

The
Newsletter
of the
Saline
United
Methodist
Church



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Traditional Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Contemporary Worship	11:15 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours:

Right Start	8:04 a.m.
Summer Worship	9:30 a.m.

STEEPLE NEWS

April 22, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“We Need Some Catch-Up”

A couple of Sundays ago, Linda and I arrived early for church and I parked as I usually do on the gravel at the backside of the lot just off the pavement in order to make room for others needing to park closer. We got out of the car and Linda took off for the church. She was almost there while I was just about a fourth of the way across the lot. She looked around for me and then remembered my bum leg, and had to wait for me to catch up.

I thought about that Sunday morning trek across the parking lot as I was reviewing the financial statement for the month of March. Similar to my slower paced walking of late, we at First UMC need a little catch-up in our giving. However, the difference between these two scenarios is that in my trudging to catch up with Linda, she was willing and able to stop in order to give me time to close the gap. But in real life, expenses keep trudging on, and if we do not close the gap as quickly as possible, by December it will be nearly impossible to do so.

In projecting our 2007 budget, we combined the total amounts from the 252 “estimate of giving” cards from last November’s stewardship campaign along with a “guesstimate” figure based on the usual amount of giving each year from those families who are unable to specify what their giving will be. This helps us to project what our income will probably be, so that we are able to approve a realistic expense budget.

There are times when a job change or buyout offer alters a person’s plans; and that has no doubt happened for some of you. Also, I’ve noticed over the years that the greater utility costs of January, February and March have forced some people to hold back their giving until later in the spring. Even paying off Christmas spending on our VISA or Master Card after the New Year comes into play during the first quarter of each year. For some, second semester college tuition payments often are due early in January. A fifth factor, which is less defined but none the less real, is the uncomfortable financial climate we in Michigan have been facing the past several months. All of these together along with other factors have impacted the level of our giving during the past three months.

Though we anticipated income of \$197,000 for the first quarter of 2007, our offerings for those three months was about \$164,000. You can see we’re running \$33,000 behind our budget. In February we asked staff members and leadership teams to hold off spending if the purchases were not pressing at this time, and people have responded very well. But even with that, our expenses have surpassed our income by nearly \$20,000.

This deficit doesn’t frighten me because you have always been so faithful at rising to the challenge and meeting the needs of our church. But if this shortfall compounds over the next three quarters of the year, that amount would be nearly impossible to meet. Look carefully at the first quarter financial statement you received last week and see if you’re up-to-date with your giving. If you’re not quite there yet, and you are able to do so, with a little bit of catch-up we can be back on track within just a few weeks. What do you say we give it a try! – Pastor Jim



Spring Fundraiser

FLOWERING PLANT SALE INTERNATIONAL MISSION – LIBERIA WELL FUNDRAISER

It's time to think spring again! This year the International Mission Team is dedicating the proceeds from the Spring Plant Sale to support our covenant partner church in Liberia by helping them build a much needed well. For more information on Liberia and how to become more involved with this important mission, please contact Laura Speiran.

We are selling baskets and patio pots, which make great Mother's Day gifts; flowering annuals and perennials. Flowering annuals are plants that have a fairly constant bloom until fall but do not come back next spring. Perennials are plants that have a shorter blooming period but return year after year. They include roses, ornamental grasses, clematis vines, hostas and day lilies. Our supplier has an extensive list of plants. We have selected a variety of colors and types to offer, but if there is some type of perennial or a certain color of flowering annual you are interested in, please ask, we may be able to get it for you. New this year we are also taking orders during the plant sale. If you come on May 10th or 11th and see something you would like to have, we can order it for you, with pick up to be at the church on May 17th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

These plants are top quality, from a local greenhouse. We have been using this supplier for five years and have always been pleased with the stock he has delivered. The order sheet is included in this newsletter or it can be found at the Opportunity Wall along with a poster displaying some of the flowers. Sale dates are from April 1st – April 29th. The orders will be available for pickup on May 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and on May 11th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact B Melendez at 668-6350 or Pam Heffelbower at 429-4536 if you have any questions. B Melendez is a Master Gardener and would be happy to answer any of your questions.

