

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.



October 2, 2005

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

## OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

Even though the hurricanes were far away and may not have personally affected all of our individual families, the response from this congregation has been overwhelming. What a blessing to be a part of the family of God that supports and loves one another regardless of location! In addition, there has been money sent to Liberia and there are more opportunities coming up to share what we have with our brothers and sisters across the ocean. Please note the following:

- **\$6,844.04** collected for hurricane relief. ALL monies go directly toward relief efforts.
- **400 health kits** collected and shipped to Sager Brown Depot, an UMCOR collection site, located in Baldwin, Louisiana.
- **A whole closet full of cleaning and construction supplies** (bleach, scrub brushes, gloves, antiseptics, shovels, food, paper products, etc.) which will be taken down to Algiers, Louisiana to assist in the clean-up efforts. Originally, they were to be taken to Mississippi, but God had another place they were needed more!
- **\$2,800** from the Fair Kitchen Committee, International Mission Team, Friday Night Dinners, General Mission Fund, and the Lincoln Community UMC was sent to our partner district superintendent in **Liberia** to purchase a chainsaw and portable sawmill to help rebuild damaged churches. Work has already begun with the new machines!
- On Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, please bring some “**Small Change for a BIG Change**” in **Liberia**! Coins are being collected in a jar in the Narthex for the Ann Arbor District “**Seeds of Faith**” project. The goal is to raise \$3,000 for agricultural efforts in the three United Methodist districts in Liberia with which Ann Arbor District has been paired. When you divide that amount by the 65 churches in our district, it comes out to only \$50 per church! We can do this! Look in those drawers and under those couch cushions! Our donation, along with the seeds collected at the Children’s Mission Day in August will be taken to the “**Celebrate the Covenant**” and “Taste of Liberia” event being held on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood UMC, 1001 Green Rd., Ann Arbor from 7-8 p.m. to be dedicated. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Laura Speiran!
- On Sunday, October 23, 2005, we will hold a “**Liberian Mission Day**” on which a special offering will be taken to raise funds to **purchase a vehicle** for Rev. Nelly Wright, our partner district superintendent in Liberia. This is a joint effort among 32 Ann Arbor District United Methodist churches all assigned to a partner church in St. John River District in Liberia. Envelopes will be available in the bulletins that day; our church is being asked to give just a dollar per person or more if you feel led. Even a small amount from each family will make a huge difference to Rev. Wright, who currently WALKS to her 35 churches located miles apart in the Liberian countryside. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!!!!
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## FAIR KITCHEN REPORT

The Saline First United Methodist Church Fair Kitchen is an important established ministry within our community, providing healthy and economical meals during the Saline Community Fair. We serve many people and are well known and appreciated for our efforts there.

### How many people does it take to run the Saline Fair Kitchen?



If you said the whole First United Methodist Church Congregation you are correct. The Church Fair Kitchen Ministry can not thank everyone enough for your assistance. As a token of the

ministry's appreciation for all your help with the 2005 Saline Community Fair Kitchen, the Fair Kitchen Ministry has donated to the church and congregation the following:

- Cabinets in the Fellowship Hall to store paper products for everyone to use.
- Paper products for the cabinets with the over flow stored in the walk-in closet at the top of the right balcony stairway.
- Serving utensils.
- Industrial pot holders that can be machined washed and have a vapor barrier so that one should not get burned if the mitts get wet.
- Strainers and other kitchen tools and containers.
- New refrigerator for the youth room in the basement.
- Two meals (Lasagna and Mac & Cheese) for the ROCK-N-LOGO family program.
- Saltine Crackers to the Crop Walk

The financial proceeds you made possible for us to earn by having the Fair Kitchen go to supporting our:

- Partner church in Liberia
- International Missions group
- Youth Scholarship

There are also unseen benefits to the church from our ministry's efforts in preparing for the Fair Kitchen:

- Championed deep cleaning and the organization of the kitchen.

- Established a new business relationship with SYSCO. Please contact Donna Cody for a listing of products.
- Helping serve and prepare a dinner for the Friday Night Dinner Ministry

**As always the Fair Kitchen Ministry could not do anything without the 306 volunteers needed to run the Saline Community Fair Kitchen.** We came close to obtaining the number of volunteers needed prior to the Fair Kitchen beginning to serve meals, but after some prayers, some angels in the congregation stepped forward and volunteered at the last moment; some even working for over 30 hours and bringing their older children.

