

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.*

August 12, 2007

“Ringin’ Forth the Good News”

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Being Baptized into Jesus Christ

Over the past several weeks I’ve met with the persons who will be baptized this Sunday. In the Sanctuary Service, Dan and Kristi Cundiff will present their son, Peyton Daniel, to Almighty God to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. With this action, this mom and dad are publicly affirming their faith in Christ and their desire that God would be at work in a powerful way ever drawing Peyton toward him self. As part of the covenant community, this precious child is baptized on the basis of the faith of his parents and of the community of faith that promises to support him and model for him what Christian faith is all about.

We believe that in this action God is affirming God’s overwhelming love for Peyton and by this marvelous sign-act is reaching out toward him even before he can consciously respond in faith. By presenting our children, we’re trusting God to bring into their life-experiences a multitude of influences that will further pull them toward accepting for themselves the gracious love of God that is poured out on us in Christ Jesus. It is a reminder to all of us of God’s prevenient grace that is extended to us even before we are in a position to respond. We know that salvation always begins and ends with God; yet our faith and actions are always in response to God.

Later Sunday afternoon, Tom Burns and I will have the joy of celebrating the baptism of four others in our church family in a service of baptism at the lake shore in York Woods Estates. Kevin Moss, Ben and Elliot Nichols and Bonnie Walworth will be baptized by immersion. Each of these families grew up in either Baptist or Mennonite traditions that practice adult or believer baptism; that is, they encourage persons to wait until they come to an age where they can consciously profess faith in Jesus Christ for themselves, and then submit to baptism as an act of personal faith. This holy moment will take place for these four persons on Sunday.

At that 4:00 p.m. service, we as a gathered congregation will also have the opportunity to reaffirm our baptism. Baptism of new persons into Christ and into the Body of Christ – the Church, is a time for all of us to celebrate once more God’s love and acceptance of us and to reaffirm our faith, reassert our love and recommit our self to Christ. I’m hoping that many of us will be there to stand with those publicly professing their faith in Christ.


Whether it’s the baptism of a four-month old infant, a youth or an adult, we affirm that while persons or parents present themselves or their children, it is God who is the primary one in this sacramental moment. It is God who is acting on our behalf in our baptism. It is God who is claiming us and naming us as God’s own. In this holy moment, God is doing something that we can only declare as a holy mystery... an act of sovereign grace by the one who reaches out and initiates and sustains our relationship with him. What a joy it is to be part of something that stretches far beyond our understanding and our grasp, but well within God’s grasp. We give God thanks for these gifts of life and the Gift of Christ’s life that we celebrate this Sunday. May God be praised. – Pastor Jim

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.

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! 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.

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 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 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, August 12 – Mill Pond Student & Parent Party! 6:30– 8:00 p.m. Cookout & games in the park – meet at Mill Pond Park! Bring your parents!!

Sunday, August 19 – Student Led Game Night 6:30– 8:00 p.m. You choose the fun – everyone joins in!!!

Sunday, August 26 – End of Summer Blowout Party! 6:30–8:00 p.m. Be prepared to get wet or messy!!

Incoming Seventh Graders – Mark your calendars – The School Year Kickoff is Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH

Video Scavenger Hunt & Pizza Night – It's a full night of W.O.W. Wednesday, August 15 from 6–10 p.m. Bring a friend!!!

Wednesday, August 22 – Join us for Worship Summer Style at WWW – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Curtis Park Cookout & Worship, August 29 – It's the last W.O.W. of the summer and all Incoming Freshmen are invited!! 8–9:30 p.m. at the park.

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 Rimmnac to sign up today!!

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 Coxton 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).

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? Our scrapbook group continues our monthly meetings on August 25 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your pictures and join us for a fun afternoon getting pictures organized or actually putting them in albums! Contact Cheryl Schlaff at (734)417-3951 or cheryl@fumc-saline.org to get all the details.



OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

to an exchange student for

the coming 2007/2008 school year

Caring host families (with or without children) or single parents are urgently needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. Interested host families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information on EMF students, please contact the Program Director, Marie-Claude Dijoud, at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Picnic Potluck

The United Methodist Women are celebrating summer with a Picnic Potluck in Kay Richmond's shady backyard at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21. This is an important gathering as we will be electing new officers for 2008. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. In the event of inclement weather, the potluck will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. For further information, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.



