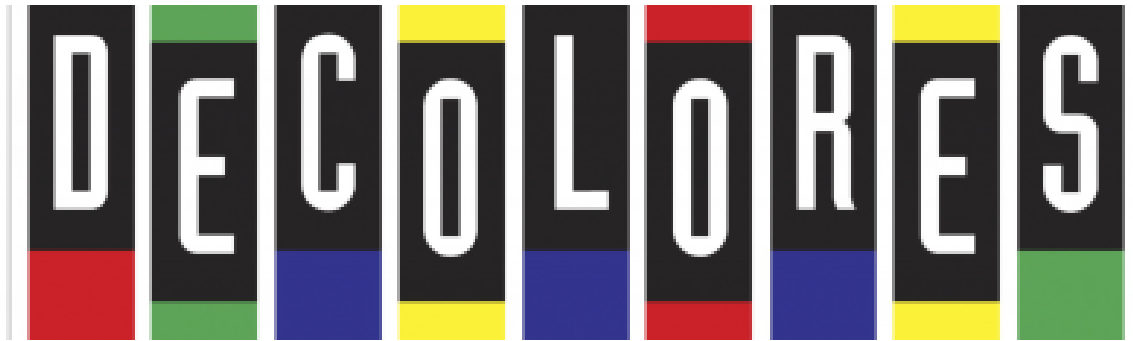


Southwest Michigan



# Harvester Spring 2019

DeColores Community,

We would like to take this opportunity to let you all know how grateful we were to have served as your Vice President couple last year, and how excited we are to serve as your President couple this year. One of the things we are certain of, is that God has big plans for this ministry provided we can all stay focused and in one accord. It has been clear from the start that the people we serve with on the secretariat board all have a heart for this ministry and commit themselves to serving as unto the Lord. That coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit will ensure a fruitful and productive 2019.

As of the March meeting there have been several exciting things discussed already, and we are looking forward to seeing what the Lord is up to. The board itself is a healthy one and we only have a few vacancies to fill. The palanca coordinator, along with 3 area representative positions are all that is needed to have a fully functioning board! So please make this a matter of prayer, because you never know it might just be you that is needed!

Both upcoming weekends are approaching fast and are progressing just how the Lord would have them go, and team meetings have been blessed with unity through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not to say that it has been smooth sailing for all involved, putting a team together can be challenging as well as frustrating. Our enemy knows what happens on these weekends and will step up his game and try his very best to knock us off our square, but the power of a praying community like ours always puts him in his place!

We would like to remind the community if anyone has a candidate, they wish to sponsor please get your paperwork and fees into the appropriate hands ASAP and please try to refrain from last minute submissions.

We have both as your President Couple been praying not only for the success of the upcoming weekends and the individuals on the board, but also for the health and well being of the entire DeColores community. Our heart is that we all as a community catch the fire of excitement once again for all things DeColores, and that the Lord will remind us of past experiences He has provided us through this work.

One of the greatest pleasures we can enjoy as we serve God is coming to the realization that in His grand scheme of things, we, providing we are willing will be truly blessed!

In Christ

Mike and Laurie Kempisty

DeColores President Couple 2019

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The LORD  
appeared to  
us in the past,  
saying: "I  
have loved  
you with an  
everlasting  
love; I have  
drawn you  
with unfailing  
kindness.

Jerimiah 31-3



### LETTER FROM #129 RECTOR

Dear DeColores Community,

I would like to start off by thanking God for allowing me to serve as his hands and feet as rector of weekend #129. I would also like to thank you, the community for allowing me to serve in this position.

As the weekend nears Bill and I, as well as the weekend #129 team are so thankful of all the love, prayers and support that the community has given.

I am so very excited to see how this weekend reveals itself for what God has in store for the team and especially for the candidates of the weekend. My prayers for the weekend are that God reveals himself in a real way, that all men come transparent and let God work in every aspect of our lives.

The theme for the weekend is Reckless Love, the verse is Jeremiah 31:3, and the theme song is Reckless Love by Cory Asbury. I chose this song because this song gave my family hope while we had struggles at a church we were going to last year. God will never stop chasing us as he will leave the 99 for that one lost sheep.

I am humbled to be God's instrument as he leads me to serve as the rector of this weekend. It's truly an honor and a blessing to serve in this great community.