## Thank You

Charlene Adkins, Dee Applegate, Nicki Austin, Diane Barnes, Dottie Barnes, Deb Bates, Steven Bredernitz, Carolyn Beal, Jim Beal, Ian Beil, Dana Beil, Wanda Beard, Doug Beard, Deb Belaire, Bonnie Bender, Bonnie Bennyhoff, Shiela Blough, David Blough, Oneta Bull, Gene Bull, Jean Campbell, Betty Charles, Luann Chriscinske, Katarina Cody, Ann Coe, Bob Comfort, Carolyn Comfort, Kristi Cundiff, Gwen Daniels, David Daniels, Rosemary Desbrough, Howard Desbrough, Mike DiGi, Caryn Datson, Marilyn Fatturi, Deb Fuller, Jim Fuller, Rita Gall, Susan Gates, Jan Geer, Tim Griffin, Martha Gilveli, Linda Glaspie, Mark Giffin, Sarah Hanifi, Dave Hares, Hargrove Family, Betty Harper, Darlene Heffelbower, Pam Heffelbower, Sigrid Hermon, Bill Hermon, Judy Hesperen, Bobbe Hinsman, Patti Hogue, Norma Jean, Arloa Jennings, Ken Jennings, Luana King, Le King, Ken King, Ken King's son, Kathy Kise, Dick Kolander, Emily Krach, Pam Krebs, Sylvia Korte, Gary Korte, Nate Lampman, Elise Low, Russelle Low, Walt Low, Susie Loughner, Susan Luben, Andrea Maddock, Lisa Marshall, Nancy McCune, Andrew McCune, Gail McKaye, B Melendez, Carlos Melendez, Nancy Miller, Carolyn Minnette, Will Minnette, Lisa Morrow, Jeff Newcombe, Judy Newcombe, Carol Osterling, Larry Osterling, Margo Perry, Libby Phillpott, Sally Pitzer, Kay Richmond, Carol Ridge, Pam Roberts, Jill Rothley, Alberta Sabin and Lon, Dorothy Sackett, Milton Sackett, Dick Schoenfeldt, Doris Sekerka, Stan Sekerka, Kim Setzer, Laura Speiran, Steve Stenson, Martell Stewart, Tjuana Stewart, Paulette Suchy, Mike Suchy, Mark Thorpe, Susie Treber, Jan Turosky, Jim Tuttle, Kami Twining, Steve Twining, Chuck Webster, Rose Westmaas, John Wharton, Cheryl Whitfield, Amy Whitton, Rachel Wislocki, Bryan Wislocki, Sandy Zemba and the angels who just showed up and helped.

### Core Team Members:

Ken & Lois Baldus, Donna & Wayne Cody, Gwen Daniels, Marsha Gilbert, Ken & Arloa Jennings, Scott &

Peggy Klapper, Dean Klepacyk, Earl & Edna Laughrey, Joe Luben, Rich Merrill, Cathy Stockton, and John Zemba.

Everyone helped to make and serve:

- 572 Pies
- 553 Dinner specials
- 507 Hamburgers
- 439 Hotdogs
- 433 Roast Beef dinners
- 394 Chicken Salad Croissants
- 340 Hot Roast Beef Dinners
- 334 Sloppy Joe
- 230 Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- 189 Mac and Cheese
- 140 Fruit Salads
- 129 Salads
- 116 Grill Cheese
- 61 Chili

For the kids meals (these numbers have NOT been included above):

- 209 Hotdogs
- 106 Grill cheese
- 161 Mac and Cheese

The most popular drink was water with 687 bottles followed by 507 cans of Pepsi and 282 cans of diet coke beating out 250 cans of Diet Pepsi. Some suggested that we offer Coke next year so we can have a FUMC cola war..... Who do you think would win?

For those of you who volunteered for the Grill, please take an extra bow because you collectively prepared 1,607 meals and that is not including breakfast....*Wow what a great job!!!!*

We hope to make between \$4,000 to \$5,000 once all the bills have been paid.



### HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

We are collecting **hats and gloves** during **October** for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.



Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make Christmas ornaments for the Gift of Hope project. Refreshments will be provided by Janet Moss. We will also have an additional workday to finish the ornaments on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is available. Please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881 with questions.



Esther Circle will meet on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Beal. Joanie Quinn will be co-hostess. You are encouraged to bring a sandwich and arrive at 12:30 p.m. for fellowship and a light lunch. The devotions will be presented by Carolyn Comfort. Please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234 for more information.



Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 4<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. Mary Domeier is hostess and Virginia Carr is co-hostess. The program will be presented by Florrie Belt. Please call Florence Busch at 547-9377 for further information.



Susanna Circle will meet again on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Jenny Barrett will lead the program and Judith Walls will be providing refreshments. For further information, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

### MORNING PRAYER CHAIN

Just a note to remind or inform our congregation about our confidential prayer help through our Morning Prayer Chain. 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!*





## PLAYGROUP AT FUMC SALINE

Friday mornings 10:00–11:30 a.m.  
(in the church nursery)

Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers and their parents/caregivers are all invited! Open to anyone that wants to get together, make new friends and play! Contact Susie Loughner for more information at 429-2202.

## DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, October 10th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.



## Sign-up NOW for the Fall Women's Retreat on 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! Sign-up in the Narthex to let us know your coming.

**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)

## BINGO NIGHT

Bingo night is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Also, if you have small items to donate for Bingo prizes, bring them to the collection box marked bingo prizes in the east coat closet in the Narthex

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORNERSTONE



“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”  
Deuteronomy 11:18,19

Sunday School is in full swing and going very well and we're ironing out the kinks of the new sign in/out procedure. Taking an extra moment to sign your children in and out is so very important in keeping them safe. Thank you all for your input and patience as the system/procedure matures.

As we kick off the Fall session of R.O.C.K. in LOGOS with new Bible Time curriculum, and lots of new and fun activities, worship songs and of course food, we hope that as your child comes home with God's Word in their hearts and minds that you will also enjoy learning God's Word with your child(ren). Help us to help your child grow spiritually to have that firm ROCK foundation of Christ in their daily lives! Be looking for The LINKS published every Wednesday night giving you valuable information on what is up and coming for R.O.C.K. in LOGOS.

## LIL' SAINTS PRESCHOOL

**WE HAVE A CONSULTANT !** We are now working directly with the State of Michigan, Washtenaw County, Licensing Consultant that will be guiding us, and helping us meet our goal of opening in January 2006. She assured us that it is a very attainable goal. The Preschool Leadership team met last Tuesday night putting together their lists of questions for the consultant, as well as continuing to develop the policies and procedures of the school and discussing staffing options . In the mean time inspectors from the Michigan Environmental Health and Fire Safety departments will be paying us a visit to be sure we are compliant



in having the preschool in the education wing. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers, as God continues to show Himself and provide to allow His Will to be done. Future Leadership Team Meetings will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

### IMPORTANT NOTE

#### CHANGE IN PICK-UP POLICY

By the time you're reading this we will have had one great Wednesday filled with fun, fellowship, and food! If you missed out on our mid-week ministry to catch Christ in our lives, it's not too late to register your 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grader for the fall session. For those who haven't attended a parent information meeting yet, you need to know one of the biggest changes over last year is a **new sign out procedure**. Even if you did attend a parent meeting, we hadn't clearly outlined the procedure for sign out, so here it is. As we move toward the goal of providing a Safe Sanctuary for our children, youth and vulnerable adults, it's imperative to insure the safe release of each child at the conclusion of Family Time. Therefore, we are *requesting the adult who picks up the child to please arrive at Fellowship Hall approximately 6:25 p.m. Come in and locate your child (table assignments will be provided) and stand together to join with us in our closing song. After initialing the sign out sheet you're free to leave.* In the event that you cannot pick up your child, we are counting on you to give a written consent to release your child to the adult of your choice. We understand there will be times when you cannot arrive on time and we will be flexible to an extent by allowing your child to wait at a designated table with a volunteer who will remain until your arrival. Please be considerate and patient as we all get used to this new policy. It's all in His name and for His glory.

