

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

April 30, 2006

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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God Impacting Day

Detroit Conference Impact, an evangelical renewal group within our annual conference, hosts an occasional Sunday evening event dubbed a “*God Impacting Day.*” Each of the previous events have been designed as a time of fellowship and worship for lay persons and clergy from throughout churches in our conference. Impact is a fellowship of United Methodists that celebrates, endorses and advocates for the historic teachings of the church. A few months ago, our congregation was asked to host this spring’s gathering – on May 7th. Refreshments will be served in Christler Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship hour in the sanctuary beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Members of our Praise Team will be leading us in worship, and our special guest speaker, Dr. Thomas Grassano will be sharing the message of the evening. Dr. Grassano is Founder and Director of Urban Harvest Ministries in South Bronx, New York City and will be speaking of the theme, “*An Evangelical View of Social Justice.*”

Dr. Grassano earned his doctorate in music from Florida State University. He is a concert pianist and has performed concerts for former President Ronald Regan and members of the U.S. Congress. He will be playing the piano as part of our evening together. After sensing a call to ministry, Tom and his wife moved to South Bronx, NYC, where he has been in ministry for the past fourteen years.

His congregation has had an extensive outreach ministry to the neighboring community. Renovating an unoccupied warehouse and former casket factory, the congregation transformed the space into a center that today houses their sanctuary, church facilities, a daycare center as well as a medical clinic for the community. I’m looking forward to hearing about this New York City congregation’s conviction and commitment in bringing the Good News of Christ to people living in a very difficult urban setting, and doing it in a truly life-impacting way.

The event promises to be a time of inspiration and learning. There will be people from churches throughout the Ann Arbor District as well as some of the surrounding districts. The Impact group asked that I would extend a warm welcome to members of First United Methodist Church of Saline to be part of the evening. I invite you to come and share an hour together with other United Methodist Christians.

John Wesley’s advice to those early Methodists is often quoted by United Methodists: “There’s no holiness but social holiness,” meaning that holiness of heart must also reflect a holiness of life. Holy living must also be reflective in the way we, as a church, live out our life in the world. I suspect that what we hear on May 7th will reflect Wesley’s passion for the people called “Methodist.”

-- Pastor Jim

HEALTH KITS FOR LIBERIA

In the coming weeks Methodist churches throughout the Detroit Conference will be providing relief kits to help our partner churches and others in need in Liberia. We are asking members of our worship community to help by preparing and contributing UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Health Kits. This is a really easy and worthwhile family project. To participate simply:



- Visit the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex and pick up a plastic bag with the Health Kit list enclosed (the items cost approximately \$12).
- Sign the Contributor's list as you pick up the bag and shopping list.
- Fill the plastic bag with the Health Kit items and place it in the container in the Narthex by May 7.

Your gift will be personally delivered to the collection point by members of our delegation to the Detroit Annual Conference the week of May 14. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our friends in need in Liberia.



QUILTING BEE

The last spring quilting bee is scheduled on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Room F. We will be making a nautical themed quilt in burgundy, cream and navy. Come learn the basics. All skill levels are wanted and needed. The quilt will be auctioned for mission on Saturday, November 4th. Call Shirley Padding at 477-9223 if you have questions.

EASTER CELEBRATION THANK YOU

Pastor Jim, Choir, Orchestra and Children: Did I forget anyone? What a fantastic celebration for Easter! At times I had tears and others I wanted to dance in the aisle. Perhaps what the disciples might have felt on seeing the tomb empty and the realization that He had risen as He said. Alleluia! Christ has risen indeed! My sincere appreciation to everyone for making my Easter such a beautiful experience. May God bless you all! Lois Royal

A GOD IMPACTING DAY

On Sunday, May 7th we will be hosting a conference wide worship event sponsored by Impact, a fellowship of United Methodists whose purpose is to celebrate and defend the historic teachings of the church. We will be welcoming clergy and laity from United Methodist churches throughout our conference. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr.

Thomas Grassano, Founder and Director of Urban Harvest Ministries. Everyone is welcome to join us at 6:00 p.m. for light snacks followed by an inspirational worship service featuring an evangelical view of social justice at 6:45 p.m.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY MAY 7

On Golden Cross Sunday we will be taking a special offering in support of the Annual Detroit Conference camping programs, Boulevard Temple, Chelsea Retirement Communities, and the Methodist Children's Home Society. Please give prayerful consideration in support of these programs.

Camping Programs

Outdoor and Retreat Ministries provide camp events for mentally and physically challenged persons. Our offerings help provide scholarships.

Methodist Children's Home Society

This society has been providing a safe haven for abused and neglected children since 1917. Children from birth through age 17 receive services through licensed foster homes, adoption placement, and a residential treatment facility.