MEN--FREE BREAKFAST!

UMW plans to thank the men (and boys) of the church for all the help they give throughout the year with a Men's Appreciation Breakfast, Sat. April 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come let us serve you! (Sign up at the Opportunity Wall just to give us an idea of how much food to buy.)



HOPE CLINIC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Hope Medical Clinic is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of serving the community. A banquet, honoring founder Dr. Daniel D. Heffernan and his wife Beverly, will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club on May 4, 2007. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm and the evening will feature entertainment by "Cornerstone", whose unique blend of folk, acappella, contemporary Christian, and humorous songs has been delighting audiences since 1980. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact Becky Lewis at 734.961.0540 or rlewis@thehopeclinic.org. A worship service to celebrate God's faithfulness to Hope Clinic is planned for May 6, 2007 at 4:00 pm. The service will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church located at 401 W. Cross in Ypsilanti. A buffet dinner will follow the worship service and all are welcome. For more information contact Jean Horak at 734.485.5595 or jhorak@thehopeclinic.org.

MUD HEN OUTING !!



Two years ago, FUMC purchased a block of seats, and we caravanned to Toledo for an evening of hootin, hollerin, & fireworks. Let's do it again! Please vote for your preference of dates either by signing the list at the Opportunity Wall, or by e-mailing Margo Perry at dperry7471@comcast.net Dates: Fri. June 8th, 7:00 p.m.; Wed. July 4th, 3:30 p.m. picnic at church-- 7:00 p.m. game; Sun. July 15th, 3:00 p.m. picnic-- 6:30 p.m. game; Fri. Aug. 10th, 7:00 p.m.; Fri. Aug. 17th, 7:00 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Go Hens! Community Care Ministry

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 29: Youth Silent Auction
April 29: Missions Bake Sale
May 5: Safe Sanctuaries Training



STARTING A BAND PROGRAM FROM SCRATCH IN MERU, KENYA



Larry Dittmar retired as Orchestra Director of Huron High School in Ann Arbor a few years ago. But he is not sitting in his easy chair! Larry recently tagged along with the Strangely Warmed Players mission trip to Kenya. He took with him 31 donated musical instruments for the local people. Then he learned that the talented choir & choir director did not know how to read a note of music! He taught them how in 1 week! Over 70 Kenyans worked over eight hours each day learning how to read notes and play recorders. By the end of seven days, four men graduated to clarinet and one to flute with brasses added on the final day. The people of Kenya were overjoyed and Larry's fire was lit. He will be returning to Kenya in Sept. and is currently collecting more donations of musical instruments to share. UMW has invited Larry to share his Kenyan experience on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Room C. This presentation is open to all---and we especially are encouraging musical folks to come hear Larry's story. For musical instrument donation and other questions, call Margo Perry 223-4216.

HEALTH / SEWING KITS FOR HAITI

In the coming weeks Methodist churches throughout the Detroit Conference will be providing relief kits to help our partner churches and others in need in Haiti.



We are asking members of our worship community to help by preparing and contributing UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Health or Sewing kits. These kits are provided to meet the health and clothing needs of displaced people. This is a really easy and worthwhile family project. To participate simply:

- Visit the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex and pick up a plastic bag with the Health Kit or Sewing Kit list enclosed (the items for a Health Kit cost approximately \$12 and the Sewing Kit items are approximately \$18).
- Acquire the requested items and pack them in the provided plastic bag.
- Place the completed kits in the plastic bins located in the Narthex between April 25 and May 9.

Your gift will be personally delivered to the collection point by members of our delegation to the Detroit Annual Conference during the week of May 13. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our friends in need in Haiti.



