

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

March 19, 2006

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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I guess the one constant in life is change. No matter how well we like it or not, life-changes are inevitable. No matter how loudly we grumble, change is a part of life; in fact, an imperative part of life. Though transitioning is often unnerving, can you imagine the utter boredom of eternal sameness? That indeed would be hell. I can't envision the life to come to be a realm of perpetual 'same old...same old.' The artistic, creative God whom we've initially begun to comprehend from the depictions of history, observe through the display of nature, and sense in the daily experience of living is certainly far too creative and resourceful than to perpetuate a litany of sameness.

God is a God of creation and re-creation...a creating God, continually generating and regenerating life. The entire gospel message focuses on our journey from death to life...sin to salvation...a journey proceeding through crucifixions to resurrections...moving through despair to hope...leading ultimately from earth to heaven.

The Lenten season, focusing on the life and passion of Jesus, reminds us that, like our Lord, life twists and bends in ways we never would have imagined and in ways we never would have deliberately intended in our journey.

Some changes evolve slowly; others erupt swiftly. Some we can almost anticipate; others thoroughly blindsides us. Some immediately thrust onto us momentous opportunity, while others throw us into momentary oblivion. Some entice us to daring faith; others engender in us dreaded fear. Nonetheless, changes come...ready or not.

Whether through the changes we profitably journey all the way to Easter and beyond, is conditioned by who we believe directs our days and ultimately determines our destiny. If we are convinced, as Jesus was, that the One whom he called father is the one who knows the beginning from the end, who knows the way of traversing us through all the maze and days, and who effectively knows how to transform Good Fridays into Easter mornings, then we able to say to the change agents, “Ready or not; bring it on!”

It is our confidence in the God of resurrections that enables us to face forward, watch faithfully and walk sure-footedly into the future. Constant change is indeed inevitable; however, if anything that this season of the year informs us is that the Changeless One is invincible. We're followers of One who knows how to pull-off Easters.

Hear again the beginning words of Hebrews chapter 12 the way Eugene Peterson translates them in *The Message* Start running and never quit...Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God, he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. He's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

Yours for a truly blessed Lent – Pastor Jim



March Sunday School Mission

Back by Popular Demand!!!
It's A Birthday Party!!

Kids, what would you want to receive for your birthday party?? Coloring Books, crayons, markers, dolls, Legos, trucks, cars or craft project supplies?!

The Alpha House in Ann Arbor is in need of birthday gifts for the boys and girls who stay at their shelter. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church and place them in the red tubs located in the Narthex and the hallway of the Sunday School Wing. Please contact Kathy Renberg at 734-944-5223 with any questions. The Alpha House's mission is to respond to the immediate needs of homeless families by providing temporary shelter, food and support services in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. For further information see their website at www.alphahouse-ihn.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

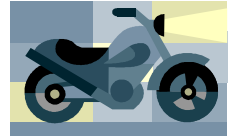
A Grief Support Group For Adults Who Have Lost A Parent will begin on Monday, April 10 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The group will meet once a week for eight consecutive weeks at the church. The facilitator, Frances Woods R.N. M.S.W., is a trained bereavement facilitator and Parish Nurse. Participants will have an opportunity to share their individual stories in the context of our caring Christian community. They will benefit from a safe supportive environment in which they can discuss issues, concerns and feelings related to their grief and loss. Education and information about the grief process will also be presented as well as healthy ways of coping. All information shared in the group will remain confidential. If you are an adult who has experienced the death of a parent recently or some time ago, we invite you to join us! Please contact Laura Speiran in the church office for additional information or to register.

STAFF APPRECIATION/SUPPORT

This year your Staff Parish Committee is seeking volunteers to provide a meal for our staff before their meeting on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Many in our congregation wish to show their appreciation by dropping off goodies in the office from time to time. Let's take this a step further and schedule our support. If you or your group would like to help provide a light meal for 12 on the second Monday at 12:30 p.m., please call Shirley Padding at 477-9223. Thank you.

