

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.

STEEPLE NEWS

February 5, 2006

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“A Growing-Together Time”

As I was getting my head around what to write in the *Steeple News*, my mind jumped back and forth – back to the year we just ended so strongly and forward to all that’s coming so very quickly. A week ago, we completed our annual report for the Detroit Conference, noting that 76 new members became part of our congregation. Accounting for 17 individuals who either moved away or who died during the past twelve months, First UMC of Saline reported a membership of 862 persons as we began 2006. Also, 36 persons were baptized and initiated into this faith community. Attendance likewise increased significantly throughout the year. On a typical Sunday in 2004, 478 people gathered to worship together. In 2005, our average worship attendance was 524.

Yet as glorious as the composite report of last year was, the year ahead is even more promising. During the past four weeks, we averaged over 580 of us each Sunday and joined our voices in prayer and praise. And during the Crossroads service last Sunday morning, we welcomed 36 new persons into the life of this congregation. They are great folks. As you get to know them, you’ll discover their vitality of faith, breadth of experience and depth of commitment. These persons who have chosen to join with us will be making a vibrant and lasting impact on this congregation. As you get to know them, some of you will develop wonderful, enriching and life-long friendships.

The expanded growth of our church is great, but what’s even more encouraging is growth in our relationships with each other and with our Lord. In various ways, many of you have been growing deeper together in faith. Your lay leadership and staff have been working to enhance opportunities to deepen that faith and commitment.

I want to highlight our upcoming Lenten event that promises to develop your faith-journey. It’s called “*Seismic Shifts*,” based on a book by Kevin Harney, which is our Lenten emphasis this year. Copies of the book, “*Seismic Shifts*” will be available later this month. The six major core themes of the book are:

Seismic Shifts that...

- Bring Greater Joy
 - Expand our Faith
 - Bring Health and Rest
 - Build Relationships
 - Produce True Riches
 - Impact Our Community

I will be using those themes on Sunday mornings, and each Sunday evening we will gather at the church (from 6:00-8:00 p.m.) for small group discussions. We’ll begin our Lenten study with a potluck dinner on March 5th and end with a potluck dinner on Palm Sunday, April 9th. On the four Sunday evenings in between March 5th and April 9th, our time together will begin with coffee and dessert. This Lenten Season promises to be a growing-together time for our congregation. Please reserve the Sundays during Lent for your church family. – Pastor Jim



A Friendship Ministry "Thank you"

On behalf of our Friendship Students, Parent/Caregivers, and our volunteer staff I would like to extend a very huge special **"thank you"** to all those who specifically supported the Friendship Ministry by your gracious gifts through the **"Gift of Hope"** during our Christmas season of celebration. For how appropriate your gifts were during this very special time of giving and celebration of the birth of Our Savior. May I assure you that your loving support through your gifts, your time, and by your humble prayers will always bring a **"revelation of authentic love"** to the students and their families as we grow together in Christ through worship, Bible Study, and in Fellowship. We *revel* in your support, we are embraced by your love, and our spirits are girded by the power of your prayers through Jesus Christ! From the bottom of our hearts we **"thank you"** for all the gifts of genuine love you bring to this ministry!

Roger Heffelbower

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

J.O.Y. Fellowship will be meeting again on Thursday, February 16, 2006! We are having pizza and salad. This fellowship group for those 55 and older invites all who would like to join us for lunch, devotions, and Christian fellowship. Please 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. Contact Laura Speiran in the office with any questions.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The ADD/ADHD Parent/Caregiver Support Group meets the first & third Thursday of the month in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. This group shares information, ideas and offers support to one another. If you would like more information, call Janet Kohler at 429-5172.

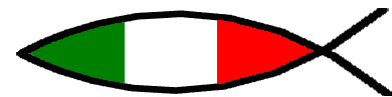
The Cancer Support Group meets on Sundays in the Parlor at 10:10 a.m. Please note that this group is for those with a current or recent diagnosis. Sally Schmall, MSW, is the facilitator. If you are a family member or a caregiver and are interested in being a part of a support group, please contact Laura Speiran in the church office.

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, February 13th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, February 16th** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

MILITARY MINISTRY UPDATE

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who signed Christmas cards in November. Your outstanding support made it possible for each service man and woman to receive two Christmas greetings. Thank you so much! We are working on a bulletin board that will include each military person's picture, address, birthday, and a brief description of their service to our country. We do not want to overlook anyone, so please pass any new or updated information along to one of us or the church office. We praise God for those that have safely returned from overseas or have been discharged in recent days! Our desire is to be effective in prayer and support for those that are protecting our freedom around the world. For questions and information, please contact Kathy Kirkland at 429-3414 or Don and Andrea Maddock at 734-482-2463.



