

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.*

May 6, 2007

“Ringin’ Forth the Good News”

Vol. 16; No. 9

“Enhancing our Curb Appeal”

Earlier this morning I was awakened by a little dachshund informing me that she wanted to be taken outside, so we walked around the yard until she was content to come back in the house. We are dog sitting our “grand dog,” if that’s what you call your daughter and son-in-laws pet dachshund. While walking around the house, I was noticing that the flowerbeds really need some help. We’ve got some re-planting to do. A while back we pulled out six overgrown shrubs and now the place needs some grooming, or as our daughter Julie reminds us, “You desperately need some curb appeal.”

Well, the same thing is true in the front of our church home. During the past couple of summers, the Trustees removed some way overgrown shrubs, and now the place is bare. On the Sunday after Easter we viewed a power point presentation of what the front of the church looks like and what we envision that it will look like when we get some plantings in place.

That’s where you and I come into the picture. Your help is needed. Some of you will bring your shovels and yard tools and do the actual planting. Others of us will make that possible by purchasing the plants and trees and shrubs that will enhance the front of our church home.

When we started planning this project last fall, we sought design bids from three local nurseries. However, to contract their services would cost \$9,000-\$13,000, and we were uncomfortable spending that amount at this time. But with the generous offer from Denise and Ken Prielipp, the owners of Hilltop Greenhouse & Farm, the farm implements and power equipment of some of our members, the muscle of many of our “green-thumb” folks, as well as many of us purchasing some of the plantings, our church home can acquire some curb appeal. It’s now time to begin ordering the shrubs, trees and flowers.

Enclosed is a “2007 Landscaping” envelope for making your donation. If you can be part of this beautifying effort, either place your donation with your Sunday offering by Mother’s Day – May 13, or return the envelope by mail to the church. Several people have indicated an interest in making this dream a reality. I’m one of those people; but I’ll be honest, I hadn’t gotten around to signing up to be part of this project until this moment. I just now wrote my check so that I could join with the rest of you in enhancing my church’s curb appeal.

-- Pastor Jim



GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY MAY 6, 2007

“The Golden Cross represents Christ’s healing presence in a hurting world. Funds from the special offering are directly distributed to a local and conference health and welfare ministries.” (From: Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church).

In the Detroit Conference, Golden Cross Sunday supports the following ministries:

Outdoor and Retreat Ministries providing camp events for mentally and physically challenged persons. These camp events offer opportunities for fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Golden Cross offerings also help provide scholarships to children and youth to attend events that provide lasting memories and friendships.

Methodist Children’s Home Society providing a safe haven for abused and neglected children since 1917. Children from birth to age 17 receive services through licensed foster homes, adoption placement, and a residential treatment facility. Methodist Children’s Home Society serves more than 300 children and families each year.

Boulevard Temple and Chelsea Retirement Communities providing compassionate care to almost 500 residents over the past century. The Golden Cross offering funds the Benevolent Care programs which support residents who have outlived their savings. With rising health care costs and tenuous funding for senior care, this area of support has become crucial for a significant number of residents in these communities.

Special envelopes will be available in the bulletin for your donation.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 8: Vote
- May 10-11: Plant Pick Up
- May 13: Missions Bake Sale
- May 23: ROCK in LOGOS
Carnival
- June 10: Cantata



Spring Fundraiser

FLOWERING PLANT SALE INTERNATIONAL MISSION – LIBERIA WELL FUNDRAISER

Plants and flowers ordered in the month of April will be available for pickup on May 10, from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and on May 11, 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.

New this year, we are also taking orders during the plant sale. If you come on May 10 or 11 and see something you would like, we can order it for you, with pick up to be at the church on May 17, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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 8, 7:00 p.m.; Wed. July 4, 3:30 p.m. picnic at church – 7:00 p.m. game; Sun. July 15, 3:00 p.m. picnic – 6:30 p.m. game; Fri. Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.; Fri. Aug. 17, 7:00 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 18, 7:00 p.m.

Go Hens!

Community Care Ministry

HOPE CLINIC WORSHIP SERVICE

Hope Clinic will be holding a **Worship Service on Sunday, May 6th to celebrate 25 years of God’s faithfulness to their ministry.** The service will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti. There will be a free will offering taken during the service, including the offering of collected food and paper goods. There will also be an opportunity for the congregation to offer prayers, scriptures or testimonies of thanksgiving. A free buffet dinner will be served after the service. Please join us in this special time of praise and thanksgiving.

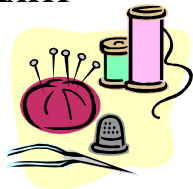
STARTING A BAND PROGRAM FROM SCRATCH IN MERU, KENYA



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 on a 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.

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

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 rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:45-8:30 p.m. The 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 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.