An open invitation from "Christ Riders" of Saline

We would like to invite all persons interested in "Christ Riders" of Saline to any of the informal "off season" potluck home gatherings. Our next gathering, "*March Mayhem*" will be March 31st, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Norma Glennie in Saline. If you want to "sit in" or "get your feet wet" on what "*Christ Riders*" is all about and/or help plan our upcoming summer riding season, please contact Roger Heffelbower for more details at 429-7095 or RU4C@comcast.net.



THE SHAWL MINISTRY



What is it? Individuals gathering to make shawls with prayers and blessings for the recipients. A shawl is a warm reminder that we are wrapped in God's love. In the giving of a shawl we pass that love along to the recipient. We currently meet every Monday in the Ladies Lounge from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Meeting time and place are open to change as we add new shawl makers. Questions? Please call Bonnie Bender (944-8646) or Marilyn Walline (429-0026)

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, March 27th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, March 30th** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

CAMP 2006

Summer 2006 camp catalog is here – located on the Camp bulletin board and in the Narthex. Check out the new camps that have been added.



REGISTER SOON to have the best chance of getting the camp and date you want. View camps or register on-line at www.umccamps.org. Remember: the UMW provides \$50 to each registered child camper. **NEEDED: Camp Sponsors.** Many of us know there's no experience quite like camp. If you would like to help someone get the same experience, please email Anne Kowalczyk at akowl@aol.com or place your donation in a sealed envelope and place in the Camp Coordinator mailbox in the church office. Have questions, please email Deb Lytle at dlytle@comcast.net or call 944-7711.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men's group is available to lend a hand for some possible projects. If anyone has an idea for a project in which **MANPOWER** is needed, talk with Le King or Lisa Marshall in the office. In addition, there is a list of projects in the Narthex that need manpower to complete. We urge all men to sign up for a project to keep our church in good working condition. We will also be working as a group on the Prayer Garden, please look for more information in future newsletters.

There is a retreat to be held at Lake Huron Retreat Center, September 15-17. This is a Men's Retreat, the theme is "Becoming God's Man." If you have an interest in this, contact Le King and he will give you Lee Donley's email so you can check it out. The cost is \$120 for two nights and four meals and a snack at check in Friday evening. You may contact Le King at 944-9715 or d.leroy.king@comcast.net.

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

We are collecting **soap, lotion and shampoo** during **March** for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.



ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications for the Carr Memorial Scholarship are available starting March 1st in the church office. All present high school seniors who are members of our church are eligible to apply. Completed applications need to be returned to the church office or any member of the Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, April 12th. The Scholarship Committee is also able to accept tax deductible donations to both the Carr and the Upperclass Scholarships either in the endowment or yearly gift portion of the funds, at any time. Questions? Contact the church office or a Scholarship Committee member: Millie Webster 734-944-6618 or Carole McConnell 517-423-6373.

This Lenten Season we will hold **Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 12 noon** during the 6 weeks of Lent (March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12). They will last for about 30 minutes. You are encouraged to think about how Lent can be a significant time for you in 2006.



Thank You!

We would like to thank all the generous people who donated items for the 1,000 Mexico mission trip goodie bags. We would also like to thank all the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS kids, Jr. High youth and other people that helped us fill those 1,000 bags! Many hands made light work!

While in Mexico this February we handed out bags to over 700 Mexican children. They were thrilled to receive them! They especially liked the Burger King watches in some of the bags, because most of them have never had a watch before. The best part is that we did not run out of bags this year so that every child was able to go home with a bag of treats.

Thank-you to all that had a part in purchasing, filling, bagging, boxing, shipping, carrying, and distributing the goodie bags – it was truly a team effort, and a delight to the children of Mexico.

The Burns Family

NEW MEMBER CLASS IN APRIL

If you are interested in becoming a member of the First United Methodist Church of Saline, our next new member class will be held on **ONE DAY**, Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include lunch. There is no cost.