MEXICO MISSION TEAM DRIVERS NEEDED!!!

We need 6 drivers with vehicles large enough for people & their luggage that can take us to the airport & pick us up. We will meet at the church on Saturday, February 18 at 5:30 a.m. We will need to be picked up at Metro Airport on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 p.m. We also have the need for one vehicle that could pick up six people on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. If this is something you would like to do to help the mission, contact David Coxton at 734-997-9646 or soldador@sbcglobal.net.

FORM YOUR ACT & START PRACTICING!!

Saturday, May 20th, FUMC will celebrate springtime with an all-church Talent Show. No act too silly! No voice too flat! No skit too . . . well, we might have to 'Gong Show' somebody! Save this date, and watch for further announcements.

A SPECIAL NIGHT



Many of you talked with me following our performance. I think my promise that we would touch you was fulfilled.

To have the opportunity to perform in our fine sanctuary with Measure 4 Measure was awesome. We enjoyed ourselves. You were responsive and that inspired us. We have performed in many places during our seventeen years since forming, but you made this special for us and me in particular.

Measure 4 Measure is a special group of men who enjoy singing. As Dr. Riccinto stated, most of us are not professional singers but our goal is to perform as professionals. Our satisfaction is the opportunity to perform and seeing the response from our audience. We were richly rewarded.

Thank you for hosting us and thank you for your support of Saline Social Services in their mission to help those in our community who need help. (Editor's note: over \$3,500 was raised for SASS)

Respectfully, Le King

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION UPDATE

FEBRUARY

"I LOVE YOU" It's getting that time of the year where we are thinking about Valentines Day. This year, as we have done for many years in the past the children who are enrolled in Sunday School have the opportunity to make valentines that are delivered to the EVH spreading God's Love. This year they will be making a foam backed project that is the hand sign for "I Love You". **Please help us brighten the lives of many elderly people by helping us to deliver the valentines.** On Sunday, February 12th after the second service we will be enjoying some pizza, pop and the joy of fellowship before we head off to EVH. If you and your family would like to partake in a chance to make a senior citizen's day, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex. For details please call Kathy Renberg at 944-5223.



HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

We are collecting socks during February for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

LIL' SAINTS PRESCHOOL

A place where your child belongs and a place where he or she can become all that they were created to be.

We are excited to open the doors to this ministry very soon with SEVEN children God has blessed us with! Once a few loose ends are tied up our plan is to open February 14th! Happy Valentines Day!! Nancy McCune will be assisting Rachel in giving our children the highest quality in the young child Christian Education arena. They are both qualified to be sure our children will be ready to enter Kindergarten either in the public or the private schools. Bonnie Bender will also be supporting them and helping with programmatic tasks and also will be our sub in the event one is sick. She is excited to expand her knowledge to eventually become a lead teacher!

The State of Michigan has been very helpful and encouraging during our licensing process, as well as the Trustees Committee in dealing with some building implementations. We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support in making this ministry happen. What a joy it is to see God's plan, His Will become a reality! PRAISE HIM! We are looking forward to ministering to many young children giving them that Firm Foundation!

We will continue to take new enrollments as well as enrollments for the Fall. For more information and continued updates check out our web site at www.lil-saints.org or give Rachel Wislocki a call at 429-4528.

"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

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

You're invited to a Teacher Appreciation Dinner! We love what you do and your dedication to the children every Sunday morning is GREATLY appreciated! Please join us on Friday, February 24th at 6:30 for dinner and fellowship.





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR WEBSITE!

Our website, www.fumc-saline.org, has long been our portal to the World Wide Web, with information that visitors and prospective members could use. Now we've updated it to better serve our need to communicate with our membership. Check out these cool new features.

Calendars are now available online. Updated regularly by the office staff, calendars are a view into the exciting and complicated life of our church. Print one off and hang it on your refrigerator – you'll never miss another important event.

Newsletters are now available online. Every time we publish a newsletter we make it available on our website. Print off that issue you lost, or check out that article you wrote. For even more timely delivery, check out *mail lists* below.

Sermon Audio can now be heard from our website. Did you miss last week's sermon? Listen to it on your computer. Do you think Pastor Jim is inspirational? Load him on your IPOD for your next long distance trip.

