



# NORTHEAST BEACON

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## Greetings from the President Couple

Welcome to our new Crucista's. God has blessed another set of Northeast Michigan DeColores Weekends. Men's Weekend #9 and Women's Weekend #10 were both held at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, and the men also used the Grayling Evangelical Free Church. The E-Free church also loaned us their tables. We are truly grateful to have the support of these two churches in our community.

Some of you may have wondered why we did not pass the candles and Bible on to the Rector and Co-Rector for the next Weekend. The board members have elected to not hold a set of Spring 2014 Weekends. We are a young, and therefore very small community requiring many of the same individuals to work consecutive weekends. Even though they have not complained and have willingly stepped up each time they have been called to serve, they need a break.

As of January 1, 2014, the Northeast Michigan DeColores board will have several positions that need to be filled. A term of service on the board is 2 years, but may be extended by a majority vote of the Secretariat. (*No person, with the exception of Spiritual Advisor(s), may serve as board member for more than two (2) consecutive terms.*) The exception to the 2-year term is the Vice President. This is a 3-year commitment: 1 year as V.P.; 1 year as President; 1 year as Past-President. We are currently looking

for nominations for Vice President (couple preferred but not required). The qualifications are as follows:

1. *Have (a) completed at least three (3) DeColores Weekends as a team member, or (b) completed at least two DeColores Weekends and one substantially similar Weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member;*

2. *Have been a rollista on a DeColores Weekend;*

3. *Have been a coordinator on a DeColores weekend or completed a Fourth Day (Leader Training) Workshop;*

4. *Have been a member of any Michigan DeColores community for at least three (3) years at the time of nomination;*

5. *Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores Ministry;*

Other open board positions will be announced at upcoming Ultreya's. We ask that anyone interested in a board position fill out the on-line "Member Interest Form" found on our web site: www.nemdecolores.com.

In closing, we want to encourage all of our DeColores community to stay connected by attending the monthly Ultreyas, and other DeColores events. We also ask you to keep this Ministry uplifted in prayer.

In His Service,

Bob & Alice Sturm

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain."*

Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)

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## 92 Year Old Preacher

While watching TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.... "When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was this verse.....



"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong..... Yes, Jesus loves me... The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his foot steps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it. A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

### "Senior version of Jesus Loves Me"

*Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.*

## JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,  
THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come

what may,

He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,

In my heart He puts a song..

Telling me in words so clear,

"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.

He will take me home above,

Then I'll understand His love..

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?

Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say,

That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)

God Bless Us All!!



### WHAT DO I DO NOW?

The fear, the anticipation of attending your first weekend. What will I have to do. Who will I see. Will I measure up to all their expectations? Am I a good enough Christian?

Then you get your luggage carried. You get shown to a blown up bed. Everyone is moving around so fast that you don't know which way to go.

You are fed, you are talked to. You are hugged. You get to hear the testimonies of others that make you feel like you don't

deserve the blessing because you never went through what they went through.

At night, you share conversation with the people in the room with you. There are others to talk to if you need them. They don't judge. They just listen.

Everyone laughs, sings, eats and rests. When you go to bed, there are piles of stuff on the bed for you. You sit down and go through the many gifts that others would like you to have. Prayers, books, candy (oh, so much candy), speakers, singing,

more eating. You learn others names. Learn others problems. You share your own. God is with you all. You can feel it everywhere.

Before you know it the weekend is over. You wonder how it could go so quickly. You wonder how you will feel when you have to leave. All these wonderful people, the gifts, the food, the candy.

We are blessed to be able to share all these wonderful things. Sharing the Lord. It's what we want to do. So Do It!!

Decolores!!

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# GOD'S DELICIOUS FOODS!!

Because all the food at our 10th DeColores Weekend was so enjoyable, I thought it would be good to let you know how all these great meals were made. ENJOY!! And thanks, Gail!!

## CHICKEN DIVAN

8 to 10 boneless, skinless chicken breasts or boneless pork loin  
 1 1/2 to 2 cups rice  
 1-20 oz pkg. frozen broccoli spears (still frozen)  
 2 cans cream of chicken soup w/2 cans milk  
 1-12 ounce pkg. grated cheddar cheese

Spray 9 X 13 pan. Place raw rice on bottom. Spread frozen broc. spears on rice. Place chicken breasts or loin on broccoli. Mix 2 cans soup with 2 cans milk. Pour over all. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 2 hours. Uncover. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 30 minutes more.



## STUFFED SHELLS

8 ounce pkg. jumbo shells--cooked firm.  
 30 ounces whole milk ricotta cheese  
 8 ounces parmesan cheese  
 12 ounces mozerella (split)  
 2 eggs beaten  
 12 leaves fresh basil chopped fine or dried  
 2 tbls. minced parsley  
 salt and pepper (may add cooked chicken, turkey, tuna chopped fine)  
 28 ounce jar maranara sauce

Spray 9 X 13 pan. Small amount maranara sauce on bottom of pan. Beat eggs and mix with cheses, basil, parsley, salt & pepper (and meat optional) Fill shells and place in pan open side down. Cover with rest of maranara. Sprinkle with reserved mozerella. Bake in 350 oven 20 to 30 mins.

