

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

*We are a Safe Sanctuary Church protecting and caring
for all God's children.*

February 25, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

Vol. 16; No. 4

We CAN make a difference! You CAN help!

It may have been a slightly cheesy way of explaining my need for your pop cans and bottles to support my trip to India, but only now can I tell you the depth at which these phrases were lived out. I believe it with everything in me because I experienced it and saw it with my own eyes. We, you and I, Americans living in a land of abundance, truly can make a difference. You demonstrated that as you gave cans and bottles, each alone only worth \$.10, but as the bagfuls and trailer loads came in over the few months of collecting them I received around 10,000 cans aiding my trip with nearly \$1,000.

We can make a difference. As I looked into the eyes of hundreds of children living in poverty in India, I saw hope because they are a part of a Child Development Center run by Compassion International. I visited their mud homes with thatch roofs smaller than the size of my bedroom that houses multiple family members. Their parents spend an entire day embroidering clothing to earn a dollar for their work but tearfully explain how their child is receiving all that she needs from Compassion because she has a sponsor. I saw the difference, it truly is life changing, you and I really can help.

We can make a difference. To see the smile on Gayathiri's face for the first time in person and to hold her hand tightly and feel the connection that only God can provide in those moments has not only made a lasting impression upon my heart, but a young girl's as well. You see, I knew God was answering my prayers as you gave pop cans, baked goodies, and gave cash donations, but I didn't even think about the fact that God is so big that He was answering Gayathiri's prayers from across the world. Her project coordinator shared with me that she said a long time ago that she wanted to meet her sponsor and he told her to pray, so she did. In those hours together I believe God's glory poured out on us both as we enjoyed being together knowing that only He could create such a beautiful answer to both our prayers.

We can make a difference. You can help. Thank God!

Emily Krach

I will be sharing more about my experience on Sunday, March 18th after second service if you would like to see a few pictures or ask me any questions about my experience or Compassion International.

“JOURNEYING WITH JESUS”

Similar to the past several years, we've selected a book focusing on a central theme for Lent. This year we will be reading together John Indermark's "Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus." Our six-week study designed particularly for the Lenten Season follows the life of Christ, focusing on his teaching and practice of prayer.

- Sermons during the Sunday mornings from February 25 through Palm Sunday, April 1 will be based on the scripture texts that we have been reading together throughout the previous week.
- On each Sunday evening during Lent we will gather together in discussion groups to share our thoughts, search deeper into the theme of the week and pray together. **In addition, we have a class during the Sunday School hour** in the Fellowship Hall for those who cannot attend Sunday evenings. A suggested donation of \$8.00 would be appreciated to help to defray the cost of ordering these study books. We will order more books as needed.
- For the past several Lenten Seasons, we have begun and wrapped up our special Lenten emphasis with a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall prior to breaking into our small group settings. **Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 25 and Palm Sunday, April 1** (6:00–8:00 p.m.) to join with your church family for dinner and small group discussion. Sundays, March 4 through March 25 (6:30–8:00 p.m.) we will continue our small group discussions as we "*Journey with Jesus*" this Lent.



PRAYER GARDEN BRICK SALES

Thanks to the hard work of many people we now have a wonderful Prayer Garden on our church grounds, which includes a lovely brick pathway. Last

January and February we began the sale of bricks and will continue to do this each January and February annually. The proceeds from the bricks enable us to pay for the landscaping and maintenance of the garden. A *prayer brick* is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, honor someone important in your life or have your family name as a permanent part of our church grounds. The cost of a 4" x 8" brick is \$50 and an 8" x 8" brick is \$80. **Order forms are available at the Opportunity Wall. Please submit your form and payment by the deadline of February 25.** Contact Lisa Marshall with any questions at 429-4730.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb 25: Lenten Study Begins
- March 2: Friday Night Dinner
- March 3: Bishop's Day at SUMC
- March 15: J.O.Y. Fellowship Lunch
- March 17: Rummage Sale
- March 24: LOGOS Training Event
- March 24: Talent Show
- May 5: Safe Sanctuaries Training



