

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.*

July 29, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“Surprise...Surprise”

Gomer Pyle’s whimsical remark on the Andy Griffith Show summed up how I felt last Saturday afternoon, when so many of you gathered in Christler Hall to celebrate Linda and my 40th Anniversary. I knew the event was happening, but the experience of the day and your overwhelming generosity really caught me by surprise.

The first time this happened was 15 years ago, when Julie and Laurie pulled off a genuine surprise 25th for us. We were living in Flint and some of Linda’s family had come for a visit. That wasn’t so unusual, so it didn’t take me off guard. A former youth director from a previous church “just happened” to be in the area and came to visit. She wanted to take us out for dinner and afterwards wanted to see Calvary Church. It wasn’t until I arrived to the filled parking lot that I got a bit suspicious. Things had been going on around me throughout the day and I had been none the wiser. People had been in-and-out of the building decorating the fellowship hall, but I paid no attention. A member of the church had even dropped by my study late in that afternoon for some “counseling” to make sure I didn’t intersect the arrival of the cake my sister was delivering from a favorite bakery of mine in Beaver, Pennsylvania. That evening was really a surprise to me.

Well this time around I knew about it, and I’ll be honest, I wasn’t really that “gung ho” about having a party. I wanted to wait ten more years and do it up big for our 50th. However, as our daughter Julie put it, “Dad, five years ago you decided to go and have a heart attack and last year mom tried to kill herself ‘doing in’ my Ford Escape on I-94, so I thought we had better celebrate your life together now.” So we agreed; however, I haven’t given up on the idea of some of us getting together a decade from now to sit around tables some evening and share some good stories and remembrances and laugh together.

Well last Saturday, friends from every congregation in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula where we’ve been appointed as well as some close friends from high school and college days joined with members of our congregation here to wish Linda and I the best. One of you, as you left, even wished me another 40 years of marriage, but that sounds a bit optimistic. That would make both of us centenarians.

I knew about the get-together, but I have to tell you, “You got me!” I didn’t know about the letter that Laura and Darlene had written to you. When Darlene read the letter and gave Linda a love gift, I was totally taken back and surprised again. What a generous outpouring of love! Thank you...thank you for celebrating our 40th anniversary with the gift and note cards and with the presence of so many wonderful friends gathered here last Saturday afternoon. Linda and I want all of you to know how much we enjoy being part of the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Saline. Yet, I think that I’ll go ahead and reserve Christler Hall for Saturday, July 8, 2017 for our 50th. I’ll bet that we’ll have a lot more stories to tell each other by that time. - Jim & Linda Tuttle

BLUE HOUSE COLLECTION

Beginning this month, all items placed in the Blue House will be donated to Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. The following is a list of suggested items to donate: large and small diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, cereal, shampoo, toilet paper, and bar soap. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Turosky at 944-1429.



Hope Clinic is an interdenominational Christian organization providing compassionate and practical help for those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect. They provide a broad range of services.

- Hope Medical Clinic provides free medical services to low income children and adults without medical insurance.
- Hope Dental Clinic provides preventive and restorative dental care to low income children and adults without dental insurance.
- Hope Social Services provides basic services including 10,000 hot meals and groceries to more than 1,700 households a year.

MISSIONS

Children's Mission Day

The UMW will be hosting the Children's Mission Day on Thursday, August 9th from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Children's Mission Day is for children who have just completed grades 1 through 6 and features mission stories, projects, AND ice cream sundaes! Please sign your child/children up at the Opportunity Wall so we can plan appropriately. Also, we need help in collecting the following items which will be used in making several hands-on missions projects:

- Christmas wrapping paper
- Shoeboxes with separate lids
- Fine lace
- Styrofoam balls

Please place any donations in the Narthex in the box marked Operation Christmas Child. This box is under the table at the Opportunity Wall. If you have questions or are willing to help with serving ice cream, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

New Email List Improves Communication

The church has a new email list to help communicate important news to the church family. Occasionally an urgent situation or death may occur in the early part of the week. If the news isn't communicated until the Sunday service many opportunities to help with a situation or possibly even support a surviving family member are lost. The new mailing list is designed to improve our communication with each other and eliminate these lost opportunities. If you would like to be a part of these special emails, please join the mailing list.

To join the mailing list: visit the church website at <http://www.fumc-saline.org>; click on Join One of Our Mailing Lists; from the left sidebar, choose Urgent Information and then follow the directions.



UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE



DISCIPLE I graduates, here is the class many of you have been waiting for, Under the Tree of Life! Under the Tree of Life concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament - Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. New Testament scriptures include the Gospel of John, 1, 2, and 3 John, James, Jude, and Revelation. A video entitled **Revelation Worship** will provide an interactive, sensory experience. Viewers will participate by reading, singing, listening, praying, lamenting - and will be immersed in the works, images, colors, and music that declare triumphantly that the God who is at the beginning is the God who is at the end. If you are interested in taking this class it will be offered this fall at West Side United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor, if enough people sign up. You may read more about the class and register online at www.westside-umc.org (under fall classes) or call Mary at 663-4164.

"Take Me Out to the Ball Park!"

