

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.*

June 3, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

Vol. 16; No. 11

Detroit Annual Conference

The Detroit Annual Conference met at Adrian College on May 17-20 with a theme of “Abundance: Given to Give.” Attending from the First United Methodist Church of Saline were Pastor Jim Tuttle, Laura Speiran, John Wharton, Darlene Heffelbower, Shirley Padding, and Luke Wetzel.

The theme of giving abundantly was evident throughout the conference. A total of over 600 tubs of school and health kits were given for the Methodist Church in Haiti. The churches in the conference gave over \$58,000 at the opening worship service in a covenant mission offering for United Methodist Churches in Liberia and Haiti. Abundant giving was also evident in a spontaneous offering collected from members at the conference totaling \$3,185 for the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund after an address to the conference on the need to support this health effort.

For the sixth year in a row the conference celebrated giving 100 percent of its general church apportionments. It was reported that over \$670,000 was given by local churches for Ministry Jubilee gifts in 2006. This designated giving supports a wide range of mission and ministry projects. Saline First United Methodist was again recognized this year as a “Spotlight Church” for our extra mile giving.

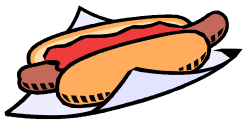
A high point of the conference was the Service of Ordination and Commissioning on the last day. Laura Speiran was commissioned as a Probationary Deacon on her path to be ordained as a Deacon. [Congratulations to Rev. Speiran!!](#)

A good deal of time was spent in selecting delegates to General Conference, which occurs every four years and will be held in Houston in 2008. Pastor Jim Tuttle was selected as one of the clergy delegates, and he will be attending both the General Conference and the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A number of resolutions were debated (and some adopted); a summary will be available in the church office. However, the worship services are always the highlight of Annual Conference. The delegates gather in the chapel at least once each day, and the preachers chosen are outstanding. The large conference choir leads the singing at the worship services, and beautiful music fills the chapel. (We even gathered in the chapel one day for our business meetings when power failed across the entire campus. The stained glass windows provided plenty of light!)

If you have any questions about Detroit Annual Conference, please contact me or any of the other members who attended.

Yours in Christ,
John Wharton



CELEBRATE

Hot Dog Sunday

Mortgage Burning

In the past we have celebrated the kick off of our summer services with Hot Dog Sunday.

This year we have an additional reason to celebrate - the mortgage on the original church building has been met.

June 17, 2007

Please join us following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for hot dogs and fellowship as Pastor Jim leads us to celebrate and witness this milestone.

CANTATA ON JUNE 10!

The music department has been rehearsing a cantata entitled "Somebody's Praying Me Through". They will be presenting this cantata to the congregation at both worship services on June 10th. Each of you are invited to join us as we celebrate God's power through praying people.

"CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS—7 HABITS OF HIGHLY-EFFECTIVE CAREGIVERS"

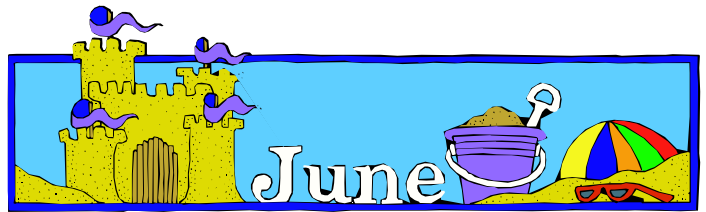


We will be hosting Carol Auiler, B.S., DCM, ADC, the Community Service Coordinator from Home Instead Senior Care of Ann Arbor, on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. She will be speaking on "Caring for Your Aging Parents - 7 Habits of Highly-Effective Caregivers."

This is a free event. Refreshments will be served! For further information please contact Laura Speiran, Minister of Congregational Care.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nathaniel Burns on being selected as this year's Carr Scholarship recipient. He will be attending Calvin College where he will study music composition and computer science. We are proud of your many accomplishments and wish you much success in your future.



WHY DOES THE RIGHT START SERVICE BEGIN AT 8:04 a.m.?