BISHOP'S DAY ON EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP Saturday, March 3rd

Our church will be hosting an Ann Arbor District event on **Saturday, March 3, 2007**, from 8:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., called the **Bishop's Day on Evangelism and Stewardship**. All 65 churches from our district have been invited. We are expecting 300 guests for a day filled with two worship services, two speakers, and a catered lunch. Bishop Jonathan Keaton, of the Michigan Area, and Rev. Tom Macaulay, our district superintendent, are asking us to be *models of hospitality*. It will take a lot of people to make that happen! **You are invited and encouraged to volunteer that day in a number of capacities: parking lot greeter, door greeter, hospitality table host/hostess, coffee server (during lunch), etc. We need approximately 75 volunteers to help.** There is a sign-up sheet at the Opportunity Wall! You are also invited and encouraged to **attend** the following:

- **9:00 a.m.** Opening Worship with our Praise Team and the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Choir
- **10:15 a.m.** Linda Rhodes, Speaker—"Making Your Congregation a Welcoming Place"
- **11:30 a.m.** Rev. Michael Slaughter, Pastor of Ginghamburg UMC in Ohio, Speaker—"Money Matters"
- **12:45 p.m.** Rev. Michael Slaughter AGAIN (same speech as 11:30 a.m.)
- **2:00 p.m.** Closing Worship with our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Orchestra, Rev. Tom Macaulay preaching, and Holy Communion

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Speiran in the church office.



HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

During the month of **March** we will be collecting the following items for the Homeless

Shelter: **soap, lotion, and shampoo.** These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

Cass Community Social Services

Our congregation is familiar with Cass because of our Christmas Day mission project each year to prepare Christmas dinner there. I just visited the Scott Center, the main building for C.C.S.S., on a field trip for my seminary class this semester and learned something I would like to share with everyone. Just this past fall, they opened up a warehouse where they collect clothing, furniture, appliances, baby equipment, and household items to be given to clients who are setting up housekeeping. While we have plenty of places to donate these kinds of things here in our area, I wanted to make everyone aware that Cass is now able to collect these things, as well. They are especially in need of men's clothing. Call Cass @ 313-883-CASS before making your delivery. Laura Speiran

UMW News

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Bring your own sandwich. Ann Coe and Dorothea Green will provide drinks and dessert. Shirley Padding will lead the pledge service and program. If you have questions, call Shirley Padding at 477-9223.

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. in Room H. Janet Moss will present the program and Linda Klepaczyk will provide refreshments. Childcare is available. For further information, please contact Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881. New members are always welcome. Please join us.

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, March 5th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, March 8th** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

RESPIRE CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Our Friendship Ministry Respite Care is in need of volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings for the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have had Safe Sanctuary training and have a special place in your heart for special needs kids, then please email Peggy Warner at tpwsaline@msn.com to sign up for one Sunday a month. We will pair you with experienced Respite Caregivers. This is an important ministry for the families of our church that have special needs children. Thank you for volunteering!



GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!

4 weeks until the next FUMC All-Church Talent Show!
Start practicing now!

March 24 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

No act too silly! No professionalism required!

Sign-up at the Opportunity Wall.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS

The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Choir has been invited to assist in leading a very special **Bishop's service** at our church on Saturday, March 3rd.

We hope that as many children as possible will be able to join us from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on March 3. The children have been asked to sing "Go Light Your World" from the Christmas service. In fact, it has been chosen as the theme of the service! What an honor this will be for the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Choirs!!

Please mark your calendars. Thank you in advance for supporting your children in their participation.

2007 MEDICAL MISSION TEAM -

TO PANAMA AND THE SAN BLAS ISLANDS

The Medical Mission Team to Panama has been blessed by having a Dentist join our team. Dr. Robert Lei and Gloria are very excited to be able to offer medical services to the natives of Panama. We are now making a plea to recruit a dental assistant or hygienist. We leave for Panama April 6th and return April 16th. Cost is about \$1,350.00 including transportation, supplies, food, and lodging. Contact Joan Coxton to sign up or if you have questions 734-997-9646.



