

The  
Newsletter  
of the  
Saline  
United  
Methodist  
Church

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Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:10 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.

*Summer Worship Hours:*  
Right Start 8:04 a.m.  
Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.



September 4, 2005

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

Bread for the World    Liberia Partner Church    Haiti Hot Lunch Program

Each year our congregation supports local and global mission activities through your energies, financial gifts and prayer support. In 2005 alone, this congregation fed hungry families in Mexico, provided school lunches for children in Haiti, provided shelter, medical services, food and clothing to the homeless of the Cass Corridor, repaired homes in Appalachia, assisted children in getting a basic education in Haiti and Mexico, supported a children’s home and day camp in Michigan, and sent teams from our church to repair damaged churches in Grenada and build an orphanage in Mexico. In just the last few weeks we were challenged with two unexpected needs:

In Mexico it is very difficult for poor families to obtain education their children. The cost of school supplies is one of the barriers. Our friends at Tapestries of Life Ministries organized Campaign Fill A Backpack, with a goal of providing supplies to 4000 children and asked for our help. This congregation responded with 109 backpacks in less than three weeks. Those backpacks are on their way to Mexico and a lot of children will be in school this fall because you met the challenge.

We have provided you with some limited information on the Liberian Partner Church program and you will get more information in the next few weeks. A few weeks ago we learned that many of our partner churches and several church schools, which had their buildings badly damaged in the recent civil war, were in danger of collapsing during the local rainy season. The UMC in Liberia issued an urgent plea for equipment to allow them to save their buildings. Our church was able to help meet that need due to your support of programs such as Fair Kitchen, Friday Night Dinners and the International Mission Team. These groups generously shared their funds and allowed us to move quickly to help save these buildings. There is still much work to be done, but it still was a good day for Christendom!

We share these few stories for several reasons. First, we want you to know that your support of mission programs really does meet human needs and delivers messages of Christian witness. Secondly, we want to encourage more members of our congregation to participate in mission programs and we are working on providing more opportunities to do so. Finally, we want to thank you for your ongoing generous financial support, helping hands, words of encouragement and prayer support.

*“There will always be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy....” Deuteronomy 15:11*

The Missions Team  
Dale Adkins, Chairperson

### UMW Unit Meeting

The UMW will hold a Unit Meeting in Room C on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Joanne Perez will present a program on Cuba. Russelle Low is in charge of the devotions. Doris Sekerka and Janet Moss are co-hostesses. **Reminder:** Please remember to bring to the meeting any items you have collected for the District In-Gathering. Items being collected are pop-tabs (for Ronald McDonald House), fitted or flat single sheets and single blankets (for homeless shelters in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties), and feminine hygiene products (for women's shelters and Red Bird Mission in Kentucky).



Ruth Circle will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. You are encouraged to bring a sandwich and arrive at 12:30 p.m. for fellowship and a light lunch. Betty Sellers is hostess and Virginia Hocking is co-hostess. The program will be presented by Annella Aurand. Please call Florence Busch at 547-9377 for further information.



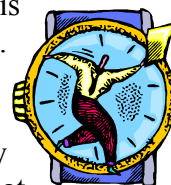
Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Refreshments will be provided by Sue Herrick. Childcare is available. Please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881 with questions.



Susanna Circle will meet on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Judith Walls is in charge of the program and Gloria Tyler will offer the devotions. Hostess Sally Pitzer will provide refreshments. For information, please contact Sally Pitzer at 429-5338.

### DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is Monday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday at noon.



### ~Disciple Bible Study Classes~

It's not too late to join us for **Disciple I** and **Christian Believer** classes. **Disciple I** classes will be held starting Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30p.m. in Room O and be led by Dave Coxton. **Christian Believer** classes will meet starting Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Class will be led by Pastor Jim in Room C. Feel free to drop by a class and see if it's something you'd like to do. The commitment is large, but the rewards are even larger. If you have any questions please contact Lois Royal, Dave Coxton, or Pastor Jim.