Boulevard Temple & Chelsea Retirement Comm.

Benevolent Care programs support residents who have outlived their savings. With rising health care costs and tenuous funding for senior care, this area of support has become crucial for a significant number of residents in these communities.

ADULT GATHERING SUNDAY, MAY 14TH 10:15 FELLOWSHIP HALL

Intrigued by the title? Good, come join us (Adult Ministry Team) and share with us your ideas for small groups and Sunday School studies.

Some suggestions made are: Parenting, Young Adults, Seniors, Contemporary, Creation and Evolution and Follow-up on Sermons. Our Discipleship Classes will resume in the fall, along with the Ray Vander Laan series, and Dave Drenning and Bruce Moss Sunday School Class. We are flexible on time and will help with curriculum and facilitators, but we need your input! If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend, please see any of our committee: Lois Royal, Charlene Adkins, Kay Richmond, Shirley Padding, Dave Drenning, Bruce Moss or Tom Burns.



DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is *Monday, May 8th* at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter *Thursday, May 11th* in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

Are you 55 or older? We want you to come join us at J.O.Y. Fellowship! We will be meeting again on Thursday, May 18, 2006. Our menu will be "build your own salad" (including chicken), rolls and fruit. Jennifer Fowler, RN will be sharing about stroke awareness with us. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity! 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.

Congratulations to our college/university graduates:



- Lisa Adkins from EMU, Bachelor's in Political Science.
- Pam Marshall on graduating from nursing School.
- Sarah Ohm, from U of M, Master's Program as a Certified Nurse Midwife.

FAITH-SHARING

Beginning April 30th, Pastor Tuttle will begin a new sermon series entitled, "Faith-Sharing." To coordinate with the series, a class will be offered on both Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour, and Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This will be a discussion class about the sermon series. Students are also invited to read the book, *Faith-Sharing*, by H. Eddie Fox and George E. Morris, which will be available for a suggested donation of \$11.00. Books are available Sunday, April 30th in the Narthex. Laura Speiran will facilitate the class.

TALENT SHOW

Have you got a special talent you would love to share with your church family? Get your act together for our May 20 Talent Show. Acts must be no longer than 6 minutes in order to give everyone a chance to participate. No song too silly! No act too amateur! Forms are available to submit your act at the Opportunity Wall. Please place your completed form in the Talent Show box by April 30.



FRIENDS IN DEED

Is a ministry that gives furniture to people in need serving Washtenaw County. They are especially in need of dinette sets, dressers/bureaus, and bed sets bigger than twin size. Men are also needed as

"lifters" to pick furniture up from donors and deliver to clients (days & evenings). Please call FID 734-485-7685 or 734-487-7607, Judy Spike 734-434-1110 or Kay Richmond 734-944-6234.

SPECIAL MEXICO MISSION TEAM TRIP



Summer Mission Opportunity!

June 17-24, 2006

Sign-Up Extended To May 10!

We have a one-time opportunity for a summer work/mission team to Tapestries of Life Ministries. This time frame has many advantages. Kids won't have to miss school days! No cold, rainy, icy or snowy weather! Reduced airfares! Things are moving quickly at TLM. They are looking at a 2007 opening! If you had ever wanted to take part in the mission, but the February week didn't fit with what you could do, this is your chance! You have seen the videos. You have talked with other team members and have heard about how the mission has positively affected them. Maybe this is your chance to make the sacrifice and do your part to help: "Bring the children home!" Please contact me at 734-997-9646 or soldador@sbcglobal.net

¡Hasta Pronto! David Coxtton

MAINTENANCE PROJECT UPDATE

Please join the Trustees Team in thanking some of the wonderful folks that are helping with church building maintenance projects. The tradition of volunteerism at this church facility is still going strong. The drinking fountains are all working thanks to our member/plumber Scott Klapper, with help from Mike Suchy. Scott also fixed our leaky water heater in the Ed Wing. A nasty tape removal job on the thresholds in the new wing was done by wonderful, patient Pat Videki. Our Narthex closets are in the process of getting painted by Marc Taylor. Plus the 50ish year old semi-circle table used in Room M has new life thanks to the leg repair by David Coxtton. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and talented church family. These are mostly the jobs on the new maintenance list, too many to name are the volunteers who keep the facility running, but we THANK YOU ALL!

Sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you want to help! We need child locks on the nursery cabinets, covers put over computer wires in several rooms, old wooden kids chairs scrubbed and poly'd, couch legs fixed in Room E, and exterior doors painted; just to name a few. Every little bit helps!

UMW NEWS

Hannah

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sue Herrick will present the program and provide refreshments. Children are welcome. Please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881 with questions.

Esther

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

Ruth

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Virginia Hocking will be hostess and Betty Sellers will be co-hostess. Florrie Belt will present the program. For further information, please contact Florence Busch at 547-9377.