Dear Loving Hands,

Thank you so much for the delicious food that you provided to us while Dale was ill. People such as you are what makes our church so great! We will truly miss all of the wonderful friends and staff when we move. Please continue to keep up the good Christian work that you all do day in and day out.

Sincerely, Dale & Doris Brown

Thanks to everybody for all their thoughts and prayers during my long illness this winter.

Bobbie Hinsman

Our sincere thanks for the visits and expressed concern by the church members and friends, never forgotten! Thanks to Grace Sundling for bringing Communion. It's really something that you all take the time to see that we remain members and can participate in things. Also, thanks especially to Betty Charles for bring the disks that we can listen to and it was just great letting us hear some of the services that Dr. Tuttle provided. Great as usual! Your prayers keep us going!

Wallace and Helen Seitz

Praise God for Colonoscopies!

Have You Had One Lately?

I'm so happy I had mine! I'm on the "Every 5 Year" plan advised by my doctor. This time he did find a cancerous tumor. It was removed along with some colon which was then re-sectioned and everything is back to normal. We ARE wonderously made! Good news was no chemo needed! All praise and thanks to God for His blessing! The Bonus Part was having Loving Hands Ministry deliver nutritious, delicious meals to us. We really appreciated and enjoyed them all. Many thanks gals for serving in His name. I treasure the cozy, warm shawl brought to me by Laura Speiran, chosen by Lisa Marshall and lovingly knitted by Lois Royal of the Shawl Ministry. Thank you! Thank you! I continue to praise God for the generous support from this congregation. I gratefully thank you for the many prayers, encouraging cards, notes, flowers, gifts, visits and phone calls. God's people are so good!

Now remember this wise advice . . .

Don't delay! Make an appointment today!

Love In Christ,
Doris Sekerka

**YOUTH MISSIONS 5TH ANNUAL
SILENT AUCTION
LASAGNA & SALAD LUNCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

Come join us for Lunch following the 2nd Worship Service at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Free Will Donation to Mountain T.O.P. Youth Mission Trip

Auction items available for viewing and bidding Sunday Morning, April 29

Final Auction to follow shortly after Lunch

The Mountain T.O.P. Youth will be collecting various items for the Silent Auction. Items range from beautiful gift baskets to gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants. We also have a collection of items given by congregation members who make or sell their own products. **If you would like to contribute an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Emily Krach at the church. Items from the congregation are always needed and welcomed! Thank you for your support!**

PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS YOU

Would you consider joining our Morning Prayer Chain? Would you? Could you? Should you? The prayer requests are started at 7:00 a.m. and passed on through the chain list. The power of prayer is awesome and the more praying people, the better. Call Jan Geer at 429-5019 for more information.

**HABITAT VOLUNTEER
CREW LEADERS NEEDED**

Join the Habitat Construction Manager on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9-11 a.m. at 170 April Drive, Ann Arbor, and learn about the many opportunities for skilled construction volunteers. Crew leaders are needed to take small groups of volunteers (5-7) and lead them on a particular task as we build Habitat houses here in Washtenaw County. If you have construction skills and are interested in the mission of Habitat for Humanity, please register to attend this informational session. You are needed for one day, one week or as many days as you are able to give between May - November. Info: L. Vitale, Community Relations, comrel@h4h.org or by phone at 677-1558 ext. 105

ATTENTION GOLFERS



The FUMC golf league will tee off on Tuesdays beginning May 1 at Rustic Glen Golf Course. Tee times begin at 4:37, if you would like to have some fun in the sun and play some not so serious golf, please sign up in the Narthex at the Opportunity Wall or contact Leanne Rimnac at 429-4730. **Cost will be \$400 per person for the 20 week league, including cart, or \$250 per person without a cart. This will include a FREE 18 hole golf outing on any weekend our league chooses in September or October!**

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

During the month of **April** we will be collecting the following items for the Homeless Shelter: **towels and washcloths.** Collection items for **May** are **Socks.** These items can be placed in the "blue house" in the Narthex.