### Morning Prayer Chain

Just a note to remind or inform our congregation about our confidential prayer help through our Morning Prayer Chains. We begin our prayers at 7:00 a.m. any day of the week. Contact Jan Geer, 429-5019 or Lisa Marshall in the church office, 429-4730 with any request or prayers. Our chain can use more members. Call Jan Geer for more information. **Prayer makes a difference!**



### New Adult Bible Study

"A Study of Acts" – Where the Passion ends, the story of the Apostles begins Sunday Mornings at 10:10 A.M. This bible study and discussion group will focus on the early spread of Christianity, from the streets of Jerusalem to the then seat of world power, Rome, as told through the book of Acts. Beset by violent opposition from without, and in constant turmoil from within, Acts describes the gripping story of the first apostles, lead by Peter and Paul, as they struggle to keep the faith alive. Please join us starting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Room G. Discussion Leaders - Bruce Moss, Dave Drenning.



## F.A.Q.'s about Fall Women's Retreat October 7<sup>th</sup>

**What is the purpose of the retreat?** The number one purpose is for the women of the church to get to know each other.

**What will we do?** The retreat has 3 distinct segments: From 7:00-9:00 Friday night, there will be activities of choice in the new education wing. You may rotate anytime from room to room. Some of the choices are scrap-booking, massages, manicures, a speaker on women's health & nutrition, and possibly scarf-knitting and jazzercise.

Then at 9:00 we will all come together in Fellowship Hall for an interactive experience led by the founder of Prayer in Motion, Janene Ternes. This is a program of worship, movement, and music for ALL ages. In fact, some ladies might decide to come just for this 1 ½ hour not-to-be-missed program. At 10:30 p.m., some folks will go home. But those of us with an undaunted zest for fellowship, fun, & food will return to the new wing to spend the night giggling, eating, playing games, and maybe even sleeping. Bring your own sleeping bag and pillow!

**What will it cost?** No cost is expected; however, some of our service providers may set out a free will donation basket. For those who spend the night, a midnight snack or breakfast dish to pass is requested.

**Can I bring someone who is not a member of FUMC?** Absolutely yes!

**Who do I call for more information?** Margo Perry, 734-223-4216

### **SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM**

#### ***PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005 9:00-10:30 P.M.**

Come experience a new dimension in your personal prayer using your body, mind and spirit to pray with the Scriptures. Deepen your connection with God as you pray through movement, music, and guided meditation. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or

physical limitation. Whether you stay over night or not, all are invited to relax, unwind and attend the Friday evening program. Contact Margo Perry for more information.



**Facilitator: Janene Ternes**, Commissioned Spiritual Director and founder of Prayer in Motion, LLC. Gifted teacher and mentor, Janene has developed and presented a variety of individualized programs which teach and inspire holistic forms of prayer for people of all ages. Her goal is to help others find and achieve their own inner connection with God, leading to a more peaceful, joyful and fulfilled life.

For more information, visit her website at [www.prayer-in-motion.com](http://www.prayer-in-motion.com)

### **FALL 2005**

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

#### **BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18**

##### **The Study of Acts**

Where the Passion ends, the story of the apostles begins.

##### **The Promised Land**

First in the dramatic video series hosted by historian and scholar, Ray Vander Laan, filmed in Israel.

##### **The Life and Ministries of Jesus**

A continuation of the exciting and dynamic Ray Vander Laan series.

#### **NEW MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET**

A kind donation has begun our new medical equipment loan closet. Are you in need of a walker (no wheels), raised toilet seat, commode or blood glucose monitoring kit? Please speak with Laura Speiran in the church office to borrow one or more of these items.