MUDHENS GAME

6 tickets left for FUMC block on Friday, Aug 10th!

If you are interested, call Margo Perry at (734)-223-4216




BAPTISM

We are planning an outdoor full immersion baptismal service on August 12th. If you desire to be baptized or to reaffirm your baptism, please contact the church office. Our phone number is 734-429-4730 and our email address is office@fumc-saline.org.



Evangelical Homes of Michigan Memory Care Center Update

 Be one of the first in our community to hear about the new Memory Care Center that is planned for the Brecon Village campus here in Saline! Representatives from the Evangelical Homes of Michigan will be at our church on Thursday, August 16th to do a presentation at 12:30 p.m. (immediately following the J.O.Y. Fellowship lunch). The presentation will include information about the new Memory Care Center, levels of care, and advance directive (living wills, etc.). This is a free event, open to everyone. If you would like to join J.O.Y. Fellowship for lunch at 12:00 p.m., please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. A \$5.00 donation for lunch is requested. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Laura Speiran, who also serves as Church Ambassador for E.H.M.

LIL' SAINTS PRESCHOOL

It is now open enrollment for the 2007/2008 school year. We will be open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lil' SAINTS Preschool; a place where your child belongs, and a place where he/she can become all they were created to be. Contact Kathy Kirkland at Kathy@lilsaints.org for more information.



Friendship Ministry

Has God been nudging you toward volunteering in our church family special needs ministry? Then we have just the right core training opportunity available to you! The training is entitled "One Body Together in Christ". It will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm in Grandville, Michigan. This workshop is for college students, pastors, Sunday school teachers, Friendship Ministry mentors, youth leaders, parents and volunteers. For more information, please contact Roger Heffelbower or call the church office at 429-4730. There is also information available at www.togetherinchrist.us.

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS


JUNIOR HIGH

Sunday, July 29 - Late Night Games & Pizza – 8:00 p.m.–12 Midnight. Bring a flashlight, running shoes, one piece bathing suit (Surprise Activity) and a friend!

SENIOR HIGH


Wednesday, August 1 – W.O.W. at Mill Pond Park – Ultimate Frisbee and Frozen Treats – 8:00 p.m. – We'll meet you and your friends at the park!!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MEXICO

 We are preparing to send 300 back packs filled with school items for elementary, middle or high school children to Tapestries of Life Ministries in Texas. They will distribute them to children in and around Juarez, Mexico. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, look for the display in the narthex on August 12. Then, take the backpack, fill it with the listed supplies and bring it back to church as soon as possible. Boxes will be shipped off as soon as they are filled. If you want to contribute but cannot shop, giving to the shipping costs would be a great idea. Put your check in the offering plate with Mexico Back-Packs on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact David Coxtan at 997-9646. What a way to make a difference in the life of a child!



UPPER CLASS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

 Applications for the Upper Class Scholarship are now available in the church office. The scholarship is open to all members and active participants of the First United Methodist Church of Saline. Applicants must be registered in an accredited post high school educational institution for the fall semester of 2007 and have completed at least one year of post high school with good grades. Completed applications must be submitted to the church office by August 16th. Winners will be announced in September. Questions may be directed to Ken Jennings (734-662-8683), Carole McConnell (517-423-6373), or Millie Webster (734-944-6618).

Rosemary Desbrough would like to thank the Quilter's for the Prayer Quilt.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

Do you love working with children ages 5 – 7? The



Sunday School Teaching Ministry is looking for faithful, fun loving hearts and minds to help teach Sunday School for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Please pray about how God has blessed you with your gifts and talents.

If your gifts and talents lead you to children then please talk to Leanne Rinnac to further discuss serving our Sunday School Children!

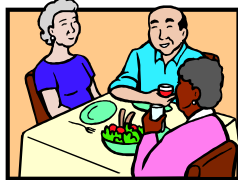
We are still in need of a Sunday School Superintendent!

Do you like to organize fellowship and have parties? Then maybe this is your place. Let Leanne Rinnac know if you are interested in giving our Sunday School Teachers the support they deserve.



J.O.Y. Fellowship

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch, fun and fellowship! Our next get-together is August 16, 2007. After lunch that day, representatives from the Evangelical Homes of Michigan will present information on the new Memory Care Center being built at Brecon Village. Information will include levels of care as well as advance directives. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Please contact Rev. Laura Speiran if you have questions, or if you have any dietary concerns.



Attention Ministry Volunteers

Together in Christ...



Join us for the 4th annual leadership renewal retreat August 18th and 19th at Camp Nissokone! This event is hosted by the Saginaw Bay District of the United Methodist Churches. If you volunteer in any one of the Children's Ministries at our church please join us and enjoy a weekend of renewal, support, and encouragement. There will also be an opportunity to gain new ideas and knowledge from other volunteers as well as speakers from various ministries within the Saginaw Bay District. There is no charge for this leadership renewal retreat. Please contact Leanne Rinnac to sign up today!!

