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"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on
whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:14

Sunday School - 9:30-10:30
Church Service - 10:30-12:30 noon.
Midweek Service - Wed 6:30-8:00 PM
Youth - every Sunday 4 - 6 PM
AW - 1st & 5th wk 2-4 PM
Board meeting - 1st wk 2-4 PM

Up Coming News

Attention all Departments:
Annual report is due on
12.6.09 to Secretary-Txer
Houa Yang.

Youth Masquerade party is
this Saturday 12.5.09 - 5pm.

English service will be
starting January 2010 from
1 - 3 in the afternoon.

1st Annual Appreciation
Dinner for all leaders of
WHAC hosted by DM.

AW Christmas Dinner is
12.20.09 at Mongolia Buffet
from 6 -10 pm.

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Myelodysplastic Syndrome Survivor by Nancy Vue

My name is Nancy Vue and this is His story for me. While I was growing up as a child, I was struck with a critical illness. On May 5, 1998, instead of celebrating my brother, Paul's fourth birthday, my parents took me to children's hospital because I was so sick. While at the hospital, there were so many tests done on me. Test after test, we waited and waited for the results. After hours went by, the doctor finally came to give us some terrible news. At only eight years old, I was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). This kind of illness was rare in children. According to the doctor, it commonly occurred in adults between 50-60 years old. MDS was basically Pre-Leukemia, in simpler terms. My red blood cells had completely stopped producing blood within the bone marrow.

The doctors told my parents that I was not going to live through high school graduation, or go to my prom. This heart breaking news led my parents to transfer me to the University of Michigan Hospital. There, I received treatments and waited for a transplant. In trying to find a donor, my whole family was tested to see if their blood type was of any match to mine. Visa, my older brother, was my perfect match, but even with that, I still had only fifty percent chance of living, the doctor told us.

We waited three months before I was admitted to the hospital for chemotherapy. Reminiscing about this crucial time in my life brought tears to my eyes because I was so young with no hope whatsoever. I thought of death and wondered what it was like to be dead. I wondered if it was going to be painful or if it was just going to take me by surprise.

August 7, 1998 was the day of the transplant. Before I was knocked out, my mom told me not to be scared

and to hold on to Jesus. She grew up in a Christian environment. All of her siblings were Christian. She told me about this man-God named Jesus, who came to earth long time ago and died on the Cross for me, for my sinful nature. She said that all I have to do is put my hope and trust in Him and everything will be OK.

I saw that she trusted Him with all her heart and her faith was in Him alone. She prayed day and night for me. She encouraged me to hold on to my life and never let go of it. On that day, though I did not know who this Jesus was, I closed my eyes and held on to His name. While I was out, the doctors took out a large amount of bone marrow from Visa's hip bones and placed it into my lifeless body. By the grace of God, I pulled through. I woke up two hours after the surgery to hear the nurse say to my mom that everything went well and I was going to be healed. After hearing that, I fell back to sleep. I spent the next four months in the hospital recovering. I continued chemotherapy as years went by. Somehow, God led my family to the Warren Hmong Alliance Church where my uncles and aunts attend. At this church, God gave me the chance to know Him personally. At 13, I accepted Jesus into my life and as my personal savior. I was baptized at 15 and have been living for God ever since.

I went to prom with all of my friends and had an awesome time. I graduated with the Class of 2008. Today, I am 19 years old and I just finished my first year of college. God has a purpose for me. I truly believed that if it wasn't for Jesus, who gave me hope to hold on to that day, I wouldn't be here today. Praise to God who loves us so much and gives grace to us when we are most unworthy.

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." *Philippians 1:20-21*



Youth

The youth will be having a masquerade party on December 5, 2009 at church from 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the party. Be sure to wear your mask. A mask burning ceremony will take place at the party.

AW

The Alliance Women is having their last gathering for 2009 at Mongolia Buffet on December 20, 2009 at 6pm. All women are encourage to attend. For more information please contract Mrs. Txer Houa Yang-586-362-8245.

DM

The Disciple Making also known as DM will be hosting the first Annual Leadership Appreciation dinner on December 19, 2009 at 5pm at the Troy Community Center .

Suggestions: If you have any ideas on how we can improve the newsletter please send email to: newsletter@whachurch.org.

If you want to post a note, a message, or testimony please call Mrs. Shong Chinh at 586-879-7195 or email to: newsletter@whachurch.org

2 Church Mortgage Burning

Luke 6:43-44 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit."

1950: First Hmong became Christian in Laos.

1976: First Hmong arrived in metro Detroit area.

1980: Lao/Hmong Alliance Church incorporated at Madison Heights, Michigan.



1987-1990: Mr. T. Cher Moua

1992: New church building purchased in Warren, Michigan. Church's name changed to "Warren Hmong Alliance Church."



1991-1999: Rev. Yong Vang Yang

nourish the members according to God's plan. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 complimented our pastors perfectly. They each contributed their gift to the church accordingly.

As Xingzer stated in his closing remark, "Rev. Xeng Pao planted the seed." The church started out with only 10-12 members. "Rev. Naolue watered the plant." He challenged the elders to start a budget for future church building and to live by faith. "Pastor T. Cher Moua weeded the field and Rev. Yong Vang harvested the crops." He empower the leaders to build up faith in Christ. "Dr. Nhia Vang pruned the branches and Dr. Christopher re-fertilized the plant."



2001-2008: Dr. Nhia Vang Vang

With just a little over 200 families, the members were able to pay off a \$450,000 mortgage within 17 years. With such a faith in Christ, the church has journey from far and beyond its expectation.

What's next?

Dr. Christopher is ready to lead the church into a whole new dimension of opportunities, seeking the lost in the Metro Detroit area and bringing them to the light in Jesus Christ one person at a time.



2008 - Present: Dr. Christopher T. Thao, Senior

The Youth Pastors also bring in tremendous talents and gifts to lead the youth ministry to the extent where they are now mature in Christ spiritually and physically.



2009 - Present: Daniel Her, Youth Pastor



2002-2004: Rev. Nao Pao Vang, Youth Pastor



1982-1984: Rev. Xeng Pao Thao



1985-1987: Rev. Naolue T. Kue

As we looked back to our shepherds' leadership role in the church, they reminded me of how God raised up godly man to lead His people from generation to generation. He started out with the Covenant with Abraham and his descendants where they ended up serving other nation as slavery. He chose Moses to bring them out of bondage and to a wanderers desert where God showed His people who God was and why they were the chosen one. He then selected Joshua to lead them into the "Promise Land" where they acquired their own land. God gave king David power and strength to conquered other nations; and to his son Solomon, God gave him the wisdom and knowledge to rule over God's people. They each accomplished a milestone in their live time for God.

Our pastors were called to this church by God to do the same, to lead and to

".....God raised up godly man to lead His people from generation to generation."

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, God's building." 1 Cor. 3:6-9