

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

August 26, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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## Just say “Yes!”

Years ago I read a story from the life of Abraham Lincoln that took place during the Civil War. If I remember details correctly, a little girl approached the President, who was standing with some of his cabinet and Union Army generals. She had never seen Lincoln nor ever seen a picture of the president. All that she had been told was that he was somewhere in the group gathered there. She came that day hoping to tell somebody how much her family missed their daddy and wanted to get her letter delivered to him. Spotting this tall man, she walked right up to Abe Lincoln and shared her request; and he immediately promised to see that the letter was delivered to her father’s regiment. Later someone asked her if she knew who that was; to which she said “No.” So they asked, “Then why did you go up to him?” Her response was simply, “He had a ‘Yes’ kind of face.”

“A ‘Yes’ kind of face” — to God the kind of face we should wear. There are far too many folk in our world who go around wearing a dour, irritated-looking ‘No’ expression on their face. When you ask them for anything, the first thing out of their mouth is “No”... “I can’t”... “I don’t have time”... “That’s not my thing.” Some people have said it so much that you don’t even bother to ask them any more. You know what the answer will be before you even ask.

I imagine Jesus wearing a ‘Yes’ kind of face. That’s why children to aged adults would comfortably approach him, enter into conversation with him and ask of him requests for themselves and other family members. I believe that’s the model for Christians – “little Christs.” The Scriptures say of Jesus that “he went about doing good,” and guess what? So should we.

This week each of us has an opportunity to model a ‘yes’ kind of face...a ‘yes’ attitude...a ‘yes’ way of life. On the table in the Narthex are sign up-sheets for working at the Fair Kitchen. Most of you are aware that our congregation staffs the main dining facility at the Saline Fair, which runs from September 4-8. It is a good sized undertaking that requires a lot of hands to serve all the people who need breakfast, lunch or dinner during the days of the fair.

Our being there is a way of serving our community. It’s also a way of raising some funds that are used to help underwrite a variety of ministries here in the church. But for me, one of the great joys has been to work side-by-side with others in our church family as we prep and serve the food. At different times, I’ve worked the grill or steam table, cooked in the kitchen, served-up the plates, taken orders at the window, shuttled food back and forth from the church kitchen, cut pies and scrubbed pots and pans. I have to tell you: I had a great time being with a great group of people. There’s something for everybody to do.

So put on your ‘Yes’ face and sign up on the sheets on the tables in the Narthex or just say “Yes” when you get a phone call asking you to fill a time-slot at this year’s Fair Kitchen. -- Pastor Jim



72nd Annual

**Saline Community Fair**

September 3-8, 2007

## IT'S TIME FOR THE FAIR KITCHEN

Some people may be asking, "What is the Fair Kitchen?"

Well ... It's a great way to meet new people that attend your church as well as enjoy friendships made over the years.

The church runs a full-scale kitchen at the Saline Community Fair, Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September, 8<sup>th</sup>. We open the doors at 7:30 a.m. and run until 10:00 p.m. every day. Therefore, we need a lot of volunteer help! We have a job for everyone and no, you do not need to know anything about cooking!

Over the past 11 years the Fair Kitchen has raised about \$71,000 for our church. With this money we have been able to support and purchase items that are not in our budget as well as support different missions and charities.

The money helps support a lot of good causes, but most of all the fair kitchen gives us a lot of fellowship hours and allows the community to see that "going to church" can be a lot of fun. If you can come out and work a couple of hours you are guaranteed a couple hours of fun. Please mark your calendar now and sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

### **Description of Volunteer Positions:**

(Unless noted otherwise the location is the Fair Kitchen)

**Bus:** Clean the tables and trays. Return clean trays to the window. Assist in stocking drinks, pies, condiments and paper supplies.

**Cashier:** Tally bills and handle money. During slow times check for change and begin totaling figures for items sold. Assist in re- stocking drinks, pies, condiments and paper supplies.