## MINT CHIP TRIFLES

1 9 X 13 pan baked brownies.  
 1 large box chocolate instant pudding mix  
 2-16 ounce containers cool whip  
 1 bag Andys mint chips or Heath chips

Mix pudding with 2 1/2 cups milk. When set, mix with 1 container cool whip. Layer 1/2 brownies, 1/2 choc. moose, 1/2 cool whip, and 1/2 bag mint chips. Repeat layers. Sprinkle



## Praise God for Weekend #10

What a weekend. So many last minute changes. Some of our wonderful team members had to drop off at the last minute. Satan was working overtime and we all knew in our hearts that this weekend was going to be special.

It was scary to lose both our head coordinator and our head musician with just a week to go. God bless them both as they both lost family members. Prayers for comfort and peace. I was asked to be head coordinator and really didn't want to. But I felt God pulling at my heart and giving me assurance that He would be strong in my weakness. He sure was.... He blessed me with the best Cha's and Coordinators that ever were. I could have never done it with out my team. I also know that Karen was also worried about stepping up to be head musician. But she and her singers were amazing. I love you all at Northeast DeColores and I thank you for letting me work weekends with you. Even if I am a little out of area. You are my family.

Mellody Halvorsen  
 Northern #50

## LOOKING FORWARD

With 2014 only a couple of months away, the DeColores board is beginning to look at goals and plans for the year. While we have decided to forego having spring weekends that does not mean that there will not be things for the community to be involved in. This will be a time of solidifying the community, growing together in God's love, and of reaching out to take the DeColores ministry to adjacent communities. It has been an ongoing goal to expand the ministry into surrounding communities, but we know that we need to do this in God's time, moving in baby steps, as He directs us. There are a variety of ideas that have been brought forward and some of you may have thoughts about how to grow this ministry. So we invite you to share those with the board. You can email or phone the President Couple, attend board meetings, or talk to any of the board members about opportunities for growing the DeColores ministry.

Growing the ministry, continuing to hold weekends, raising funds for doing the work of the ministry all requires leadership. Beginning January 1st Kevin and Linda Thompson will take over as President Couple. They are faithful disciples of Christ who are dedicated to working in the DeColores ministry. Like all leaders, they need workers to help them fulfill their responsibilities. They especially need a Vice President Couple who are willing to walk alongside them and learn more about the ministry so that they can then step up to the President Couple role. If God has laid it on your heart to serve the DeColores community in this way please talk to Kevin or Linda or complete a member interest form on the website.

Also, on the looking forward front, the board will be conducting a 4th Day Workshop early in 2014. A Renewal Weekend is also in the planning stages. If you want to help with either of these please let us know.

So, on behalf of the board of Northeast Michigan DeColores, we wish you all a blessed holiday season. May you carry the light of Christ with you and shine it for all the world to see.

**COMING SOON....**

**DeColores Musician's Workshop**  
**Saturday, December 7th**  
**9am - Noon**

**Location to be determined - more details to follow!**



# WOMEN'S WEEKEND #10 GRAYLING ASSEMBLY OF GOD

# OUR NEW CRUSISTAS: *God Bless Our Wonderful Ladies*

Dear DeColores family,  
Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to Rectoress women's weekend #10.

So many blessings keep unfolding from the weekend. This team and these new crusistas are amazing. The Lord made many bonds and created many new friendships during our time together. We all ministered to each other through the love of our Lord.

As Sharon and I watched, these women opened up to each other and to Jesus. We experienced the blessing of miracles unfolding before our eyes. God is so good to each of us! Our theme "Behold, Christ has made you new" I believe was also experienced by many. Our theme song "Something Beautiful" touched many lives and ministered to us all as well.

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to our Spiritual Directors: Todd Shafer, Ben Smith and Sister Augusta. The messages, the love, the guidance and the peace of God you brought with you to the weekend was felt by all. Thank you so much for being available to us and loving us.

To our new crusistas: Ashley Morey, Melody Jimenez, Jennifer Coombs, Nola Ervin, Patti DePue, Michelle Donaldson, Jill Hinson, Rebecca Quinones, Annie Robinson, and Amy Smallwood. I would like to say "Welcome to the Decolores family" and Thank you for giving us the gift of you! This weekend was for each



- Ashley Morey
- Melody Jimenez
- Jennifer Coombs
- Nola Ervin
- Patti DePue
- Michelle Donaldson
- Jill Hinson
- Rebecca Quinones
- Annie Robinson
- Amy Smallwood.

of you and I pray the Lord ministered to you where you needed it most. You are and will always be my beautiful butterflies!! I am blessed to have been able to spend the weekend with you in the presence of our King sharing in His love. Each of you have a place in my heart and I will forever be changed by our time together.

