

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

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Going Beyond the Great Room

While taking our daughter Julie to the Metro Airport for a flight to London, England for an event in which she is involved in Nottingham, my mind jumped back to being in that region on a couple of occasions while in the British Isles. A great treat is touring one of the castles or manor houses and catching a feel of what life in that time and place was like. Very naturally, you compare or contrast it with what life is like where we live today.

One of my remembrances was entering through the main doors into a vestibule; then moving almost immediately into a huge Great Room or Great Hall. There is where the large family events were held, where the community gathered and where guests were received. It was the large center, focal space of the estate. Throughout the years, many people would have gathered in the Great Room who would have never gone any further into the residence.

But it was different for family and trusted friends. Beyond the communal gatherings, the public events, they would meander down the halls, climb the massive stairways, and enter the smaller rooms. Perhaps they went to the parlor where rich conversation occurred, or the library for study or the dining room and kitchen where the family gathered, or the small chapel for reflection and prayer. Maybe they went out to the greenhouse creating new varieties of plantings or they strolled through the gardens, or they spent time in the conservatory playing the harpsichord or composing music. Some, no doubt, enjoyed working in the barns or stables, or working the fields or joining in the hunts. And on the estate, the residents, permanent guests and staff had their own quarters.

I wonder if there is a parallel between this English pastoral scene and our setting at First UMC. It is not always the case but often so, that people’s first entry point into the church is through the portico doors across the narthex and immediately into the great hall. Many people’s first exposure to our congregation is in the sanctuary worship hour. It’s the space where the community gathers, family celebrations take place and guests are treated cordially.

But as visitors become friends and friends become family, they inherently move beyond the Great Room. The gatherings in the Great Hall still remain celebrative focal points, center events and the hub around which every thing moves, but the day-to-day interactions occur during study and prayer times, in parlor discussions as well as casual conversations around the kitchen table. Friendships are made deep in walking and working with another. Growth occurs in learning from each other, sharing with each other, and supporting each other.

I want to encourage you to go beyond the Great Hall...meander into some of the other “rooms,” joining in one of the study, support, sharing, service and special interest groups, getting involved in one of the varied ministry opportunities around this place, investing yourself more deeply in the lives of other family members.

Where do you start? Spend time at the Ministry Fair, at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th, read carefully and prayerfully all the ministry opportunities listed weekly in the bulletin and included in the Steeple News, and find that place where you can go and grow and you can give and live. – 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 or 734-368-5414.



Let the Music Begin!

Music programs will resume their regular rehearsal schedule on the following days:
Praise Team – Sept. 6th – 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir – Sept. 6th – 7:00 p.m. (time change!)
Orchestra – Sept. 14th – 6:15 p.m.
Adult Handbells – Sept 14th – 7:30 p.m.
See You There!

Choir Kick-Off Potluck/Rehearsal Thursday, September 7th

Come join us as we kick off the year for Chancel Choir at a potluck in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7th (a brief rehearsal will follow and we will be in the loft on Sunday, September 10th.) Bring a dish to pass, your family, and your appetite! Table service and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend who might be interested in joining us to Praise the Lord! If you need more information, call Linda (429-0441) or Tammy (429-7269).

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 has received area council approval. 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.

WELCOME

If you or someone you know is brand new to our church family, please attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 10th 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!



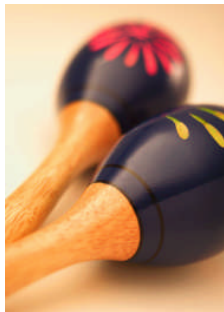
J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch, fun and fellowship! You are invited to make a \$5.00 donation for the lunch, but it is not required. We would love to have you join us! Our next get-together is September 21, 2006. Our menu will be cold-cut sandwiches and salads, as well as dessert. Please sign up on the R.S.V.P. at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office.

You are also invited to participate in a new "J.O.Y. Fellowship Bible Study." A short (10 minute) introduction to the book, *10 Gospel Promises for Later Life*, by Jane Marie Thibault, will be given at the lunch on September 21st. The Bible Study will then meet for nine or ten Thursdays beginning September 28th that are NOT the third Thursday, which is when we will have lunch. You may come to just the Bible Study, or just lunch on the third Thursday, or both! Sign up in the Narthex at the Opportunity Wall so that we may have a book for you (if you wish, you may make a \$5.00 donation).