**Church Prep Cleaners:** Assist in cleaning items currently at the church and packing for delivery to the Fair Kitchen. (Location – Church)

**Clean-up:** At the end of the day assist in preparing and cleaning the kitchen for the next day.

**Fair Kitchen Prep Cleaners:** Assist in cleaning the Fair Kitchen before moving in the food and kitchen

utensils. This includes cleaning sinks, stoves, cabinets, freezers, ice cooler, refrigerator, and floor.

**Floater:** Perform any of the positions located at the Fair Kitchen.

**Grill:** Cook items on the grill under the guidance of the Kitchen coordinator.

**Hostess:** Assist with traffic flow in the eating area. Guide individuals to open windows, help them find drinks, their favorite pie, and open seating. Assist seniors, individuals with small children and others with trays. Assist in re- stocking drinks, pies, condiments and paper supplies.

**Hot Table:** Assist in preparing dinner orders under the guidance of the Kitchen coordinator.

**Laundry:** Was a couple of loads of laundry. This includes dish towels, dish clothes, aprons, hats, etc., used in the kitchen. The items can be dropped off at the laundry person's house either late at night (Midnight) or in the morning (7:00 a.m.). The laundry person will need to wash and fold the laundry that day by Noon. Someone can pick up the clean items or the individual can deliver the clean laundry to the Fair Kitchen.

**Movers to the Fair:** Move all the items needed for the Fair Kitchen. This includes not only utensils and supplies, but also larger pieces such as the large hot and cold table. A truck or large vehicle would be helpful.

**Movers to the Church:** Move all the items leaving the Fair Kitchen. This includes not only utensils and supplies, but also larger pieces such as the large hot and cold table. A truck or large vehicle would be helpful.

**Prep Table:** Cutting and cooking food to be served under the guidance of the Kitchen Coordinator.

**Window:** Take orders and communicate food orders to the grill/hot table area. Mark items being purchased on the order form and ensure that the requested items are on the tray.



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COOKBOOK!!

The proceeds from the sales of our new church cookbook will go to defray costs of our 175<sup>th</sup> 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 175<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

..... Cut Here.....

Cookbook Request for Pre-Planning Order

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Books \_\_\_\_\_

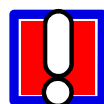
## LIL' SAINTS PRESCHOOL

It is now open enrollment for the 2007/2008 school year. The preschool will be open Tuesday–Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning September 11. 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](mailto: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](http://www.togetherinchrist.us).



## CHURCH NOTICES

On Sunday, September 9th Pastor Steven Brewer will be with us in both morning services. Pastor Brewer is the founder & C.E.O. of Tapestries of Life Ministries, Inc. and *Organization Tapestries de Mexico, A.C.* TLM is tasked with the building of an orphanage in Mexico named *Casa de los Gemas* (The House of Gems). Our church has been in fellowship with TLM for the last seven years through mission teams, Operation Back Pack, and other projects. Invite a friend and come to hear Pastor Brewer speak to us about God's workings among the children of Mexico.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HURON VALLEY HABITAT RESTORE

Need to remodel, repair or replace items in your home? The Habitat ReStore is your place for one stop shopping! Open to the public Tuesday - Saturday 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m. A large variety of surplus building materials, furniture and major appliances are available. The ReStore is located at 170 Aprill Drive, Ann Arbor. Aprill Drive is south off Jackson Rd., 1/2 mile west of Wagner.

Help us build more homes for working families here in Washtenaw County!

## 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.*

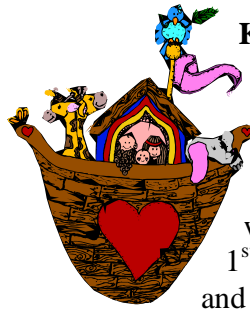


### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

The next training session will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. If you are volunteering in youth, children's or vulnerable adult ministries this training is mandatory. Future Safe Sanctuary Training Dates: Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact Melissa Zimmerman with any questions 913-6911.

### WEE WORSHIP DIRECTOR

After seven years serving our children and implementing Wee Worship and Kids Church, Joy Burns is stepping down to pursue other interests in the Children's and Youth Ministries. We gladly welcome Shannon Peitz to our staff. Wee Worship is for children ages 2 to 4 and meets in Room M during the worship services.