**MINISTRY FAIR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER  
11**

Between the Services  
10:10 – 11:10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Church Activities  
Displayed  
Resource People to talk to

**FRIENDSHIP  
MINISTRY**

The Friendship Ministry for the differently-able/special need population will be launching this fall, on September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We will have two specifically designed full worship programs for children and young adults/adults ages 5 to 95! The Friendship Ministry Program will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month through fall and winter and will include a 60 minute full program for children ages 5-11, and a 90 minute full program for ages 12 and up. Each bi-monthly program will include worship, fellowship, and Bible Study in small groups with friendship angels (mentors) aiding the friendship students within each small group.

**There will be a volunteer orientation meeting on September 13 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Room F. If you have already signed up to volunteer then please plan to attend. If you have not signed up to volunteer and are interested in what this ministry is all about, please come to the meeting to see if this ministry is for you.** Please contact Roger Heffelbower (429-7095) or email him at [RU4C@comcast.net](mailto:RU4C@comcast.net) to learn more about this ministry or explore how your gifts and graces can be used to further God's work in this special way.

**HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION**

We are collecting **razors** and **shaving cream** during **September** for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

**MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES**

The fall semester of Music Together classes begins on September 20<sup>th</sup> and will again offer the popular Tuesday evening classes in addition to Wednesday and Thursday daytime classes. Music Together is a family program. Siblings attend class together and caregivers are actively involved in class activities in addition to learning basic concepts of childhood music development. Registration for



the 9-week semester includes a songbook, CD, and parent guide. Sibling discounts are available. These classes are taught by Angela Schmidt and Nicole Lampman. For more information, please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 or visit our new website at [www.HandInHandMT.com](http://www.HandInHandMT.com).



**Friendship  
MINISTRIES**

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**LEADERS NEEDED**

**THE FALL**

Wee Worship  
KIDS Church



programs need leaders and substitutes leaders for both services for the fall. Can you help share the load? We have a place for you! Leading either program is a snap – all materials are prepared ahead of time for you: props, puppet skits, stories, readings, and music. The curriculum is easy and fun to teach. Leaders are asked to lead once a month throughout the school year and one Sunday during the summer. Substitutes are leaders who can lead on an as-needed basis. If you don't feel ready to lead, then be a KIDS Church assistant, helping the leader as needed.



**NEW SALINE FUMC LOGO SHIRTS!**

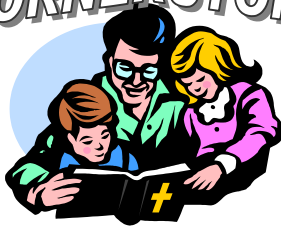


Watch for the 2nd annual R.O.C.K. in LOGOS fundraiser taking place the end of August. New 'People In Mission' shirts, as well as 'Child of God', and 'Live God's Word' shirts are on sale now.

**MEDIA MINISTRY**

With technology advances comes change. Our tape ministry for several years has copied both cassettes and CDs of the Sunday Sermons. There is little request for cassettes and thus, we will be providing only CD's of the sermons. We do provide CD players for homebound individuals if needed. Any questions, please contact the office.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORNERSTONE



**“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children.” Deuteronomy 4:9**

Let us not forget all we have seen God do and His great miracles. Remembering all that He has done for us, let's pass on our faith from one generation to the next recounting God's great acts and his faithfulness to us!

**The Sunday School Teacher Team** met last Monday to get the ball rolling for our growing Sunday School classes! WELCOME to our teachers! **We are still in need of Kindergarten / 1st grade teachers! Please see Leanne if you are interested.**

More prayers are needed as we still have an **opening for the Sunday School Superintendent.** Are you a part of God's overall big plan for the Children's Ministry? If you have a passion for young children, and are encouraged to bring the Word of Christ to them, this is a great way to make that happen in His Name. Please see Leanne Rinnac if God is calling you!

**KIDS Church** is coming along as Julie Evans answers God's call to help in organizing volunteers, and carry out curriculum. If you are being called to help in this ministry please let Julie know! She, along with Shannon Peitz will work hard to keep volunteers actively engaged in KIDS Church. Please pray for God's Will, and if He tugs on your heart, please let Julie or Shannon know! **WE NEED YOU, GOD NEEDS YOU!**

## SHEPHERDING OUR CHILDREN

We have an opportunity to attend a workshop sponsored by the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church. It's called Shepherding Our Children and includes the importance of children's ministries, understanding children and how they learn, and curriculum choices and more. It will be held at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30am, ending around noon. If you are interested in attending, please contact Leanne Rinnac at 429-4730.