Mail Lists can now be subscribed to online. Would you like a copy of the bi-weekly newsletter delivered direct to your email box? Subscribe to the **newsletter** list. How about getting a copy of the weekly bulletin before Sunday? Subscribe to the bulletin list. Other lists are available for **R.O.C.K.-in-LOGOS, Junior High, and Senior High** parents and participants. To subscribe, go to www.fumc-saline.org and follow the Mail List link. And, if you have an idea or need for a new mail list, just let the office know.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the website, let us know: office@fumc-saline.org

RUNNING FOR WORLD VISION



Hello! For those of you who have not met me, my name is Sarah Ohm and I joined the congregation last year. Over the course of the past year, I have been inspired by the efforts of our church to reach beyond our walls and participate in ministry in the local community, our country and nations around the world. I am asking you to join me in a ministry opportunity that I feel very strongly about.

According to United Nations estimates, every 14 seconds a child is orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. This means that over 6,000 children everyday join the over 14 million children worldwide who have been orphaned by this disease. Often these children do not have enough to eat, no clean water to drink, no access to proper medical care, they cannot attend school and grow up in an environment of fear and neglect. Without a loving hand to support and guide them, in many cases they must care for sick and dying parents and are left with the responsibility of raising their younger siblings.

Yet, through the work of World Vision, there is hope for the future of these children. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. They provide relief to children regardless religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

This April 17th, I will run in the 110th Boston Marathon, which will be my third time at Boston and my eighth marathon. There are many reasons why I am able to complete marathons. I have been blessed with a loving and supportive family, safe living environment, plenty of nutritious food, access to quality health care and a strong and healthy body. I recognize these blessings and I am also aware that millions of people around the world are not so fortunate. When I lace up my shoes and run 26.2 painful miles and I will love every minute of it because for the first time I will be running for something greater than my own satisfaction. Please take a moment and consider joining me in my race for life.

Your donation, in support of my efforts, can make all the difference in the lives of these children. A little money can go a long way to help! Here are some examples:

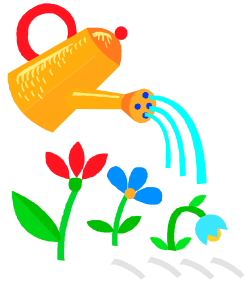
- \$25 can provide an orphan care kit (nutritious food, basic medicines, etc.).
- \$30 can provide basic health care provisions for one child.
- \$50 can provide adult assistance and counseling for a vulnerable child.
- \$100 can help build a home for an HIV/AIDS affected family.

Donating through my website (www.firstgiving.com/sarahohm) is simple, safe and totally secure and is the most effective way to sponsor me. For those of you who wish to mail in a donation, the donation form can be downloaded from my site.

GOD Bless you and thank you for your support,
Sarah Ohm

**More information on World Vision can be found on their web site at: www.worldvision.org

PRAYER GARDEN



We are excited to announce that a Prayer Garden that has been in the planning stages since last June is now ready to move to the development stage. A pergola and fountain have already been purchased through the Memorial Fund and we will be selling engraved brick pavers for the pathway starting Sunday, February 5th. The sale of bricks will enable us to pay for the landscaping and sprinkler system and will be a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, honor someone important in your life or have your family name as a permanent part of our church grounds. It is our hope to sell over 300 bricks. The cost of a 4" x 8" brick is \$50 and an 8" x 8" brick is \$80. In addition, we will be enlisting help this spring when it comes time to bring this peaceful outdoor space to fruition. We have a landscape plan and a conceptual drawing to help you visualize this new outdoor space. Contact Lisa Marshall with any questions 429-4730.

2006 QUILTING BEES AT SALINE FUMC



If you want to be part of a fun group and learn to quilt, this is for you! For several years we have been meeting at **12:30 pm on Wednesdays** to help one another, to make quilts for auction and to work on the Prayers and Squares quilts. Anyone is welcome to come and learn or help. We meet in Room F.

Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. – Queen size “Sweet Pea” quilt for auction. Come and learn to make an accurate ¼” seam allowance, press and size up a quilt top. This beginning quilt is in purples, magenta and greens.

If you have questions about any of the “bees”, call Shirley Padding at 477-9223.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A call for a young adult ministry. Got any ideas on how to keep this generation of 18-30 somethings from falling away from the church and from Christ? Better yet do you feel called to create a group of young adults to fellowship with one another and learn more about God on a weekly, bi weekly or monthly basis. Contact Leanne at 429-4730 if you have a passion for this generation.