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 5th or 6th. Please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 for available times and to make a reservation. For more information about Music Together and the fall class schedule, visit www.HandInHandMT.com



DEADLINES

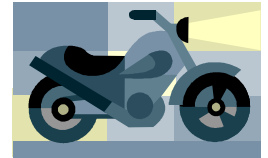
The next Steeple News deadline is *September 11th* at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter *Thursday, September 14th* in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

We are collecting razors and shaving cream during September for the Homeless Shelter. These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

CHRIST RIDERS (CRMC) MOTORCYCLE FELLOWSHIP NEWS!

What a fantastic summer for SUMC's Christ Riders! The summer of 2006 has been one of the best "quality" riding summers since 2003. Christ



Riders continue to build individual relationships within our local tri-county group, as well as other riding groups outside Saline, to serve our neighboring communities and children's charities with our presence and gifts. Christ Riders are grateful to say that we have been a part of a wholesome caring community of Tri-State area bikers who have collectively raised over \$180,000 for children's charities, children's hospital, and individuals and families in need. Our next weekend ride will be Sunday, September 10th, from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. We will be taking a south-west scenic route to Onsted and the Artesian Wells Restuarant. We will also swing into Town & Country Harley Davidson next door to allow for some dreamy window shopping and to pick up any needed cycle accessories. We'll meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. before heading out. If you would like to ride along with us, please contact Roger Heffelbower at RU4C@comcast.net or 323-0355.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HOPE CLINIC

Medical Professionals: Doctors, Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants to see patients at the medical clinic. Currently, patients have to wait as long as 60 days to get an appointment. They also need nursing and pharmacy help.

Weekend Meal Planner: They need someone willing to spend about 5 hours each week helping to work more closely with Food Gatherers to reduce the cost of Weekend Meals. Some hours can be spent at home via email or phone, but some hours would have to be spent during work hours on Thurs. and Fri.

Food Bank Helpers: They need help distributing food from Food Bank on Wed. and Fri. afternoons. They also have other times through the week for help in sorting and stocking the Food Bank.

For more information or a complete list of volunteer opportunities, contact Jean Horak at 485-5595 or jhorak@thehopeclinic.org.

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. 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 19th meeting will be the Crop Walk, presented by David Bower, the Michigan Director of Crop Walk from Lansing. There will be a slide presentation and a Q and A session. **EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND** in Room C at 7:00 p.m. The UMW meeting will follow this presentation.

Reminder to all UMW ladies – Don't forget your Flood Bucket items! The bucket is in the Narthex.

We will be taking our aluminum Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House to the UMW District Meeting on October 12th in Chelsea. Anyone who has been saving them, please bring them in soon. The collection container is the big pop bottle in the Narthex.

Looking Ahead: The Unit meeting on October 2 will be held at 9:30 a.m. with special speakers, Joanne and Joe Perez presenting a program on India and Pakistan.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on September 5th at 12:30 in the church parlor. Hostess will be Dorothea Green, with Ann Coe as co-hostess. If you have any questions, please contact Florence Busch (547-9377) or Annella Aurand (439-7909), Co-Chairpersons.

Hannah Circle

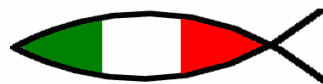
Hannah Circle needs you! Your friendship, spirit, thoughts, ideas, gifts... yourself! Please join us in fellowship on Monday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, where we will begin our season by catching up on our summer activities and plan for the year ahead. Sylvia Korte will be providing refreshments, and as our Chairperson, please contact her with any questions (517-423-7881). We look forward to seeing you there! As a reminder, gals, don't forget we "adopted" the landscape area on the entrance side of the church. If you don't remember your sign-up time, feel free to upkeep at anytime.

Susanna Circle

Susanna Circle invites you to join us for our first meeting of the fall. Because we are meeting September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor, our program will center around the terrorist attack of our country and how we should strive to deal with it five years later. Devotions will be presented by Charlene Adkins and also yummy refreshments. Find out how we funded our prayer garden brick and what we are doing for missions. We desire and welcome new members for friendship, fellowship, and furthering God's work. Questions, please call Linda Glaspie, 429-2918.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will resume meeting on Monday, October 2nd.



