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**WCI—The sixth player in the seventh year**

*Submitted by Cathy and Ken Erickson—Waverly Correspondence Institute*

With the conclusion of our 7th year at Waverly Correspondence Institute, we wish to submit an overview of this past year.

Nineteen of our students graduated with the other Waverly High School students this June, which are almost eight percent of the entire graduating class of 2005.

The past school year has again been difficult and rewarding. Our consistent, enduring efforts have been supported by Vicki Tisdale, our contact and our immediate supervisor at the high school with Erv Thelen, our Work Study connection. Vicki, the three high school counselors, along with Cathy Marsh, have been very helpful in selecting appropriate candidates for this program.

WCI, we always say, is the sixth player on Waverly High Schools' education team. The team's starters are the high school staff at the high school building. WCI is the satellite program of the high school. Just as players on the Detroit Pistons' deep bench played their part in securing the NBA Championship a year ago, WCI comes off the bench to help the high school's starters our common effort to serve all students. Most of our students have succeeded over the past seven years, but not every one. This year is the first in which no student dropped from WCI. We have high standards for attendance and performance. Overall, our work these seven

years has been blessed.

Father David Pike, the church staff, and his parishioners also have been a key support system that has benefited our students. Our quiet, disciplined environment for study is made possible by St. David's gift of their excellent facility for our daily use.

WCI is a small, productive program which delivers excellent service year after year. Our goal is always to keep WCI lean and effective so that Waverly's at-risk students may be well served for years to come. We are excited how this program continues to progress in quality, and we hope to serve at WCI until we complete our tenure at Waverly Community Schools in October or November of 2006.

We are especially grateful and humbled at this moment near the end of our service at WCI. On May 4, 2005, WCI was the sole Michigan high school program for at-risk youth honored at the Education Excellence Awards luncheon. This prestigious award, sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards, was given to Waverly Community Schools at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. Representing Waverly was Edith Suttles, Tom Pillar, and Catherine and Ken Erickson. Months ago, Dr. Pillar predicted that Waverly Community Schools would win this award for WCI's service. He was right. Thank you.

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## Waverly Correspondence Institute says Thank You to St. David's

*Submitted by Catherine and Ken Erickson—Waverly Correspondence Institute*

Dear Father David and Members of Saint David's Episcopal Church,

We wish to heartily thank all of you for your support of WCI these past seven years. You have freely offered your excellent church for our students and program, and you share fully in the success of so many students whom you have supported with different forms of encouragement.

As many of you know, the success of WCI has been recognized this spring by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), representing over 500 public school districts throughout the state of Michigan. On May 4<sup>th</sup> of this year WCI, which is a program of Waverly High School, received a beautiful trophy at a celebration luncheon held at the Radisson Hotel. Both of us, along with our district's superintendent and our president of Waverly's Board of Education, represented Waverly Community Schools at this event.

St. David's has been an important and necessary building block of WCI. We could not have been blessed with success from our Shepherd-King without your active prayers, support and encouragement. The result of all efforts together is that in the category of serving at-risk students at the high school level, WCI at St. David's is the sole program this year in the entire state of Michigan to receive the Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards.

We are honored to partner with all of you as we continue to serve our Living God by serving at-risk youth at your most excellent church.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Catherine and Ken Erickson

## Joshua, the church mouse overheard...

Clarence Burgess continues to grow stronger and hopefully soon will be back to doing the things he loves to do. A huge thanks to Nancy Burns, Patricia and Gerry Purol, Gail Donovan and some of the MSU Master Gardeners for planting flowers in the parking lot islands, along the walk up to the Narthex and in the Garth. Speaking of the Garth have you noticed the two-colored irises in it? They are stunningly beautiful. It was nice having Father Bill Ericson lead worship the weekend of Jennifer Pike's wedding to Neal Cronkite. Ed and Jeanne Fraas are back from wintering in Florida and Ed is home after a brief stay in the hospital. Keep in your prayers Melda Gebhart who died this past June will be buried in Arkansas next to her husband. Tom and Nancy George are working hard on their new home in Montague and will be moving there later in the summer. We will miss you Tom and Nancy! It is good to see Ken and Lois Klumpp back in Michigan. Joan Kriek is home recovering from leg surgery and is looking forward to getting back on her feet. Keep Joan's daughter Kaye Todd in your prayers. Her cancer continues to spread