Love your brother in Christ, Corey Block

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DeColores #129 – March 21st - 24th, 2019

Rector: Corey Block

Co-Rector: Bill Dickson

Spiritual Directors: Pastors Denny Soule & Jack Bishop

Theme: “Reckless Love”

Song: “Reckless Love”

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:3

Host Church:

First United Methodist Church; 326 N Lowe St, Dowagiac, MI 49047

### MEAL TIMES

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Breakfast	7:15 AM	Breakfast	7:00 AM	Breakfast	7:15 AM
Lunch	11:45 AM	Lunch	12:15 PM	Lunch	12:00 PM
Dinner	5:15 PM	Dinner	6:00 PM	Dinner	4:30 PM

### PALANCA DROPS

FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
Drop #1	2:00 PM	Drop #4	8:00 AM
Drop #2	6:00 PM	Drop #5	1:00 PM
Drop #3	9:00 PM	Drop #6	4:30 PM

Set-Up .....	6:30 PM Wednesday, March 20th
Sponsor's Chapel.....	8PM Thursday, March 21st
Holy Hour.....	7 PM Friday, New Beginnings Ministries, Niles
24-Hour Prayer.....	9 PM Friday, March 22nd
Past Rector/Rector's Serenade...	7AM Saturday, March 23rd
Clean-Up Before Worship.....	6:30 AM Sunday, March 19th
Sunday Worship Service.....	<b>9:30 AM Sunday, First United Meth. Church</b>
Clean-Up Rollo Room.....	3 PM Sunday, March 24th
Serenade & Closing.....	5 PM Sunday,
Clean-Up Whole Church.....	Immediately following closing on Sunday

Head Coordinator: Scott Kaser (574) 780-2327

24-Hour Prayer Coordinator: Tammy Dickson (574) 360-6460

Kitchen Help Coordinator: Vern Hochstetler (574) 250-2790

Set-up & Clean-Up Coordinator: Jimmy Kinyon (757) 784-1959



## LETTER FROM #130 RECTORESS

DeColores Community,

I want to take this time to first thank our Heavenly Father for allowing me to be part of a Christian community that practices what they preach. I also want to thank you, each of you, for allowing me to lead Team Jesus, DeColores #130. God is changing me, using me and showing me things I never knew I would know or see.

God has chosen the team He wants to serve on the weekend, beginning with two absolutely beautiful women, Co-Rectoress, Sheila Winkelmann and Head Coordinator, Leigh Bishop. We are being woven together like a fine garment. As we have prayed together, cried together and laughed together, God has always been our first and foremost in planning Team Jesus, DeColores #130.

I want to thank Team Jesus, DeColores #130 team members. I look forward to serving with you and to seeing what God has in store for us as a team and for what He has in store for the Candidates who aren't even aware yet they will be coming on the weekend.

The theme for the weekend is "No Matter What". No matter what you have done in your life, God still loves you!

The verse for the weekend, Deuteronomy 31:8 "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged". How many times in life have you felt alone? How many times in life have you thought you couldn't go on? This verse lets us know God is with us.

The song for the weekend is "No Matter What" by Ryan Stevenson. If you haven't listened to it, you might want to, it explains everything.

Team Jesus, DeColores #130 has been blessed with a new church to hold the weekend, Community Baptist Church in Edwardsburg, MI. Pastor Dan has been very gracious and welcoming to the DeColores community.

I pray each of you will continue to keep DeColores #129, DeColores #130 and DecoTech #47 in your prayers. Keep lifting us up as we continue this journey.

I raise a Hallelujah!

Brandi L. Mayer

Rectoress, Team Jesus, DeColores #130

The LORD himself  
goes before you  
and will be with  
you; he will never  
leave you nor for-  
sake you. Do not  
be afraid; do not  
be discouraged."  
No matter what !

Deut 31:8



## DeColores Women's Weekend #130

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> , 2019

Community Baptist Church, 28647 US Hwy 12, Edwardsburg MI 49112

Theme & Song: "No Matter What"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:8

### INSIDE TEAM CONTACTS

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<b>Head Coordinator:</b>	Leigh Bishop	(269) 313-1744	65lambishop@gmail.com

### OUTSIDE TEAM CONTACTS

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<b>24-Hour Prayer Coordinator:</b>	Donna Huff	(574) 298-8876	donnahuff77@gmail.com
<b>Clean Up Coordinator:</b>	Chris Thompson	(269) 362-0348	ccchriscross@comcast.net
<b>Guard Duty Coordinator:</b>	Tori Mallard	(574) 300-8086	vicjmallard@gmail.com

### EVENT INFORMATION

**Mealtimes:** *Kitchen Help: Please Arrive At Least 20 Minutes Early*

Friday:	Breakfast: 7:15 am	Lunch: 11:45 am	Dinner: 5:15 pm
Saturday:	Breakfast: 7:00 am	Lunch: 12:15 pm	Dinner: 6:45 pm
Sunday:	Breakfast: 7:30 am	Lunch: 12:15 pm	Dinner: 4:30 pm