MEXICO MISSION TEAM

This has been an exciting year for the MMT. A lot of work was done on behalf of the children of Mexico.

Because of the **OPEN HEARTS** of members of our congregation we were able to:

- ❖ send 2 teams to work on *Casa de los Gemas*
- ❖ forward the funds for 2 Mercy Ministry Days & feed over 500 families
- ❖ distribute 1000 fun, goody bags for the kids
- ❖ deliver 114 cloth grocery bags used for the Mercy Ministry Day
- ❖ donate \$250.00 from the Quilters auction
- ❖ provide 109 backpacks full of school supplies

Because of the **OPEN MINDS** of members of our congregation we will be seeing strategies to help provide for the poor in Mexico. Look for announcements concerning these special projects:

1. Several opportunities for the shoe drive
2. Backpacks & school supplies
3. The Quilters are continuing to work on quilts & grocery bags

Because of the hard work, financial sacrifices & prayers of members of our congregation very soon there will be **OPEN DOORS** at *Casa de los Gemas*!

¡Gracias! ¡Gracias! ¡Gracias!

<p>The next work/mission will be: February 17-24, 2007 Cost: \$650.00 for adults \$300.00 for children 12 & under Airline cost is yet to be determined.</p>

WISE

Women in Study and Encouragement

New Wise P.M.

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 (9:15 – 11:30) or the evening (7:00 – 8:30). For questions about WISE PM, please call Nancy McCune at 429-3598

Kick-Off Potluck

We invite all women to join us as both WISE groups (AM and PM) meet together for a Kick-Off Potluck on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Get your yummy recipes ready! (Please note that the WISE AM group will not meet on the morning of Sept. 12 due to the evening potluck.)

Fall Study

Our fall Bible Study will be on “Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit” by Beth Moore. The format will be a video, workbooks and small group discussion. By encouraging an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God, this study will help us to nurture and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. Please join us as we seek the freedom of a life filled with peace, joy, gentleness, and other positive characteristics (Gal. 5:22-23). **We need to order workbooks for all participants**, so please sign up by contacting Sam Thorpe at 517-451-2009 (not long distance) or mvthorpe@peoplepc.com.



KATRINA RESPONSE TEAM

OCTOBER 14 – 21

BILOXI, MS

Tom and Judy Darling from Novi UMC are planning a trip back to Biloxi, MS. If you have home improvement skills, drywall experience or just a willing heart, this trip is for you. The team will leave Novi UMC at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14th and return on Saturday, October 21st. The budget is \$150 per person. Please contact Terry and Duane Townley, UMVIM Coordinators for the Detroit Annual Conference at 989-835-7564 for further information.

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS

Everyone who is not currently a member here at Saline 1st is invited to participate in our Fall New Member Class, beginning Sunday, Sept. 17th and going through Sunday, October 22nd. 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 22nd 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.

*September 10th
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)

NEWSLETTER HELP NEEDED

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.



Hands and Feet

OUTREACH NEWS!



A huge "thank you, thank you!" The praise, reaches out to all support teams of the Hands and Feet Outreach Ministry! HFO is wrapping up it's busiest summer since it's inception in 2004. From our humble beginnings of raking lawns,

pulling weeds, and washing windows, God has provided some miraculous gifts and services to our church families in need in the last 8 months! None of the following "praises" could have ever been dreamed if it weren't for God's inspiring presence in the lives of our family client's, prayer warriors, gracious financial donations, laborers, schedulers, and lovers of God and man in the HFO family. To all who served and prayed for this Outreach Ministry, here are the results of your humble service to God and our church family friends. In just the last 8 months God has continued to move ever graciously this year!