and Hospice has been called in to take care of her. Bob and Glenis Muncie spent time in the south with family and are back in town. Harold Payne has been spending time with son Bill and his family recovering from a brief stay at Sparrow. John and Barb Post have been out east with their daughter Mary as she recovers from hip surgery. Dick and Carol Schmidt spent Memorial Day weekend up north with family. Father Jerry continues to struggle with health issues and appreciates all your prayers. Sarah Taber has begun taking her summer weekend trips in and around Michigan; she will have plenty of pictures to share with us this year! Several people have had grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Father David gave me a list and I have misplaced it so I cannot tell you who they are. There are several graduates this year. They are Daniel Buzzie, Jason Chapin, Margaret Leiby, Sara McNeil, Jennifer Pike (college), Sarah Sorrell, David Wils (college).





## Christian Education Update

Summer 2005

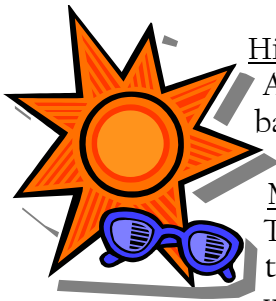
*Submitted by Debbie Cornell*

### Church in the Park:

This year we will be having our summer church service at Sharp Park located next to St. David's on Sunday, July 10th. Following the church service, we will have a potluck dinner, please be sure to bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Games for the whole family to enjoy! Be sure to mark your calendar and dress appropriately.

### Vacation Bible School:

This year's theme will be "Serengeti Trek" and it is ever exciting! We are looking for a few volunteers to help with crafts, games and storytelling. Vacation Bible School starts on July 24th and runs through July 28th.



### High School Students, Graduates, and College Students:

A Cedar Point trip is being planned. With so much fun last year, we've decided to go back again! More information will be available soon.

### Middle School Students:

Two events are being planned for the Middle School Students. One is for all students to go on a camping trip with canoeing, and the other is for the boys only—camping with Mr. C.

## July Birthdays:

3rd—Alex Sharpe	10th—Tony Reynaga	21st—Ed Galvin	30th—Bonnie Shulnburg
4th—Peggy MacMillan	12th—Ken Cole	22nd—Tyler Lovejoy	30th—Robert Gebhard
4th—Delores Lindstrom	14th—David Byers	22nd—Tanner Munson	
6th—Lisa Ward	14th—Clint Chapin	22nd—Myrna VanEpps	
7th—Wilma Ewing	14th—Kent Allemeier	23rd—Nancy Ristow	
7th—Mary Lipka	16th—Stephan J. Smith	26th—Ben Stine	
7th—Margaret Leiby	16th—Don Flitton	26th—Ken Klumpp	
9th—Tom Taylor	18th—Fred Lovejoy	28th—Harold Payne	
10th—Francis Jacobs	19th—Mike Johnson	29th—Jerry Williams	
10th—Doris Hosmer	19th—Karon Ellis	29th—Jim Dooley	
10th—Julie Combs	19th—Marci Reynolds	29th—Mike Vaughn	



## July Anniversaries:

7th—Don & Jan Volk	11th—Richard & Carol Schmidt
7th—Bill & Paula Hawes	14th—Steven & Maria Leiby
8th—Adam & Jaime Williams	15th—Lee & Pearl Brooks
9th—Robert & Shirley Bailey	30th—Larry & Wilma Ewing

**Volunteering Opportunity Available**—Volunteering is a gift of service. Ingham Regional Medical Center is interested in volunteers, age 18 and older. We pair your skills with patient service needs. For details, call Donna Gardner at (517) 334-2987 or e-mail: [donna.gardner@irmc.org](mailto:donna.gardner@irmc.org).



