

# The Northern Lights

## Northern Michigan DeColores Ministries

November/December 2008

### WELCOME NEW CRUSISTAS FROM

#### WEEKENDS #65 & # 66

What a joy it is to welcome the new crusistas to the community following the weekends! There were 17 men and 8 women who did the Fall Weekends #65 & #66.



The Community wishes to welcome the following individuals and invite you all to partake of the events to follow -- Ultreyas, pot-lucks, reunions and other events. If the Lord calls you to work a weekend, please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to participate. May God bless you as you continue on in your 4th days!

The following men completed weekend #65. James Cavanaugh, Tony Cline, Chris LaMontagne, Leroy Smithingwell, Cory Stanfield, Adam Scoggins, Tyler Harris, Robert Smitterbergh, David M. Jerry II, Richard Spalding, Don McIntosh, Keith Merchant, Fred Ward, Brad Porter, Jimie Book, Doug Bowerman, and Todd Cook.

The following women completed weekend #66. Stonna Spalding, Nona Nugent, Carmen Cook, Whitney Cline, Sondra Weaver, Brandie Findley, Joan Ward, and Nicole Archey.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

What a blessing it has been to serve as the Newsletter and Website Editor for the past two years. I am thrilled to tell you that we have about 200 people from our nearly 900 person DeColores Community mailing list who receive their newsletter via e-mail --- what a wonderful savings that is for DeColores! But, the time has come for me to move on, and Dave Stockford will be replacing me as the Newsletter Editor - Thank you Dave!

The new email address for DeColores correspondence will be **[decoloresnews@freeway.net](mailto:decoloresnews@freeway.net)** (notice just the last part has changed). As of the time of this printing, all correspondence should be directed to Dave at this new email address. The former email address will be closed so letters sent to the old address will not be responded to.

Please see the Board of Directors list on page three of this newsletter for contact information on all of our current Board Members.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your DeColores Newsletter and Website Editor.

If I can emphasize one thing that I feel is most important for the good of the DeColores Community correspondence it would be this. Please, be sure that you notify Dave immediately of any change in your home or e-mail address. The cost to produce, print and mail the newsletters is not a small one -- so knowing that they end up in your hands is very important to us. If you are connected to the internet, you can further help reduce the costs of paper, labels and printing both newsletters and labels by signing up to receive your newsletter through your e-mail address! So again, if you change your address, please, let Dave know!

May God bless you and keep you,  
DeColores!  
Mary Wilson



## *A Letter from the 2008 President Couple*

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Another year is coming to an end. The seasons change and God's masterpiece is spread out before us. There is a chill in the air and the beautiful colors blanket the ground. We have been truly blessed by the "blanket" of love and support of the DeColores family this past year. It has been a year of both controversy and blessing, and His love has covered it all.

We have been honored to be a part of every DeColores event over this past year. It has been awesome to watch the weekends unfold from beginning to end and watch God work in every situation to put the weekends together according to His ultimate plan. A sincere thank you to each and every one of you that had any part in His goal to change lives and bring people closer to Him.

Thank you to each of our board members who have helped us through this past year. Your love and dedication is appreciated so much more than you know. Your kind words, notes of encouragement and your prayers have carried us many times. To our Spiritual Directors, thank you for your wisdom, your guidance, your prayers and your love. You are truly a gift to this community.

We have been richly blessed by this community and have been honored to serve you and our Lord this past year. We pray His blessings, His mercy and His grace over all of you and ask your prayers and support for your new President couple for 2009, Ed and Melody Halvorsen and the rest of the DeColores board, as they seek to do His will in the coming year. We also ask your prayers and support for the Rector and Rectoress of the Spring weekends, Kim Allen (co-Rector, Bill Davis) and Mary Schaub (co-Rectoress, Kathy Britten).

Thank you, We love you all.  
Mark and Tina Filipowicz

## *Letters from the Rector and Rectoress:*

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WOW!!!!

It is truly a God Thang. When God put me in the position of Rector, He blessed me with twenty nine brothers in Christ. Plus a community of supporters. Then God brought forth seventeen candidates for Weekend #65. The Holy Spirit was in each of these men, both team and candidates. We were all blessed on that weekend. Truly the greatest gift one can give or receive is to be a candidate on a DeColores weekend. I give my sincere thanks to the seventeen candidates that came to Weekend #65 on Thursday night with an open mind and an open heart and left on Sunday evening on fire for our Lord. I ask the community of Northern Michigan DeColores to welcome these new crusistas. Again, I thank God for having me serve as Rector, the community for allowing me to serve and the awesome team members that said yes when God had me call them, and the outside team that supported Weekend #65. Remember that when you get a call to serve, that it is God whom we are serving. God is always here for us, so step up and serve when asked .