- * Spring garden prep.
- * Bathroom "safe bars" placed in two family homes.
- * Hospital and continued home respite care for one family.
- * Whole house, or portable lift unit soon to be installed for one family.
- * Home Appliance repair.
- * Pending installation of "handicapped access" corner tub replacement for caregiver and client.
- * Two complete home moves and relocation for two families.
- * Joint effort with the City of Saline employees to relocate personal storage for one family.
- * Electrical home repair.
- * Lawn mower repair.
- * Donation/replacement of twin mattress set for one family.
- * Purchase/replacement of new Queen mattress set for one family.
- * Installation/replacement of a new hot water heater for one family.
- * Purchase/replacement of family refrigerator for one family.
- * Expedite oversized home refuge to Ann Arbor Disposal for two families.

FALL KICK-OFF EVENT FOR CROP WALK

- September 24 after second service in the Fellowship Hall
- Experience refugee camp living
- Eat Khichiri
- Get or Be a Crop Walk space
- Enjoy Moonwalk & Games

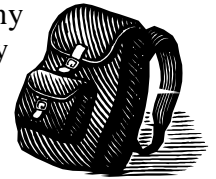


CAMPAIGN – FILL A BACKPACK

A MINISTRY TO THE CHILDREN OF MEXICO

In Mexico parents are required to pay for tuition and supplies so their children can attend public schools.

This is a heavy burden for many families living at or below the poverty level. The flooding in northern Mexico, which has recently destroyed many of their homes, has made the situation even more difficult.



We have been asked to help by providing basic school supplies for these children. This ministry has already been blessed through the gifts of a large number of new backpacks and the funds to ship the school supplies to Mexico. The Missions team is asking you to help by filling one or more back-packs with the needed supplies. Many families find this to be a great and simple family mission project! Backpacks are available in the Narthex. Each backpack contains a short list of school supplies. Please purchase the supplies, pack them in the bag, and return it to church. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex to receive the backpacks and we will promptly package and ship them to Tapestries of Life Ministries who will distribute them for us. Thank you for your generous support.

WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 13

- Janine Ternes will be returning again for Prayer-in-Motion!
- Lots of revolving activities to enjoy and to pamper all women



KIDS CHURCH

KIDS Church class will be offered for the 9:00 and 11:15 services beginning September 10th in Room G. This ministry will **minister to children grades 1ST - 3RD**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Shannon Peitz at 313-322-6974.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

"Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted...." Psalm 127:1

A new Safe Sanctuary Training Date has been added in October! If you are a volunteer in the Children's Ministry and missed the August 26th training, you can still sign up for the **September 23rd training from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.** Can't make that opportunity, the next training opportunities offered will be on **Saturday, October 14th 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon and Friday, November 3rd 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.**

IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER IN THE CHILDREN'S, YOUTH OR VULNERABLE ADULT MINISTRIES IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU ATTEND A SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING. OTHERWISE YOU **WILL NOT** BE ABLE TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND/OR VULNERABLE ADULTS AS GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO SERVE THEM.

So mark your calendars now and join us in the **eye opening training** that you don't want to miss!

Nursery Happenings

You'll be seeing some familiar faces with new responsibilities in the Nursery/2's-3's room this fall! Patti Hockstad has an opportunity to work in the Ann Arbor school district and is excited to start her new beginnings! Nicki Austin will be replacing Patti. Nicki, as many of you know and many of you benefit from her babysitting skills, has been a member of the church since she was confirmed 5 years ago. She has been actively involved with the Senior High youth group and is excited to continue to serve the children of our church with her God given abilities that make our children feel loved and welcomed. She will be overseeing the Nursery and the 2's and 3's room just as Patti did. She is fully trained and actually has been working in the nursery for several years. She's a graduate of Saline High School and is continuing on to Eastern Michigan University to begin her degree in nursing. Nicki is CPR/First Aid certified and has completed the Safe Sanctuary Training with enthusiasm. Please welcome Nicki in her new position as lead caregiver to our children in the Nursery and 2's and 3's room. Assisting Nicki will be Allie Calvitt who is a junior at Saline High. Allie has been serving for about a year and is excited to serve again while receiving Safe Sanctuaries Training as well as CPR/First Aid training.