Susanna

Susanna Circle will meet next on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Lil Vaughan will offer a devotion and Judith Walls will provide refreshments. Please contact Linda Glaspie at 429-2918 with questions.

YOUTH MISSIONS FOURTH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

LASAGNA & SALAD LUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**Following the 2nd Worship Service
at 12:30 p.m.**

Cost: Free Will Donation to

Mountain T.O.P. Youth Mission Trip

Come join us for lunch. Auction items available for viewing and bidding Sunday morning, April 30. Final auction to follow shortly after lunch. Items range from beautiful gift baskets to gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants. We also have a collection of items given by congregation members who make or sell their own products. Thank you for your support!



INFUSION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS Junior High News

Sunday, April 30th – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Youth Group at the church with a round of Kick the Can & a discussion on NOISE...short video included! Don't miss the excitement!

Confirmation Update

Wednesday, April 3rd - Rehearsal with Parents & Pastor Jim. Sunday, May 7th – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.

SENIOR HIGH

Non-Prom Party - May 6th, 7-10 p.m. - Not old enough for Prom? No date to Prom? Not feeling like getting all dressed up? Not enough money to pay for a date? COME TO NON-PROM right here at the church. Everyone is invited to come in comfortable clothes ready to relax, play a game or two, watch a movie on the big screen, and EAT lots of junk food! Invite your friends who might enjoy a non-prom kind of night too!

ALIVE Christian Music Festival 2006 - June 20th - 25th - Non-stop Concerts, challenging seminars, awesome worship, authentic speakers, camping, swimming, and more! Over 70 Artists & 20,000 people! Casting Crowns, TobyMac, Relient K, Audio Adrenaline, David Crowder Band...and MANY MANY more! Clay's Park, Canal Fulton, Ohio. Total Cost-\$150, Deposit of \$50 due May 3rd. Pick up a flyer and newspaper with info. from the youth basement today!

PARENTS & ADULTS WHO LOVE YOUTH - It's time for CORE Training- A chance to spend a Saturday morning together learning a little bit more about student needs and being a youth worker or parent to these students and our youth ministry need. Saturday, May 13th in Canton-8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Pick up a flyer today from Emily and sign up to be part of the team that gets trained! Our Church will cover the cost-all you have to do is sign up!!!

CAMP 2006

A \$75 deposit will hold your place for camp! Register now for a memorable camp experience. All additional fees must be paid by May 15th. See the camp bulletin board for camp catalogs or umccamps.org. **Sponsors Needed:** Help a camper get to camp so they may experience a growth in self-esteem, leadership, social skills and spirituality! Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please contact Anne Kowalczyk at akowal@aol.com

FLOWER ORDERS

Thanks to everyone that ordered flowers. Please pick them up in the Fellowship Hall May 10th from 7-9 p.m. or May 11th from 5-9 p.m. Help is needed to unload the flower truck on May 10th at 6:20 p.m. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you can help. Thank you for supporting our Liberia partner church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORNERSTONE

Happy Spring! Now that the weather is so nice many of our ministries will be going outside to enjoy!! Please be extra careful in the parking lot and keep a watchful eye for little ones. Also, please remember that the portico just outside of the front doors of the church is for unloading and/or dropping off or picking up people at the door. It is not a drive through, you are encouraged to drive in the parking lot vs. underneath the portico.

Prayers needed for a Sunday School Superintendent and a Director for the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry. Please keep these two called positions in your prayers for the 2006 -2007 school year!



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!"

Pastor Jim Tuttle

Open enrollment is still going on for the fall. Register now to guarantee a spot! Please contact Rachel Wislocki, Center Director, at 734-709-9932 or Leanne Rimnac, Director of Children's Ministry, at 734-429-4730. The Board of Directors for Lil' SAINTS Preschool met on Tuesday, April 25th to discuss the new play area for the church. If you would like to help in this project in anyway, please contact Rachel or Leanne. Watch for details as they develop throughout the summer!

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Standing on a Firm Foundation
The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry is based upon a strong Christian foundation that is a source of its enduring strength.

Nurturing the Nurturers! We are offering a R.O.C.K. in LOGOS training to those who serve in this ministry or would like to serve in the future. Mark your calendars for August 11th – 15th and join the team in Troy Michigan to discover new insights and methods in bringing the Word of God to our children. As you engage in these interactive workshops, you will learn about "The Bones" that keeps the ministry

strong. Paid for by the church, you will not only learn to minister to our R.O.C.K. in LOGOS children, you will be ministered to as well. Watch for the sign up sheet at the Opportunity Wall coming soon.