The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, the United Methodist Church in general, and this specific United Methodist Church. We strongly encourage everyone to take the class, even those transferring from another U.M. Church. It helps to get to know a small group of people, as well as learn about the variety of programs and service opportunities available here. If class members choose to join, they will be received into membership the next day, Sunday, April 23rd at the 11:15 a.m. service. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex, if interested, or speak with Laura Speiran in the church office.

Church membership can be an important step in one's faith walk. We encourage all who are not currently members to prayerfully consider it!

BAPTISMS

Baptisms for the month of April will be scheduled on Sunday, April 23 at the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a baptism, please contact Lisa Marshall or Cheryl Schlaff in the church office.



LADIES SPRING GALA
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!
Saturday, March 25th

The March 25th Ladies Spring Gala is almost here! Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale in the Narthex on Sunday, March 19th between services. Or, you may call Janet Moss at 944-7251 for tickets or sign-up at the Opportunity Wall to purchase tickets at the door. The meal is being catered by our very own Leslie Nelson who has recently started Lady Bug Catering. The menu will include stuffed chicken breast, salad, potato, vegetable, rolls and dessert. Those of you familiar with Leslie's culinary skills know that we are in for a yummy good meal! Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The Strangely Warmed Players. (See article below for further information on this drama group.) Proceeds will benefit Brighter Future for Children and Youth and The Strangely Warmed Players. Brighter Future for Children and Youth provides grants for programs addressing abuse and violence prevention or treatment for children 5 – 18 years of age. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and entertainment to follow at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a worthwhile cause and a joyful evening of fun, fellowship and delicious food!

Presenting Contemporary Christian Drama

THE STRANGELY WARMED PLAYERS
Saturday, March 25th

The Strangely Warmed Players are thirteen youth, ages 16 – 18, from Ann Arbor FUMC who will be performing at Saline FUMC on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. following the Ladies Spring Gala. **Their performance is open not only to the Gala participants, but also to the congregation and their guests.** The Strangely Warmed Players combine Christian ministry and offbeat comedy to create an entertaining and enlightening duo. Reflecting on the Wesleyan tradition of bringing Christ's teachings to the masses, the Players bring an engaging collection of modern parables to a media generation. This is the 11th troupe of Strangely Warmed Players under the direction of founder, Beth Miller. They have traveled internationally giving performances and doing mission work in England; Belfast, Ireland; Kenya, Africa; along with many venues within the United States. Last summer, they wrote scripts and performed for the International Christian Youth Conference in Teresopolis, Brazil. They traveled on the World Methodist Evangelism's EvangeMed boat on the Amazon, performing and

leading a day camp for children. For the summer of 2006, they will head to Bulgaria to sponsor a feeding program for children and youth. After their performance at Saline FUMC, we will take a love offering to support their mission trip to Bulgaria. Please join us for a fun evening!

UMW NEWS

Executive Board Meeting

The UMW Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m. in Room C.

Esther

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Richmond. Bessie Smith will be co-hostess. Please bring a sandwich and arrive at 12:30 p.m. if you would like to enjoy a light lunch and fellowship. Shirley Padding will present the program. Please contact Shirley Padding at 477-9223 for more information.

Ruth

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Beulah Morton is the hostess and Florence Busch is co-hostess. Dorothea Green will present the program. For further information, please contact Florence Busch at 547-9377.

Hannah

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, April 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jeannette Brenner will provide refreshments. Children are welcome. Please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881 with questions. Watch upcoming bulletins for further information.

Susanna

Susanna Circle will meet on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Judith Walls will offer a devotion and Charlene Adkins will present the program. Jenny Barrett will provide refreshments. Please contact Linda Glaspie at 429-2918 with questions.

Sitter Needed

Hannah Circle is in need of a sitter for a small group of children on the first Monday of each month during the school year from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Compensation is \$20 for the hour and a half meeting time. Anyone interested, please contact Janet Moss at 944-7251.



MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES OFFERED AT FUMC

Music Together classes for children ages birth to 5 and their parents or caregivers will again be offered at FUMC this spring. The new session begins in March and features weekly classes of developmentally appropriate music activities. Daytime and evening classes are taught by Angela Schmidt and Nicole Lampman, registered Music Together teachers. Interested families are invited to attend a free demonstration class. Please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 for available times and to make a reservation. For more information about Music Together and the spring class schedule, please visit www.HandInHandMT.com

ATTENTION CRAFTERS

If you are a crafty person and would like to make and donate an item (or items) to the UMW Mini-Bazaar, please let Kay Richmond know. Possible items include but aren't limited to crocheted and knitted items (especially scarves), beaded jewelry, aprons, towels, and cotton-only potholders. The Mini-Bazaar and Quilt Auction will be held on November 4th, so donations are due October 31st. It seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it and making crafts takes some time. Please note that leftover items will be donated to Whitehall Nursing Home or Cass Avenue for Bingo prizes. Thank you!



POP TOP COLLECTION

FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Please continue to save your pop tabs and place them in the large plastic coke bottle on the floor at the Opportunity Wall. Don't forget your soup pull tabs! They are made from aluminum, too. Proceeds from recycling these pop tops will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Their first priority is to provide a place for families to stay when their child is in a hospital far from home. So, please save your pop and soup can tops and put them in the giant coke bottle. Please help us continue to support families in need. If you have questions, please contact Kay Richmond or Sylvia Korte. Thank you.



ATTENTION GOLFERS!

Get ready, FUMC Golf League and anyone who wants to golf this spring. Talk to your boss' now, and let them know that you need to get off work early on Tuesdays!! This year the league will tee off again at the **Rustic Glen Golf Course** which is just west of Saline on US 12! **Tee time is at 4:37** beginning on **Tuesday, April 25th thru August 15th**! This should allow us to get all nine in early on!! It will be here before you know it! **Cost will be \$312 per person** for the 16 week league including cart. **OR \$196 per person with no cart.**



This course is a short course and is VERY user friendly! Its wide fairways, allows the beginner golfer to make it to the green with very little frustration! For the more advanced golfer, their tees are set for those long hitters! So we'll be able to hang on to the same ball for all nine holes!!! **FAITH!**

COME ONE COME ALL! No need for handicaps, no need to even be a 'good golfer' (whatever THAT is) and no need to even keep score! This league is all about the **FOUR F's!!! FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FRESH AIR** and of course **FOOD!!** Any questions call Leanne Rimnac at 429-4730, otherwise sign up **NOW** at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex!

Youth News

SENIOR HIGH

Are you signed up yet for Battlecry? April 7-9, 2006, Ford Field, Detroit – Speakers, Bands, Worship, lots of other Christians worshipping with you...A Good Spring Break Alternative! Registration is only \$50. Talk to Emily now with any questions. Hotel room space will be limited. Don't miss it!

Wild Worship Wednesday – March 22 – Guy Led Worship, March 29 – Girl Led Worship

JUNIOR HIGH

March 19 – “Shout without Screaming” and Trash Basketball!

March 26 – Lazer Tag!! We will return at 8:30 p.m. – Bring \$10 and a friend! Parents – You are invited to help out and come along – let Emily know if you can help!

Confirmation Class News – Don't forget March 24 is Fun Night with/mentors, 7-9 p.m. at church.

*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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORNERSTONE

Once again we are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent as Kami and Steve Twining are packed up and moving to Wisconsin. We are happy for them, but their leaving has left a void in our Sunday School area.

Please be praying about a new Superintendent and if you are interested in the position, please contact Leanne with any questions.



KIDS CHURCH continues to grow and operate with the help of many people. Praise God for those who have been able to step up to share the load in ministering to our 1st thru 4th graders every Sunday. It's already time to sign up for your **ONCE A QUARTER, FOR ONE HOUR, ONE SUNDAY**, to allow KIDS Church to continue. The 2nd quarter is upon us! Sign up sheets are posted outside the KC 1 and KC 2 rooms. Sign up now to get the date you want! Again **THANK YOU TO ALL** who have made this work! For any questions, please call Julie Evans, KIDS Church Coordinator at 623-7428.