UMW Circles

Hannah

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Angela Schmidt is in charge of the program and refreshments. Childcare is available. Please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881 with questions.

Esther

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Elaine Carter. Please bring a sandwich and arrive at 12:30 p.m. if you would like to enjoy a light lunch and fellowship. Mary Lirones will present the program. Please contact Shirley Padding at 477-9223 for more information.

Ruth

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Betty Sellers is in charge of the program. For further information, please contact Florence Busch at 547-9377.

Susanna

Susanna Circle will meet on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Jenny Barrett will offer a devotion and Linda Gaspie will present the program and provide refreshments. Please contact Linda Gaspie at 429-2918 with questions.

LOVING HANDS

"A heartfelt thanks to those who have provided meals recently; they have provided support and love when most needed. We are in need of more persons or families to make an occasional meal. If you would like to help with this vital ministry, please sign up on the Loving Hands list at the Opportunity Wall. We provide meals for those who have had surgery, have added a new baby to their family, are having medical treatments, or just need a helping hand. Please consider helping if you can. Questions? Call Andrea Maddock at 734-482-2463 or Marie Hogan at 734-646-7382.



To all my friends at FUMC,
I thank each and every one
for your sympathy and
beautiful cards. Mom was
ready to join dad in heaven and this certainly helps.

THANK YOU

Love and God Bless,
Oneta (and Gene Bull & Family)

HOPE'S ANNUAL

THANKSGIVING & WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Hope will be holding its Annual Thanksgiving and Worship Celebration on Friday, February 17 at First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti. The church is located at 300 N. Washington. There will be light supper served at 6:00 p.m., with the service starting at 7:00 p.m.. We would like to invite all of our church friends to come join us in celebrating God's faithfulness to our ministry and to intercede for His continued blessing. For more information, contact Jean Horak 485-5595 or jhorak@thehopeclinic.org.

CHRISTIAN DANCE CONCERT

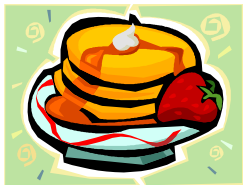
Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**Knox Presbyterian, 2065 S. Wagner, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$5.00 (\$30 max/family)**

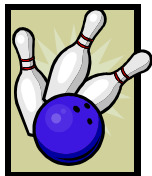
The *Christian Dance Network's* annual winter concert brings together dancers and groups from about a 100 mile radius, offering their expressions of praise and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. A family friendly event, the program includes dances from different cultural and denominational backgrounds. Come celebrate the Lord with us! Visit CDN's website at [Click here: christiandancenetwork.com](http://Christiandancenetwork.com). Tickets are available locally at Dancer's Boutique or at the door.

FAT TUESDAY ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

**February 28th
5:30-7:00 PM.**



Get out of the kitchen, bring the kids, and load up on Johnny cakes & syrup (sugar-free also provided), scrambled eggs, sausages, and applesauce on the night before Lent begins. Free-will offering.



METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME TOUR & BOWLING

On Saturday, February 18th, we will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the Methodist Children's Home (one hour drive). We will tour the facility from 10:00-11:30 a.m., then go bowling with the boys from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Come put a face to the youth we support each Christmas. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall through February 12th. Questions? Contact Margo Perry 734-223-4216.

DANIEL D. HEFFERNAN

HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Nominations are being accepted for the "Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian Award". This is an annual award presented by Hope Clinic that honors members of our community who help the needy in Christ's name. Please consider who in your church family you would like to nominate for this award. The criteria are: They have served on a volunteer basis, the service has been primarily to help the poor, they either reside in or the bulk of their service has been done in Washtenaw County, and the service has been done to demonstrate the love of Christ and because of a commitment to do His work. The nomination can either be an individual or a couple. For more information or to receive a copy of the nomination form, contact Judy Tice at 484-2989 or jtice@thehopeclinic.org. A copy of the nominating form is also available from our Website at www.thehopeclinic.org.

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

The Spring 2006 Lay Speaking Ministries classes will be held Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, March 25, 2006 at the West Side United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor. To receive credit for the class you must attend both classes. Registrations are due to the registrar **by February 11**. Flyers with more info. and a registration form are available in the Narthex.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED JANUARY 29TH!