#### Palanca Drops:

Friday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Drop: 2:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drop: 5:15 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Drop: 9:15 pm
Saturday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Drop: 8:00 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Drop: 1:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Drop: 4:30 pm

**Set-Up:** Wednesday, May 1st @ 5:00 pm

**Sponsor's Chapel:** Thursday, May 2nd @ 8:00 pm in the Host Church Sanctuary

**Holy Hour:** Friday, May 3rd @ 7:00 pm @ New Beginnings Ministries, 1539 East Main, Niles, MI

**24-Hour Prayer Begins:** Friday, May 3rd @ 9:00 pm @ Host Church

**Rector/Rectoress Serenade:** Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 am - All Past Rectors/Rectoresses are invited

**Clean-Up Sunday:** Sunday, May 5th @ 6:45 am – Entire Church for Sunday Service  
Sunday, May 5th @ 3:15 pm – Rollo Room Only  
Sunday, May 5th after closing – Entire Church Final Clean-Up

**Church Service:** Sunday, May 5th @ 10:45 am

**Serenade:** Sunday, May 5th @ 5:00 pm with **Closing** immediately following

**CHECK OUR SWMI DECOLORES WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.swmi-decolores.org](http://www.swmi-decolores.org)**





## NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR 24H PRAYER

- 1) Guard duty insures the safety of the team, candidates, and people coming into pray. It also protects against vandalism and theft during the 24 hour prayer time.
- 2) Guard duty begins at 11pm Friday night after Holy Hour on both Men's and Women's weekends. It will continuing through the night until 5am Saturday morning, as the doors of the entire church will be locked during this time.
- 3) Schedule two (2) people for two hour shifts of guard duty (11pm-1am, 1am-3am, & 3am-5am)
- 4) For those coming in for 24 hour prayer you will need to wear your DeColores name badges. If one is not available, a temporary badge will be made out and give to you. If anyone comes to pray that isn't known to the guards your ID will be required in order to match your name to the master list. Names will also be checked with 24 hour prayer coordinator's list.
- 5) Parking needs to be in designated areas only. These areas will be clearly marked.
- 6) Only those participating in 24 hour prayer, kitchen help, or guard duty are allowed to be outside of the 24 hour prayer area.
- 7) The head coordinator will assign the door you will be stationed at for guard duty. All other doors will be locked. Do NOT patrol the perimeter of the church.
- 8) Reminders to volunteers must be sent out 24 hours before shift.
- 9) Post a schedule with names and phone numbers of personal on duty.
- 10) Remind guards to keep things quit during sleep times.

Summary of rules

### Reminder

#### Ultreyas

Ultreyas are an important way to keep in contact with those you have met or worked with on weekends and remain in fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ who have made and/or worked past DeColores weekends.

They are also for those interested in making a DeColores weekend.

**When: 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm**

**Where: First Church of Christ-Christian 2240 Yankee Street, Niles, MI 49120**

Please come and join in on the singing, praying, eating, sharing, and fellowship of Christians. It charges those low batteries and brightens those lights which we are to carry out into the world.

Please remember to bring a table setting, a drink to share and a dish to share with others. See you there.



## *Cursillistas Corner*

DeColores created an environment that forced me to slow down my pace of life and be still before the Lord. When that happens and you are in tune with your King, miracles and wonders happen. I had an incredible time filled with acts of love and kindness as well as a time of true healing and learning my next steps. Thanks to all. Paul Lilley #127

DeColores means more than just a weekend, it is a life change. Many leave the weekend on fire for the Lord, but then the enemy comes in like a raging storm and extinguishes the fire. This is the beginning of a long road with the Lord. It's like walking next to your father and listening to his wisdom and feeling his love, then being let down by your circumstance. DeColores is the fire we need as we walk with our Savior. The fire to walk through the storm. The fire to say "I am going to make it." The fire that keeps love in our hearts. So keep your fire burning, and know when the flame is small it can come back to life.

With Love, Chris Winkelmann #113



### WE NEED YOU!

#### SWMI SECRETARIAT

##### OPENINGS:

Every year new people are needed to fill positions on the Secretariat Board. If you'd like to be more involved with SWMI DeColores this is a great way to serve the community and our Lord. One great benefit to being on the Secretariat is that you will be more visible in the community which means you'll get asked to work more weekends!!! Interested? Contact the president couple or any secretariat member.

Please feel free to come to the secretariat meetings - we'd love to have you and your input is important to us! Times and directions are located on the "Secretariat" page.