Susanna Circle will meet on May 14th in the parlor. Program by Jenny Barrett, devotions by Judy Walls, and Betty Ballou will be the hostess.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT R.O.C.K. in LOGOS

1. What does R.O.C.K. in LOGOS stand for?

R.O.C.K. stands for **Raising Our Christian Kids** a midweek ministry that was already in place 6 years ago! LOGOS is Greek and literally means in The Word as in God's Word. When we combined the two ministries 3 years ago, we adopted the ministry name R.O.C.K. in LOGOS = Raising Our Christian Kids in The Word.

2. Who can attend R.O.C.K in LOGOS?

Children and youth grades 1-8 may attend RNL. We are blessed with a child care/preschool ministry for younger children who are siblings of those attending and whose parents are volunteering in the ministry.

3. What do the children do in this ministry?

There are four parts to the ministry: Bible Skills, Recreation Time, Worship Skills, and Family Time.

Bible Skills nurtures our young people into intelligent, obedient, and Biblically-informed Disciples of Christ. This is done through interactive lessons and games.

Recreation Time is to have fun at the expense of no one else. Choices of active or quieter games are provided.

Worship Skills is a time to develop responsibility for and practice in the activities we do in worship because worship is our primary service to God as disciples of God. Children are given choices of different skills to praise God and lead the congregation in worship.

Family time refers to our "church family". The goal is to provide a joyous, cross generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal, experiencing the 'family of God'.

4. How can I volunteer to help with R.O.C.K in LOGOS?

Please contact Leanne Rimnac Director of Children's Ministries to discuss where your God given gifts and talents will honor God within the ministry.

5. When does R.O.C.K. in LOGOS occur?

Every Wednesday after school, 5th and 6th graders arrive at 2:40, 1st – 4th grade arrives around 4pm. After a full afternoon of learning about God, we end the day with dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 in Family Time. The Jr. High (7th and 8th grade) arrives for dinner at 5:30 and is then involved in worship skills from 6:30 – 7pm.

6. Why is a midweek ministry important?

Building meaningful Christian relationships takes time. In our culture, persons are able to participate more fully and on a more regular basis mid-week than on the weekend, so more time is available to be in the practice arena of the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry. The ministry provides a bridge between weekly worship services, which highlights the fact that living as disciples of Jesus Christ is a part of our whole life.

CARNIVAL WITH A MISSION!



- The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry will host its end of the year carnival on Wednesday May 23rd! This year, it's "**A Carnival with a Mission**" in cooperation with Samaritan's Purse who organizes Operation Christmas Child. (yep! We're starting early!) We'll be filling shoeboxes with items a poverty-stricken child might need, ie toiletries, school supplies, small toys etc. **We are asking each child that attends the carnival this year to bring an item from the list below for "admission" into the carnival.**

Carnival "Admission" Items:

- 1 Regular Size Tube of Toothpaste
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Bar of Soap
- 1 Hand Towel
- 1 Wash Cloth
- 1 Small Doll or Stuffed Animal

For more information call Linda Klepaczyk at 429-0441
DON'T MISS YOUR CHILD'S TICKET TO GET INTO THE CARNIVAL!!!

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS OPEN HOUSE MAY 16th

Parents join us and see what goes on at R.O.C.K. in LOGOS every week! We will walk you thru the ministry as if you were in your child's shoes! Please RSVP to Leanne Rimnac at 429-4730 or e-mail her at leanne@fumc-saline.org.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Vision Forward Team

You could be a part of it! Contact Leanne Rimnac for details!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!

- Jeff Evans graduated with an Executive MBA degree from U of M
- Nathan Heffelbower graduated from EMU with a degree in Psychology/Marketing
- Scott Maddock graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, TN

If you have a family member graduating, please let us know so we can recognize them

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

Sunday, May 6th, Join us for youth group from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wear your running shoes!



No Youth Group – May 13th or May 27th. Celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekend with your family.

Sunday, May 20th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join us for Make Your Own Pizza Night! Be creative and eat some yummy pizza!

Senior High



SENIORS!!!- Graduation Sunday is May 20th!! All Graduating Seniors are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the narthex. Grads will be recognized at the end of the First

Worship Service, and asked to participate in the Second Worship Service. Please give Emily or the Church office a senior picture, a childhood picture, and a baby picture for the morning presentation no later than May 16th! Talk to Emily with any questions.

Celebrate the Seniors Night - Join us Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. for a very special night dedicated to our seniors as we share stories and memories, worship and pray, and encourage the seniors in their journey ahead! Seniors, please let Emily know if you are able/unable to attend!

LT Groups Update – May 6th is our last “regular” LT group meeting. LT groups will not be meeting next Sunday, May 13th. Spend the day with Mom! Join us May 20th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the end of year LT group's cookout and party at Emily's.

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 the festival, and travel. If you plan to attend turn in your money and registration NOW to ensure we have enough registrations to go!!!!

Thank You

The Mountain T.O.P. Youth would like to say a HUGE thank you to all who gave items to support the Youth Missions Silent Auction. Thank you for making the Auction possible. We would also like to say thank you to all who purchased items and joined us for the meal. Your support raised around \$2,100.00 towards our Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip this July. Thank 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. 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.