## Healing Oils of the Bible – Balm of Gilead

*Submitted by Cheryl Makhoul*

There is an old African American Spiritual called “There is a Balm in Gilead” that I always enjoy singing. The first line of the song goes: “There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.”

In the Good News Bible, Gilead is described as a region east of Jordan, famous for plants that were used for medicinal purposes. Balm is found seven times in the Bible and is one of the very first oils mentioned in Genesis 37:25 (my Bible said ‘resin’.) From all accounts it was an effective healing ointment for many physical and spiritual ailments.

The balm was distilled from the oleoresin of a tree. In Jeremiah 51:8 it was apparently also an an-

algescic with pain-relieving capabilities. It was also known as the “Balm of Mecca” and the “Balm of Jericho,” its principal source is associated with Gilead. The Hebrew meaning of “Gilead” is rugged, which is said to be an apt description of the mountainous terrain of that land.

Theophrastes, a Greek writer of around 300 B.C. mentions two groves of balm trees in the holy land present in his time, including one at Jericho, which is said to have been planted by Solomon.

In Theophrastes’ time a pound of balm oil sold for two pounds of silver, which would be about \$150.00 today. The oil was described as “yellow, tenacious, and sticking to the fingers.” When a few drops were rubbed into a

wound, it was said to bring about rapid healing. A few drops taken internally or applied on the belly were said to “strengthen a weakened stomach.”

It is reported that the last tree died 400 years ago, in the 17th century, leaving no heirs and no offspring. Unfortunately the Balm of Gilead that had blessed the Biblical peoples of Egypt, Arabia and the Holy Land for thousands of years became extinct -its healing oil no longer available, lost forever in the Dark Ages of Medieval history.

Cheryl Makhoul is a member of the Order of St. Luke at Saint David’s. She is an Herbalist and owner of Signature Herbs in Lansing.

## Meijer Rewards can pay off for St. David’s

*Submitted by Father David*

Shopping at Meijer may not only be good for your pocketbook, but it’s good for St. David’s as well!

Since the inception of the Meijer’s Rewards program more than \$1000.00 has been raised for the parish, including \$165.00 just last month.

Meijer Rewards is a free program in which Meijer agrees to contribute a percentage of your shopping bill to the parish. It costs you nothing, but it can greatly benefit the parish.

Half of the funds received go to our Outreach programs. You may sign up at any Meijer store, or call the church office for information on our parish code number.

You will receive a small key tab to scan before you check out and the total you spend will be credited to our account.



It is simple, painless, and it truly helps St. David’s. If you have any questions, please see Larry Ewing.

**\*\*Note from the Editor:** Following the submission of this ‘story,’ I signed up for Meijer Rewards through the website. The whole process took about five minutes and I received my Meijer Rewards key tab and card within one week.\*\*



## MDOT to begin work on I-496 bridges in Lansing, detours for local roads

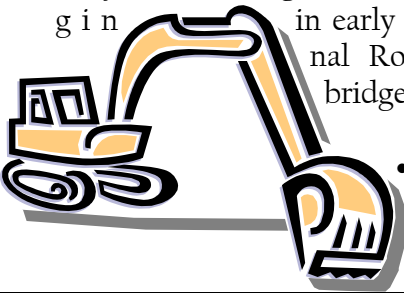
Submitted by Father David/M-DOT office of Communication

**June 8, 2005** — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will invest \$1.4 million on the repairs and resurfacing of four bridges over I-496 in Delta Township with Eaton County, beginning on Monday, June 13. The work will include asphalt overlays on Creyts and Canal roads over the highway and on Canal Road over a highway ramp. The project will also include repairs, deck replacement and paving on Snow Road over I-496.