## SECRETARIT BOARD

- \*President Couple: Mike and Laurie Kempisty
- \*Vice President Couple: Jeff and Mechelle Celie
- \*Past President Couple: Rick and Barb Erickson
- \*Spiritual Director: Pastor Stan Dudka
- \*Secretary: Gwen Hochstetler
- \*Treasurer: Leigh Bishop
- \*Pre-DeColores (Registration) Victoria Mallard
- \*In DeColores (Trailer): Ron & Elayne Hayden
- \*Post DeColores: Steve Whiting
- \*Historian: Harold Davis, Sr.
- \*Website Coordinator/Newsletter Editor: Chris Winkelmann
- \*Palanca Coordinator: VACANT
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- \*S. Central Michigan Area Rep: VACANT
- \*Central Michigan Area Rep: VACANT
- \*S. West Michigan Area Rep: Chris Thompson
- \*N. Indiana Area Rep: Sheila Winkelmann
- \*West Central Michigan Area Rep: VACANT

Reminder when paying for fees online you must add in service charge. They are posted on the website before you click "Give"



### ~Important Information for New Cursillistas and a Reminder for Seasoned Cursillistas~

Community support is a vital part of the DeColores weekend, and the weekends could not run without it. The prayer and service of the Community is an important part of a successful DeColores weekend. Please take to heart the following information:

\*The community members who come to support the weekend for Kitchen Help, 24 Hour Prayer, and praying for a Rollista are to remain in the areas designated for those purposes. The kitchen, dining hall, 24 hour prayer room and Rollista prayer room are the only areas that non-inside team members can be. (Exception: photographer during the pictures on Friday, President Couple, and person giving the going home talk on Sunday, and only during their talks).

\*Please respect and uphold the guidelines of the weekend as it has been designed so the Candidates and the Inside Team can bond and be undistracted. Walking around the halls, around the sleeping rooms, and outside the Rollo Room is not allowed.

\*Only the inside *Team Members* and the new Cursillistas are to attend the Follow Up meetings held after the weekend. If you bring the person you sponsored to the Follow Up and do not want to leave and come back, please find another place in the church to spend time. The follow-up meeting scheduled for the Ultreya is your chance to get to know the new Cursillistas and fellowship with them.

\*Serenade and Closing are open only to those who have completed a DeColores weekend. Please, children are not allowed to attend.

Thank you for your support; we look forward to seeing you during the upcoming weekends.



# National DeColores Board President

DeColores Family,

We are in need of board members for our secretariat. If you are interested please let us know as soon as possible.

Also, please pray for the Southeastern Michigan Secretariat. They are having their first two weekends in over five years. There are a lot of obstacles in the way but they have come through a lot to get to where they are. Our God is bigger than any obstacles, please pray, pray, pray for them!

You all are loved,

Larry & Joan Litke, National President Couple

<http://decoloresnational.wixsite.com/national>



## **Indiana Vision Meeting Update!**

God has given many  
in our community a  
vision to expand the  
ministry into  
Indiana. Our second  
meeting will be  
March 12th @  
6:30pm at Lakeville  
UMC. We encourage  
any community  
member to attend.  
DeColores!!

Greetings DeColores Community,

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I embark on the position of 2019 Spiritual Director for the DeColores Board. It is hard to believe that we are staring at 100 weekends since my original weekend, #29 in 1995. Weekends #129 and #130 are just about here.

It has been such a joy and privilege to serve the DeColores community on many weekends over the years. I look forward to serving this great community while wearing a different hat of service.

I hope to run into many of you as we attend all the various community opportunities during this next set of weekends.

DeColores,

Pastor Stan Dudka

Southwest Michigan Board Spiritual Director

IN LOVING MEMORY

To all our Brothers and Sisters that  
have gone home in 2018.

# The Last Word

As we prepare our hearts for the upcoming Spring weekends, let us reflect on the words of our Savior Jesus. Keep praying and keep seeking Him! DeColores!

“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” Luke 9:23-24

Lord, You have given us what seems like an impossible task with this passage. You have asked us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow You. Even when our spirits are willing, the flesh is weak. You know our hearts, Father. Help us, with Your Holy Spirit, to examine our hearts and hear from You. The longer we walk with You, the more we look like You. We desire to become more and more like You, less selfish and more selfless, willing to deny ourselves in any and all situations. You have told us that when we lose our life for Your sake, we will save it. Save us from ourselves, God.

As we lift up these words for your ministry, let us come before God with humility and a willingness to obey. Let us put others first and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we seek God first, putting aside our own desires. May we become intercessors for our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we pray more and criticize less. May we be encouragers and up-lifters. Thank you Father for being so patient with us. Thank you for loving us right where we are at. We ask this all in the name above ALL names, JESUS! AMEN!

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