For you non-golfers, tee times are based on the estimated time required it takes for a foursome to tee off and then hit a second shot and be out of the way for the next group to tee off. Thus, the odd tee times. The Right Start Service uses this concept to promote the idea--you can come in your golf clothes, swim suits, rubber duckies-whatever you plan to do with your beautiful summer week-end, without sacrificing starting your Sunday in worship.

Our casual crowd enjoys a continental breakfast while Pastor Jim leads our morning worship. The instructions are simple. The volunteer host or host family should pick up a key to the church prior to the Sunday they will serve. Sunday morning after 6:30 a.m., the volunteer host picks up a pre-paid order from Tim Hortons. The remaining food and beverages will be available for the host or host family to set up. Set up should be complete by 7:45 a.m. Light clean-up needs to be done after the service. Step-by-step directions are posted in the kitchen. It's easy and it's a fun family activity. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex now!

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 June 21, 2007. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Our menu will include: pigs in a blanket, pasta salad, pickles, olives and STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! You don't want to miss this! Please note that there will be a free Health Fair for seniors the same day from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Please contact Laura Speiran if you have questions, or any dietary concerns.

Women in Study and Encouragement

Summer Study and Kick-Off Potluck

W.I.S.E. will begin the summer session with a kickoff potluck on Tuesday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note that WISE will not meet on June 12th.) The book we have selected is "Soul Cravings" by Erwin McManus. This book is a collection of short inspirational and thought-provoking essays (4-6 pages each) on a variety of topics. One reviewer of the book writes:



"We are all on the same quest," the author (McManus) writes. 'And our soul craving is to find something we can believe in.' McManus wants readers to come to know themselves and meet God on the journey. 'This thing that haunts you, that never seems satisfied, the cravings in your soul that you are unable to satiate through all the success that the world can bring, this is your soul screaming for God.' He spends many pages on love and its implications and emphasizes grace while eschewing legalism and shaming. McManus also muses on ambition, the power of hope, the uniqueness of each person, the search for meaning and purpose, the need for trust, and death and the problem of evil."

A copy of the book is not necessary for participation as each week one essay will be read aloud. For those who would like their own copy, the expected cost is about \$15. If you would like to order a copy, please contact Charlene Adkins at 429-5990. As a reminder, WISE PM will not meet during the summer. WISE PM members who are available will join the AM group. We are all looking forward to re-connecting. **New members are encouraged and welcome!** As always in the summer, each week's study is self-contained which means you can pop in and out of WISE as your vacation schedule permits and not be behind in your reading! Please come and check us out!

Lisa Marshall's new home address will be:

24325 Marble Road
Channahon, IL 60410-9239

Email address is lmarsh819@yahoo.com

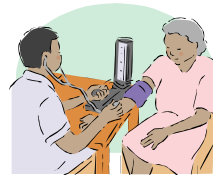
HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

During the month of **June** we will be collecting **deodorant and soap** for the Homeless Shelter.

Missing



Have you borrowed the appliance dolly from the church? Could it be sitting in the corner of your garage? If so, could you please return it so that some one else may use it. Thank You.



FREE HEALTH FAIR

For Seniors with Medicare Coverage

Thursday, June 21st
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Fellowship Hall at Saline 1st UMC

Presented by *All State Home Care*

Come for a FREE blood pressure, blood sugar and medication assessment. Stay for lunch with J.O.Y. Fellowship! We will be having lunch at noon. Please sign up for lunch at the Opportunity Wall.

SPRING WORK DAYS

June 2 and June 9



There are two Spring Work Days planned to spruce up the grounds of the church. We are only asking for a few hours of your time on June 2 and June 9, from 8:00 am to 12 pm each day. Please bring lawn and garden tools to share in the fun and fellowship as we improve the outdoor areas of our church.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2: Spring Work Day

June 9: Spring Work Day

June 10: Cantata



LEMONADE IN THE SHADE

The warmer weather reminds us that we will soon transition to our summer worship schedule. We also look forward to the opportunity to chat and share a cold drink together after the worship service. We need folks to volunteer to prepare and serve beverages for each Sunday morning during the summer. This is an enjoyable ministry to the congregation that can easily be provided by a family or team of 2 or 3 people. We only need 12 different teams of people to complete this summer's schedule. If you are willing to serve there are several dates available. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex. All supplies and instructions are provided. Thank you!