Also moving up in the ministry is Angela Wharton. Angela has been serving our children since the summer of 2003. She is a senior at Saline High with an interest in international relations and speaking Spanish! Angela will focus her leadership skills on the 2's and 3's room making sure our children are safe and secure, teaching them Christ like behavior that is part of a firm foundation in Him. Angela is enthusiastic and ready to receive the Safe Sanctuaries training as well as the CPR/First Aid training. Assisting Angela this year will be Maddie Campbell who is a freshman at Saline High. Maddie has served in the ministry for many years and enjoys sharing her Sundays with our children. Maddie is also excited to receive CPR/First Aid training as well as the Safe Sanctuaries Training. Please welcome our Nursery/2's and 3's staff with open hearts and open minds as they pour their hearts into the little children that God has blessed us so richly.

ATTENTION ALL BABY BOOMERS (ages 40+) **and GENERATION Xers** (ages 27-39) !!

The Nursery and 2's/3's room is in need of your help! Because of Safe Sanctuaries and the 1-4 ratio of adult to children, we are in need of volunteers to help keep the Nursery safe. If you are called to care for our little ones, let Leanne Rinnac know ASAP.

PRAISE GOD! We have our 4th grade Sunday School Teachers. Naomi Angst and Judy Hesper have graciously committed their Sunday mornings to ministering our 4th graders! The give Praise to Him for the entire Sunday school staff, some returning and some new, because of their passion and love of children, the **Sunday School Ministry** is almost fully staffed with the following wonderful volunteers:
THANK YOU ALL!

K/1st Grade: Donna Cody

(We have an immediate need for 3 more teachers for K/1st, please contact Leanne Rinnac if you can help out with this very fun age)

2nd Grade: Kathy Kise, Melinda Yaklin

3rd Grade: Bonnie Bennyhoff, Janet Kohler

4th Grade: Naomi Anest, Judy Hesper

5th/6th Grade Matt Hieber, Matt Fillinger

Jr. High: Luke Wetzell, Pam Heffelbower

Sr. High: Jeff Fletcher, Joyce Noble

Please pre-register your children grades Pre K – 6th for Sunday School, KIDS Church and WEE Worship. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and must be completed on or before September 14th. Completed forms can be dropped off right where you pick them up!

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Leadership Team met on Tuesday, August 29th gearing up for the fall! We kick off the ministry on Wednesday, September 27th immediately after school. Parents can pick up your child's registration forms at the required **parent meeting** that will be held on **Wednesday, September 13th at 5:15 p.m.** For your child to be a part this ministry YOUR participation is vital to the success of their faith journey on Wednesdays. Please RSVP at the Opportunity Wall ASAP! **Registration deadline: Sunday, September 17th.** For child protection and staffing, we will no longer be able to accept registrations on the 1st day in which the ministry begins. (Late registrations subject to a \$20 late fee.)

CPR/First Aid Training will be offered to the entire congregation on Monday, September 18th, 6-9 p.m. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you are interested.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING DATES:
Saturday, September 23rd, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 14th, 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
Friday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

Sunday, September 3rd – No youth meeting, enjoy the holiday weekend!

Sunday, September 10th – School Year Kick-Off! All new 7th graders are invited to join us for the first time. All returning 8th graders, come get into the groove of Sunday night youth group again. Food, Fun, Friends, Faith Growing – Don't miss it!

R.O.C.K. in Logos Junior High Ministry starts September 27th with dinner at 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM. Junior High Worship Team is for everyone in junior high and will meet from 6:30-7:00 PM. This is a great time to connect with friends and be involved in worship opportunities throughout the year. Get registered for R.O.C.K. in Logos by filling out a registration form by September 17th.

Senior High

Hey Youth it's Saline Fair Kitchen Time – It's time for us to sign up to help! Sign up NOW to help move all the fair kitchen supplies to and from the fair grounds. Sunday September 3rd and Saturday September 9th are the moving days. You are also

needed to help Saturday afternoon in the kitchen, it will be a "youth invaded kitchen" from about 3-8 PM. Get your name on the sign up sheets in the Narthex today!!

School Year Kickoff – Senior High Youth

We meet every Wednesday for W3-Wild Worship Wednesday. September 6th at 8:00-9:30 PM is the first W3 of the school year down in the youth basement. All high school students are invited to join W3 on this special night!

Mark your Calendars Now, Details Later:

Fall Rummage Sale: September 23rd – Setup and Sort
September 18-22

See Ya at the Pole (SYATP) Rally – Sunday, September 24th 6-8:30 PM – Saline Area Youth Ministries (including us!)