CANTATA ON JUNE 10!



This week, the music department is beginning to rehearse a new cantata "Somebody's Praying Me Through" and you are invited to join us. It is a celebration of God's power through praying people. Vocal rehearsal's are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:45-8:30 p.m. Orchestra rehearses on Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Schoenfeldt at 429-7269.

UMW NEWS

Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, May 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Room H. Dyane Townley will present a program on Wealth in the U.S. For further information, please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881. Childcare is provided.

Esther Circle will meet Monday, May 7th at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Kay Richmond. Program by Norma Jean West. Co-hostess Millie Webster.

Ruth and Susanna Circles will meet on May 1st and May 14th respectively. Watch your bulletin for details.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

Lil' SAINTS Preschool will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, April 26th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Contact Kathy Kirkland for information at 429-4528.

A special THANK YOU to all who made the LOGOS Powering Up Event such a success. With a total of 65 participants, 18 of them from our own church family, the day was filled with fun and excitement! Many compliments were received on "how friendly the people were here and how well organized we were!" **GREAT JOB** to all that helped! **THANK YOU!**

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

Whirley Ball – Ever played basketball in a bumper car with a wiffleball and ball bucket? You will be amazed how fun it is! Join us Sunday April 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring \$10 and a friend!!

Confirmation students – Mark your calendars for May 6th. You will be recognized in both worship services for completing a year of confirmation. You will need to be at the church at 9:30 a.m. to prepare to be recognized at the end of the 1st service and join us again in the 2nd service to be recognized.

Senior High

Get signed up for your I ❤️ W3 T-shirt Today!! Sign up and pay your \$10 NOW to get a shirt! Don't miss a chance to share with everyone about Infusion Youth Ministry!!

Non-Prom Party - Too young for prom? No date to prom? Not interested in fancy dresses or ties? No Problem! Join us on Saturday May 5th, 7-10 p.m. for games, LOTS of food, and a BIG SCREEN movie experience! Invite any other Non-Promers you know for fun times!!

ALIVE Christian Music Festival - You don't want to miss one of the largest Christian music festivals in the nation!! Camping, swimming, bonfires, mud, and concerts focused on Jesus are all to be enjoyed June 19th-24th in Clay's Park in Canal Fulton Ohio. Cost is \$150 and includes ticket, camping, meals at festival, and travel. Deposit and Registration must be turned in to Emily now if you want to attend!

SILENT AUCTION- Setup and food prep on Saturday, April 28th at 1 p.m. -- Auction with Meal Sunday, April 29th-- Everyone is needed to sign up to bring an ingredient for the meal we will be preparing! Talk to your friendly SENIORS today to find out how you can help them collect items for the Auction!! SENIORS - Talk to Emily (and each other) now to make sure all areas are covered for collection!

Adults are still needed to join us July 14th - 22nd!!! Talk to Emily ASAP - Adults are essential to making the trip possible!!! MAY 15th is the final payment deadline for Mountain T.O.P. - VERY SADLY without adults by this time we cannot attend Mountain T.O.P.!!!!!! Please PRAY!!!

PARENTS & ADULTS WHO LOVE YOUTH - Youth Support Team Meeting Tuesday, April 24th - 8 p.m. - Join us for planning and prayer! Don't forget about the opportunity to join us for CORE TRAINING - May 12th - Let Emily know by April 24th if you are planning on attending!

Meijer Community Rewards

Important Information

The MCR program is changing, see below, if you are currently enrolled and want to continue, you must re-enroll by May 1, 2007.

Re-enroll at Meijer.com/MCRmember.

This program provided by Meijer was developed to help schools and religious organizations raise funds without product or gift certificate sales and with a minimum of administrative work. Some wonderful people here at the First United Methodist Church of Saline have been participating in this program since 2004, with the dollar rewards of \$650.72 being split between mission ministry and the R.O.C.K. In LOGOS ministry.