UMW News

Mark your calendar now for the June 19th UMW social gathering at Brecon Village. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, followed by entertainment. Cost will be \$10 per person. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or by calling Kay Richmond at 944-6234. Watch your bulletin for further details and be sure to join us for great food and fellowship!

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, June 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Room H. Nicole Lampman and Amy Whitton will present the program and provide refreshments. For further information, please call Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881. Childcare is provided.

Esther Circle and Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, June 5th and Susanna Circle will meet Monday, June 11th. Watch your bulletin for details.



JEWELRY DONATIONS FOR TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Ten Thousand Villages in Ann Arbor provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Its mission is to promote dignity, hope and a living wage for artisans around the world. The local store is raising funds by having a Ten Thousand Villages Jewelry-Only Garage Sale in July. Clean out your drawers and donate your old trinkets to the jewelry collection box at the Opportunity Wall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Vision Forward Team
You could be a part of it! Contact Leanne Rimnac for details!

Monday June 11th at 6:30 pm- Room F Attention Devoted and Faithful Sunday School Teachers Pre-K thru 6th Grade!

Join us on Monday, June 11th for a post season celebration! Fellowship, pray and debrief over the year's happenings! Bring your friends to discuss and learn more about the Gospel Light Curriculum and the joy God blessed you with as you ministered to our young children throughout the year!

FAIR KITCHEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Donna Cody will be stepping down as chairperson of the Fair Kitchen committee after the fair this September. We are looking for someone to succeed Donna in championing this team. Stepping forward now would allow you the opportunity to work with Donna this year. The responsibility this position holds has changed over the past few years. It currently is set up to be more of a project manager type position. There is a strong group of leaders that are responsible for each team that works at the Fair Kitchen with the chairperson overseeing each of the teams. If this is a ministry that you are interested in, please contact Donna Cody @ 429-5048 or d_r_cody@yahoo.com, or contact Darlene Heffelbower @ 429-4730 or darlene@fumc-saline.org to get all the details.

Thanks!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We deeply appreciate the food, toiletries and diapers you donated to Hope Clinic in March, 2007. We don't know what we would do without the support of friends like you that help to keep our Food Bank and Share and Care Closet stocked. Your donation helps us provide services that have an important impact on our local community.

Again, we appreciate the many ways you support Hope Clinic and, on behalf of those we help, we extend our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,
Cathy Robinson, Executive Director

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for everyone's thoughts, prayers, and the lovely quilt. We will continue to rely on our church family and faith in the Lord as Brenda starts to undergo treatments.

Special thanks to Laura for her visits and calls.
Brenda, Don, and Ian Dickinson

Dear Friends,

I send thanks on behalf of the Saline Area Social Service Board, staff and clients for your recent monetary donation for our Direct Aid Program.

Saline Area Social Service is a locally run social service agency and these monies will be used to aid families in the Saline School District that are in financial need.

Thank you for your continued kindness and concern for those less fortunate in your community.

Sincerely,
Susan M. Brown, Director of Service



SPECIAL BAKE SALE
JUNE 10TH
CASS AVENUE YOUTH
MISSION TRIP

When we think of Cass Avenue, we automatically think of Christmas – but we now have another reason to think of and celebrate with the mission center. Rev. Faith Fowler has formed the first ever youth group at Cass Avenue. The kids range in age from 12 to 17 and meet once a month. Rev. Fowler and Carlos & Bonnie Melendez are taking the youth group on their first mission trip to Lulling, Texas, during the first week in August. The group will be working in a factory that makes 3-wheeled, hand-cranked buggies for amputees that were the victims of landmines and/or illness in Third World countries. The group is comprised of lower-income, inner-city youth whose families don't have the income to contribute to the cost of the trip; and because of the area in which they live, have been unable to raise funds for the trip. In support of their upcoming mission, all proceeds from the June 10th bake sale will go to support this cause. Please show your support by attending the bake sale. If you would like to make a special donation, you can make checks out to FUMC with Cass Avenue Bake Sale in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support to all of our bake sales throughout the year!