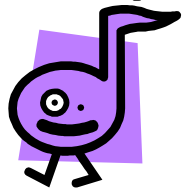
NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

A new adult Sunday School class will begin Sunday, March 4th. It will be a survey of the history of the church beginning with the Book of Acts up to modern times. Special emphasis will be placed on the Wesleyan/Methodist movement. David Coxton will be the facilitator.

The Adult Bible Study Class will begin a new study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and Ephesians beginning Sunday, March 4th. This approx. 8 week study will meet in Room G, from 10:10 to 11:05 AM Sunday mornings. All are welcome. Please join us. Class is facilitated by Bruce Moss and Dave Drenning.

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 spring. The new session begins in March and features weekly classes of developmentally appropriate music activities. Daytime and evening classes are taught by Angela Schmidt and Nicole Lampman, registered Music Together teachers. Interested families are invited to attend free demonstration classes on February 27, March 7, 8, or 13. Please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 for available times and to make a reservation. For more information about Music Together and the spring class schedule, please visit www.HandInHandMT.com



INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Senior High Youth

Mountain T.O.P.er's – Rummage Sale time is here once again! The Spring Rummage Sale is March 17th. We need all students and parents to help out with setup and sorting March 12th-16th, please sign up now at the Opportunity Wall. We will also need everyone to be at the rummage sale on March 17th for selling and clean-up. Set aside the time now to make it a successful fundraiser!

Junior and Senior High Parents and Adults who love youth – Join us Tuesday, February 27th for a youth support team meeting at 8 p.m. It's been a while, but it is an important time to come together to focus on the needs of the youth ministry and lift it up in prayer

BATTLECRY STADIUM EVENT -- Culture Warriors Rise Up! We will be joining tens of thousands of youth and adults at Ford Field to worship God, gain momentum with a purpose and gain strength as we unite. Sign up to join us April 13-15 in Detroit for this amazing event! Pick up a flyer and registration form with details now!

Junior High Youth

Springhill Camp is coming soon!

If you are signed up to attend Springhill with us March 9th-11th you need to pick up your important camp information from the junior high room. This information includes a "what to bring" list and the medical release form needed to attend. Your medical release form and final payment of \$65 are due Sunday, February 25th, please turn them in right away. If you did not sign up for Springhill and just realized you are going to miss the best weekend ever, there is still a chance for you to go, we have a few spots open, talk to Emily right away!!



Confirmation Students – Don't forget next Sunday, March 4th, is our field trip to Resurrection United Methodist Church in Detroit. We will be meeting here at the church at 8:45 a.m. to leave the parking lot by 9 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

*"Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws;
our heart's desire is to glorify your name."*

Isaiah 26:8 NLT

THANK YOU, to the 36 people who helped make delivery of the Valentine's Day cards possible to the elderly in the EVH. You made a difference in a day of the life of so many individuals who love seeing younger people, especially the little ones, that brighten up their day. A job well done!

POWERING UP!

And we don't mean our computers!

We mean our spirits and our souls!

The LOGOS Ministry will be providing us with an excellent training experience that will strengthen our R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry! But only if you are willing to be a part of it!

MARCH 24TH FROM 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., for those who have already been to a 2 ½ day national LOGOS training. A Saturday full of learning with 2 ½ hour sessions providing in-depth training on topics like: Bible Study, Family Time, Recreation Play, Worship Skills, and Discipline and much, much more.

Join the 2 hour INTRO training from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. with lunch afterward, if you have not received the National LOGOS training yet. This is an opportunity to get your feet wet and prepare your heart for the 2 ½ day national training that will be offered on August 17th - 19th in Grosse Isle, Michigan. Lunch will be provided for all! If you are interested, please contact Leanne Rinnac at 429-4730.