R.O.C.K. IN LOGOS

Sunday, April 16: 9am & 11:15 Services
R.O.C.K. Choir Sings

The Spring Season is approaching! Our Spring Session will begin on Wednesday, March 22. The spring session will conclude on May 24 with our Carnival. Registration forms for new students are in the Narthex and there is a box for payment for returning children. 1 child is \$35, 2 are \$70, 3 are \$100, and 4 or more is \$125. There are lots of volunteer positions to sign up for. "Many hands make light work." You can join our e-mail list! Users can remove or add themselves to/from any SUMC mailing list by visiting the <http://www.fumc-saline.org/> Website and following the mailing list links.

WANT TO SERVE? HATE MEETINGS?

Are you a "hands on" individual, rather than a "lets talk about it" committee person? Even though meetings are vital to the running of this church, sometimes we just want to get a job done! Well, now you can. We have a list of maintenance jobs from painting to welding that need to be done for the upkeep of our wonderful facility. Your Trustees team is inviting you to join them in completing these tasks. There is a list on the table at the Opportunity Wall where you can sign up to help out. This list will be updated monthly, so check it regularly. Your help is greatly appreciated. Just like your home, this facility has its own "honey-do" list. This is only a partial list of maintenance jobs that need to be completed, your Trustees have a comprehensive, more intensive list they are working on, but please feel free to contact Pam Heffelbower if you notice something else that needs to be added.

Spotlight Jobs for March:

- *Install Door Stops: We have 5 permanent door stops (instead of wooden wedges) we need installed.
- *Fix dumpster doors so that they will stay closed. The current latch is not effective.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT



Come enjoy an evening of Praise and Worship to Christ our Lord! On Saturday, April 1st at 5:00 p.m. the Ann Arbor Gospel Choir will be performing in our sanctuary. The 12-voice

choir will be presenting a mix of original contemporary music, accompanied by a mix of instruments including keyboard, organ, cello, saxophone, bass and drums. This is a free event open to the entire community, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us and bring a friend!

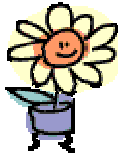
SPECIAL THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our family would like to thank our congregation of the Saline United Methodist church for your prayers, cards, visitation and memorials related to our mom, Maxine Howard. We would also like to thank the ladies and men of the congregation for the wonderful meal provided after the service. Gods Blessings, Oneta and Gene Bull



**FLOWERING PLANT SALE 2006
INTERNATIONAL MISSION – LIBERIA
FUNDRAISER**

Its time to think spring again! This year the International Mission Team is dedicating the proceeds from the Spring Plant Sale to support our covenant partner church in Liberia. For more information on Liberia and how to become more involved with this important mission, please contact Laura Speiran.



We are selling baskets and patio pots which make great Mother's Day gifts; flowering annuals and perennials. Flowering annuals are plants that have a fairly constant bloom until fall but do not come back next spring. Perennials are plants that have a shorter blooming period but return year after year; including roses, ornamental grasses, hostas and day lilies. Our supplier has an extensive list of plants; we have selected a variety of colors and types to offer, but if there is some type of perennial or a certain color of flowering annual you are interested in, please ask, we may be able to get it for you.

For those of you who do not feel horticulturally gifted (like most of us), we are planning an informational seminar with a Master Gardener. She will talk about annuals, perennials, shade, sun, part-sun, how to plant and how to care for your flower garden. This will be held on April 9th, at 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. You can also ask specific questions about plants on our list.

These plants are top quality, from a local greenhouse. We have been using this supplier for 4 years and have always been thrilled with the stock he has delivered. The order sheet is included in this newsletter or it can be found at the Opportunity Wall along with a poster displaying some of the flowers. Sale dates are from March 12 – April 17th. The orders will be available for pickup from 7-9 pm on May 10th & from 5-9 pm on May 11th. Please contact Pam Heffelbower 429-4536 or B Melendez 668-6350 if you have any questions.