God Be With All,  
Mitch Mitchem

Rector Weekend #65

Dear DeColores Community,

It seems like the weekend passed so quickly. Many months of preparation and yet it seemed it passed in only hours. The Lord blessed the team with eight very special candidates who were already bonding by Friday afternoon! I don't know why we are always so amazed when we see the fruits of God's plan materialize. I guess it's our human need to think we are in control and when things come together that we had no control over, we act surprised. God must just shake His head sometimes at our lack of trust. I certainly learned a lot more about trusting Him through all the preparation and through the weekend. I thank the DeColores community for allowing me to be Rectoress for Weekend #66. It is an experience that will be forever engraved in my memory bank. What an amazing team God put together, too. Once again, just the right people were there to lead the candidates through the weekend. See you at the coming Ultreyas!

Your sister in Christ,  
Sonja Reitan

Rectoress for Weekend #66

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*The governing board of Northern Michigan DeColores Ministries meets on the first Saturday of each month. We meet at Kalkaska United Methodist Church on odd numbered months and First Christian Church of TC on even numbered months, beginning at 9 am. Meeting dates and locations are posted elsewhere in the newsletter. **We respectfully ask that you only use these e-mail addresses for DeColores related information, no bulk forwards or other information. Thank you!***

### **DECOLORES BOARD 2009**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mitch and Linda Mitchem have stepped up to accept the vice president position at the National level, they will become President of the National Board in January 2009.

### **E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE - PLEASE NOTE!**

Please make a note of the new e-mail address for DeColores related news. Any DeColores **newsletter** or database change information should now be mailed to the following address:

**decoloresnews@freeway.net**

We were able to keep the first portion of the e-mail address the same so that the transition will be easier for you -- the former "att.net" address will no longer be working - so any correspondences or address changes should now be sent to Dave Stockford at the address above.

Please, help us reduce waste - report your home address changes, as well as your e-mail address changes to the address above! Thank you!!

Mary Wilson

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

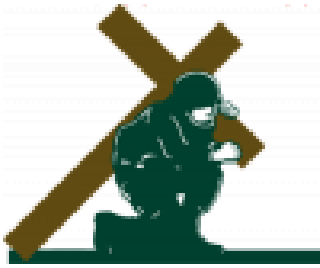
Patti Davis will now be doing all of the Alpha List data work -- this means that any changes in address, phone number, and all weekends worked, positions filled, etc... will need to be reported to her. We are working very hard to get our Alpha List as accurate as possible. The Alpha list and the database are two separate projects -- please be sure to contact Patti for the Alpha list and Dave Stockford for the newsletter/email lists.

### **4TH DAY WORKSHOP NEWS**

Noreen and I would like to let the community know the 4th day work shop was a success. We had eighteen (18) people go through it.

We would like to thank the team that helped with this also. The Work shop was on October 11th at the Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene.

Thanks,  
Todd and Noreen Shafer



*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

*Mark 8:34*

**2008 Ultreya Dates**

*subject to change*

- November 24 - Kalkaska
- December 29 - TC
- January 26 - Kalkaska
- February 23 - TC
- March 30 - Kalkaska
- April 27 - TC
- May 25 - Kalkaska
- June 29 - TC
- July 27 - Kalkaska
- August 31 - TC

**ULTREYA - TO PERSEVERE - KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON!**

Ultreyas are the last Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.. On odd months they are in Kalkaska at the United Methodist Church on Beebe Rd., just north of Kalkaska off US 131. On even months they are in Traverse City at First Christian Church on South Airport Rd., across from Sam's Club. Please come and persevere with us. Everyone is invited. If you get the chance, please thank the members of these churches for letting us use their buildings. They are a blessing to us so thank them often! Clip and post this page for future reference!

**2008 Board Meetings**

*subject to change*

- December 6 - TC
- January 3 - Kalkaska
- February 7 - TC
- March 7 - Kalkaska
- April 4 - TC
- May 2 - Kalkaska
- June 6 - TC
- July - No Meeting
- August 1 - TC
- September 5 - Kalkaska

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If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray ... I will heal their land.

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