**Praise God there are 80 children enrolled in the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS program this year!** What are **YOU** doing on Wednesdays? Join us for Family Time and let us buy you dinner. Our youth are looking for fun-loving adults of all ages to serve as table parents. Family Time happens each Wednesday from 5:15-6:30. Please prayerfully consider serving God while getting to know our great kids in this fun and ful"filling" ministry. For more information, call Debbie Walls at 214-0055 or email [rwallsfam@ameritech.net](mailto:rwallsfam@ameritech.net).

**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.

**CROP POTS FOR C.R.O.P. WALKERS**

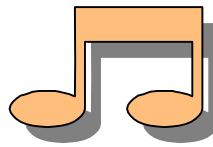
FUMC has been making a tradition of serving warm crockpot food to the C.R.O.P. hunger walkers as they come in from the walk. Sign up in the narthex to:

1. Drop off a pot of food
2. Serve & clean up food
3. Help register the walkers prior to the walk, help with set-up, registration or clean-up. Please contact Jacquelyn Macy at 429-3729.

**FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY**



We had a wonderful open house on September 27<sup>th</sup> with many families of special needs children and adults attending from within and outside of our community. The official start date for the Friendship Ministry is Tuesday, October 11 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Friendship Ministry will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month through May. If you having any questions or know of someone who is interested in this ministry, please contact Roger Heffelbower at 429-7095 or Lisa Marshall in the church office. Praise to all the volunteers who have made this ministry possible and for our church family for realizing this very special need in our community!



**LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!**

Music programs have resumed their regular schedule on the following days:

**Wednesdays - Praise Team** at 6:30 p.m.

(Tammy Schoenfeldt, Director)

**Thursdays – Orchestra** at 6:15 p.m.

(Dick Schoenfeldt, Director)

**Chancel Choir** at 7:30 p.m.

(Tammy S. and Linda Klepaczyk, Directors)

**Adult Handbells** at 7:30 p.m.

(Nate Lampman, Director)

New members are welcome (old members are welcome too!). Don't be afraid to give it a try. Come for the music and stay for the fellowship. For more information or questions, contact Tammy Schoenfeldt at 429-7269.



**CHILDREN'S**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Preparations are underway for the annual Children's Christmas service to be held Sunday, December 4, 2005 at the 11:15 a.m. service. Please mark your calendars to save this date and time for this very special worship event. Parents, children involved in this year's service will only include all children enrolled in the fall R.O.C.K. in LOGOS program and Sunday School children in grades preschool through 2nd grade. All children involved in the service will be expected to attend a very important rehearsal on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you have questions, please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385.

## 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!

Join an LT Group! **Life Together (LT) Groups** are a place for you to experience new depth in your relationship with Jesus Christ while developing authenticity in your friendships with other Christians. LT Groups will be held every Sunday night at Emily's Place from 4:00–6:00 p.m. with a group dinner to end our night together! Sign up to be in a group by filling out the form attached to the yellow flyer in the basement.

### 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. Check it out!

**R.O.C.K. in LOGOS** started this week and has 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! Register TODAY by filling out a registration form.

**Fall Corn Maze** – Rescheduled for October 2<sup>nd</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 are willing to join us in the fun talk to Emily.

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

## REVOLUTION CONCERT

**HERE AT OUR CHURCH – YEAH!! Saturday, October 22** – Day of Fire, Alabaster Box, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Jones, and Fighting Instinct with Special Speaker Johnny Vermilya– check out [www.ichthus.org/tours](http://www.ichthus.org/tours) today! We are PUMPED to be the hosts for this opportunity! Find out how you can help the bands on Saturday, October 22. Talk to your friends, hang posters, get ready to make this an awesome outreach to others!

## Leader Needed for Wee Worship

Wee Worship (ages 4 through kindergarten) is in need of one more leader for the 1<sup>st</sup> service. No experience is necessary and the curriculum is easy and fun to teach. All materials are prepared ahead of time so you just need to show up on Sunday. Leaders are asked to lead once a month throughout the school year and one Sunday during the summer. If you cannot commit to leading once per month then we always needs substitute leaders (for either service) who can lead on an as-needed basis. All the materials are provided and there is no prep work required. If you feel that you could help in this important ministry, please contact Joy Burns at [joy@burnskids.com](mailto:joy@burnskids.com) or 944-4003.