Lavern & Patricia Aungst, Dottie Barnes, Brian Dooley, Gregory & Karen Folta, Michael Ford, Jeff & Sheri Fordice, Jon & Aimee Gable, David & Amy Griffin, Cynthia Haury, Keith & Patsy Held, David Marshall, John & Carole McConnell, Russell & Tamara Miller, Carroll & Sandra Nadig, Edward & Patty Nuernberg, Cindy Parker, Jay & Kristin Richards, Jack & Lynn Shaw, Faye Smith, and Catherine Van Camp, Lawrence & Frances Woods, Doug & Pamela Ziesemer.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET

Just a reminder—we have equipment available for borrowing, if you are in need of any of the following items: commode chair, standard walker, leg brace, One Touch II blood glucose monitoring kit, wheelchair pad, etc. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact Laura Speiran in the office. Donations of durable medical equipment are accepted and appreciated.

Youth News

SENIOR HIGH

Sign up NOW for the BATTLECRY Stadium Event, April 7th – 9th 2006, Ford Field Detroit. Pick up a Flyer and Sign-up Sheet Today! Registration is only \$50 – Due February 15th.

“At these mega-events, young people encounter God in a real way and are mobilized and equipped to take a stand for Him in their schools, their homes, and their communities. With Inspiring speakers, top Christian bands, and a high impact multimedia experience, join tens of thousands of teens, young adults, youth workers and parents gathering in Detroit as one generation under God.”

Mark your calendar Now! March 4th - 5th Guys/Girls Night - 8:00 p.m. to Sunday Morning! Fun for the girls having some girl time together. Fun for the guys having some guy time together. Breakfast together for all!

JUNIOR HIGH

This Sunday – February 5th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Join us for youth group and a “Non-Superbowl” Party!

February 12th, 19th & 26th – Join us at youth group from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. as we share “How to Shout without Screaming”

Springhill Winter Retreat is coming soon!! March 10th – 12th – If you are signed up to attend make sure to pick up your Travel Info. Sheet and Medical Information Form from the Junior High Youth Room. All Final Payments of \$60 and Medical Forms are due March 26th.

Confirmation Students – Don’t forget Sunday, March 26th is our visit to Resurrection UMC.

*For all other regularly occurring youth ministry events check out the church calendar or pick up an “Infusion Youth Ministry” Calendar from the Youth Room or Emily’s office.

Where can you get a great meal, wonderful company, good conversation, and lots of fun?

R.O.C.K. on Wednesdays! The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS program continues to grow and parent involvement is crucial to its success. Bible skills, Recreation, and Family Time are in DESPERATE need of help. If you are not already volunteering in an area or if you are volunteering and are able to do a little more PLEASE, contact one of us:

Bonnie Bennyhoff 429-5800

Emily Krach 429-4730 Kathy Kise 429-4891
Debbie Walls 214-0055 Julie Evans 623-7428

PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Rosie Wolf & children; Ellen and



Eugene Johnson and family; Amy Acree's friend Paulette; Susan Brenton; Kim Setzer; Gary Ingram; Gary & Sylvia Korte's sister-in-law; Peggy Klapper's friend; Bredernitz family friend; Allen McIntosh; the Arzate Family; Donna LaPoint; Lynn Shaw's friend;

Mary Stegink; Joseph & Juanita Miller; the Folta's friend; Angela Hamman's friend Ruthie; Robert Salsbury; Eric Collins; Phyliss & Norm Rier and family; Adam & Chelsea Ford's family member; Dave Cuff; Martha Furbush; Judy Bateman's mother, Eva; Ronda Hawkins; Meredith Dodge; Anna Turosky; David Mullen; Art Gibbs; Bennett Phipps; Bob Rodenhouse; the family of Shirley Russler; the family of Catherine Beach; Donald Nutter; Chuck Webster; peace and energy for the women in the Cancer Support Group. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Christopher Macy's good news regarding his foot; for the love and support and the Helping Hands Ministry; for Billy Kirkland giving his time to our Sunday School kids as well as our country; the Lil' Saints Preschool opening Feb 14!

Military personnel and families to keep in our prayers

~ 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; Abby Suchy, daughter of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Tim Jones, son of Penny & Doug Jones; Dan Erlwein, friend of Dave & Susan Hares; Sam Spicer, grandson of Lois Royal; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock; Doug W. Beard, son of Doug & Wanda Beard; Mark & Brad Nadig, sons of Carroll & Sandy Nadig.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Oneta and Gene Bull on the passing of her mother, Maxine Howard; Disa and Phil Webb on the passing of her cousin, Andrea; the family of Maurice Robbins on his passing this past week.