## Lil' SAINTS Preschool

**“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37**



We're getting down to the nitty gritty!! Soon we will have our licensing consultant, and soon we will be making things come together as per the State of Michigan. We have been talking with insurance companies and working on budgeting to get us up and running. The next Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Room A. This ministry is moving right along, and God is providing us with the people and the space. Praise Him! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Leanne any time.

### Preschool Position Openings

The Preschool Committee hopes to be opening the doors to the Lil' Saints Preschool in early 2006. We are very excited about offering this new ministry to our congregation and the community. Thus, we are actively seeking qualified individuals to fill the following positions:

Director/Head Teacher  
Head Teachers  
Assistant Teachers

If you have an interest in any of the above positions, please submit a letter of interest and your resume to our Children's Ministry Director, Leanne Rinnac or email her at [leanne@fumc-saline.org](mailto:leanne@fumc-saline.org) by Sunday, September 18.

# R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Scoop

## WOW!!! WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Well, here it is September already and the kids are back at school! The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Leadership Team has been busy all summer planning for an exciting children's program that once again, will be out of this world!

**THE NEXT PARENT REGISTRATION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30 A.M.** A reminder, these meetings are mandatory to register your child in the program. If you cannot make the meeting, please call Bonny Bennyhoff at 429-5800 and she will make arrangements with you personally.

**HEY ALL YOU JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!! WE NEED YOU TOO!!** If you are feeling called to make a difference in a young child's life and spiritual growth, please let Emily know! The things you can do include: helping in Worship Skills, Bible Study, and Recreation, you too can be a table parent! Make a difference! Is God calling you to help with R.O.C.K. in LOGOS?



## MEXICO MISSION TEAM

The dates for the 2006 mission trip to Tapestries of Life Ministries is February 18-25. Questions can be directed to David Coxton. Look for our display at the Ministry Fair Sunday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be available at that time.

## FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS

Everyone who is not currently a member here at Saline 1<sup>st</sup> is invited to participate in our Fall New Member Class, beginning Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and going through Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be taught by Pastor Jim and held during the Sunday School hour, 10:10-11:10 a.m. All those who wish to join the church at the end of the class will be received into membership on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The six classes sound like a lot, but are packed full with time to fellowship with one another, learn about what we do here, as well as examine what it means to give

one's life to Christ. We encourage everyone to go through the class, even if you are transferring from another United Methodist Church. Joining a church is a meaningful step in many people's faith journeys. If you have any questions about whether it is right for you, please come in to speak with Pastor Jim or Laura Speiran. If you already know you would like to be in the class, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you may contact Laura in the church office. Is God calling you to a stronger commitment in your faith?



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALINE CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005 SALINE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1:30 pm-Registration-Bring top donation sheet.

2:00 pm-Opening Prayer & Directions.

2:10 pm-Walk start time. The walk is three miles.

### Donations: Your choices are:

1. To bring your envelope with donations to the walk.
2. To give your envelope with donations to your recruiter no later than Monday, October 17, 2005
3. **You must bring the top pledge sheet to the walk!**

### Contributions to CWS provide tools of hope:

**\$15** can provide struggling farmers in Haiti with a set of garden tools.

**\$30** can put a minefield probe in the hands of a deminer in Cambodia or the Balkans

**\$45** can buy a months supply of oral rehydration therapy for 50 children

**\$100** can purchase the pipe necessary to bring clean water to a village.

**Children are the most vulnerable. Of the 31,000 children under five who die each day in developing nations, half perish from hunger-related causes. That's one child for every breath we take.**

### Please make checks payable to CSW/CROP

Help us reach our goal of \$15,000 by making sure you collect at least \$100 in pledges. What a difference we can make! Refreshments here at our church afterwards. If you can help with set-up, registration or clean-up please contact Jacquelyn Macy at 429-3 729.

