

## 2012 DeColores Board

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# Northern Lights

## Letter From Our New President Couple

Peace & Grace to the DeColores Community,

This past year we've learned a lot being Vice-President Couple and look forward to serving the community as President Couple. We see it as a great honor to serve in this capacity. Our hope is that you had a joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. We pray that the coming year is full of blessings for the DeColores Community. Our prayer is that we can do as good of a job as our Past President Couple, Curt and Kathy Britten have been. What a great example of leadership they've

been! May God bless them richly for their servant hearts.

We can't wait to see how the Lord is going to bless this community in the coming months! In His Love & Grace,  
Bryon & Crystal Harrington

**Attention!** We miss you! Why not attend an Ultreya and visit with all your long lost family of friends? Even months the Ultreya is held in Traverse City & Grayling, odd months in Kalkaska. Hope to see you there! Also, send me your preferred email address to receive newsletters and prayer concerns (no spam) via email!

## Letters From The Grayling Rector & Rectoress

Northern Michigan DeColores Community,

The Grayling DeColores Weekend #3 is coming together nicely. We have a complete team of enthusiastic men. The Weekend is scheduled for January 26-29, 2012. The Theme is "Come As You Are". The Scripture is Romans 3:23-24 and the song is "For Those Tears I Died". We will be holding the Weekend at Michelson Memorial U.M.C in Grayling. Holy Hour will be at Resurrection Life Center in Grayling. A map of both can be found on the N.M. DeColores web site. The Sunday Church service will be at 11:00 A.M.

There are a number of Northern Michigan DeColores Community members living here in Grayling, and they are excited to have these weekends in their hometown. We ask for your support by attending Holy Hour, serving during the weekend and attending Closing, and of course we ask for your prayers.

In His Service  
Bob Sturm, Rector

Grayling Women's Weekend #4 is getting ready to have the best weekend EVER!! The team is coming together with such a beautiful spirit of love and selfless giving in service to our Lord. Our next team meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> with the team potluck to be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Weekend #4 is scheduled for February 9-12, 2012 at Michelson Memorial UMC in Grayling. The theme is "Give it all to Jesus", the scripture is Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me all you that are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Our theme song is "Be Not Afraid". The Sunday morning service time is 11:00 AM.

Holy Hour will be held at the Assembly of God church in Grayling. Maps to both the weekend church and the Holy Hour church can be found on the website at [www.nmdecolores.com](http://www.nmdecolores.com).

As the excitement for the weekends here in Grayling builds, we know that we cannot do this without the support of the Northern Michigan DeColores community. We pray that you will continue to support this weekend with candidates, palanca, Holy Hour attendance, kitchen help and 24 hour prayer chapel palanca. Signup sheets for setup, tear down, clean up, kitchen help, and 24 hour prayer chapel for both Grayling weekends can be found on the website.

In His service,  
Alice Sturm, Rectoress

# Letters From The Rector & Rectoress

Dear Northern Michigan DeColores,

I am so honored to have been given this opportunity to serve as Rector for the upcoming men's weekend. It is a very exciting time. I have been at work trying to establish His team for His weekend. Prayer, preparation, and forethought are all terms that I would use for describing my efforts towards this endeavor. Although it is work, it is also a great joy that I feel at every success and every new achievement.

The team is coming together nicely and it's great to see how my thoughts seem to fade away as His plans seem to fall into place. I look forward to the coming days when His team will come together and His weekend will finally happen.

New Hope is a truly great place to have a weekend. They are hungry for the fruits of another DeColores event. I feel honored that they have allowed us to do that.

Life is Christ  
Curt Britten



Wondering what you can do with that offering (above and beyond what you give to your local church), how about considering making a contribution for a new DeColores cot? Many of our cots are in need of replacement. The last time we purchased them they cost us \$70 ea. for the cot and another \$50 for the pad. Your contributions are tax deductible; please ear mark your donation for replacement of the cots. Thank you!

DeColores Family,

As I reflect on 2011 what a year it has been!! God has blessed me beyond MY expectations (how silly of me to think that way right!) He is so wonderful and I am so blessed to be on this journey with Him as Rectoress for Weekend #80.

The team is coming together, Shirley, Patti and I are having a great time preparing for the first team meeting in January, and we are very excited to see what God has planned for us next! The Weekend is planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup> at Kalkaska United Methodist Church. Please continue to pray for the team, women who will be attending the weekend and their families!

Know how grateful I am for all you!

Your sister in Christ,  
April Smith

Work is proceeding to revise our songbooks. Music is vital to the DeColores Weekends and it has been over 10 years since the last revision. As money becomes available, we will replace our current books with updated ones. We currently need approximately 199 books for the team meetings and Weekends. That is a sizable cost! If you know of a printer who might like to give us a quote to print new songbooks, please give them my phone number or email address. There is still a little time for song suggestions if you feel so inclined. Just email them to me for consideration. Thanks for your help.  
God Bless,  
Ed Halvorsen

## **Desperately Needed!**

Inventory person or persons (we have had two for a number of years and this seems to work best). Our inventory persons terms on the board has expired and we need someone (or some two) to fill this need. Please prayerfully consider serving in this manner and call the President Couple or anyone on the board.

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