

# NORTHERN LIGHTS

November-December 2010

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## 2010-11 BOARD MEETINGS

### All meetings begin at 9 a.m.

December 4 First Christian, TC

January 8 Kalkaska UMC

February 5 First Christian, TC

March 5 Kalkaska UMC

April 2 First Christian, TC

May 7 Kalkaska UMC

## 2010-11 ULTREYA SCHEDULE

### All Ultrevas begin at 7 p.m.

November 29 Kalkaska UMC

December 27 First Christian TC

January 31 Kalkaska UMC

February 28 First Christian TC

March 28 Kalkaska UMC

April 25 First Christian TC

May 23 Kalkaska UMC

## Greetings from our President Couple

DeColores Community,

We'd like to thank God and each of you for helping to provide six wonderful and life-changing DeColores Weekends this year.

We also welcome all the men of Weekend #74: **Tom Carey, Joe Dake, Daniel Chapp, Art Garmon, Carl Nichols, Jeffery Harris, Derek Smith, John Sova, Charles Tinon, and Thomas Sophiea;** and the women of Weekend #75: **Amber Ahlin, Ruth Doyle, Patty Bell-Johnson, Anissa Chapp, Anna Fischer, Jennifer Godin, Patricia Kangas, Crystal Lafnear, Cassie Newell, Amy North, Pamela Rohr, Irene Winn, and Sasha Miller.** You new crusistas are now a part of an incredibly large and loving family of fellow believers in Northern Michigan DeColores. It is our prayer that you would make the effort to stay in touch and involved in the DeColores movement so that we might continue to bring as many of God's children as possible into a new or closer walk with Jesus. The beauty of DeColores is that it doesn't matter where you came from before your Weekend. If you confess and declare Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you are family and we welcome you home each time we meet. Think of your follow-up meetings and the Ultreyas as Family Reunions and know that your family is eager to see you. We want to catch up and check in with you to see how your 4th Day is going. We can't celebrate the blessings in your life with you or pray for your specific needs if you don't stay in touch. We all need our "cup" filled periodically, so please give us all the gift of your presence to help fill others' cups, and allow them to fill yours.

Christians find strength and encouragement in numbers. A Christian alone is vulnerable to temptation, but when supported by several fellow Christians, becomes a much more effective witness for Christ. We are happier and remain stronger as a whole if we stay connected to other Christians, so we'll see you at the next Ultreya!

Love in Christ,

Dave and Vicki Hogerheide

## Spring Weekends Are in the Works

The rector and rectress for the Spring Weekends have been chosen and are busy forming their Inside and Outside teams.

Rector **Mike Colby** and Co-Rector **Bryon Harrington** have set Weekend #75 for March 17-20, 2011, at the New Hope Community Church. The Weekend theme is "Act on your faith-be a living sacrifice", the Weekend scripture is Proverbs 3: 5-6, and the Theme Song is "Lead Me to the Cross".

Rectress **Tina Filipowicz** and Co-Rectress **Patti Davis** have set Weekend #76 for April 7-10, 2011, at the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. The Weekend theme is "Be still and know that He is God", the Weekend scripture is Psalm 46:10, and the Theme Song is "In the Garden".

Continue to pray for these upcoming Weekends and get busy inviting new candidates who need to be blessed by these Weekends.

### **Board Positions Need To Be Filled**

At the November Ultreya, those attending will be voting for the next Vice President Couple, who will join the Board in January. If you would like to serve as Vice President/Vice President Couple, you must meet the qualifications to serve as a Rector/Rectoress. (If a married couple, one of you must meet the qualifications for Rector/Rectoress) Contact Dave or Vicki Hogerheide if you are interested. Other openings are Treasurer, National DeColores Board Representatives, Merchandise, and Newsletter. A big thank you to those who are leaving the Board for your years of service.

### **DeCo-TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Appreciates Community Member Support**

Dear Friends in Christ of the DeColores Community,  
Deco-TEC Weekend #23 has now been completed. It was a very special time for all involved. I give all credit for its success to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has, and continues to guide us all in his infinite wisdom.

Thank you to all who turned out to serve meals, especially at the Marriage Supper on Saturday night. Your sacrifice allowed the entire team to enjoy the dinner as a family.

The impromptu serenade, which was presented to me on very short notice, was a very powerful and emotional moment for me. It was one of several firsts for Deco-TEC Weekends. I feel that this element should be included in future Weekends, and I am planning to present this at the next Deco-TEC board meeting.

The "Hoot", open to all, had a wonderful turnout. The sanctuary was near capacity and showcased to the teens a small portion of the body of Christ that supported them with their prayers and well wishes. The energy displayed was infectious and this was, by far, the most attended hoot since I have been involved with this ministry.

I cannot begin to express the thanks you're due for your willingness to support this ministry. For any one of you in the community willing to help teens in their quest for ultimate truth, our arms are open to welcome you.

I sincerely believe that the special relationships we have developed during the Weekend has become a very meaningful part of our Christian lives.

Yours in Christ,

Thomas Stetler

Director, Deco-TEC Weekend #23

### **Website Offerings**

If you haven't already browsed our website, nmdecolores.com, take a few minutes to become familiar with all of the information that is available. Detailed information about Ultreyas, Weekends, Board members, forms, and special events are posted and regularly updated.

### **Third Annual Christian Concert a Blessing to All**

Five church praise bands, soloists, siblings, DeColores musicians, singing nuns, and talented dancers blessed those who attended the annual DeColores Christian concert October 23rd at the Kalkaska Middle School. This annual fundraiser, orchestrated by Kathy Fitch generated over \$1000 for DeColores ministries. Thank you to all who performed, those who volunteered their time, and those who came to enjoy the evening of worship through song and dance.

### **Tax Deductible Donations for foam pads and cots needed**

The Board has been slowly replacing damaged cots and foam pads. If you would like to help with this need you can send checks to Shirley Gelinias. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Receipts for large donations are available upon request.