Parents of Youth

You are extremely important to the health of our youth ministries! Please join us for an important information meeting to start the new year of student ministries. We will talk about the vision of each ministry and how it will be lived out this year. Pizza too!

**Senior High Parents – Sunday, September 17th
after Second Service @ 12:30 PM**

**Junior High Parents – Sunday, September 25th
after Second Service @ 12:30 PM**

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 7th 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 10th 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!!



Thank you to all the volunteers and children who attended Vacation Bible School this summer. There were 150 children in attendance and over 17 area churches represented! Thanks again. See you next summer!
Mary Cameron

We would like to thank all of the families who generously provided dinner for us after Fiona was born. It has been a very hectic summer for us and the dinners were a great help! It has inspired me to participate in the Loving Hands ministry as well (when I have the time). Thanks again!
The Crawford Family
(Gavin, Peggy, Elizabeth, Cameron & Fiona)

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 or bill.kirkland@thekirklandgroup.biz

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Gary & Martha Henry on the passing of his sister, Ann Black.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Did you know that we have a prayer chain of people who pray every morning? They call each other on the telephone to relate the confidential concerns for the day. We also have a prayer ministry that meets every Thursday morning at 11 a.m. It is a small group of committed pray-ers who gather together to pray over the prayer concern cards from the previous Sunday, new concerns that come up during the week, as well as the church in general. Are you a person of prayer? We would love for you to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Speiran in the church office.



FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY

Planning/Volunteer Training –

September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Friendship Launch –

September 26th at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer contact Roger Heffelbower at RU4C@comcast.net or 323-0355.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ PRAYER CONCERNS

~ Amy Acree's cousin & Anita Acree's niece, Tammy; Vickie Roosevelt, her dad, Bob and her children; Lois Royal's grandson, Sam; Wanda Lewiston; Sharon Stillon & her kidney donor, Missy; Carole Smith; Kim Setzer; Roy Hovey; Brady Bull;

Melissa Hogue; Charlene Adkins' sister, Doris; Larry Coyer; Wanda Beard; Corine; Marsha Gilbert; Abby Suchy; Dominik Fitzsimmons; for all who are struggling financially; for God's strength for us all; for the ladies of the cancer support group; our troops serving in the middle east; for those going through mental and physical turmoil; for the families affected by the plane crash in Lexington. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Amy & Dave Griffin's new baby boy; Jacquelyn Macy's niece, Amy's new job; the youth who are helping to build the playground at the church; Andrew Heiber's acceptance of Christ in his life; Rachel Wislocki's brother, Bennett's return home from Iraq; Chuck & Sharell Gehrke's granddaughter's discharge from Intensive Care.

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.



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 for those 55 and older – “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life” begins Sept. 28 at 1:00 p.m. 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. Facilitated by Shirley Padding

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 Wednesday, September 13 in Room C from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 Sunday, September 10 in Room C from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Jesus in the Gospels – This is a 32 week comparative study of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John which will be facilitated by David Coxton on Mondays from 10:00–12:00 in Room F. We need 6 people to have this class.

Come to the Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 10 between services to get the scoop and sign up for our Fall Opportunities.

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.