## W. I.S.E. BIBLE STUDY FALL POTLUCK

Women in Study and Encouragement (W.I.S.E.) Bible Study will kick-off the fall with a potluck brunch to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. At this time, new studies for fall will be introduced. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in Bible Study, developing friendships and growing spiritually with other women, this is an excellent time to join as we begin a new session. For more info., please call Lin Nichols at 429-5016.

# INFUSION YOUTH NEWS!!

## Senior High

**Come Join us at Youth Group** – Wild Worship Wednesday is off to a great start for the school year! Come join us every Wednesday from 8 – 9:30 p.m. for Worship, Food, Fellowship and Discussion about real life issues. Right now we're talking about the "Battleground" – Come check it out!

**Tailgate Party!** It's a gathering of FUMC Youth after the Saline vs. Pioneer football game on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Find *Rin Tin Tin* after the game in the SHS parking lot for food and hang-out time together! Invite a friend over for some pizza and pop!

## Youth Mission News

Fair Kitchen Help Needed – Sign-up NOW with Emily to help Move Fair Kitchen Items on September 4<sup>th</sup> & September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Rummage Sale – September 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> sign up to Set-up & Sort. THE SALE is on September 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with clean up until 3:00 p.m.

## Junior High

**Come Join us at Youth Group** – Junior High Youth meets on Sunday Evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for an awesome night of games, food, worship, and discussion about real life issues. Come check it out!

**Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Group –  
Enjoy the Holiday Weekend!!**

**R.O.C.K. in LOGOS** starts on September 28<sup>th</sup> and has some new stuff going on just for you! Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m., Worship Skills is from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., and Confirmation and LT groups for 8<sup>th</sup> graders runs from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Come join us for an entire night of fun, worship, and fellowship! Get registered by September 18<sup>th</sup> by filling out a registration form.

**Fall Corn Maze** – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will be venturing out of the church and navigating our way through a corn maze at Talladay Farms in Milan!! Bring a friend and \$5. We will not be done until 8:30 p.m. Make sure to bring your flashlight! If you are a parent and would be willing to join us in the fun talk to Emily!

## Confirmation Class to Start this Month!

Confirmation class for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders or older begins Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with a meeting for Parents & Students. Confirmation will meet every Wednesday in the Junior High Room from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and runs through the end of May. If you have not registered please talk to Emily right away so we can be expecting you!

Any Questions? Please talk to Emily Krach,  
Director of Youth Ministries!

## Youth!! Parents of Youth!!

**Start the School Year Right with INFUSION  
– Junior and Senior High Youth Ministry!**

**PARENTS!!** YOU are extremely important to the health of our youth ministries! Please join us for an important information meeting and feedback time to start off a new year of student ministries! There will be PIZZA....seems to work for the youth!!

**Senior High Parents** – Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after Second Service @ 12:30 p.m.

**Junior High Parents** – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after Second Service @ 12:30 p.m.

**Any Youth Ministry Questions? Contact Emily Krach, 429-4730 /e-mail [Krachem@hotmail.com](mailto:Krachem@hotmail.com)**

## Ann Arbor Christian Concerts

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### "Michael Card - Live in Concert"

Saturday, October 1, 2005 7:00 PM

Performing Arts Center

Saline High School

Information & Tickets @

<http://a2c2.home.comcast.net/a2c2.html>

## J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP IS GROWING!

If you are 55 or older, you are invited to join us on the third Thursday of the month for lunch and fellowship at the church. On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon, our lunch will be pizza and salad. Please R.S.V.P. in the Narthex. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Questions? Please contact Laura Speiran.