Baby Clothing and Items Needed

Pregnancy Help Center, located at 3150 Packard Rd. in Ann Arbor is a distribution center where mothers in need come for free baby items and clothing. We are staffed by volunteers and everything that we have is donated. Our supply of summer clothing is very low. We are in need of cribs, mattresses, gently used baby clothing and summer children's clothing up to size 5T. If you are doing spring cleaning and would like to donate any baby items our hours of operation are Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further questions, please call 734-975-4357. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless You.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS TO THE CHURCH THIS SUMMER?



If so, Jean Campbell would like to work with you. Jean has offered to adorn our altar area, as she does most Sundays in the spring and summer. Jean is very creative and artistic with her displays and uses a variety of

items from her home. If there is a certain Sunday that you would like to provide flowers from your yard or garden, please contact Jean Campbell at 429-4185.

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

THIS Sunday – June 3, is an ultimate night of youth group. Ultimate Fun, Ultimate Games, Ultimate Word, Ultimate Food, Ultimate God. Join us at the church from 6:30-8 p.m.

End of School Celebration – Sunday, June 10 from 6:30–8 p.m. No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers.....and a lot more youth group to come this summer!!

Father's Day – No Youth Group June 17! Spend the day with Dad!!

Putt-Putt & Ice Cream Night – Sunday, June 24 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Bring \$7 and extra \$\$ for food.

Junior & Senior High

Wash for Life – Saline Area Youth Ministries Car Wash – June 16, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Liberty School parking lot. Join other Saline youth groups in washing cars to help raise money for the pregnancy help center (Ann Arbor Vitae Center) opening near the U of M campus. We can be a part of helping to buy equipment and get the center up and running! Come and get a little wet and a whole lot accomplished!

Senior High

Mountain T.O.P.ers – Mountain T.O.P. training is Wednesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. at Steve and Pam Heffelbower's home. Training is essential for all team members to prepare to serve in Tennessee together! Look for your Mountain T.O.P. packet of paperwork in the mail soon and make sure to read through everything!

Senior High Summer Schedule – It's true, we will continue to meet all summer! Get ready for your first W.O.W. (Wild Outreach/Outta here Wednesday) night of the summer on June 20 at Zap Zone! We will meet at the church at 8 p.m. for a night of lazer tag and pizza together, bring \$15 and a friend!! Pick up a Senior High Calendar today to make sure you are ready for the W.O.W.'s and W3's throughout the summer as they alternate every other week.

Tools for 2007 Youth Mission Trip

The Senior High Youth will be traveling to Tennessee July 14th - July 22nd to serve on a mission through Mountain T.O.P., Tennessee Outreach Project. You have been wonderful supporting our fundraising projects throughout the year, but along with our financial requirements, we are also asked to bring tools and other items to be used at the worksites. We are asking our church family to sign up to loan us the things we don't already own. They will be required July 7th - July 23rd. To insure the tools are returned to the correct owner, we label them by color for our church, and we ask you to write your name in permanent marker on all your tools. The tools are carefully inventoried and cared for, but of course there is always a risk involved. If needed, we will fix or replace any lost or damaged tools. We ask that donated tools be in good condition and sharpened if appropriate. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you can help.

Items such as work gloves, drop cloths, wasp spray, rags, etc. will not be returned. If you have questions please contact Pam Heffelbower at 429-4536. Tools can be dropped off in Room H from July 5-7th, and picked up July 23rd-25th. Please let us know if special arrangements for pickup are required. Thank you for your continued support.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!

- Elizabeth Wharton's graduation from Michigan State with a B.S. in Journalism
- Stephanie Bates' graduation from Grand Valley State with a B.S. in Psychology
- Justin Barrett's graduation from North Park Seminary
- Dominic Held's graduation from Michigan State with a B.S. in Physical Science
- Betty Harper's granddaughter, Jennifer Latoszewski's graduation from Michigan State with a degree in Social Studies.
- Julie Tuttle's graduation from Marygrove College in Detroit with a Masters in the Art of Teaching.
- Nathan Stewart's graduation from Regent University in Virginia with an M.A. in Worship Arts.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is the spiritual alarm system which communicates and takes prayerful action on congregational needs, community needs and global needs. This network of people who are committed to prayer, take action on behalf of the congregation on Jesus' words to "ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened," (Matthew 7:7). The importance of the prayer chain is that it faithfully intercedes on behalf of others in need by lifting up specific requests, concerns and emergency situations. If you would like to join our Prayer Chain, please contact Jan Geer at 429-5019.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Matt Folta; Mary Ruhl; Despina Sapounakis; Lynn Hopkins; J.T. St. Denis; Donna, Mitchell, and Stacy Girbach; Paige Quinn; James Jacobs; Jerry Patton; Linda Adebisi; Brenda Dickinson; Ernie Busch; Pam & Gene Frisbee; Dan & Jean Campbell's granddaughters, Abby &