### Kids Church Director Welcomed

Sara Hieber is excited to kick off this fall in her new role of coordinating volunteers to help with Kids Church for children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. We welcome Sara and are looking forward to seeing God work in this ministry!

Both Wee Worship and Kids Church will resume on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> when we return to our fall schedule.

### Vacation Bible School a Success

The Waterworks Park Community VBS was a great success. The VBS study was hosted by our church in coordination with three other local churches and we ministered to just over 50 kids. A special thanks to Mary Cameron who was instrumental in helping make the community VBS possible. United together we are strong for Christ!

Sunday School Teacher Team Meeting  
Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Watch for Details



### College Students! We want your addresses!

Are you away at school? Are you just leaving to go away to school? Are you still in the area and going to school? Parents, do you have a child away at school? We would like to keep in touch with you! Please give your address to the church office in the care of Rev. Laura Speiran. Include your email and whether you would like to receive the church newsletter, either electronically or by snail mail.



Thank you so very much for the financial help you have given us. It is very helpful. Please tell your parishioners how much we appreciate it. We are hoping to rebuild soon. It was a blessing that we made it out safely. –Ralph and Marilyn West

## INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

### Junior and Senior High Fall Kickoff PARENTS Meeting

Ministry Fair Day – **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Junior High Parents : 10:00 –10:30 a.m. in Junior High Room

Senior High Parents : 10:30– 11:00 a.m. in Senior High Room

Parents, YOU are extremely important to the health of our youth ministries! Join us to learn more about what we will be doing throughout the year and how you and your child can be involved. Students are welcome to join us too.

### Youth Support Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m.

All parents and youth interested and willing to share in planning, preparing and praying for the junior and senior high youth ministry are invited to join us. Monthly meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month. Talk to Emily if you have any questions or want to be involved.

### JUNIOR HIGH

### End of Summer Blowout Party –

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 p.m. - It's the last youth group of the summer where wet and messy might describe you at the end of the night – be prepared!

### No Junior High Youth Group on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Junior High School Year Kickoff –

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to kick off the school year right by checking out a whole new year of youth group! Games, snacks, discussion, friends, and fun will all be a part of the kickoff night!! Don't miss it!!!

### SENIOR HIGH

### Curtis Park Cookout & Worship –

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:30 p.m. – It's an end of summer party that everyone is invited too, especially all incoming freshmen!! It's a night of good food, meeting and reuniting with friends, and worshipping God to start the school year off right! We'll see you and all your friends at the park!!!

**Wild Worship Wednesday's i.e. W3** – It's a night of connecting with friends and connecting with God made just for senior high youth. Join us Wednesday,

September 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:30 p.m. for the first W3 of the school year and make it part of your Wednesday night habit!

### Youth Missions Markers

*Moving Fair Kitchen*

September 2<sup>nd</sup> following 9:30 service

*Working and Re-moving the Fair Kitchen*

September 8<sup>th</sup> Evening

*Fall Rummage Sale*

Setup September 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Sale September 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Confirmation Class Information

If you (or your child) would like to participate in the Confirmation Process we would like to gather your information to prepare us for this year's new class. Confirmation Class begins for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and is intended to give each student the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision to 'confirm' their desire to become full members of the church. **Confirmation Class for all new students will begin on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with a Parent/Student meeting from 7-8 p.m.** The class is a two-year commitment. The first year students meet weekly Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. through May. The second years meet monthly also on a Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. This year second year students will begin Confirmation Class on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Emily at the church (429-4730) by September 12<sup>th</sup> and provide the name of the student and their grade. We would also love to answer any questions you may have about being a part of Confirmation Class. We're looking forward to another great year!