# Thank You!



**Dear Congregation:** Thank you for a huge surprise party for Jim as he turns 60. The whole party was so much fun! The money will go for a new desk chair. I remember when he was younger, he looked for a desk chair and said, "too much money." So he went to the Calumet-Heckla Mine Company Liquidation Sale and bought an old chair in 1972. Thank you Staff, Margo Perry and others who did the huge work to make a party for a huge number of people. **Love, Linda and Jim Tuttle**

It's that time of year again to put your activities on the Church Calendar. If your group or committee meets here during the school year or calendar year, please fill out a room request form (located in the office) and turn it in immediately to the church office so we can assign your group or committee a room. Any questions, contact Lisa Marshall.

Thank you to all who offered their elbow grease to clean the church kitchen so that it would be spotless to earn the seal of approval from the Health Inspector so that we can use the church's kitchen for the fair kitchen, Friday Night Dinners, R.O.C.K. in LOGOS and all the other activities at the church. A special Thank you goes out to Ian Beil, Carolyn & Jim Beal, Shirley Padding, Peggy Gunnesch, Ken Jennings, Debbie Walls, Sandy Zemba, Julie Evans, Darlene Heffelbower, Pam Heffelbower, Chuck Webster, Jan Geer, Lynn Shaw and all others who helped.  
**Donna Cody**



**PRAYER CONCERNS** ~ Bob Oaks; Joyce Booker; Katie White; Christine Cox; Bettie Campbell; Pastor Steve Brewer; Shirley Riggs; Kim Setzer; Tommy Shomaker; Karen Cooper; Jane Ross; Machaela Houser; Kathy Richmond; Richmond Family's Aunt Pat; Sharell Gehrke's daughter & family; Debbie Smith & family; Sandra Sypher; Lydia Hird; Fred Sundling; John Nuernberg; Brenda Austin; Ike Furbush; Michael Love; Millie Webster; Don Johnson; Judy Bateman; Heather & Jordan Gray; for Don & Mary O'Connell; Sharon Abel's granddaughter, Hannah; Carole Smith; for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ for the wedding of Daniel and Sarah (Bauer) Ohm; for Roger Heffelbower and the Friendship Ministry; for Glen Jedele's recovery.

**To all our Church Family**~ We have been so blessed by your outreach and embracing of our family during the recent illness and death of my mother, Marjorie Suarez, this past August. We want to thank everyone that has showered us with prayer, food, cards, childcare, words of hope and comfort and even a mowed lawn! Ever since we moved to the area a year ago and left a mother with a terminal illness, we felt we were led to this church, and have felt your "togetherness" with us. We praise God! Now I know that God has surely blessed us with the compassion, caring and community of this church family. **Carolyn Minnette**

**Military personnel and families to keep in our prayers** ~ Jon Komarmy, son of Linda & Mitch Komarmy; Billy Kirkland, son of Kathy & Bill Kirkland; J.T. St. Denis, nephew of Kathy & Bill Kirkland; Robert Rodriguez, grandson of Florence Belt; Bennett Phipps, brother of Rachel Wislocki; Bill Paul, nephew of Bonnie & Tom Riggs; Roman Kisz, grandson of Lil Vaughan & nephew of Karen Sipos; Timothy & Jeffrey Frisbee, grandsons of Florence & Ernie Busch; Nick Gilveli, grandson of Martha Gilveli; Kevin Raymond, son of Susan Raymond; Bret Harbison, nephew of Maxine & Jim Bowker; Abby Suchy, daughter of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Tim Jones, son of Penny & Doug Jones; Doug King, son of Lee & Luana King; Kenita Bauerle, friend of Linda Ressler; Tom Carter, nephew of Jim & Joan Barbret; Dan Erlwein, friend of Dave & Susan Hares; Sam Spicer, grandson of Lois Royal; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO** ~ Julia Fletcher on the passing of her grandfather Albert Schmitmeyer; Diane Barnes on the death of her father.



**The family of Marguerite Culliton** is planning an open house celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. in the EVA Activities Room. Come and wish her Happy Birthday and enjoy a piece of cake.