

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

August 20, 2006

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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### “There’s a Place for Us, Somewhere a Place for Us.”

This week while updating my PDA I realized that every Monday evening between August 7 and June 25, except for Labor Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, I will be meeting with some administrative committee here at the church. And I suspect we will even have to reschedule one or two of those holiday Mondays. After a four to six-week hiatus for the summer, fall is about here and it’s time to get into the groove again; and honestly, each year I look forward to getting back on schedule. Each of those sessions together with our church leadership reinforces so visibly how involved so many are in the life of this congregation.

We are blessed with wonderful, committed and creative leaders. So much happens around here of which most of us never see but from which all of us benefit greatly. I can’t begin to tell you how rewarding it is leading leaders rather than funneling a flock of followers. For all who invest so much in building God’s Church and building up God’s children here...Thanks! Keep on keeping on. Your involvement is making an enormous, indeed eternal difference in the lives of people. People are coming to know Christ and one another more deeply because of you.

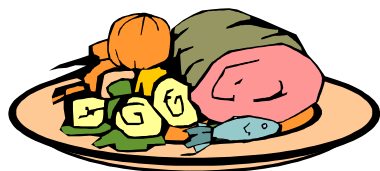
Because of this creativity and enthusiasm, programs and ministries have been developed or redesigned providing opportunity for even more of us to be involved in both the in-reach as well as the outreach of our congregation.

During the past two weeks, teams have been meeting to formulate and finalize plans for this fall. For example,

- Bobbe Hinsman and Laura Speiran have just returned from a week-long training in Pittsburgh, PA and have already begun to lay the foundation for our new Stephen Ministry. You will be hearing a lot about this relational, supportive care-giving ministry in the months ahead.
- Friendship Ministry, designed for the differently-abled will be back on-line Tuesday, September 26th. Your involvement here will make an enormous difference in the lives of our special needs students.
- Sunday School will begin with our Ministry Fair and visiting classrooms on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- R.O.C.K. and LOGOS is ramping up for its 2006 fall term, beginning on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. There are some vital places to serve, where your special gifts and interest might just fit perfectly.
- Our Prayer Garden is in the making and will benefit greatly from a couple of good brick layers and a few landscapers. Also this week we were discussing a spring landscape project in front of the church that will need some careful, creative thought. If you are a landscape architect or have landscaping abilities, your wisdom and input would be greatly appreciated.
- Also, it’s Fair Kitchen time. The Saline Community Fair is happening: Tue., Sept. 5 – Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Do you like to cook, prep food, make salads, serve meals, cashier or grill burgers? Do you mind clearing tables, washing pots and pans or running for supplies when needed? More than that, do you enjoy having a great time working side-by-side with people, getting to know others from our church, while at the same time, earning some money used to support a variety of ministry/mission projects, then call the church today and sign up for one or two shifts at the Fair Kitchen. You will have a great time with some great people. There’s a place just right for you here at First UMC. – Pastor Jim

## UPPER CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Upper Class Scholarship are available in the church office. The scholarship is open to all members and regular attending "friends" of the First United Methodist Church of Saline who will be registered in an accredited post high school educational institution in the fall of 2006 and have passing grades, excluding the high school class of 2006. Priority will be given to those applicants who have not previously received the award and who have been active in the Fair Kitchen project. Completed applications must be submitted to the church office by 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2006. Questions should be directed to Carole McConnell (517-423-6373) or Millie Webster (734-944-6618).



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER LEAD HELP NEEDED!

Have you been to a Friday Night Dinner? Like it? Would you like to see the dinners continue? Do you think something could be done different to make it better?

Here's your chance! We need someone to lead the Friday Night Dinner Crew. After 5 years Bill Kirkland has decided it's time to step down and will not be able to coordinate the dinners this year.

Actually the position doesn't require more than a couple of days each month. Primarily, the day before the dinner and the day of the dinner. Much of the work is handled by volunteers who sign up each month. Bill usually created the sign up poster 2-3 weeks prior to the dinner, but you could even have a volunteer do it! The day of the dinner or night before (depending on what you are serving) there is kitchen work and meal preparation. Your involvement depends on how much or how little you desire to do based on volunteers. The dinners typically run the first Friday of each month October thru December and February thru May.

If you think you are interested give Bill a call or email – [Bill.Kirkland@TheKirklandGroup.biz](mailto:Bill.Kirkland@TheKirklandGroup.biz) or 734-368-5414.