## ANN ARBOR DISTRICT FALL 2006 LAY

### SPEAKING SCHOOL

Dates: October 29 & November 12

Location: South Lyon, First UMC

**Basic Course** – to become a Local Church Lay Speaker;



**Advanced Classes**—to become or renew Certified Lay Speaker status: *Lay Speakers Preach* or *A Ministry of Caring*

New! Refresher Course for Local Church Lay Speakers – In 2004, General Conference passed a resolution requiring that Local Church Lay Speakers attend a refresher course every three years. This course can be the Refresher Course or an Advanced Lay Speaking Course. The Refresher Course will be a five hour class held the second Saturday of the Lay Speaking School, November 12 at First UMC, South Lyon. The cost is \$20. It is limited to 20 participants. The class will also be offered at future Lay Speaking schools. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

## J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

Our fellowship group for those 55 and older wants **You!** Come join us for lunch, devotions, and Christian fellowship. *R.S.V.P. with your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or by calling the church office.* Pay \$5.00 on the third Thursday at 12 noon when we meet. Here is the menu for the next three months: October—turkey sandwiches, hot vegetable and pumpkin pie; November—build your own salad with rolls and dessert; December—ham, scalloped potatoes and green beans with Christmas cookies for dessert. Yum! See you there! Questions? Contact Laura Speiran in the church office.



### MEXICO MISSION TEAM

The application process for our mission trip (February 18-25, 2006) is now beginning. It looks like we may be working on the individual rooms in the orphanage. Airfare will \$380.00 and that needs to be turned in by November 9<sup>th</sup>. The fee to Tapestries of Life is \$550.00 and will be needed to be turned in by December 4<sup>th</sup>. These are the same costs as last year. Please see David Coxton for your application. Phone: 997-9646 or email: [djcoxtan@juno.com](mailto:djcoxtan@juno.com)

### MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Ten interested men met Sunday, September 18, for breakfast. A good beginning. We discussed forming an executive or organizing committee to help gather ideas and put them into motion. Our informal mission statement: **Lead By Example.**

Our initial effort will be to provide **manpower**, tackling the overall fall cleanup which will include power washing the portico and eave overhangs. Weed pulling, bush trimming, etc. will be undertaken to assist the Klappers and the Trustees to put everything in good shape for the fall season. There are **"To Do"** lists being prepared and our hope is that **all men** of the church will assist in this project. Bring your sons, bring your tools and plan to spend time with friends and brothers as we spiff things up.

The date for this project is not certain yet, but probable is within the next 2-3 weeks on a Saturday. One of the determining factors is the refinishing of the wood doors and trim which is in progress. The doors have to cure before we can expose them to excess water. Watch the weekly bulletin for the actual date of the cleanup.

Also, we discussed a monthly coffee and donut/bagel "touch base" kind of meeting and support of the weekly Men's bible study group meeting in the Parlor. Our next meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### SAFE SANCTUARIES

**"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14**

The Safe Sanctuaries ministry touches all aspects of ministries involving children, youth, and vulnerable adults. This would include driving the participants to and from various activities. The Safe Sanctuaries Task Force has developed guidelines to be followed by drivers for church activities. Drivers must be a minimum of 21 years of age. All state laws must be observed, including those regarding seat belts, children in the front seat, and use of child safety seats. Youth should be discouraged from driving themselves to off-site activities. A youth will need to provide a parent-signed waiver stating that he/she is able to transport self and siblings to off-site church sanctioned activities. Whenever possible, it is advisable to have two adults in a vehicle when transporting children, youth, and vulnerable adults. When only one adult is present, there must be two children, youth, or vulnerable adults in the vehicle. The only exception is if a parent has signed a waiver stating that their child can ride alone with that adult, and the waiver is co-signed by the Director of Youth Ministries or Director of Children's Ministries. Drivers will attend Safe Sanctuaries training (when this component is completed by the task force), complete appropriate volunteer paperwork, and provide a photocopy of their driver's license, proof of auto insurance, and registration.

