

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

September 23, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“Back in Full Swing”

I haven't the slightest idea where the expression “in full swing” originated, but I sure know when it's happening; and it's happening right now at our church. It's always great to step back a couple of steps for the summer months...to slow down the pace a bit and catch our breath. Yet I have to admit that I experience an adrenalin rush that comes each September as all the program activity reassumes for the school year. At 5:30 a.m. this morning I was fully awake raring to go, and that's not my usual manner of getting out of bed; but I think that it's just a natural response to what's been happening around here these last two weeks.

One of the great things about having my office in the church is being around, seeing the activity, hearing the hubbub and feeling the beat of all that's happening around this place. Just this week, it felt good having a good worshipping congregation in both services, sharing in the baptizing of one of the grandchildren of this congregation and being able to host that family afterwards for family time together. Several administrative groups have been here each evening this week ramping up for the fall program. Scout troops have begun meeting. Bible studies and Sunday School classes are back in session. R.O.C.K in Logos coordinators are putting the finishing touches on the fall session that begins this coming week. All of our music groups have begun rehearsing.

The kids enrolled in Lil' SAINTS Nursery School have already been down to see me and the rest of the staff. This week, from dawn to late at night, people are streaming in and out of the Fellowship Hall with bags and boxes for the Youth Missions Rummage Sale. A few have already perused some items that they want to pick up at the sale. Volunteers have been spending hours here at every available computer station typing and proofing the 175th Anniversary Cookbook.

On Friday morning we gathered in the sanctuary in a celebration of the life of Linda Adebisi. Because of the expandable rooms in our new addition, we were able to provide a luncheon for her family and friends, since the Fellowship Hall was stacked to the brim with sale items. The next day, no sooner had shoppers left and the Fellowship Hall cleared, and people began coming to witness the joining of a young couple in marriage. Clearly we're “back in full swing.” If you're not yet, you're missing out on all that's happening. See you around...soon! – Pastor Jim.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

*"But grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now
and forever!" Amen 2 Peter 3:18*

Pick up your Children's Ministry Registration Form in the main office to register your child for Sunday School, KIDS Church, and WEE Worship. All children ages 2 years – 6th grade must be registered.

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.

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 September 26th, 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 has not been a 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.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Volunteers Needed

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS is praying for hearts and minds with the gifts and talents to **volunteer with our 2-5 year olds!** If you have experience with this age group and love children, please contact Leanne Rinnac to talk about serving our young children on Wednesday afternoons. Various time slots are available! What's your schedule like?

Wee Worship Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers for both the 9:00 and 11:15 services are needed to help support our 4 and 5 year old Wee Worship Service. Please contact Shannon Peitz at 944-6617 if you are interested in this fun ministry.

WEE Worship is for children ages 2-5 and **KIDS Church** is for children in grades 1-3. Both ministries are offered during each of our worship services. It is worship time at a level that the children understand and enjoy.



The Friendship Ministry launches for its 3rd wonderful season on **October 2nd**, from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** We will begin with a cook out/open house at Saline First United Methodist Church! The students and staff will have a cook-out combined with a family walk-through and open house. The students of Friendship have been excited to begin the new season for quite some time now. The regular ministry night will begin one week after the open house on Tuesday, **October 9th**, from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** The students will experience and share in worship, praise, colored bells, puppets, Bible study, craft, and fellowship. Friendship Ministries will run from early October to late May of 2008. We have purchased brand new curriculum for this year. We are delighted to say that we have been blessed with Amy and Liz - two new staff members for this season! We ALWAYS room for more *wonderfully* called staff persons who would like to experience God through this incredible group of students and staff, in a most unique ministry, and in a most unique way!!! If you have been feeling the nudge of God, please contact the church office, any Friendship Staff, or Roger Heffelbower for more information. We are standing on the blessed threshold to "**bloom where we stand!**"

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? Come join us on Saturday, September 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room F 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.

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior & Senior High Students and Parents

Make sure your 2007-2008 Infusion Youth Information Sheet is filled out and handed in to Emily. This form can be picked up in the junior or senior high youth room!