Reading Program Reminder

The lazy days of summer are the perfect time to enjoy reading a good book. So, if you haven't completed the UMW Reading Program, now is the time to grab a book off the UMW bookshelf, sit back, relax and READ! We have a large number of new and interesting books for you to enjoy. The deadline for reading reports will be September 15 so that certificates can be issued at the district meeting in October. Reading reports should be turned in to Judy Walls.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

Acolytes will be needed for the 9:00 worship service beginning September 9. If you are in the 2nd grade or older, you are welcome to be a part of this ministry. If you have not been a part of this ministry in the past and are interested in participating, please contact Linda Klepaczyk at 429-0441 for further information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS News

The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry will kick off its first session on Wednesday, September 26. This session will run through December 12, 2007.

The second session will run January 16 through May 14. Our year end Carnival will be on May 14, 2008.

More information will be given at the parent meeting in September. Watch for details, date and time of that meeting coming soon!

Changes within R.O.C.K. in LOGOS on the horizon!! Leaders in support of the Children's Ministry Director have decided that RNL transportation will be revised. Beginning in September, parents will be responsible for getting their child to R.O.C.K. in LOGOS on Wednesdays.

We will be providing you with a carpool list and a school list so the parents can arrange the carpools. We will continue to use our same check in and check out procedure. If for some reason a child does not arrive at the church at the expected time, and there is no phone call made to the church office informing us of that child's absence, a phone call from a R.O.C.K. in LOGOS volunteer will be made to validate that child's absence.

Thank you for your understanding and support in the new opportunity to serve our kids as we strive to make true Disciples of Christ thru this ministry.

As the ministry grows, so do the opportunities for your children to grow in Him.



Dear Scholarship Committee,
I'd like to thank you for selecting me to receive the Carr Memorial Scholarship this year. It means a lot to me to be chosen for this award. I know that picking a recipient is a difficult task, and I'm honored to have received the scholarship. I'm especially grateful for this opportunity to use the money to attend a Christian School, in finding God's plan for my life. Once again, thanks!

Nathaniel Burns

CHECK IT OUT!

Our Prayer Garden now has a beautiful engraved boulder to welcome all.

Nursing News

The summer is winding down and many of us are already gearing up to go "back-to-school". It's important to remember that August, and even the first part of September, can still be hot! Staying hydrated is important all year long, but especially important during the summer months. The average adult loses 10 cups of fluid a day just due to everyday bodily functions. Older adults and those of us living with diabetes have an even greater need to stay hydrated. Dehydration can lead to drug toxicity and low blood pressure. It can cause us to feel muscle weakness, dry mouth, increased thirst, sleepiness, and may even lead us to feel dizzy, or give us a headache.

Severe dehydration is a very serious condition. Medical help should be sought immediately if any of the following symptoms appear:

Severe thirst or dry mouth

Confusion/delirium

Rapid heartbeat

Lack of sweating/dry skin (skin that doesn't bounce back after being pinched)

Lack of urination for 8 hours or more (less than 6 wet diapers for babies)

Fussiness or sleepiness in children and babies

To stay hydrated, try starting the day with 12 oz. of water. This helps to restore fluids lost during the night and will help clear that morning "fog". Try to drink 6-8 oz. of water every hour during the day. If you will be exercising or doing any type of strenuous activity out in the sun, replenish with a sports drink. Take a break from the sun when picnicking, or when at the fair or at the beach. Also, be sure to stock up on water rich fruits like grapes or watermelon.

Finally, enjoy our short Michigan summer and have fun!

In His Love,

Susan Leslie, SNWCC

HELP HEAL HOMES AND HEARTS

Please consider joining a mission trip to help restore persons who still lack resources to safe, permanent homes due to Hurricane Katrina. We will be going to an area in Mississippi where help is most needed. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, January 26 through Sunday, February 3, 2008. Please talk to Amy Whitton or Emily Krach with any questions or comments about your participation in this opportunity.

TEN TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

(from Carepages.com)

1. Have a physical outlet such as walking, running, swimming, etc.
2. Take a warm bath to relax—adding natural essential oils, such as lavender can help promote relaxation.
3. Try yoga!
4. Keep a stack of inspirational books by your bedside. Reach for them every morning to give you a quick boost to help you make it through the day. Here's an example from Eleanor Roosevelt: *"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do."*
5. As hard as it is, eat healthy—don't skip meals or go for fast food. Keep hydrated with water, take your vitamins, eat lean meats, fruits and vegetables.
6. Turn off the phone late at night when you need to catch up on your rest. It is one thing if the calls bring needed comfort and support, but if you don't want to explain the status of the one you're caring for one more time, it is okay to take a break from the phone. Designate someone else to take calls, if that will help.
7. Let it out. When things get really tough, it helps to take some time alone to have a good cry—it takes a lot of the load off.
8. Take time for your friends. Go out for coffee. Talk.
9. Ask for help. Most people don't know what to say or do, but want to be there for you. Go ahead and ask them to do specific things. It's a win-win.
10. Be compassionate with yourself. Know this is a difficult time; it is okay to ease up on yourself. All you can do is the best you can with the energy you have.
11. (added by Laura) Take time to talk to God. Be honest with how you feel—God can take it! Remember that you are a beloved child of God.