Effective May 1, 2007, the following MCR changes will occur:

- ✓ Eligible purchases will be expanded to include Meijer Gas Station, Convenience Store, Carwash and meijer.com
- ✓ Your entire monthly spend will be eligible for MCR rewards, **no minimum or maximum** spending limit.
- ✓ The \$5.00 per month administrative fee will be eliminated.
- ✓ Rewards will be earned solely by using cash or a Meijer Credit Card. It will no longer include personal checks, other credit or debit cards.

If you are currently enrolled, please take the time to re-enroll. If you are not enrolled and shop at Meijer, please consider participating in the program. It's free and can be done in-store by applying for a Meijer Credit Card, on-line

Preserving the Memories

Do you have envelopes, drawers or even boxes filled with pictures and keepsakes waiting to be organized? Have you been meaning to get those pictures into albums but just haven't had time? Or have you started a scrapbook but never find time to finish it? Come join me for scrapbook workshops one day a month starting April, 28th from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the church. I will help you organize, put pictures in albums or make creative works of art with your scrapbook. The choice is yours! Contact Cheryl Schlaff at (734) 417-3951 or cheryl@fumc-saline.org to get all the details.



Check out the "Famous Couples Quiz" on the newly updated Community Care bulletin board!

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 May 17, 2007. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Our menu will include Vegetable Soup and Spring Chicken Soup, Bread Sticks and Mixed Fruit. 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

We received an email on Saturday, April 7, 2007 from our partner church! Here is the news:

Greetings to Pastor Tuttle and the entire congregation of Saline First UMC. We wish for the entire congregation and our relationship God's continuous blessings.

We are grateful to God that He could use your entire congregation to deliver us from the dark pit of poverty. We are now spiritually rich. Our tears have been washed away. Our joy cannot be expressed in writing, but only God knows how your ministry to us has won many to Him. The Membership has increased by 20%. Everyone appreciates your kindness very much. We have completed the plastering of our entire church, the windows are on, the doors will be installed before April 2, all because of your kindness.

Pastor Richard James is no longer pasturing William Teegbeh UMC. I took over from him at the seat of our Annual Conference in February 2007. I received the \$2,000.00 USD plus sent and worked along with the District Superintendent to ensure its proper use. At the completion of the entire project at the end of April, I shall send to you a photograph of the church and its members.

I am Rev. Emmett Biddle, a family man with five (5) children and pray that we work together as you have worked along with Pastor Richard James.

*In Christ, I am,
Rev. Emmett Biddle
Senior Pastor*

If you have any questions about our partner church effort or would like to contribute in any way, please talk to Laura Speiran or Dale Adkins.

Measure 4 Measure

Measure 4 Measure will perform a benefit concert at FUMC early next year. More information will be provided as the date is finalized. Measure 4 Measure's spring concert is May 6th at Pioneer High School. Group ticket rates can be purchased from Le King.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ PRAYER CONCERNS

~ Pastor Jim; Ella Nadig; Bill Hespen; Louise Rioux; Jan Geer; John Zemba's mom, Joann; Brenda; Jan Crooks and family; Carol Callan's daughter & baby; Dale & Doris Brown; George Irelan; Betty Gustafson; for the family of Cody Gubaci;

Cara Singh; Ruth Ann; Brian Setzer; the family of Chris Reid; Jacqueline Allen; Cameron Madore; Jan Williams; Stan Sekerka; Bill Kirkland's mother; Mary Schmaltz; Walt Sauter's wife's family; Gwen Daniels; Brenda Dickinson; Catherine Roosevelt; Nancy Bennett; Harold Doren; Betty Charles; Mandy Oberski's friend; Rosemary Desbrough's sister, Virginia; Tracy Heidenreich and family; Linda Adebisi; Ken King; Stephanie Koziel; Michelle Koziel; Peggy Klapper's family member; Dorothy Smith; Cindy Austin's mother, Louise; Dave Cuff; those making life choices and awaiting decisions; those struggling with depression; children with emotional problems; the State of Michigan and those who may lose jobs due to the budget cuts. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Doris Sekerka is cancer free; our own "Kids In Action" who raised enough money to purchase 145 trees for our sister church in Liberia; our church gardeners who are already hard at work brightening up our landscaping; the Girdis family on the birth of Sophia Joan; our Medical Mission Team.