PRAYER GARDEN

We are happy to report that we have sold 137 bricks for our prayer garden. If you didn't get a chance to order, please pickup a brick order form in the Narthex and give it to Lisa Marshall in the office. If you need help with wording Lisa will be glad to assist you. 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 goal 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. Roger Heffelbower has done a conceptual drawing to help you visualize this new outdoor space. Contact Lisa with any questions at 429-4730.



**ANNOUNCING THE
HURON VALLEY
PARENTS OF MULTIPLES**

Spring clothing, toy & equipment sale. Gently used children's clothing, age newborn – 8 yrs, toys, puzzles, books, videos, bikes, wagons, etc. Strollers, high chairs, exercisers, swings & more!

**Saturday, April 1, 2006
Saline United Methodist Church
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Open to Public**

- ◆ No children allowed on the sales floor please
- ◆ A \$4.00 buyers fee applies
- ◆ Cash purchases – all sales are final
- ◆ Be sure to bring a laundry basket or large bag to tote all your treasures!



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Lynn Hopkins; Sheila Spears; Sue Snow's sister, Melanie; Roman Kisz; the Folta's friend; victims of Katrina; Mary Dooley; Alexis Ferrarri; Sara Jane; Anna Whitley; Cody Freymuth; Marsha Gilbert; Allie Nicholas; Jill Carroll; Bill Hespen; Patty Nuernberg; Michael Suchy; Kami & Steve Twining; Billy Kirkland's friend's family; Jim Ghent; Patsy Held's aunt, Anita; the family of Charles McDonnell; Betty Drenning; Bob Merchant; Alice Tonks; those suffering from depression; **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Saline community hosting 500 special Olympic athletes; Matty Gosselin feeling better; birth of twins to Laura & Mike Steele; Darlene Wetzel's return home from the hospital.

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 Frisbee, grandson of Florence & Ernie Busch; Nick Gilveli, grandson of Martha Gilveli; Kevin Raymond, son of Susan Raymond; Abby Suchy, daughter of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Bobby Singh, Abby Suchy's fiancé. 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 ~ Margo & Dave Perry and family on the passing of Margo's mother.

Calendar for March 19 - April 1, 2006

19 Sunday 9:00a - Traditional Service 10:10a - Sunday School 10:10a - Cancer Support Group 10:10a - Lenten Series 11:15a - Contemporary Service 12:00p - Caudil Luncheon 4:00p - LT Groups 6:00p - Lenten Series 6:00p - Disciple I 6:30p - Jr. High Youth	20 Monday 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 3:30p - Brownies 6:00p - Adult Ministries 6:30p - Girl Scouts 7:00p - Community Care 7:00p - Finance	21 Tuesday 9:15a - WISE 4:30p - Music Together 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7:00p - UMW Unit Meeting	22 Wednesday 8:30a - Music Together 9:00a - Bible Study 12:00p - Lenten Prayer Service 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	23 Thursday 8:30a - Music Together 10:00a - Brecon Service 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 6:15p - Orchestra 7:30p - Chancel Choir 7:30p - Hand Bells	24 Friday UMW Kitchen & FH 7:00p - Confirmation Fun Night	25 Saturday 5:00p - UMW Gala 7:00p - The Strangely Warmed Players
26 Sunday 9:00a - Traditional Service 10:10a - Sunday School 10:10a - Cancer Support Group 10:10a - Lenten Series 11:15a - Contemporary Service 4:00p - LT Groups 6:00p - Lenten Series 6:00p - Disciple I 6:30p - Jr. High Youth	27 Monday 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 3:30p - Brownies 6:30p - Girl Scouts 7:00p - Church Council	28 Tuesday 9:15a - WISE 4:30p - Music Together 6:30p - Friendship 6:30p - HOMMIES 7:00p - Missions	29 Wednesday 8:30a - Music Together 9:00a - Bible Study 10:00a - UMW Exec 12:00p - Lenten Prayer Service 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	30 Thursday 8:30 a - Music Together 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 4:00p - Wedding Rehearsal 6:15p - Orchestra 7:30p - Chancel Choir 7:30p - Hand Bells	31 Friday 5:00p - Wedding 6:15p - Christ Riders Potluck (off-site) 7:00p - Quilting Bee	1 Saturday 9:00a - 1:00p Mothers of Multiples Rummage Sale 5:00p - Ann Arbor Gospel Choir