If you are a caregiver, talk to Deacon Laura Speiran, Minister of Congregational Care. There may be ways the church family can help.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COOKBOOK!!

The proceeds from the sales of our new church cookbook will go to defray costs of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations in 2008.

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. 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 contact Caryn Datson @ 429-0468 or Shirley Padding @ 477-9223 if you want to be involved.

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!

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 1 1/2 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
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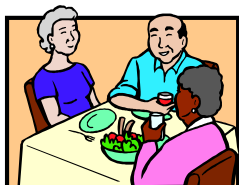
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WIDOW'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Widow's Support Group will no longer be meeting on Saturdays. They will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room H. If you have any questions please contact Grace Sundling at 429-5720.

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.



LAY SPEAKING CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 22

These courses focus on the many ways lay speakers are called to be in ministry: leading, teaching, serving, disciple-making, storytelling, proclaiming the gospel, and growing through personal spiritual formation. In addition to the Basic and Refresher courses, there are advanced courses on Small Groups and Preaching. If you are interested in either basic or advanced Lay Speaking classes please pick up a flier at the Opportunity Wall.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Don & Andrea Maddock are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Scott, to Tracy Pandaleon on July 27, 2007. They will be married on May 31, 2008 in Nashville, TN.

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 ~ Ralph & Marilyn West;



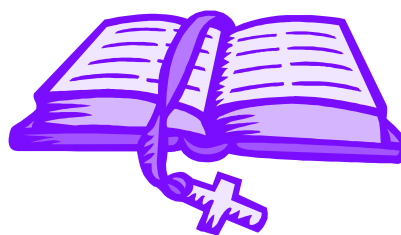
Kellyn; Matt Fillinger's mom; Karen Folta's friend; the Loughner family; Scott Schoenfeldt; Jan Israel; Alex Anest; Elizabeth Wettlaufer; the family of Ken Barker; Justin Barrett; Ernie Busch; Patti Hogue; Trisha; Mary Ruhl; Marsha

Gilbert; Tom Cogger; Paul Adamkowski; Linda Adebisi; David McKinstry; Harry Crist; Robin Albrect; Ben; Diane Plumber & family; Donna Cody; the Cass Community Youth Mission Trip to Texas; Carol Tondreau; Lynn Shaw's friend's grandchild; Tom & Susan Holly. **PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Mary Lirones' return home from the hospital; the Stewart family's transfer; John & Jenny Barrett on their move; the Sauter & Smith families health.

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 Coppernoll; 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 ~ Rick & Gloria Tyler on the passing of his mother; Carol Melcher & family on the passing of her father, William Dorr.



CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 25, 2007

12 Sunday 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Parenting SS Class Picnic 4:00p Full Immersion Baptism 6:30p Jr. High Christ Riders/Onsted	13 Monday 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Trustees 7:00p Widow's Support Group	14 Tuesday 9:30a WISE 4:37p Golf League	15 Wednesday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 8:00p W.O.W.	16 Thursday 12:00p JOY Fellowship	17 Friday 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	18 Saturday 8:30a Missions Meeting 3:00p Chizmadia/Salisbury Wedding
19 Sunday 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 1:00p Downs Support 4:00p Missions Meeting 6:30p Jr. High	20 Monday 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Adult Ministries 7:00p Community Care 7:00p Finance	21 Tuesday 9:00a Library Committee 9:30a WISE 4:37p Golf League 6:00p UMW Picnic (Offsite)	22 Wednesday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 7:00p UMW Executive Board 8:00p WWW	23 Thursday 10:00p Brecon Service 6:00p Saline Area Girl Scouts	24 Friday	25 Saturday 8:30a Safe Sanctuaries Training 1:00p Scrapbooking Christ Riders/Carleton

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is *Monday, August 20th* at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter *Thursday, August 23rd* in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

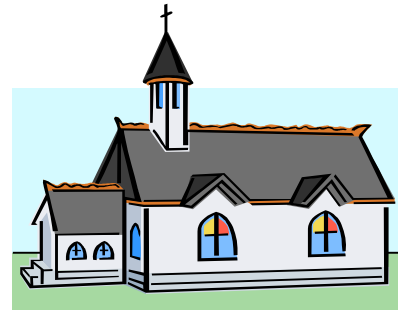
Head Ushers:

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

Greeters: Aug 12 The Schmidt Family
 Aug 19 Martha Seward

Worship Attendance:

July 29 – 370
 Aug 5 – 392



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