CROP WALK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

An organizational meeting will be held in Saline on Saturday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. The location of this meeting will be announced at a later date. To seek information about volunteering please call Margo Perry at (734) 223-4216.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Linda Adebisi; Ethel Blough; Marsha Gilbert; Paul Adamkowski; George Hares; Phyllis Erickson; Tim Jackson; Scott Kise; Liz Rauser; the family of Rick and Gloria Tyler; Harry & Flo Wheeler;

Ralph & Marilyn West; Kellyn; Matt Fillinger's mom; Karen Folta's friend; the Loughner family; Scott Schoenfeldt; Jan Israel; Alex Anest; the family of Ken Barker; John Lockwood; Justin Barrett; Patti Hogue; Trisha; Mary Ruhl; Tom Cogger; victims of violence & terrorism. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ for the Prielipp's landscaping efforts; Amy Acree and Kim Setzer's great camp experience; our Mountain TOP team; Mary Lirones' return home from the hospital; John & Jenny Barrett.

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, son of Pam & Gene Frisbee; 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; Edgar Groom, son-in-law of Beulah Morton.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ the Krause family on the passing of Sue Krause; the Fletcher family on the passing of Jeff's grandfather, Bill Dallas; Mark & Connie Schuby and family on the passing of her father; Russ & Tamera Miller and family on the passing of her father, Glen Zorn.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COOKBOOK!!

Can you believe it's been ten years since the last cookbook "Heavenly Recipes" was compiled under the leadership of Mary Ruhl? The last of those sold in March of 2006.

It's time to do another! The proceeds from the sales will go to defray costs of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations in 2008. There will be special events, parade floats, former pastor returns and a cake (sometime, for sure).

We need to begin collecting recipes now to get the whole process started. We know there are several great cooks with fresh new recipes out there. We would like recipes from men, women and children. We need the vast majority of recipes by **September 1**. But if you have a good reason for needing more time, we can handle "add-ons" until September 16. (Work with us here, please.) Carolyn Beal will put together a "Heritage Section" so if you want to see some "oldies but goodies" reprinted from former cookbooks, let her know your favorites.

There are many spots where we can use help, so call Caryn Datson @ 429-0468 or Shirley Padding @ 477-9223 if you want to be involved.

One more thing...please **help us pre-plan how many cookbooks to order by reserving copies now**. The cost will be around \$11 with money due when you pick up your cookbook. They will be here by November 4 and will make great Christmas gifts. **So fill out the form below** and put it in the box provided at the Opportunity Wall. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraising event for our 175th Anniversary Celebrations!

2007 Cookbook Committee

FUMC RECIPE INSTRUCTION SHEET

Your recipes can be submitted in one of **two** ways: Complete the FUMC Recipe Form from the Opportunity Wall using the information below **or** complete the FUMC Recipe Form found at the link on the Church Web site – www.fumc-saline.org – using the categories listed below. For the paper form PLEASE use BLACK INK, if possible. This will make it easier for us to process the form. You can either write or print the information, which ever is your best penmanship. If you need more space than one form, continue the information onto the second form on the same sheet. Use care when writing fractions so we can read them: 1 ½ cups rather than 11/2 cups.

These are your choices for the **Recipe Category**: Appetizer, Beverage, Soup, Salad/Dressing, Gelatin Salad, Vegetable, Main Dish, Casserole, Quick Bread, Muffin, Yeast Bread, Coffee Cake & Other, Heritage, Cooking for a Crowd(25+), Heart Healthy & Low Fat, This & That, Cake/Frosting, Cookie, Pie, Dessert and Pudding.

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Cookbook Request for Pre-Planning Order

Name _____

Phone _____ Number of Books _____

FUMC RECIPE FORM

See Instruction sheet BEFORE completing form

Recipe Name _____

Recipe Category _____

INGREDIENT Please use these abbreviations: c, tsp, Tbsp, pkg, qt, pt, oz, lb

METHOD Indicate can/package size, oven temperature and cooking time

Submitted by: _____ Phone _____

If too many people submit this recipe, is it alright NOT to use your name: ___Y ___N

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CALENDAR FOR JULY 29 - AUGUST 11, 2007

29 Sunday 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 2:00p Community VBS 6:30p Jr. High	30 Monday 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 10:00a Shawl Ministry	31 Tuesday 9:30a WISE 4:37p Golf League	1 Wednesday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal 8:00p W.O.W.	2 Thursday 4:00p Girl Scouts 7:30p Flying Club Christ Riders/ Dundee	3 Friday 5:30p Woods/Focht Wedding	4 Saturday 2:00p Widows Support Group
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The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, August 6th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, August 9th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

Head Ushers:

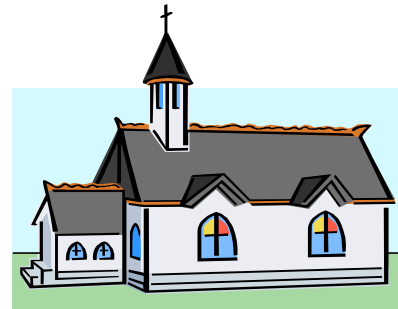
Charlie Bender, Carlos Melendez, Carl Snow
 Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Worship Attendance:

July 15 - 337
 July 22 - 350

Greeters: July 29th-Dean & Leslie Sutherland

Aug 5th-



DEADLINES

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