## COMMUNITY CARE MEETING

On August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Community Care Committee will be meeting at the home of Rita Gall (160 Harper Drive, 429-7707). It is dessert night! We invite anyone who is interested in learning what our committee is all about to join us! As a reminder the Community Care Committee is still looking for a CROP Walk Chairperson for our church. For more information, contact Margo Perry at 429-7471.

## SHOES FOR MEXICO



The Mexico Mission Team is collecting shoes for Mexican children in Anapara to take with us in February. Our goal is to exceed 800 pairs of shoes. While you are out shopping for school supplies and clothing please think about our mission and need. If it's in your heart, we need children to adult size shoes, no sandals please. Shoes need to be new and the tags need to be left on the shoes preferably with the shoe size.

There will be a box under one of the tables at the Opportunity Wall to place the shoes. We will be accepting shoes through the end of January. If you need us to pick up shoes, contact Bill or Kathy Kirkland at 734-429-3414 and we will make arrangements to get the shoes from you.

We will also be sponsoring a pancake dinner and a spaghetti dinner in the coming months. A donation of a pair of shoes per person will be accepted for the meals.

Need more information? Call Bill or Kathy Kirkland or email them at [kathy3kirk@aol.com](mailto:kathy3kirk@aol.com) or [bill.kirkland@thekirklandgroup.biz](mailto:bill.kirkland@thekirklandgroup.biz)

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE

Sam Bender's Eagle Scout Project of erecting privacy screening around four of our building's air conditioning units is running smoothly. Sam's troop, Troop 416, has recently approved the project and Sam is now moving into the next step of receiving the area council's approval. The time slated for the raising of these fences will be the middle to the end of August. Donations of food and service are still appreciated. Look to the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex for a sign up sheet of needed items. For questions or comments about the project, please contact Sam at 944-8646 or by email a [Salinexc@gmail.com](mailto:Salinexc@gmail.com).

## DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **August 28<sup>th</sup>** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

*Are you a computer wiz? Do like to be creative? We are looking for someone to share duties with Janet Moss in creating the newsletter each month. This usually would require a one day, once a month commitment. If interested, contact Lisa Marshall.*

# WELCOME

If you or someone you know is brand new to our church family, please attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and come by the "New Visitor Welcome Table." We will have a small gift for you, as well as current members to answer questions. We are happy to welcome new people into our congregation and hope you will allow us to greet you!

## SPECIAL AUGUST BLUE HOUSE COLLECTION

The Blue House in the Narthex, which accepts ongoing donations for the Ann Arbor Shelter Association, will expand its outreach during the month of August. All items collected during the month will be donated to the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, which offers basic medical care and other assistance to people in need.

**The Hope Clinic** has requested donations of canned corn, peas, green beans; peanut butter & jelly; cold cereals; size 4 diapers; large and extra large pull-ups; dish soap and shampoo. Please limit your donations to these items since the clinic cannot accept clothing or other household items.



## J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch (cost: \$5.00), fun and fellowship! We would love to have you join us. Our next get-together is September 21, 2006. Please sign up on the R.S.V.P. at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office.

## Thank You

Dear Quilters & Fellow Prayers,

I am so thankful for the pretty prayer quilt, the hands that made it and all the hands that tied the knots in it after my recent hospitalization. What a wonderful caring Christian fellowship we have at our church. Thank you to all! Hugs & Prayers, Bobbe Hinsman

Dear FUMC Congregation,

Thanks for being my church family during my stay in Saline!

Genevieve Grant

*Genevieve recently moved to Owosso, MI to be closer to family.*

Dear Pastor Tuttle & Friends at FUMC,

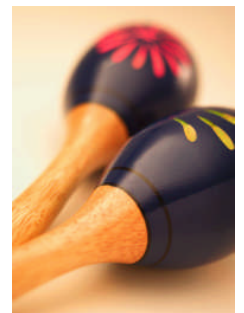
Thank you for graciously hosting Friends in Deed's Furniture Silent Auction in July. This was such a blessing to have a wonderful location to spotlight the beautiful items. The auction raised over \$3,000. All of the money will be used to directly assist low-income Washtenaw County families with unmet emergency needs such as housing, utility assistance and car repairs. We have been receiving even more requests for help than usual, so this event was truly a blessing.

Helena Prince,

Executive Director

## MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES OFFERED AT SUMC

Music Together classes for children ages birth to 5 and their parents or caregivers will again be offered at SUMC this fall. The new session begins in September 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 on September 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 for available times and to make a reservation.

