadarette
- 20 Jane Barker
- Melissa Word
- 22 Molly Tate



24 Judy Caldecott

## February Anniversaries

- 5 Gordon & Thornita Koteskey
- 12 Dave & Ruth Skop

## March Birthdays

- 1 Mike Babbitt
- 1 Gabriel Johnecheck
- 3 Annika Bergquist
- 6 Frank Church
- 15 Bud Pomeroy
- 16 Laura Kent
- 19 Adrianna Nachazel
- 21 Alvera Holcomb  
Jack Staats
- 23 Oliver Jodway  
Derek Word
- 24 Jody Potter

## March Anniversaries

- 1 Ed & Karen Williamson
- 21 Dave & Jeannie Babbitt

## Helping People. Changing Lives

The Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) is offering several workshops in the area "to help individuals/families come out of instability".

These programs which include foreclosure prevention, home buyer & home maintenance, saving money, & tax preparation are free to all. Phone 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518 for the

Petoskey office or [www.nmcaa.net](http://www.nmcaa.net).

(Flvers are located on the bulletin board.)

## Maundy Thursday Worship

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, is traditionally a time for gathering together to worshipfully reflect on the last week of Jesus life. This year April 1<sup>st</sup> is Maundy Thursday. Over the past few years a group of people has designed unique worship experiences that were very meaningful. If you are interested in designing this year's Maundy Thursday worship service, please let me know. Please do not feel like you need to have any special gifts to be involved. Your presence will enhance our planning process. Pastor Tim