Calendar for September 3 - September 16, 2006

3 Sunday 8:04a - Right Start Service 9:00a - Cancer Support Group 9:30a - Worship 3:00p - EVH Service	4 Monday Labor Day Office Closed	5 Tuesday 12:30p - Ruth Circle 1:30p - Fair Tally 5:45p - Music Together Demo 7:00p - Membership & Evangelism 7:00p - Staff Parish Saline Community Fair	6 Wednesday 9:30a - Bible Study 10:30a - Music Together Demo 12:30p - Quilting 1:30 Fair Tally 6:30p - Praise Team 8:00p - WWW Saline Community Fair	7 Thursday 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 1:30p - Fair Tally 7:00p - Choir Potluck/ Rehearsal 7:30p - Flying Club Saline Community Fair	8 Friday 1:30p - Fair Tally 6:00p - Wedding Rehearsal Saline Community Fair	9 Saturday 1:30p - Fair Tally 5:00p - Wedding Ministry Fair Set-up Saline Community Fair
10 Sunday 9:00a - Traditional Service 10:10a - Ministry Fair 10:10a - Cancer Support Group 10:45a - Christ Riders Ride 11:15a - Contemporary Service 6:00p - Disciple II 6:30p - Jr. High Youth	11 Monday 9:00a - Lil' Saints Preschool begins (Monday-Friday) 9:30a - Hannah Circle 10:00a - Shawl Ministry 7:00p - Susanna Circle 7:00p - Trustees	12 Tuesday 7:00p - WISE AM & PM Potluck	13 Wednesday 9:30a - Bible Study 12:30p - Quilting 5:15p - RNL Parent Meeting 6:00p - Disciple I 6:30p - Praise Team 8:00p - WWW	14 Thursday 11:00a - Prayer Ministry 4:00p - Wedding Rehearsal 6:15p - Orchestra 7:00p - Choir 7:30p - Handbells	15 Friday 7:00p - Bell Choir Wedding Rehearsal	16 Saturday 10:30a - Wedding

Greeters:

Blair & Norma Jean West

Welcome Center Hosts:

Addie & Jeff Calvitt

Head Ushers:

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

Worship Attendance:

August 20376
 August 27.....385

Come to the Ministry
 Fair on September 10 at
 10:10 a.m. in the
 Fellowship Hall

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Address Service Requested

Grill Items (11:30 am to Closing)

- \$2.00 Grilled Cheese on white
- \$2.00 Grilled Cheese on wheat
- \$3.75 Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- \$4.00 Grilled Chicken Sandwich with cheese
- \$3.25 Hamburger
- \$3.50 Cheeseburger
- \$2.00 Hot Dog
- \$2.25 Hot Dog with cheese
- \$2.50 Hot Dog with chili
- \$2.75 Hot Dog with cheese & chili

For all items Lettuce, Tomato, and Onion Available upon request

Other Items (11:30 am to Closing)

- \$4.00 Chicken Salad Croissant
- \$4.25 Chicken Salad Croissant with cheese
- \$3.75 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
- \$3.75 Cold Roast Beef Sandwich
- \$4.00 Cold Roast Beef Sandwich with cheese
- \$2.50 Sloppy Joe
- \$2.75 Sloppy Joe with cheese
- \$2.50 Chili
- \$2.75 Chili with cheese
- \$0.50 Chips
- \$1.50 Fruit Salad
- \$2.00 Macaroni & Cheese (8 oz)
- \$1.50 Tossed Salad
- \$2.75 Tossed Salad w/Chicken Pieces

- \$1.25 Yogurt
- \$0.75 Donut

For all items Lettuce, Tomato, and Onion Available upon request

Dinner Menu (4:30 to Closing)

- \$6.00 Roast Beef (all week) With Gravy, Mash potatoes, veggie and a roll
- \$6.00 Dinner Special
 - Tue – Roast Beef
 - Wed – Turkey
 - Thurs -Pork Loin
 - Fri – Baked Chicken
 - Sat - Lasagna
 With Gravy, Mash potatoes, veggie and a roll
- \$0.75 Mash potatoes side
- \$0.75 Mixed Vegetables
- \$0.25 Dinner Roll

Kids & Meal (2 Cookies & Capri Sun)

- \$3.00 Hot Dog
- \$3.00 Grilled Cheese
- \$3.00 Macaroni & Cheese (4 oz)

Desserts

- \$0.50 Cookies (4 small cookies)
- \$1.75 Slice of Pie
- \$2.00 Senior Special (Slice of Pie & Coffee)

Bag of ICE

- \$4.00 20 pound bag

Beverages

- \$0.75 Capri Sun
- \$0.75 Coffee
- \$0.75 Hot Chocolate
- \$0.75 Hot Tea
- \$0.75 Ice Tea
- \$0.75 White Milk
- \$0.75 Chocolate Milk
- \$0.75 Juice
- \$1.00 Water, bottled
- \$1.00 Pop

First United Methodist Church of Saline



SALINE FAIR FOOD KITCHEN
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
Building A September 5 to 9, 2006

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
OPEN 7:30 A.M. To Closing