For more info. about Music Together and the fall class schedule, visit [www.HandInHandMT.com](http://www.HandInHandMT.com)

## UMW News

With the month of September comes Labor Day and the official end of summer. With the end of summer the United Methodist Women begin their monthly meetings. A time for Christian living study and fellowship. A reminder to our circle members: Ruth Circle meets on Tuesday, September 5 at 12:30 in the church parlor; Hannah Circle meets on Monday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall; and Susanna Circle meets on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Esther Circle will resume meeting on October 2. If you are not currently attending a circle meeting and would like to join us, please come to any of our meetings. Once a month the UMW has a unit meeting, a chance for all of the circle members to get together. The topic for the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the Crop Walk, presented by Jackie Macy. Please join us in Room C at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Saline UMW, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

## FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS

Everyone who is not currently a member here at Saline 1<sup>st</sup> is invited to participate in our Fall New Member Class, beginning Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and going through Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour from 10:10-11:10 a.m. All those who wish join the church at the end of the class will be received into membership on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The six classes sound like a lot, but are packed full with time to fellowship with one another, learn about what we do here, as well as examine what it means to give one's life to Christ. We encourage everyone to go through the class, even if you are transferring from another United Methodist Church.

Joining a church is a meaningful step in many people's faith journey. If you have any questions about whether it is right for you, please come in to speak with Pastor Jim or Laura Speiran. If you already know you would like to be in the class, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you may contact Laura in the church office. If you are unavailable this fall, or would prefer a one-day class, there will be two more new member classes during this school year—Saturday, January 27, 2007, and Saturday, April 21, 2007. Those in each Saturday class will be received on the day after each class at the second service.



### Fair Kitchen

Mark your calendar for September 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>. Fair Kitchen volunteers are needed this week for the Saline Community Fair. This is a great community outreach with plenty of fellowship and lots fun! Sign-up for as many shifts as you would like by Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the table in the Narthex.

***WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!***

## FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

The Friendship Ministry Students and volunteer staff will be assisting with worship on August 27. We encourage all students and staff to be in attendance at the 9:30 service and don't forget to wear your blue shirts!

The Friendship Ministry is a unique ministry night specifically designed for students and young adults with special needs. We have students ranging in ages from age 8 to 40. If this ministry piques your interest, or you have "felt the call" in regard to the Friendship Ministry, please join us at one or more of the summer planning and discussion sessions listed below or contact Roger Heffelbower. The opportunity for learning a whole new world of interactive relationships awaits you in the Friendship Ministry! The joys are plenty and the magnified blessings are infinite! For more information contact Roger Heffelbower, 429-7095, RU4C@comcast.net.



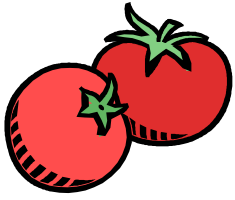
**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. –  
Safe Sanctuaries Training

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. –

We Launch Again!



If you have extra produce from your garden, please bring it in on Sunday mornings and place it out by the Lemonade in the Shade stand to share with fellow members.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

**Needed: One Sunday School Superintendent**, or possibly two, that would share in the joy of ministering to others, as well as the children of our congregation. Be a part of, and have a heart in making sure our Sunday School Teachers have what they need when they need it! Coordinate, organize and encourage fellowship that brings joy to the hearts of our hard working, dedicated teachers.

**Needed: One R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry Director**. Or if you have a friend that can share in the joy of this ministry, two would be a fun way to lead this ministry into the 2006-2007 school year! One criteria is that this person(s) has gone to The LOGOS Ministry Training.

**The Sunday School is in need of 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers** for the 2006/2007 year! If you are feeling called to children's ministry and enjoy teaching this age group, please let Leanne Rimmac know as soon as possible.

**DON'T FORGET!** Be sure to sign up for your Safe Sanctuaries Training! **August 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12 noon OR September 23<sup>d</sup> 2-5:30!** It's a great opportunity to become educated in the proactive procedures our congregation is taking to protect the innocence of our children, youth and vulnerable adults, as well as YOU the valuable volunteer! It's also a great time to fellowship as well! With out YOU these ministries would not happen.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a child....welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5). He also said "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones....., it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6)

The children, youth and vulnerable adults of our church are our present and future, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God. Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to those who are vulnerable in any way.

"God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children, youth and vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God also calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong." *(From The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church)*

So sign up today for your preferred date and time for this great opportunity to answer God's call and to continue to serve Him the best way we can!