Greeters & Welcome Center Host First Service:

Doug & Pam Ziesemer,
Virginia & Jerry Sherman

Greeters & Welcome Center Host Second Service:

Marie Hogan & Pat Videki
Kathy Spangler

Worship Attendance:

March 5 611 March 12 684

March Head Ushers: Rick Tyler
Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

April Head Ushers: Wayne Cody
Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

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Easter Flowers

The chancel of the Sanctuary will be adorned with Easter flowers for Easter Morning Worship Celebrations. The plants are available at a cost of \$13.00 per plant of either 6" potted Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, or Single Easter Lilies from Saline Flowerland. They may be designated in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God.

Donors may pick up the plant after worship service on April 16th. You may mail the form to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Orders must be received no later than **Sunday, April 2nd**. Please submit your payment with your order. Make your checks payable to FUMC and put Easter Flower Fund on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Marshall or Cheryl Schlaff in the church office at 429-4730.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ORDERS IS APRIL 2ND.

Please print your order information
On memo line of check write: Easter Flower Fund

This plant is given in memory of:

This plant is given in honor of:

This plant is given to the glory of God: _____

(Plants are \$13 each) I prefer: Tulip ____ Hyacinth ____ Daffodil ____ Single Lily ____

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

International Mission / Liberia Fundraiser - Flowering Plant Sale

Orders taken March 12 - April 17

Delivery before Mothers Day! Pick-up May 10th & 11th

BASKETS (great Mother's Day gifts!)						
Flower	Type	Color	Price Ea.	Quantity	Total Cost	
Hanging Baskets - Wave Petunia		red	\$14			
full sun, multitude of blossoms	10 inch basket	pink	\$14			
		lavender	\$14			
		purple	\$14			
		white	\$14			
Hanging Baskets - Geraniums w/ spike		red	\$14			
full sun	10 inch basket	salmon	\$14			
		violet	\$14			
		pink	\$14			
Hanging Baskets - Impatiens		scarlet	\$14			
shade	10 inch basket	Peppermint mix	\$14			
		coral	\$14			
		Deep Pink	\$14			
ANNUALS (abundant bloom for one season!)						
Wave Petunia		red	\$15			
full sun, spreading vine great for hillsides, containers & rock gardens	9 count squares	pink	\$15			
		lavender	\$15			
		purple	\$15			
Zinnia		Dreamland mix (14"-18")	\$15			
full sun, 12-18' tall	18 count, more colors are available, please ask	Profusion mix (12")	\$15			
		Swizzle cherry/ivory (16"-18")	\$15			
		Swizzle scarlet/yellow (16"-18")	\$15			
Geranium		red	\$25			
full sun, 12-18" tall	8 pack 5" pots, more colors are available, please ask	white	\$25			
		violet	\$25			
		salmon	\$25			
		pink	\$25			
Impatiens		pink	\$14			
shade/part shade, great for edging foreground, massed, containers	48 count flat, more colors are available, please ask	scarlet	\$14			
		white	\$14			
		peppermint mix	\$14			
		pastel mix	\$14			
		all color mix	\$14			
		stars mix (solid/white star center)	\$14			
		sunrise mix salmon peach coral wh	\$14			
		mystic mix violet, brighteye lilac lav	\$14			
Ageratum		Blue Hawaii	\$14			
full sun, edging, midborder	48 count flat	white	\$14			
Marigold		Marvel yellow, large flwr (16"-18")	\$14			
full sun, large blooms	48 count flat	Hero mix, small flowers (6"-8")	\$14			
Petunia		Star mix	\$14			
full sun, abundant flowers, low maintenance, 12" tall	48 count flat, more colors are available, please ask	Ultra white	\$14			
		Ultra red	\$14			
		Daddy peppermint	\$14			
		Ultra plum	\$14			
		Ultra mix	\$14			
		Hula hoop (red with white rim)	\$14			
		18 count	DOUBLE all color mix	\$14		
		DOUBLE bi-color rose/white	\$14			
	Pansy		Blotch mix (solid with black center)	\$14		
	Dahlia (full sun)		Figero - mixed colors (14"-18")	\$14		