### Seeking: Youth Ministry Adult Leaders who Love God and Love Students

**Positions Needed:** Junior High Sunday School Teachers, Junior High Support Leaders, Confirmation Mentors, Senior High Support Leaders, and Prayer Warriors

**Qualities Needed:** Heart for Youth, Relationship with God, Ability to Smile, Willingness to learn and grow

**Qualities Not Needed:** Perfection, Ability to keep up with a 7<sup>th</sup> grader

**Contact Information:** Talk to Emily Krach ASAP, Emily can be reached by calling the church office at 429-4730.



**175 Years of Christian Ministry in Saline**  
**Saline First United Methodist Church**  
**1833 – 2008**



Help! Where has the summer gone? The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee has been working hard all summer to plan this years Terquansquicentennial (175<sup>th</sup>) celebration. We have plans starting in September and ending next June but we now need your help. Immediately we are looking for several people to 1) finalize our artwork, 2) generate our church banners and 3) head up the shirt sale that is planned in the next couple of weeks. Below is a more complete list of some of the planned events:

- 175<sup>th</sup> Artwork
- Church Banner design
- New Church Directory
- Christmas/Spring Shirt Sale
- Cookbook Sale
- Christmas ornament Sale
- Christmas Float and Holiday Celebration
- Outside 175<sup>th</sup> sign design
- Historical minutes throughout the year
- Dramatic historical presentation
- Time Capsule review and re-interment
- Two Musical celebrations
- Major Church picnic (Pig roast)

As mentioned, we need your help to make this a wonderful celebration.

If you can help, you can contact one of us directly or call the church office at 429-4730.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee**  
**Historical Committee**

- Carolyn Beal
- Jim Beal
- Bonnie Bennyhoff
- David Blough
- Shiela Blough
- Julie Evans
- Earl Laughrey
- Edna Laughrey
- Rich Merrill
- Chuck Webster
- Blair West
- Norma Jean West

Thanks  
 Rich Merrill - Chairperson  
 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee  
 (Home (734) 429 – 4555, Cell (734) 476 – 6883)

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Mission Trip**

Anyone interested in being part of the mission trip to the Mississippi Gulf Coast (January 26 - February 3, 2008) should attend a team organizational meeting:  
**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Room C**

This meeting is for those individuals who have made a commitment to go on the trip, as well as for those who are still contemplating being part of the team. The deadline to register for this trip is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that you must be at least 18 years of age to be a part of this mission team. Important trip information will be distributed at the meeting- your attendance is required. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Whitton or Emily Krach.

**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. Take the

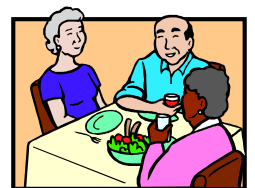


backpack, fill it with the listed supplies and bring it back to church as soon as possible. Boxes will be shipped off as soon as they are filled. If you want to contribute but cannot shop, giving to the shipping costs would be a great idea. Put your check in the offering plate with Mexico Back-Packs on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact David Coxtton at 997-9646. What a way to make a difference in the life of a child!



**J.O.Y. Fellowship**

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch, fun and fellowship! Our next get-together is September 20, 2007. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Our menu will include: Baked Potato Bar with chili, broccoli, bacon bits, cheese, sour cream and chives and chocolate cake. 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.



## CROP WALK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

An organizational meeting will be held at St. Andrews Church in Saline (near the backdoor) on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. For information about volunteering please call Margo Perry at (734) 223-4216.

## MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES OFFERED

Music Together classes for children ages birth to 5 and their parents or caregivers will again be offered at First United Methodist Church, Saline this fall. The new session begins in September and features weekly classes of developmentally appropriate music activities. Daytime and evening classes are taught by Angela Schmidt and Nicole Lampman, registered Music Together teachers.

Interested families are invited to attend a free demonstration class on August 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call Angela Schmidt at 429-3385 for available times and to make a reservation.