**The play area.....** is coming along nicely. Nick Turoskey and his troop along with some of the youth of our church have been working hard to create the fall zone for the playscape that should be delivered soon. **If you have the gift of engineering** and putting together such a structure, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. We also still need more muscle to help off load the structure. Come one come all, many hands make light work to ultimately give many children the joy of outside play!!

**NOTE:** *This play area is for all children's ministry, not just the preschool. Jr. High youth will also be able to utilize this space as well. We are looking forward to having our kids play in the area come mid-September. The sweet sounds of their little voices and laughter are going to sound awesome!!!*

### CONGRATULATIONS MELISSA ZIMMERMAN AND KRISTIN RICHARDS!

They have successfully completed the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS training and we are looking forward to implementing some new ideas that they brought back! Many of us are looking forward to hearing your training stories!



**Lil' SAINTS Preschool OPEN HOUSE Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm.** Interested in giving your child(ren) the ultimate faith journey, one he/she can stand firm on for the rest of their lives? Come Thursday night and bring a friend! Call Rachel Wislocki at 734-709-9932 with any questions!

.....*all for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31*

## **AUGUST INFUSION YOUTH NEWS**

### **Junior High**

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Student Led Game Night – 6:30-8 p.m. You Choose the Fun-Everyone joins in!

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Summer Blowout Party!! 6:30-8:00 p.m. Be Prepared to get wet or messy, maybe even both!

### **Senior High**

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Join us for W3 as we continue to check out some major checkpoints of our Faith. Are you putting the needs of others ahead of your own?

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Mark your calendars now for a Cookout and Outside Worship at Curtiss Park. **ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN INVITED!** 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

**Hey Youth it's Saline Fair Kitchen Time** - It's time for us to sign up to help! Did you know that the youth are a huge part of making the fair kitchen successful? We help move all the needed supplies over to the fair on Sunday, September 3rd and help move the supplies back to the church on Saturday, September 9th. This year we are even taking a chunk of time during the day on Saturday and running the kitchen - it will be a youth run fair kitchen from about 3-8 PM on Saturday!! Sign up on the fair kitchen sign up sheets in the Narthex now!!

Safe Sanctuaries Reminder – Please mark your calendars now for the Safe Sanctuaries Training that will be required for anyone who works with our awesome youth! Scheduled opportunities include August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All youth Sunday school teachers, mentors, youth support parents and adults will need to attend training. YOU are needed to make our youth ministry an awesome place for our students to worship and grow! Talk to Emily with any questions!

### **Confirmation Class Registration**

If you (or your child) will be participating in this year's confirmation Class, we would like to know. Confirmation is for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and is intended to give them the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision to 'confirm' their desire to become full members of the church.

Confirmation Class will begin on Wednesday September 20, 2006 with a parent/student meeting

from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The class meets weekly on Wednesdays through the beginning of May.

**Please contact Emily at 429-4730 by September 10<sup>th</sup> and provide the name of the student, a phone number and their grade.** We would also love to answer any questions you may have about being a part of the class. We're looking forward to another great year of confirmation Class!!

### **RE-IGNITE THE MISSION**

Reminder that the new Re-ignite the Mission campaign pledges began July 1, 2006. If your intent is to wrap up the previous Just Imagine Building Pledge, we would appreciate you doing that as soon as you are able. Please make sure to designate your payment(s) Just Imagine or Re-ignite the Mission. If you are not sure if you have completed your pledge, contact the church office and we will be happy to assist you.

### **W.I.S.E.**

#### **WOMEN IN STUDY & ENCOURAGEMENT**

Coming soon! Have you been needing an evening bible study? Have you been interested in the WISE bible study, but could not attend due to your schedule? Coming this fall we will have a WISE PM group meeting Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room C. The curriculum will mirror the Tuesday morning WISE group, so you have a choice of coming in the morning (9:00 – 11:30) or the evening (7:00 – 8:30). Please watch future newsletters and bulletins for more details. We invite all women to join us for our WISE Kick Off Potluck on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – so get your yummy recipes ready! Please call Nancy McCune at 429-3598 with any questions or for more information.