Strength is drawn by:

- A saving relationship with Jesus Christ that is more important than anything else in life.
- Everyone is treated as a Child of God, modeling "kingdom of God living" today.
- Forming and living in Christian relationships is a way of life.
- Worship is central to the Christian life.
- Acts 2:42 defines the intention and focus of the disciple-making ministry.
- A congregational system of ministry that engages everyone in the church.
- People are called by God according to their gifts to serve in ministry.

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

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



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Lynn Hopkins; Fred Sundling; Pam Bebbler; Ruby Blewer and family; Florence White; Ashley Anderson; Ronda Hawkins; the family of Vern LaRue; Karen & Jim Bolz & family; Rob Chambers; Cecilia Robinson; the Fordice family's friend; Kent Salisbury; Judy Hesper; Mary Domeier; Kay & Art Angaran's friend, Kui; Amy Acree's cousins; Janet & John Anderson; Megan; Zella Polliet's daughter, Virginia; the families of Matt Tuttle & Chief Sumner; Ryan Grill; Corbin Grabb and his parents; Don Force; Mary Beimer; Laurie Champion; Eleanor Fugate; Norm Cherveno, Jr; Judy Bateman's mother, Eva; family of Steve Thompson; Nathan Thompson; Sharon Abel's cousin, Jim; Frank Riggs; James Olsen. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Bridgitte Welter's successful surgery; Christopher Macy's good test results; the Richmond's family's health; Bill Paul's safe return home; Keith & Patsy Held's new granddaughter, Hyacinth.

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 ~ the Kowalczyk family on the passing of Anne's grandfather; Angela Hamman on the passing of her grandmother; Doug & Pam Ziesemer on the passing of her cousin, David; Frank & Shirley Riggs on the passing of her sister, Virginia Davis.

Calendar for April 30 – May 13, 2006

30 Sunday CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 9:00a – Traditional Service 10:10a – Re-ignite the Mission Q & A 10:10a – Faith Sharing 10:10a – New Visitor Welcome 10:10a – Sunday School 10:10a – Cancer Support Group 11:15a – Contemporary Service 12:30p – Youth Silent Auction & Lunch 4:00p – LT Groups 6:00p – Disciple I 6:30p – Jr. High Youth 6:30p – Re-Ignite the Mission Dessert	1 Monday 9:30a – Hannah Circle 10:00a – Shawl Ministry 11:00a – Saline Hospital Volunteer Luncheon 12:30p – Esther Circle 3:30p – Brownies 7:00p – Staff Parish	2 Tuesday 9:00a – Lil' Saints 9:15a – WISE 12:30p – Ruth Circle 4:30p – Music Together 4:37p – Golf League 6:30p – Cub Scouts 7:00p – Membership /Evangelism	3 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 – Cub Scouts 6:30p – Praise Team 7:00p – Confirmation 7:30p – Faith Sharing 8:00p – WWW	4 Thursday 8:30a – Music Together 9:00a – Lil' Saints 11:00a – Prayer Ministry 7:00p – Grief Support 7:30p – Chancel Choir 7:30p – Flying Club	5 Friday 10:00a – Playgroup 5:00p – Cody Spencer Freymuth Fundraiser 6:00p – Wedding Rehearsal 7:00p – Quilting Bee	6 Saturday 4:00p – Wedding 7:00p – Non-Prom Party
7 Sunday CONFIRMATION SUNDAY VIM BAKE SALE 9:00a – Traditional Service 10:10a – Faith Sharing 10:10a – Sunday School 10:10a – Cancer Support Group 11:15a – Contemporary Service 3:00p – EVH Service 4:00p – LT Groups 6:00p – God Impacting Day 6:00p – Disciple I 6:30p – Jr. High Youth	8 Monday 10:00a – Shawl Ministry 2:00p – Girl Scouts 3:30p – Brownies 6:30p – Girl Scouts 7:00p – Trustees 7:00p – Susanna Circle 7:00p – Fair Kitchen	9 Tuesday 9:00a – Lil' Saints 9:15a – WISE 4:30p – Music Together 4:37p – Golf League 6:30p – Friendship Ministry	10 Wednesday 8:30a – Music Together 9:00a – Bible Study 12:30p – Quilting 3:00p – R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 6:30p – Praise Team 7:30p – Faith Sharing 8:00p – WWW 7-9p – Flower Order Pickup	11 Thursday 8:30 a – Music Together 9:00a – Lil' Saints 11:00a – Prayer Ministry 6:15p – Orchestra 7:00p – Grief Support 7:30p – Chancel Choir 7:30p – Hand Bells 5-9p – Flower Order Pickup	12 Friday 6:00p – Wedding Rehearsal	13 Saturday 5:00p – Wedding

Greeters & Welcome Center Host First Service:

Brian and Nicole Milkey
Keith and Patsy Held

May Head Ushers:

Rick Tyler
Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Worship Attendance:

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