Youth Support Team Meeting - Tuesday, September 25th, at 8 p.m. — A time of preparing, planning, and praying for our youth ministry.

See Ya at the Pole – (ie:SY@TP) – Wednesday, September 26th at 7 a.m. at the flag pole at YOUR school! Join other students for a time of student led prayer!

Junior High

Dinner and Drama (at RNL) – All 7th and 8th graders are invited to Dinner and Drama every Wednesday, starting September 26th from 5:30 – 7 p.m.. We will eat dinner together as a group and then prepare and practice as a drama team. Join us every Wednesday!

Youth Group - Sunday, September 23rd, 6:30-8 p.m. – All 7th and 8th graders are invited to a night of games, discussion, food, and fun as we talk about “the Code.” Join us and bring a friend!

Corn Maze & Bonfire – Saturday, October 13th 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Meet at the church before venturing out to Talladay Farms Corn Maze for fun, fire time, and food! Bring \$5, a flashlight, and a friend!!

Senior High

Wild Worship Wednesday (ie: W3) – It’s a night of connecting with friends and connecting with God made for senior high youth. Join us every Wednesday from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Youth Room!

Life Together Groups (ie: LT Groups) – Pick up an info/sign up sheet now to be a part of an LT group starting Sunday, Oct. 7th at Emily’s house. Meeting time is 4-6 p.m. and dinner is included. This is a chance for you to be in a small group of guys or girls and share your lives together through prayer, discussion, and Bible Study every Sunday. Each group will consist of the same students and the same gender throughout the year. Meals shared are made by participating families. YOU will have a chance to grow deeper in your faith in your LT group!! Pick up the info sheet now and turn in your form to Emily!

Tailgate Party – Friday, October 12th – Join us after the Saline Homecoming Football Game for a PARTY!! Pizza and Pop in the Parking Lot at the “Hive” (otherwise known as the gold church van). Bring your friends!!

Bonfire & Corn Maze – All Parents and Students are invited to a night of fellowship on Saturday, October 20th at 7 p.m. Join us at the Bennyhoff Home and enjoy some food around the fire! Parents will stay and relax and enjoy one another while students head out to the Talladay Farms Corn Maze! Students – Bring \$5, a flashlight, and your parents!! Certain to be a GREAT fall evening together!!

See You at the Pole™

“Gather. Unite. Pray. Come Together.” (John 17:20-23) is the theme for See You at the Pole this year. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th at schools throughout the United States and in many other countries. It will be an awesome time together!

GATHER. UNITE. PRAY.
come together.
John 17:20-23

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLANNING ON COLLEGE

For students in high school that are looking to go to college, the amount of tuition costs facing them is staggering. As parents, we know the value of a college education, but at what cost? It is important to make wise decisions when choosing a college for your child and not have him/her graduate with huge debts. College Assistance Plus (CAPlus) is offering a free seminar on September 26th during Wild Worship Wednesday. Call Barbara Rasenberger at 470-6339 to register for the seminar or for more information.

RuMmAge Sale

**Saturday, September 22nd
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Please help us pre-plan how many cookbooks to have printed by reserving your copies now. The cookbooks will be here by November 4th and will make great Christmas gifts. The cost will be \$10 per book. Please pick up a preorder form at the Opportunity Wall. Payment can be made now in the form of a check written out to First United Methodist Church with *175th Anniversary Cookbook* in the memo line. Payment is also accepted at the time of pick up.



Operation Christmas Child



A shoe box filled with small toys, school supplies, other gifts, and a personal note can introduce a hurting child in a faraway country to God's love. If you would like to pack a box for Operation Christmas Child, please see the step-by-step instructions in the brochures located at the Opportunity Wall or contact Linda Klepaczyk at 429-0441 if you'd like additional details.

W.O.W. MEANS

WALK-ON-THE-WEB

The easiest and new way to gather sponsors for your CROP walk is online. Here's how you do it:

- Go to www.cropwalkonline.org.
- Click on your **state**.
- Scroll down to **your local CROP Hunger Walk** and click on it.
- Click on the "**Register Here**" button.
- Follow the simple on-screen instructions to sign up as **individual** or team.
- **E-mail** family & friends to **sponsor** you.