For more information about Music Together and the fall class schedule, please visit [www.HandInHandMT.com](http://www.HandInHandMT.com)

## ARE YOU FEELING CALLED?

Are you feeling called to do something more for your church family? Are you a people person with some spare time on your hands? Perhaps you would enjoy being a **volunteer visitor** or a **homebound communion server** to those in our congregation who are not able to be in worship with us. There is a training coming up on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Deacon Laura Speiran, Minister of Congregational Care if you have questions or sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

## 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 found the time to finish it? Our scrapbook group continues our monthly meetings on August 25 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room F. 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](mailto:cheryl@fumc-saline.org) to get all the details.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



What are small, rectangular, and can send a piece of you to faraway places to touch the lives of children who are refugees of civil wars, survivors of natural disasters, or victims of extreme poverty? **YOUR OLD SHOEBOXES!** Pack a shoebox with new small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, a personal note and photo if you wish, other items that are safe and can make a tough trip overseas, and \$7 to cover shipping and project costs like printing gospel materials in foreign languages. Bring your boxes to church to dedicate to God on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Operation Christmas Child then adds the gospel materials and sorts and sends them around the world to children in need. Look for specific Operation Christmas Child box instructions in upcoming weeks, pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall, or call Linda Klepaczyk at 429-0441. (In the meantime, back to school sales mean great deals on box fillers!)

## Cass Community Social Services Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Scramble

The scramble is being held at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> with start time at Noon. The cost for a foursome (including golf, cart, range, dinner, and beverages is \$600 or \$175 per individual. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. There are more prizes, dinner only options and more information available at [www.casscommunity.org](http://www.casscommunity.org) or call (313) 833-2277, extension 203.

## ADULT MINISTRY



*Sunday School and Disciple classes will be starting  
September 16<sup>th</sup>.*

The Ministry Fair will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Come and see all the things our church does.

Pastor Jim will be doing a six-week sermon series on "God Is Closer than You Think" and a Sunday School class will follow each week on this topic in Room C. Other Sunday School Classes will include: the Gospel of John (facilitated by Dave Drenning and Bruce Moss) in Room G, Parenting Class in Room F, Ray Vanderlaan series in Room A.

Disciple classes will begin in September also. The short version (8 weeks) of the Old Testament will be facilitated by Jennifer Cunkle on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Jesus in the Gospels (30 weeks) will be led by Frank Quinn on Sunday evenings. Disciple I, III, and IV will be offered if we have enough people sign up.

Please check out the clipboards at the Opportunity Wall and sign up now.

### **Haiti School Project Volunteer In Mission**

November 10-18, 2007



The team will be going to Haiti to finish a new secondary classroom in Tovar, the first high school classroom ever for that community. If time permits, we will continue on to Jeremie where Rev. Jean Lesly Dorcelly has taken up a new challenge and would like our assistance.

We will worship and learn as we visit several sites and meet people in various settings. If you would like to join the Haiti School Project team as we work alongside Haitian workers, contact Curtis Bartz for information and an application. Call (313) 2784849 or email [jbartz@mich.com](mailto:jbartz@mich.com).



To my Family of Friends at First United Methodist Church of Saline

I cannot even begin to tell all of you how much your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls have meant to me and to Gary. I have been completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and encouragement during this journey with ovarian cancer and all the many challenges it has presented. The beautiful prayer quilt, delivered by Linda Glaspie, has traveled with me many time to chemo treatments and has warmed me not only with its warmth but also with the warmth of the hands that lovingly stitched and knotted it. I only wish I was able to come and give each and every one of you my personal hug, and, hopefully, I will be able to do that in the near future. I feel the presence of God leading me in the path of recovery and thank him every day for his strength, which is turn gives me strength when I really don't want to be strong.

Again, thank you from the bottom our hearts for each and every one of you wonderful friends. You truly are "My/Our Family".

Mary and Gary Ruhl

### **Community Notification of a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Study Being Conducted in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties**

Thursday, August 30, 2007

First United Methodist Church, Saline

For additional information contact Jennifer Fowler at (734) 712-1316. Heart-healthy refreshments will be provided.