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; Bobby Singh, 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 Coppennoll; John & Ryan Engel cousins of Patti Hogue; Russ Bodine, son-in-law of Martha and Robert Seward; Erik Anderson; son-in-law of Beulah Morton, Edgar Groom.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Alice Tonks on the passing of her son, Ron.

Stephen Ministry

An Invitation to Commissioning

On Sunday, May 6, 2007, our congregation will commission our very first class of Stephen Ministers. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry is a lay volunteer ministry that seeks to give support to those experiencing a difficult time in their lives due to grief, illness, caregiving responsibilities, having a loved one away in the military, a new job, a new baby, being new in town, etc. Stephen Ministers commit to meeting with their care receivers once per week for an hour, as well as ongoing supervision and continuing education classes. Our first four Stephen Ministers: Lois Royal, Sue Hares, Jack Goeman, and Charlene Adkins, are finishing up their required 50 hours of training to equip them for this task. We now lay hands on them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Our Stephen Ministers will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. How can we help?

First, we can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and the care receivers they will be helping. This ministry calls for both time and effort. At times they may feel tired, discouraged, or convinced that they are not accomplishing anything. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help keep them moving forward.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Minister (our second class will be held in the fall of 2007). Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

As we commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers, let us thank God for all that they will bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise them our prayers and support as we send them out to minister among us.

Laura Speiran
Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator

Bobbe Hinsman
Stephen Ministry Training Coordinator

Landscaping



We Need Your Help

Spring is coming !! Winter is done, and so is all the construction around the front of the church. At last we're ready for landscaping and our sign on the corner is in need of help too. The Board of Trustees is trying to raise \$5000.00 for this special project, and needs your help. You can contribute by making a check out to the church with "2007 Landscape Fund Drive" specified on the memo line. Near the end of May the plants will be installed, and a sign up list is available in the Narthex for those who have some time to donate. No experience needed !!

Thank You



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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 22 – MAY 5, 2007

22 Sunday MISSIONS BAKE SALE 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 11:15a New Member Class Joins 12:30p Giffin Party 12:30p Young Party 4:00p LT Groups 6:00p Disciple II 6:30p Junior High	23 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Church Council Meeting	24 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 12:00p Office Volunteer Luncheon 4:45p Music Together 6:00p HOMMIES 6:30p Friendship Ministry 7:00p WISE PM 8:00p Youth Support	25 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 Exec Board 8:00p WWW	26 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Ministerial Assoc. 10:00a Brecon Service 6:00p GS #2019 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 6:30p L'il Saints Open House 7:00p GS #613 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells	27 Friday 12:30p RNL Coordinators 6:00p Stephen Ministry	28 Saturday 9:00a Gentlemen's Appreciation Breakfast 1:00p Scrapbooking 1:00p Silent Auction Setup 3:00a Children's Rehearsal
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Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Traditional Service:
 David & Shiela Blough – 4/22
 Burns Family – 4/29
 Contemporary Service:
 Judy Bateman, Cindy Parker -4/22
 Cameron Family -4/29

Worship Attendance:

April 8.....962
 April 15.....562

Welcome Center Hosts:

Traditional Service:
 Luann Chriscinske – 4/29
 Contemporary Service
 Betty Charles – 4/22 & 4/29

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is *Monday, April 30th* at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter *Thursday, May 3rd* in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

Youth Silent Auction / Lunch April 29th

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