Lillian; Walt Sauter; Charlotte Becker; Barbara Hinsman-Barry and family; Angela Hamman; Walt Sauter's friend, Ruthy; Faith Comerford; Nick Gilveli; a teen who has run away from home; everyone struggling with business/job challenges; family of the Ypsilanti High student killed in a car accident; the student injured in a car accident; for peace on earth. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ our partner church in Liberia's completion of their new building; Dan Eby's recovery from surgery; Paige Quinn is healing well after being in a car accident.

Military personnel and families to keep in our prayers ~ 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 Coppernoll; 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 ~ the Kise family on the loss of Kathy's grandmother.



Lil' SAINTS Preschool

INTEREST/ PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Lil' SAINTS Preschool is committed to providing each child with an educational experience, and a faith journey in learning to know Christ. We are open to all children regardless of race, religious affiliation, physical or mental abilities or family background. We are open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and the cost is \$25.00 per day. We will also be accepting pre-registrations for the 2007/2008 school year.

We follow the Saline Area School System's calendar year, with the exception of teacher's conference or in-service days. A separate sheet will be handed out each year with the schedule of days we will be closed for the upcoming year.

ENROLL NOW, OR SHOW AN INTEREST NOW and see what God has in store for your child's faith journey!

If you are interested, please fill out the form below, tear it off, and place it in the Lil' SAINTS Preschool Interest/Registration box which is located at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex.

For further questions, please contact Kathy Kirkland at 734-429-3414 or at the church at 734-429-4528.

CHILD INFORMATION SHEET

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Child's current age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender ___M___F

Parents/Guardian Name: _____

Preferred days (please circle one) M T W TH F

Medical/Mobility
Concerns: _____

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 3 – JUNE 16, 2007

3 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 9:45a Christ Riders - Dundee 10:00a Reception Laura 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 12:30p GCA Missions 6:30p Jr. High	4 Monday 9:30a Hannah Circle 10:00a Shawl Ministry 12:30p Esther Circle 7:00p Staff Parish Cantata Set Up	5 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 12:30p Ruth Circle 4:37p Golf League 4:45p Music Together 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal 7:00p WISE PM Cantata Set Up	6 Wednesday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 8:00p WWW Cantata Set Up	7 Thursday 6:00p Girl Scouts #2019 6:30p Orchestra 6:30p Bells 6:30p Cantata Rehearsal 7:30p Flying Club Cantata Set Up	8 Friday 7:00p Wedding Rehearsal Cantata Set Up	9 Saturday 2:00p Widow's Supprt Group 3:30p Wedding
10 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 9:30a Gulf Coast Mission Trip 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 1:00p Baby Shower 6:30p Jr. High Missions Bake Sale	11 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:30p Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00p Susanna Circle 7:00p Trustees 7:00p Widow's Support Group	12 Tuesday 4:37p Golf League 7:00p WISE PM	13 Wednesday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 8:00p WWW	14 Thursday 7:00p Christ Riders - Dexter	15 Friday	16 Saturday 3:00p Joy Burns

Head Ushers:

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

Worship Attendance:

May 20.....597
 May 27.....384

Greeters:

Traditional Service:
 Carl and Sue Snow – Jun 3
 Carl and Sue Snow – Jun 10
 Contemporary Service:
 John Zemba – June 3
 Sr. High Youth – June 10

Welcome Center Hosts:

Traditional Service:
 Bruce and Janet Moss – Jun 3
 Bruce and Janet Moss – Jun 10
 Contemporary Service:
 Betty Charles-June 3 & June 10

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, June 11th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, June 14th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

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