Saline Area Social Services 18th Annual Share Day



On May 19th, the Saline Area Social Service is sponsoring the 18th Annual Share Day. Share Day is when the entire community can help fund many programs that the locally based agency administers.

On Share Day, participating local restaurants will be making donations to the Direct Aid Fund. You can help by dining at a local restaurant or ordering a take-out meal. Canned food or paper product donations are also being collected that day at the Saline Farmer's Market or at the Kiwanis food wagon at Rentschler's Farm.

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.



Meijer Community Rewards changing AGAIN

The MCR program is changing again. 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.

Effective May 1st, the following changes will occur:

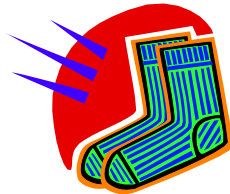
- 1.0% Rewards will be earned by using a Meijer credit card.
- **0.5% Rewards will be earned by using cash.**
- **0.5% Rewards will be earned by using a debit card.**

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 accomplished several ways:

- Apply for a Meijer credit card
- Register on-line at Meijer.com/rewards.
- Request an application from Pam Heffelbower, 429-4730

HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

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



School Election May 8

Our church Fellowship Hall is a polling place for those of you in precinct 3. The polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Keep On Going

One step won't take you very far;

You've got to keep on walking.

One word won't tell people who you are;

You've got to keep on talking.

One inch won't make you very tall;

You've got to keep on growing.

One little call won't do it all;

You've got to keep on going



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Gwen Daniels; Brenda Dickinson; Catherine Roosevelt; Nancy Bennett; Harold Doren; Mandy Oberski's friend; Rosemary Desbrough's sister, Virginia; Linda Adebisi; Stephanie Koziel; Michelle Koziel; Peggy Klapper's family member; Dorothy Smith; Dave Cuff;

Bill Hespen; Louise Rioux; Debbie Wager; Andrew Beard; Mary Johnson & family; Dan Eby; Kathy Griffith; Keith & Kat Wood's brother in law, Matt & family; Matthew Folta; Sandi Smith; Bill Hespen; Dan Furbush; Karen Mort; Tony Koziel; a youth struggling with depression; a friend who lost everything in a house fire; the State of Michigan and those who may lose jobs due to the budget cuts; those with mental illness; the students and families affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy; everyone struggling with business/job challenges. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ for our Christian friends; Dale & Doris Brown's acceptance into the Henry Ford Village; Pastor & Mrs. Tuttle; the Friendship Ministry; Earth Day and our church's recycling program; Peggy Klapper's successful foot surgery; Ken King's successful surgery.

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 ~ Mike & Paulette Suchy on the passing of their granddaughter, Caraline; Deborah Holbrook and family on the passing of her mother, Nell James; Carroll & Sandy Nadig and family on the passing of their granddaughter, Ella Nadig; JoAnn McDonnell on the passing of her mother, Marjorie Piercy; the Bredernitz family on the passing of sister-in-law Tracy Heidenrich

CALENDAR FOR MAY 6 – MAY 19, 2007

6 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 3:00p EVH Service 4:00p LT Groups 6:30p Junior High Golden Cross Sunday Stephen Ministers Commissioned Confirmands Recognized	7 Monday 9:30a Hannah Circle 10:00a Shawl Ministry 12:30p Esther Circle 2:00p Polling Setup 7:00p Staff Parish Meeting	8 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:37p Golf League 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministry 7:00p Membership & Evangelism 7:00p WISE PM Saline Polling Place 7—am-8pm	9 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 8:00p WWW	10 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 6:00p Girl Scouts #2019 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells	11 Friday 12:30p RNL Coordinators	12 Saturday 9:00a Missions Mtg. 11:00a Christ Riders 1:00p Bridal Shower
13 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service Missions Bake Sale	14 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Fair Kitchen 7:00p Susanna Circle 7:00p Trustees 7:00p Widow's Support Group	15 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:37p Golf League 4:45p Music Together 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p UMW Unit Meeting	16 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 Membership & Evangelism 8:00p WWW	17 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 12:00p J.O.Y. Fellowship Lunch 3:00p GS #613 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells Annual Conference	18 Friday 12:30p RNL Coordinators Annual Conference	19 Saturday 10:00a Baby Shower 7:00p Youth Senior Night Christ Riders Annual Conference

Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Traditional Service:

Contemporary Service:
 Jack and Lynn Shaw -5/6
 Senior High -5/13

Welcome Center Hosts:

Traditional Service:
 Peg Gunnesch – 5/6
 Lytle Family – 5/13
 Contemporary Service
 Betty Charles – 5/6 & 5/13

Worship Attendance:

April 22.....526
 April 29.....600

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, May 14th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, May 17th** in Room F at 9:00 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

*Mission Bake Sale
 May 13th*

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