The Saline Area CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 7. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. at Saline United Methodist Church.

To get a walker donation sheet, please contact Mary Beth Bredernitz at 944-0541.

To Your Health

September Blood Drive September 28th

1:00-7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist
Church of Saline



At our June Blood Drive, of the 20 registered people, three were first time donors, three willing donors had minor medical reasons why they could not donate, and 16 people successfully donated a unit of whole blood. These 16 units gave 48 hospital patients a chance to once again enjoy good health. Our goal for that drive was 25 units.

We have another chance to help on September 28th at our church. Let's see if we can meet our 25 unit goal!

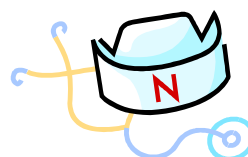
Flu Shot Time

The Parish Nurse Program has been able to secure the services of the Visiting Nurses to administer flu shots at our church.

The clinic will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the shot is covered by the following insurances: Medicare Part B, HAP, Blue Care Network (NOT Blue Cross/Blue Shield), M-Care, Care Choices, and Priority Health. If you are not covered by the above insurances, the cost is \$33.00 payable with cash, check, or most major credit cards.

So roll up your sleeves and protect yourself and those around you. Be healthy this winter!

Pastor Tuttle has said that he wouldn't mind if folks sat in the back during Sunday worship and slipped out for their shot. This would allow a more steady flow of people in line. You can come early for the 9:00 a.m. service or stay after the 11:15 a.m. service. There is no excuse; don't leave church without it!



To your good health...
Sharell Gehrke

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, please contact Curtis Bartz for information and an application. Call (313) 2784849 or email jbartz@mich.com.

UMW NEWS

UMW's monthly gathering (all circles) will be held Monday October 1st at 9:30 a.m. in Room C. Hannah Circle is hosting. The program will be on education for missions.

Esther Circle will meet Monday, October 1st at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Carolyn Beal.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 1John 1:5

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, 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. 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.

Brecon Music Fest

Evangelical Homes of Michigan will host the Brecon Music Fest to benefit the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on Saturday, September 22, 2007, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at their Brecon Village Retirement Community.

The Brecon Music Fest will take place on the front lawn of Brecon Village, where there will be seating under an open air tent or plenty of room on the lawn to spread a blanket for the family to share. The event opens to the public at 1:00 p.m., with musical performances from the WCC Jazz Orchestra (under the direction of John E. Lawrence), The Millers (who play "old time music"), and George Bedard and the Kingpins - famous for their "rockabilly" show. Emceeding the event will be Paul Pazz, Saline resident and former radio host for the WEMU's Essential Troubadour Radio Show.

Brecon Village Retirement Community is located at 200 Brecon Drive in Saline. Tickets for the event are \$15.00 per person, which includes admission to the concert and lunch. Tickets are on sale now at several locations: Brecon Village, Evangelical Home-Saline, Drowsy Parrot (Saline), Music Go Round (Ann Arbor, Target Shopping Center), Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, Shared Care Services Inc. (Ann Arbor, 1601 Briarwood Circle), or call for information at (734) 429-1155.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We deeply appreciate the toiletries and diapers that you donated to Hope Clinic in July of this year. It has always been difficult for us to keep our Share & Care Closet stocked during the summer months. The toiletries are a blessing for those who come for help. Also, we are always glad to be able to help a mom that comes to us in need of diapers. This is a frequent occurrence here at Hope Center. Your donation was a Godsend.

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

Sincerely,
Cathy Robinson
Hope Clinic Executive Director



BLUE HOUSE COLLECTION

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 contact Jan Turosky at 944-1429.