LIBERIA PARTNER CHURCH

The church council voted in January to send \$1,357.00 to our partner church in Liberia, William Teegbeh Memorial UMC. They are in desperate need of funds to rebuild their church building, as well as repair their parsonage. This was taken out of the cash surplus we had at the end of 2005, due to the generosity of our church members and careful spending! The amount represents a tithe of the Christmas offering that will be used for projects here in our own church. This will be added to the \$200.00 already donated by the Quilting Ministry, which is from the sale of the “Liberia Quilt” made for the auction in November. Thank you to everyone! Our partner church will be overjoyed! This news was typed up into a letter and sent in the envelope to be delivered at their annual conference in February by a pastor from the Detroit Annual Conference. We also sent pictures from our Sunday school classes and youth program.

Calendar for February 5 - February 18, 2006

5 Sunday 9:00a – Traditional Service 10:10a – Sunday School 10:10a – Cancer Support Group 11:15a – Contemporary Service 1:00p – Disciple I 3:00p – EVH Service 6:30p – Jr. High Youth Youth Return from Camp Barakel	6 Monday 9:30p – Hannah Circle 12:30p – Esther Circle – Off Site 3:30p – Brownies 7:00p – Staff Parish	7 Tuesday 9:15a – WISE 12:30p – Ruth Circle 4:30p – Music Together 6:30p – Cub Scouts 6:30p – RNL Team 7:00p – Membership & Evangelism	8 Wednesday 8:30a – Music Together 9:00a – Bible Study 12:30p – Quilting 3:00p – R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 6:30p – Christian Believer 6:30p – Praise Team 7:00p – Confirmation 8:00p – WWW	9 Thursday 8:30a – Music Together 11:00a – Prayer Ministry 6:15p – Orchestra 7:30p – Chancel Choir 7:30p – Hand Bells	10 Friday	11 Saturday
12 Sunday <i>Int. Missions Bake Sale</i> 9:00a – Traditional Service 10:10a – Sunday School 10:10a – Cancer Support Group 11:15a – Contemporary Service 12:30p – Pizza Party & EVH Valentine Delivery 4:00p – LT Groups 6:00p – Disciple I 6:30p – Jr. High Youth	13 Monday 3:30p – Brownies 6:30p – Girl Scouts 7:00p – Susanna Circle 7:00p – Trustees	14 Tuesday 9:00a – Preschool Opening 9:15a – WISE 4:30p – Music Together 6:30p – Friendship	15 Wednesday 8:30a – Music Together 9:00a – Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p – Quilting 3:00p – R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 6:30p – Christian Believer 6:30p – Cub Scouts 6:30p – Praise Team 7:00p – Confirmation 8:00p – WWW	16 Thursday 8:30a – Music Together 11:00a – Prayer Ministry 12:00p – J.O.Y. Fellowship 6:15p – Orchestra 7:00p – ADD/ADHD Support Group 7:30p – Chancel Choir 7:30p – Hand Bells	17 Friday 10:00a – Playgroup	18 Saturday 5:30a – Mexico Mission Team Leaves 8:30a – Methodist Children's Home Tour & Bowling

FEBRUARY

Head Ushers: Charlie Bender
Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Worship Attendance:

Jan 22—569
Jan 29—593

Greeters & Welcome Center Host First Service:

Gene & Oneta Bull, Jan Geer

Greeters & Welcome Center Host Second Service:

Feb. 5th – Chuck & Sharell Gehrke, Julie Evans
Feb. 12th – Senior High Youth, Sue Jackson

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PURDUE BELLS



IN CONCERT

Saturday, February 25, 2006

6:00 pm

Saline United Methodist Church

Free Will Offering

Peal Out!

Black gloves, arms flying, a pure, beckoning ring – we’re talking about the Purdue Bells. The Purdue Bells combine a five-octave set of Whitechapel handbells with four-and-a-half octave Schulmerich handbells to perform as a 12-member double bell choir. They rehearse daily, blending traditional handbell ringing with innovative techniques to play styles from classical to jazz. Specialty groups include the Four-in-Hand Quartet, Off-the-Table Quartet and the Shaker Chime Ensemble.

The Purdue Bells is privileged to enjoy a set of rare, antique Shaker Chimes donated by a former Glee Club member in 1986. Hand crafted in 1911, they were originally a novelty instrument for vaudeville and traveling side shows. Together, three bell members play the Shaker Chimes, “shaking” the 8-foot tall chimes to sustain the tone of the instrument.

Students who perform with the Purdue Bells have the opportunity to travel the country with a charismatic ringing style that soars through concert halls and beguiles audiences.

Don’t miss the opportunity to see them right here in Saline!