New Guinea Impatiens	9 count squares	Harmony dark violet	\$15		
partial sun - shade		Harmony fushia	\$15		
		Harmony spicy peach	\$15		
		Harmony red	\$15		
Alyssum, edging	48 count flat	mix: purple/pink/white	\$14		
Dusty Miller (full sun)	48 count flat	silver dust	\$14		
edging, accent, container					
Wax Begonia	48 count flat	mix color bronze leaf	\$14		
shade, edging, midborder		mix color green leaf	\$14		
Snapdragon	48 count	floral showers dwarf	\$14		
sun	18 count	rockets tall	\$14		
Salvia	48 count	Red Hot Sally: dwarf, 8-10"	\$14		
sun	18 count	Bonfire: tall, 18-24"	\$14		
Patio Pots, 4 gallon	with 4 Geraniums / 1 lrg spike / trailing blue & wh Lobella		\$25		
terra cotta pot	with 4 candy striped Zinnias & trailing blue Lobella		\$25		

PERENNIALS (hardy, return year after year!)

Hosta	1 gallon pot	Krossa Regal - large blue leaves	\$9		
shade and borders		Patriot - green with pure white border	\$9		
Clematis Vines	one gallon pot	Carnaby - light pink and dark red	\$22		
full sun, beautiful climber on its own or planted intermixed with a climbing		Jackmanii - violet purple	\$22		
		Niobi - Ruby Red	\$22		
		Henri - white	\$22		
Day Lilies	one gallon pot	Just So - wine w/ yellow heart	\$9		
full sun all repeat bloomers		Stella D 'oro - golden yellow	\$9		
		Purely - white, creped and fragrant	\$9		
		Ruffled Ambition - apricot & fragrant	\$9		
	case of 6	mixed case	\$36		
Hybrid Tea Roses	3 gallon pot	Fragrant Cloud - orange	\$22		
full sun, two year old stock		Mr. Lincoln - red	\$22		
		John F. Kennedy - white	\$22		
		Heirloom - lavender	\$22		
		Just Joey - apricot	\$22		
		Gold Medal	\$22		
		Bewitched	\$22		
		Double Delight - cream w/red edge	\$22		
Hybrid Climbing Rose	3 gallon pot	Zephirine Drouhin	\$22		
full sun, two year old stock		Angel Face - lavender, ht 2 1/2 - 3'	\$22		
		Joseph's Coat - yellow&red ht 8-10'	\$22		
Landscaping Roses	3 gallon pot	Cherish - pink, light fragrance	\$22		
floribundas, full sun, two year old stock, 24"-30"		Europeana - red, light fragrance	\$22		
		Sunsprite - yellow, strong fragrance	\$22		
Ornamental Grasses	8 count 5" pots	Red Brome	\$22		
1 to 2 feet tall		Blue Spiky	\$22		
		Bunny Tail	\$22		
		Ruby Grass	\$22		
	1 gallon pot	Yellow Eye	\$9		
Blue Eye		\$9			

Total Order	#	\$
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Please attach payment to order form, make checks out to "FUMC" include "Liberia Fundraiser" on the memo line. Place order form and payment in **labeled holder on Opportunity Wall**. Questions: B Melendez 668-6350 or Pam Heffelbower, 429-4536. See Poster in narthex to view flower type. Pick-up on May 10th, 7-9 PM & May 11th, 5-9 PM.

Proceeds support our partner church in Liberia. THANKYOU!