*September 10<sup>th</sup>  
begins the fall services:*



*9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School (begins Sept. 17)*

## LIBERIA PARTNER CHURCH UPDATE

The first check we sent to our partner church in Liberia last fall in the amount of \$600 was never delivered to Teegbeh Memorial UMC. After much investigation, we learned that there was a mix-up in one of the offices it had to pass through, and instead of "salary support" going just to Teegbeh (our intention), the \$600 went to the pastors' salary support fund for the entire Liberia Annual Conference. We still do not have any explanation for why that happened, but it is good that it went to an appropriate place. The second check we sent to Teegbeh, in the amount of \$1,500 WAS received. Below is a letter from the pastor:

*Greetings to you, the First Church Family of Saline and all of our Partners in Ministry:*

*I write to extend thanks and appreciation and to let you know that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2006, I received the amount of \$1500 from the office of my District Superintendent for the use of the Church. The rain almost destroyed our edifice and the D.S. has instructed me to use a portion of the money to construct the church and another portion for salary and to purchase a few bags of rice for the poor and sick members of our Church that may die from hunger during this season.*

*I am grateful to God for the gift. My Lay Leader and the entire church join me in extending thanks and appreciation for the help rendered us. Thanks a lot and may God richly bless you and all the contributors for remembering us; the gift came when we most needed it.*

*In Christ, I am,  
Rev. Richard James  
Pastor-in-charge  
William Teegbeh UMC*

The \$1,500 was a "tithe" offering that represented 10% of our Christmas offering in 2005. In May 2006, another \$1,500 was raised by the International Missions Team through the flower sale they sponsored. Thank you to everyone who supported that effort! The second \$1,500 was recently sent to Liberia, after we received confirmation that money had actually gotten through to our partner church. If you have any questions, or would like to help with the Liberia effort, please speak with Dale Adkins, Missions chairperson, or Laura Speiran.

## NOW IS THE TIME

If there are rooms you would like to schedule at the church for fall/winter meetings and events, now is the time to stop into the office and fill out those yellow room request forms.



## MINISTRY FAIR WORKDAYS

The Ministry Fair will be held Sunday, September 10 between services. This is a great chance to showcase your ministry, provide information and sign-up volunteers/participants. We will have two workdays, Thursday and Friday, September 1 & 2 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. Come design your posters, brochures and flyers and fellowship with other groups.



**PRAYER CONCERNS** ~ Erik Anderson; Lloyd Hughes; Charlene Adkin's daughter's friend, Michelle; Avery Hildreth; Bob Merchant; Mary Hess; Scott Hespen; Robbie Cook; Nancy Bryan; Amy Acree's cousin & Anita Acree's niece, Tammy; Billy Kirkland; Vickie Roosevelt, her dad, Bob and her children; Lois Royal's grandson, Sam; Wanda Lewiston; Nancy & Dick Wigginton; Sharon Stillon & her kidney donor, Missy; Carole Smith; Kim Setzer; Roy Hovey; Brady Bull; Melissa Hogue; for all who are struggling financially; for God's strength for us all.

**PRaise/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Beulah Morton for making the new tablecloth and napkins for our communion table; Greg Fischer's return home from the hospital; Melissa Zimmerman & Kristen Richards who took the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS training; for all who have signed up for the Safe Sanctuaries training; for the joys of harvest; the baptism of Hyacinth Held; Captain Nathaniel Held's visit home; Griffin Marcy's recovery.

## 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; 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; Nathaniel Held, son of Keith & Patsy Held; Jeff & Ryan Housner, nephews of Deb & Pete Belaire.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO** ~ Zella Polliery on the passing of her daughter, Virginia; Barb Smead and family on the passing of her husband, Wayne.



# *Adult Ministries*

## *Faith in a Safe Harbor*

### **New Adult Sunday School Offerings**

**“Christianity and World Religions-wrestling with questions people ask”.** The purpose of this study is to help Christians better understand the faiths of others in our increasingly diverse world, so that we may become more effective sharers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Included are the five major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. This class will begin September 17 in Room F.

**“First Corinthians”** This study, in the Genesis to Revelation series, will be facilitated by Dave Drenning and Bruce Moss in Room G beginning September 17.

**“Creation and Evolution”** This discussion will be facilitated by Chuck Gehrke beginning September 17 in Room A.

**“In the Dust of the Rabbi”** Teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan investigates what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the land of Israel. Disciples followed Jesus so closely they were covered by the dust of his feet. Come discover how to follow Jesus! Class will be facilitated by Bobbe Hinsman in Room C beginning September 17.

### **Other Studies Offered During the Week**

**Joy Fellowship** – “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life”

What promises does the gospel offer for living a life of continued growth, love and wisdom? Readers identify their fears and learn to make the most of God’s gift of longer life.

#### **Disciple Courses**

(Disciple I is a prerequisite for all other long term Disciple Studies. It will be offered this year. Other Disciple Classes will be offered if facilitators are available.)