10 Tips on Making Prayer Part of Your Life

1. Use the separate Prayer List page from your Sunday bulletin during the week!
2. Join the Prayer Ministry at the church on Thursdays, at 9:30 a.m.
3. Sign up for the confidential prayer chain through our church that is activated each morning at 7:00 a.m. via telephone.
4. Pray before you get out of bed in the morning – it makes a difference in your day!
5. Pray as you go running or walking.
6. Pray for strangers as you see someone in need as you go about your day.
7. When you have a group gathered (for any reason), take time to form a circle and pray.
8. Set a time in your day when you pray, even if you have to stop what you are doing and just take two minutes to connect to God.
9. Picture the person you are praying for in your mind when you pray.
10. Create prayer “promptings” such as: praying for emergency personnel and those they are helping when you see an ambulance, police car, or fire truck; praying for children and their teachers when you see a school bus; praying for those who do not have the blessings of faith when you pass a church.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ Jim & Janet O'Kunze's move back into their home; John Engel's safe arrival home from Iraq; Nathan Miller joining the Navy; our fall New Member class which is starting this morning; another successful year of ministry at the Saline Community Fair, thanks to all who made it possible; the Friendship Ministry training held in Grand Rapids; Kathy Richmond's new job; Gary Sharp's successful surgery; Judy Whitehead's return home from the hospital; Mary Richmond's volleyball team's successful tournament.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Kunle Adebisi and family on Linda's passing.

PRAYER CONCERNS ~

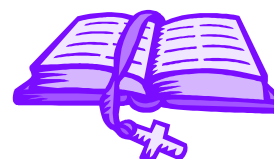


Mary Ruhl; Paul Adamkowski; Genny Singleton; Martha Gilveli; Doug Beard; Elizabeth Gasparovic; Marcia Vos; Bryson Hummel; Chuck Osborn; the family of Gary Ingram; Elton Moehn; Jan Williams; Cindy Haury's sister, Carol; Kim Setzer; Gwen Law; Kathy Griffith; Ruth; Doug Toth; Jeff & Addie Calvitt & family; Tim Jackson; Don Force; Judy Whitehead; Christopher Donofro; Diane Nageotte & children; Walter Schmidt; Christie; Donna; Joanne Gunningham; Jackie Tull; Pfizer families; William Teegbeh Memorial United Methodist Church; underground miners; those in the path of hurricanes; earthquake sufferers; Christians in Muslim controlled countries; those struggling with mental difficulties; everyone who is out of work.



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.



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 6, 2007

<p>23 Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bake Sale</p> <p>9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a New Members 11:15a Contemporary Service 6:00p Jesus in Gospels 6:30p Jr. High</p>	<p>24 Monday</p> <p>10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Church Council</p>	<p>25 Tuesday</p> <p>9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:30p HOMMIES 7:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p WISE PM 8:00p Youth Support</p>	<p>26 Wednesday</p> <p>9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1st year Confirmation 7:00p UMW Executive 8:00p WWW 8:00p College Seminar</p>	<p>27 Thursday</p> <p>9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 10:00a Brecon Service 1:00p Disc. IV 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Stephen Ministry 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:00p Mississippi Mission Trip 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells</p>	<p>28 Friday</p> <p>1:00p Blood Drive</p>	<p>29 Saturday</p> <p>12:00p Eagle Scout Award</p>
<p>30 Sunday</p> <p>9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a New Member Class 11:15a Contemporary Service 6:00p Jesus in Gospels 6:30p Jr. High</p>	<p>1 Monday</p> <p>9:30a Hannah Circle 9:30a UMW 10:00a Shawl Ministry 12:30p Esther Circle 7:00p Staff Parish</p>	<p>2 Tuesday</p> <p>7:30a Stephen Ministry Peer Meeting 9:15a WISE AM 12:30p Ruth Circle 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministry 7:00p WISE PM</p>	<p>3 Wednesday</p> <p>9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1st year Confirmation 8:00p WWW</p>	<p>4 Thursday</p> <p>9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 1:00p Disciple IV 6:15p Brownies 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:30p Bells 7:30p Flying Club</p>	<p>5 Friday</p>	<p>6 Saturday</p> <p>1:00p Christ Riders 4:00p Private Party</p>

Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Don & Rita Gall
Jerry & Virginia Sherman
John & Carole McConnell

Welcome Center:

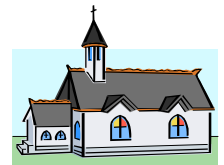
Mary Isaacson
Linda Jeffries
Pam Heffelbower

Worship Attendance:

Sept 9 – 448
Sept 16 – 546

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, October 1st** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, October 4th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.



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