All work is expected to be completed early September and during daytime hours. No lane closures (or work) will be permitted during the July Fourth of Labor Day holidays. Local traffic will be detoured during construction.

Local streets and the highway will be impacted in this order:

- Canal Road and Snow Road will be closed between Mt. Hope Avenue and St. Joseph Street and detours on local streets will begin. Resurfacing on the Canal Road and Snow Road bridges over I-496 begins. Also there will be intermittent daytime lane closures on I-496 (starting June 13 and ending early August.)
- Two-way traffic will be maintained on the Creyts Road bridge and work is expected to begin in early August after the Canal Road and Snow Road bridges are completed.



- Northbound Creyts Road will be closed for one day to

allow work on beam repairs (in August.)

- Westbound I-496 at Snow Road will have one lane closed and work will begin to rebuild the highway shoulder (mid-August.)
- Westbound I-496 traffic will be shifted to the rebuilt shoulder, and work will start on Snow Road bridge beams (mid-August to early September.)



There are detours for three local roads. The Canal Road detour will be St. Joseph Highway, Creyts Road, and Mt. Hope Highway.

The Creyts Road detour will be St. Joseph Highway, Snow Road, and Mt. Hope Avenue.

The Snow Road detour will be St. Joseph Highway, Creyts Road and Mt. Hope Avenue.

As always, MDOT requests motorists' patience and understanding during the construction and urges everyone to drive with extra caution in the work zone.

This project is expected to extend the life of the bridges by approximately 15 to 20 years and continues a commitment by MDOT and the Granholm administration to create jobs, improve the quality of life and provide the highest quality transportation services for Michigan residents and businesses.

## Mark your calendars —

This year's Crop Walk will be scheduled for October 9th. More information will follow in an upcoming newsletter. If you have questions, please see Maria Leiby.





# Clinical lay ministry training being offered

*Submitted by Gretchen Smith*

Have you ever thought of yourself as a good listener? As someone intrigued by the mystery of health and wholeness? An individual willing to be present in the midst of illness, helping patients and families discover strength and hope for the healing journey?

If any of those questions sparked a “yes”, you may wish to explore the possibilities of becoming a volunteer lay chaplain’s assistant. Since 1992, Ingham Regional Medical Center (Ingham) has offered a 200-hour training program for volunteers desiring to experience ministry within a health care institution.

On average, Ingham’s two staff chaplains, on-call clergy, and volunteer lay chaplain assistants make 7,000 patient and 3,000 family visits within Ingham Regional Medical Center and Ingham Regional Orthopedic Hospital each year.

The training program involves about 200 hours, including: class time, practice visitations, retreats, and reading and writing about various aspects of ministering to those whose health has been compromised to the extent hospitalization is needed. The training is non-denominational, with a maximum of 10 students accepted into the program.

The training takes place over seven months, and opens with a half-day retreat on Saturday, October 8th. The group selected meets twice monthly through April 2006.

Applicants should be:

- Persons of faith;
- Committed lifelong learners;
- Compassionate and gentle in dealing with others;
- Aware of a personal value system and open to the value systems of others;
- Willing to grow in self-awareness and self-disclosure;
- Committed to completing the training program and volunteer at least two hours each week as a chaplain’s lay assistant.

Program tuition is \$200, including a \$25 application fee due with the application. Tuition covers meals, retreats, printed materials and required texts. Some faith communities assist applicants in covering their tuition.

Those interested should apply no later than September 1, 2005. All applicants must have an admission interview.

For details please contact:

Chaplain Versey Williams, BCC, or Chaplain John Burow at (517) 334-2717. You may also contact them via e-mail at [Versey.Williams@irmc.org](mailto:Versey.Williams@irmc.org) or [John.Burow@irmc.org](mailto:John.Burow@irmc.org).



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The St. David's Good News Letter strives to provide accurate and fair reporting. It is our policy to correct errors of fact. If you think we may have published incorrect information, please call or e-mail Sarah Taber, Good News Letter Editor.

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