PARENTS MEMORY VERSE: *"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."*

Ephesians 5:1-2

Volunteer Help Needed on Friday, March 23 to Set UP for the LOGOS Training Event: 5-6 strong hands and backs from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. to help LOGOS leaders set up their class rooms.

Volunteer Help Needed Saturday, March 24 for the LOGOS Training Event:

2 Greeters (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.) (9:30 a.m. - 10a.m.)

2 Registrars (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.) (9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

14 to prep for lunch and clean up after lunch (9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. can be done in shifts please see Julie Evans)

2 Child Care Providers (for our own kids only) 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

5-6 strong hands and backs from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. to help set back up for Sunday Morning activities.

CONTACT LEANNE RIMNAC OR JULIE EVANS AT THE CHURCH IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY OF THESE TIME SLOTS!

LOGOS Ministry Training

An outline of the day is as follows:

8:30 AM-9:00 AM Gathering time & check-in

9:00 AM-9:25 AM Opening (sanctuary)

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Hearts in Step: foundational practices for transforming your congregation to be a Kingdom of God arena

Love in Disguise: utilizing the LOGOS theological approach for discipline and group management with children

The Teacher's Toolbox: opening the Bible for children with simple, educational ideas for today's church teachers

Just for the Fun of It: engaging children in recreation and play activities with successful and resourceful methods

(10:00 AM-12:00 PM "Exploring LOGOS" introduction seminar)

12:15 PM-1:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM-4:00 PM LOGOS Works!: guiding the administration of a LOGOS weekly ministry utilizing the accumulated LOGOS ministry experience

Hey You!: claiming God's promise and finding your purpose by listening to God's call

More than Singing: equipping children for effective and creative worship leadership

Dinner and Duct Tape: useful and time-tested approaches to supervising a dining room and providing holy hilarity

Friendly Fences: building a church-wide policy guiding behavior for children, youth and adults employing informative and practical strategies

4:10 PM-4:30 PM Closing (sanctuary)



A huge thank you to the Hands and Feet Outreach people for removing the snow from my deck and car this winter. It is very much appreciated.

Peg Gunnesch

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. Our next get-together is Thursday, March 15, 2007. There will be a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Our menu will include: chef salad bar, rolls and little lemon pies. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Laura Speiran if you have questions, or if you have any dietary concerns.



Liberia Partner Church

As this newsletter is being printed and mailed out this week, we are in the process of procuring items to pack around the old pulpit from the building uptown to be shipped to Liberia. The last box we sent took a year to get there; we are hoping the pulpit won't take quite that long! A big thank you to Dale Padding who repaired and oiled the pulpit, and to Jeff Cunkle for building the crate, and to Jeff and his dad, Dick Cunkle, for driving the crate down to Indiana to the Operation Classroom warehouse on Saturday, February 24th. Operation Classroom is a volunteer, non-profit group within the United Methodist Church that ships medical and educational supplies to Liberia and Sierra Leone in Africa. Our partner church, Teegbeh Memorial UMC, is very excited that the pulpit is coming!

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PRAYER CONCERNS ~ John Lockwood; Melissa Zimmerman; Lauren & Kodi White; Ruth & Bob Akans; Dorothy Barnes; the family of Chris Andrews; the family of Casey Arnett; Nancy Hague; Richard Gunn; Jim & Janet O'Kunze; Ihla Donaldson; Sally; Nancy; Jim Datson's cousin, Stan; Dave Stucky; George Irelan; Ernie Busch; John & Chris Edmonds; Ron Tonks; Doug Beard's mother, Nadine; Wanda Beard's mother, Linnie; Bill Hespen; Terry Wentzel; Sharon; Bela Sipos; Max Anest; Conrad Frynderlund; Nathaniel Held; the family of Charlie Herbert; Dan Gerrish; Will Minnette's father, Bill; Dave Hayes; Clif Hartman; Karla Whitten & family; Lou Pintarelli; Rob Robbins; Kathy Richmond's mother and family; Mikey Pesco; Mr. & Mrs. Art Lumpert; Jan Williams; Paul Schaffner and family; the employees of Pfizer; the victims of the Florida tornado; those suffering from depression.