To my sweet Sharon, thank you for your wisdom, love, encouragement and prayers, Dave thanks sharing her with me these past many months.

To the team: You all ROCKED!! Thank you for being obedient to Jesus and for sharing yourselves on this wonderful weekend. Working together in the Lord made this the "Best Weekend Ever"

Hugs, Love and Prayers Always,  
Your sister in Jesus, Angel Dutton  
N.E.M. W.W #10

# OUR NEW CRUSISTAS: Men's Weekend #9

- Jeff Dorman
- Nick Dorman
- Pat Halstead
- Jim Perna
- Mitch Vieau
- John Webster



Dear Northeast Community,  
I am still in awe of the power of the Holy Spirit at work on Weekend #9. The Weekend included inspiring rollos and meditations, powerful singing and prayers, moving songs, plenty of cleansing tears, and a large dose of smiles and laughter. God certainly touched my heart as rector and changed many lives.

Please welcome Patrick Halstead, Nick Dorman, Jeff Dorman, Jim Perna, Mitch Vieau, and John Webster as our newest crusistas! Toby Ervin and I want to thank the community for allowing us to lead this Weekend, and for all of your support as Outside and Inside teams, prayer warriors, and palanca providers. A big thank you to the Grayling Assembly of God for opening their facility to us for our team meetings, Weekend, and follow-up meetings.

In His service,  
Dave Stockford

# HANG ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!!

# NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NM DecoTEC #30 team meeting 2 - 5 pm @ Kalkaska UMC 27	* NM DeColores Ultreya, 7 PM @ First Christian Church, T.C. 28	* NEM #10 Follow-up meeting; 6 PM @ Grayling Assembly of God 29	30	Halloween 31	1	* NM DeColores Board Meeting, 9 AM @ Kalkaska UMC 2
Daylight Saving Time ends NM DecoTEC #30 team meeting 2 - 5 pm followed by more... 3	4	Election Day * NEM #10 Follow-up meeting; 6 PM @ Grayling Assembly of God 5	6	7	*NM DecoTEC Weekend #30; 7 pm @ Kalkaska UMC 8	* NE Mich DeColores Board Meeting, 9 AM @ Grayling E-Free Church *NM DecoTEC Weekend #30 more... 9
Final day of DecoTEC Weekend #30 10	Veterans Day * NE Mich DeColores Ultreya, 7 PM @ Grayling Assembly of God 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	* NM DeColores Ultreya, 7 PM @ Kalkaska UMC 25	26	27	Thanksgiving, 28 First day of Chanukah	29	30

# DECEMBER 2013

# GLORY TO GOD

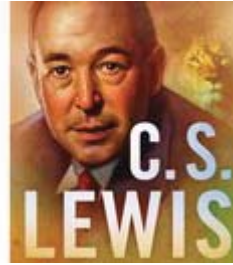
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1	2	3	4	5	6	* NM DeColores Board Meeting, 9 AM @ First Christian Church, TC 7	
8	* NE Mich DeColores Ultreya, 7 PM @ Resurrection Life Center, Grayling 9	10	11	12	13	* NE Mich DeColores Board Meeting, 9 AM @ Grayling E-Free Church 14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	Winter Solstice 21	
22	23	24		25	26	27	28
29	* NM DeColores Ultreya, 7 PM @ First Christian Church, T.C. 30	New Year's Eve 31	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	

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## From The Problem of Pain

Compiled in A Year with C.S. Lewis

“If the first and lowest operation of pain shatters the illusion that all is well, the second shatters the illusion that what we have, whether good or bad in itself, is our own and enough for us. Everyone has noticed how hard it is to turn our thoughts to God when everything is going well with us. We ‘have all we want’ is a terrible saying when ‘all’ does not include God. We find God an interruption. As St Augustine says somewhere, ‘God wants to give us something, but cannot, because our hands are full—there’s nowhere for Him to put it.’ Or as a friend of mine said, ‘We regard God as an airman regards his parachute; it’s there for emergencies but he hopes he’ll never have to use it.’ Now God, who has made us, knows what we are and that our happiness lies in Him. Yet we will not seek it in Him as long as he leaves us any other resort where it can even plausibly be looked for. While what we call ‘our own life’ remains agreeable we will not surrender it to Him. What then can God do in our interests but make ‘our own life’ less agreeable to us, and take away the plausible source of false happiness?”



### GLORY TO GOD

DeColores Weekend #10 was one of the most memorable week ends I think I’ve had in a long time. We had 10 beautiful candidates (butterflies). It was an honor to serve them and the team, and of course, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom without the weekend never could have happened.

It is always amazing when I work these weekend’s. God is always there with us. Even with the lack of sleep I can still keep on going with God’s help. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

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*Have a great Christmas*

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