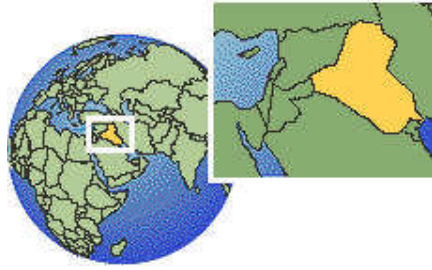
**Disciple I** “Becoming Disciples through Bible Study” - a 34 week study of the Old and New Testaments which will be facilitated by Art Angaran begins September 10 in Room C.

**Disciple II** “Into the Word into the World” – a 32 week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts which will be facilitated by Kay Richmond begins September 17 in Room P.

**Brand New, Short-term Disciple Classes will be offered in January if there’s an interest and facilitators are available.**

**“Invitation to the New Testament”** – an eight week Disciple Bible series. This study examines how the New Testament writers and early Christian community wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and their communities of faith.

**“Invitation to the Old Testament”** – an eight-week Disciple Bible series. Through the many voices of the Biblical Test, participants are invited to hear the story of God calling the people of Israel.



## Update from Iraq

As an adult who has been involved with many of the youth from our church over the years I've witnessed the positive effect of having a strong church family and how it plays out in the lives of the youth, and now more than ever, how it is influencing the decisions of at least one adult, our son Bill (Billy) who is in Iraq.

Last night we received disappointing news that his unit which was scheduled to rotate out of Iraq after 13 months will be delayed for an undetermined time due to the increased violence in Baghdad and Lebanon. Bill, who many may not have known, was supposed to be married in September in New Jersey and that will obviously be delayed.

But more importantly Bill wanted me to relay to the congregation how important your prayers and support of him and all the troops in Iraq is. Daily he is making life and death decisions in the field related to the medical care and triage of wounded military men and women from the US and Iraq as well as civilians. He wanted you to know that he feels your genuine support and that now more than ever it is needed so that younger soldiers will have a strong person to look up to and emulate. As the senior NCO medic in his brigade, commanders from US and Iraq forces are looking to him for direction in the care of the wounded in very difficult and dangerous conditions when they arrive at many terrible situations.

He also wanted me to relay how fortunate we are to be U.S. citizens and that there is a real threat of terrorism everyday and we should never be complacent to that fact.

Please continue your prayers and support for all the troops overseas that they may represent this country in a positive and beneficial manner and that they all return home unharmed both physically and mentally.

Bill Kirkland

## Calendar for August 20 - September 2, 2006

<b>20 Sunday</b> 8:04a - Right Start Service 9:00a - Cancer Support Group 9:30a - Worship 6:30p - Jr. High Youth	<b>21 Monday</b> 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 6:00p - Fair Kitchen Committee 7:00p - Finance 7:00p - Community Care	<b>22 Tuesday</b> 9:30a - WISE 4:37p - Golf League 6:30p - Friendship Planning Meeting 6:30p - HOMMIES 6:30p - Sunday School Teachers Meeting	<b>23 Wednesday</b> 9:30a - Bible Study 12:30p - Quilting 8:00p - WWW	<b>24 Thursday</b> 9:30a - Saline Ministerial 10:00a - Brecon Service 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 7:00p - Lil' Saints Preschool Open House	<b>25 Friday</b>	<b>26 Saturday</b> 8:15a - Safe Sanctuaries Training 5:00p - Ducca Vow Renewal & Dinner
<b>27 Sunday</b> 8:04a - Right Start Service 9:00a - Cancer Support Group 9:30a - Worship 10:35a - Disciple Orientation 6:30p - Jr. High Youth	<b>28 Monday</b> 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 7:00p - Church Council	<b>29 Tuesday</b> 9:30a - WISE	<b>30 Wednesday</b> 9:30a - Bible Study 10:00a - UMW Executive Board 12:30p - Quilting 8:00p - WOW at Curtiss Park	<b>31 Thursday</b> 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 12:00p - JOY Fellowship Ministry Fair Workday	<b>1 Friday</b> Ministry Fair Workday	<b>2 Saturday</b>

**August Greeters:**

Cindy Parker  
 Adam & Chelsea Ford  
 8/27 Friendship Ministry

**August Welcome Center Hosts:**

Nancy Miller

**Head Ushers:**

August - Carlos Melendez, Charlie Bender  
 Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

**Worship Attendance:**

July 30..... 355  
 August 6 .....365  
 August 13.....365

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