*My sheep listen to my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
John 10:27*

## PRAYER CONCERNS ~



Ernie Busch  
Mary Ruhl  
Paul Adamkowski  
Linda Adebisi  
David McKinstry  
Harry Crist

Robin Albrect  
Ben  
Diane Plumber & family  
Donna Cody  
Carol Tondreau  
Lynn Shaw's friend's grandchild  
Tom & Susan Holly  
Peggy Warner's sister, Sue  
Art & Ginny Singleton  
the Conklin family  
Harley Singmon  
Lou Pintarelli  
Alexis Cano  
Al Bates  
Ed Doub  
William Teegbeh Memorial United Methodist  
Church (our partner church in Liberia).  
Amy Acree's grandmother  
JoAnn McDonnell's brother-in-law, Gary  
Eunice Wallo  
Amanda Brewer  
Underground miners  
Those in the path of Hurricanes  
Earthquake sufferers  
Those suffering from heat, floods, forest fires,  
infrastructure collapse, and weather.  
Christians in Muslim controlled countries.  
US military  
Detroit Tigers  
Tom & Susan Holly

**PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ the Sauter & Smith families health; David & Shiela Blough's new grand nephew, MaKinlee Packer; for those headed back to school; Nate Held's safe arrival home from Afghanistan; the arrival of the pulpit we sent to Liberia; Liz Rauser's improved health; the wedding of Rebecca Chizmadia & Justin Salisbury; those who helped move the donated office furniture to the church; the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS trainers in Plymouth.

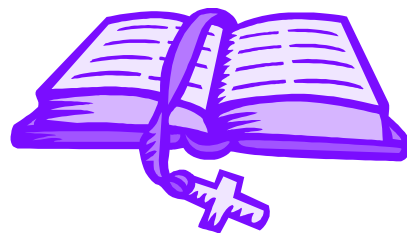


## Military personnel and families to keep in our prayers ~


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** ~ Bob & Cindy Kelley and family on the passing of her father, Andy Boisvert; Dave and Sue Hares and family on the passing of his father, George; Arloa and Ken Jennings on the passing of her mother, Virginia Mitchell; David and Shiela Blough on the passing of his aunt, Ethel Blough.



# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

<b>26 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 6:30p Jr. High	<b>27 Monday</b> 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p Church Council	<b>28 Tuesday</b> 9:00a Library Committee 9:30a WISE 4:37p Golf League 4:45p Music Together 5:00p Personal Music Rehearsal 6:00p Girl Scouts 6:30p HOMMIES	<b>29 Wednesday</b> 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 8:00p W.O.W.	<b>30 Thursday</b> 10:00a CPR Study	<b>31 Friday</b>	<b>1 Saturday</b>
<b>2 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service  Move to Fair Kitchen  Fair Kitchen	<b>3 Monday</b> <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>LABOR DAY</b> </div> OFFICE CLOSED  Fair Kitchen	<b>4 Tuesday</b> 8:00a Kitchen Prep 9:15a WISE 12:30p Ruth Circle 2:00p Fair Help 4:37p Golf League 7:00p Staff Parish  Fair Kitchen	<b>5 Wednesday</b> 8:00a Kitchen Prep 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Quilting 2:00p Fair Help 8:00p WWW  Fair Kitchen	<b>6 Thursday</b> 8:00a Kitchen Prep 9:00a Fair Ministry Set-up 2:00p Fair Help 7:30p Flying Club  Fair Kitchen	<b>7 Friday</b> 8:00a Kitchen Prep 9:00a Fair Ministry Set-up  Fair Kitchen	<b>8 Saturday</b> 9:00a Fair Ministry Set-up  Fair Kitchen

## DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Friday, September 31<sup>st</sup>** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

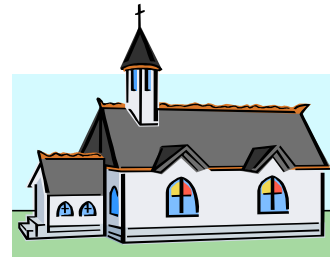
### Head Ushers:

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

**Greeters:** Aug 12 The Hespen Family  
 Aug 19 The Kise Family

### Worship Attendance:

Aug 12 – 342  
 Aug 19 – 313



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