PRaise/CELEBRATIONS ~ Our partner church in Liberia; Steve Heffelbower's successful surgery; Helen Stricklen's recovery; Robin Hieber's successful surgery; Roger Heffelbower and the rest of the Friendship Ministry Shepherds; the wonderful weekend with Beth Moore; Kathy Richmond's teacher certification & Pat Merrill's help and support; for this church and all the people who make it a blessing.



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; 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 & Bobby Singh, daughter & son-in-law of Paulette & Mike Suchy. Tim Jones, son of Penny & Doug Jones; Dan Erlwein, friend of Dave & Susan Hares; Sam Spicer, grandson of Lois Royal; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock; Doug W. Beard, son of Doug & Wanda Beard; Mark & Brad Nadig, sons of Carroll & Sandy Nadig; Nathaniel Held, son of Keith & Patsy Held; Jeff & Ryan Housner, nephews of Deb & Pete Belaire; Aaron Friese, friend of Scott & Peggy Klapper; Sergeant Eric Coppernoll; John Lockwood; John & Ryan Engel cousins of Patti Hogue; Russ Bodine, son-in-law of Martha and Robert Seward; Erik Anderson.



OUR SYMPATHIES TO

~ Rev. Paul Donelson and family on the passing of his mother, Ruth Ann Donelson. Condolences for Rev. Donelson may be sent to: 6339 Brenda Dr. Cass City, MI 48726.

**It's that time AGAIN – Spring Closet
Cleaning is just around the corner!!**

**Youth Missions Rummage Sale
Saturday, March 17th 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM
\$6 per Bag**

We need your Help!

We will gladly accept the following gently used items:

Most household Goods/Tools
Clothing/Shoes/Baby items
Books/CD's/Tapes/Records
Sporting Goods
Toys/Games
Small Furniture

We cannot accept the following items:

Mattresses/Box Springs/Futons/Beds
Console Stereos
Suitcases/Travel Bags/Duffle Bags
Construction Materials
Major Appliances – Sinks/Stoves, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers
Computers

Donation Drop off Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – March 13,14,15–9AM – 8PM

Friday, March 16– 9AM – 5PM

**We cannot take items until this time! Please plan accordingly!
Please take a few minutes and help by sorting your items onto the
proper tables!**

**WE WOULD LOVE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE SORTING
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. SIGN-UP AT THE OPPORTUNITY
WALL OR JUST STOP IN AND HELP DURING THE DAY!**

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3, 2007

25 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Cancer Support 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a Lenten Study 11:15a Contemporary Service 4:00p LT Groups at Emily's 4:00p Missions 6:00p Disciple II 6:00p Lenten Potluck & Study 6:30p Junior High	26 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Church Council Meeting	27 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministry 6:30p HOMMIES 7:00p WISE PM 8:00p Youth Support Meeting	28 Wednesday 9:00a Bible Study 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in Logos 6:00p Disciple I 6:30p Cub Scouts #9 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p UMW Ex. Brd 8:00p – WWW	1 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 3:00p Girl Scouts #613 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells 7:30p Flying Club	2 Friday 12:30p RNL Coord. Meeting 5:00p Friday Night Dinner 6:00p Stephen Ministry <p style="text-align: center;">Set Up for Bishops Day</p>	3 Saturday <p style="text-align: center;">Bishop's Day</p>
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Head Ushers:

Charlie Bender, Carlos Melendez, Carl Snow
 Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Greeters:

Traditional Service: March
 The Nichol's Family
 Contemporary Service:
 Sr. High Youth
 John & Carole McConnell

Worship Attendance:

February 11...509
 February 18...478

Welcome Center Hosts:

Traditional Service: March
 Al and Carol Tondreau
 Contemporary Service
 Betty Charles



SWISS STEAK DINNER

Friday, March 2
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Adult \$7 – Child \$3

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