Numerous ministries offered at FUMC of Saline are wonderful opportunities for outreach. Vacation Bible School, R.O.C.K. in LOGOS, Friendship Ministry, and our youth ministries are great ways to reach those without a home church in our community. In order for parents to feel comfortable having their children participate in our ministries, we must ensure that all measures are taken to provide a "safe sanctuary" for the children of our congregation and those we reach out to as well. Please direct all questions and concerns regarding the development of this ministry to Melissa Zimmerman at 913-6911.

## DONATIONS FOR MEXICO MISSION

While on the Mexico Mission trip last year, our family had a part in handing out 250 toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes donated by our dentist to the Mexican families served on Mercy Ministry Day. After seeing how excited the kids were to receive a toothbrush and toothpaste and realizing that a family of 6 or more would have to share a single toothbrush, we decided to undertake the challenge of collecting items to fill 1,000 goodie bags so that all the kids at Mercy Ministry Day can receive a bag of both useful and fun items. Throughout the summer we collected items from garage sales and are more than halfway there, but we realize we are going to need help reaching our goal of 1,000 bags. If you would like to help us out, here is a list of things we are collecting:

McDonald toys or other small toys/games  
Teeny Beanie Babies or similar tiny stuffed animals  
Unsharpened pencils  
Small pencil sharpeners  
Small, solid 'bouncy balls', spinning tops, or whistles  
Hot Wheels, Matchbox, or similar cars  
5-piece packs of gum or lollipops  
Quart-size ziplock bags, used to package the above items

So if your toy box is over-flowing or you get more Halloween candy (hard only – no chocolate) than you care to eat, then drop your items off at the church and we will deliver them to a grateful child in Mexico. There will be a box in the Narthex until the end of the year for you to drop off your donations. We will also be asking local dentists for donations so that each child can receive their own toothbrush and toothpaste!

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, you can drop off cash or a check to the church office (make out all checks to FUMC with a memo line of "Mexico Mission – Burns"), and we will use the money to purchase any items we are short on and to ship the filled bags to Tapestries of Life Ministries to be handed out by the SUMC mission team next February. Any remaining monies will be donated to the Mercy Ministry Day fund for the Mexico Mission Team. Thank you for your support!

The Burns Family

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO** ~ Joni Coxton and family on the loss of her aunt, Betty Radke; Martha and Robert Seward on the loss of his brother, Don O'Connell.

# Thank You!

I'd like to thank all the people who helped me put on the wedding on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Lisa was so much help from one year ago to the day of the event. Emily, Maria, Dale and B were great when I needed servers at the last minute. The servers themselves made a great impression on the guests; both adults and high school students seemed so professional. Our dishwasher Charles was amazing. Donna was tireless as she lead the team – first there and last to leave. Our last thanks to Mike for cleanup. You all showed 100+ people just how great the members of our church are. *Gwen Daniels*

The WCC Senior Jazz Band members wish to thank the Methodist membership for use of a room used for rehearsals during the Saturdays this summer.. It was highly satisfactory and comfortable for our music rehearsals. Very Appreciatively, *The Seniors*

**PRAYER CONCERNS** ~ Carole Smith; James Johnson & family; Anna Reese; Bret James; Bill & Karen Wenk; Tim McCracken; family & friends of Tawny Dahring; Evelyn Hawkin's daughter, Ronda; Judy Bateman's uncle, Dennis; Helen Law; Agnes Frost; Linda Busha; Earl Laughrey; Alice Tonks; Mike Digiamberardino; Doris Schmerberg; Doris Sekerka; Ilene & Bill Heffelbower; Art Angaran; Millie Webster;



Diane Hogue; Bob McNally; Don Johnson; family and friends of Kenneth Sanford; Glen Jedele; Dawn Tillotson; Earl Laughrey; Maxine Howard; Russ Gunningham; Judy Bateman; Leslie Nelson's friend, Maureen; Todd Jager; for those affected by the hurricanes, for those suffering personal losses; for those battling alcoholism. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ for the new marriage of Sarah & Daniel Ohm; for the monies we were able to send to Liberia to help rebuild damaged churches; Katie White's return home from the hospital; the marriage of John & Deisha Perry; the Friendship Ministry team.

**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; Kenita Bauerle, friend of Linda Ressler; Dan Erlwein, friend of Dave & Susan Hares; Sam Spicer, grandson of Lois Royal; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock.