

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.
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STEEPLE NEWS

October 7, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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At this time each year, I find myself engaged in an ecclesiastical triathlon. The first lap is getting prepared for the Annual Church Conference. The second leg is adequately developing the emerging year’s operating budget and conducting a stewardship campaign to support those ministry needs. The third round is getting ready for the great seasons of Advent and Christmas. In a conversation late last night with my brother in Pennsylvania, he asked me if I anticipated any downtime coming up. My response was, “I’ve got a few days free after Christmas.”

I once hated this time of year, but I’m now finding more fulfillment in these three corresponding parts of our life together as a congregation. The church’s ministry requires management and leadership...carrying out the mission needs funding...and the motivation for what we’re about is telling the Good News of the God who came to earth in Jesus Christ and continues to come wherever and whenever we are open to receiving God’s Presence.

For sure, I will be writing more about the second and third events of this triathlon later. Today I want to invite you to a special event on Sunday evening, November 4th. At 6:30 p.m. you are invited to dinner. Joe Luben will be preparing the entrée, and you and I are asked to bring a side dish, vegetable, salad or dessert to share with your church family. At 7:30 p.m. we will be having our annual meeting and elect our officers and affirm our Lay Speakers for 2008, as well as set the salary for both of our appointed clergy. We will vote on revisions to our Endowment Fund, which having met the \$100,000 goal, can be functional. The 175th Anniversary Committee will present an overview of upcoming special events for 2008, as we celebrate 175 years of ministry in Saline.

Both our Lay Leadership and Staff-Parish Committees have been working to provide the volunteers and staff needed to continue our church moving forward in our mission to “make disciples for Jesus Christ.” The Lay Leadership Report will be recommended to you on Sunday, November 4th. A step forward taken by your Staff-Parish Committee this summer was to increase Leanne Rimnac’s job responsibilities effective September 1st. As Children’s Ministry Director, she was providing behind the scenes support to the Wednesday evening R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry. Responding to the staffing needs and issues raised by the Coordinators of that ministry, Leanne was asked to officially begin wearing two hats: one as Children’s Ministry Director and the other as Director of R.O.C.K. in LOGOS, assuring that this superb, mid-week ministry will have as strong a staff support as we are able to provide. Our intent is to continue this staff configuration for the coming years.

Leanne and the Ministry Leaders, with the help of all of us who are able to volunteer our time will make a lasting impression on the lives of the children of our congregation, who will grow to make a significant impact on the world in which we live. If you want to make a difference in your world, here’s a place for you to do that.

Later you’ll hear about financing our ministry. Then we’ll celebrate Christ’s coming. But before that all happens, let’s gather to officially launch the church’s New Year. See you on Sunday evening, November 4th. – 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

Please join the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry leaders in welcoming our new Pre-R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Coordinator Patsy Held. Patsy had been talking with God and He laid it on her heart to step up and take the coordinator position for the child care portion of RNL. Instead of calling it 'child care' or 'nursery' or '2s -5s' she suggested, as does The LOGOS Ministry, calling it Pre-R.O.C.K. in LOGOS. This group encompasses students 2-5 years of age. We are very blessed and we thank you for praying over this portion of the ministry as well as the ministry as a whole. WELCOME PATSY!

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 8-11a.m. Please contact Melissa Zimmerman at 913-6911 with any questions.

Alex and Naomi Anest will share their Music Ministry with the 3rd and 4th graders on the 4th Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour. This will be an awesome opportunity for you child to learn through the gifts and talents of Alex and Naomi.

AS THESE MINISTRIES CONTINUE TO GROW, SO DO THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO GROW IN HIM! PLEASE JOIN US IN THE EFFORT TO RAISE SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS! CONTACT LEANNE RIMNAC WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



BUDDY WALK 2007

The Buddy Walk 2007, supporting the Down Syndrome Support Team Washtenaw County, will be held at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor (across from Huron High School). The one mile walk starts at 3:00 p.m. with registration and check-in at 2:00 p.m. This year, the Buddy Walk will be held in loving memory of Ella Nadig, granddaughter of Carroll and Sandy Nadig. In addition to the walk, there will be many raffle items and a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Down Syndrome Support Team Washtenaw County. For more information on the Down Syndrome Support Team, please visit the Web site www.downsyndromest.com.



Join us on Tuesday, **October 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for Friendship Ministries.** The students will experience and share in worship, praise, hand bells, puppets, Bible study, craft, and fellowship. Friendship Ministries will run from early October to May of 2008. We have purchased new curriculum for this year. We are also delighted to say that we have been blessed with Amy and Liz - two new staff members for this season! We ALWAYS have 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 (429-4730), any Friendship Staff member, or Roger Heffelbower (323-0355) for more information. We are standing on the blessed threshold to **"bloom where we stand!"**

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

SMALL GROUP CLASS

Please join our Small Group Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. as we study "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Phillip Yancy. This class follows a video and discussion format and meetings are held in individual's homes. For further information or for location, please contact Shirley Padding at 477-9223.

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!

Junior High

Dinner and Drama (at RNL) – All 7th and 8th graders are invited to Dinner and Drama every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We will eat dinner together as a group and then prepare and practice as a drama team. Join us every Wednesday in room F!

Corn Maze & Bonfire – Saturday, October 13th from 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. 7 at Emily's house. Meeting and dinner time is from 4-6 p.m. 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!!

Fundraising Lunch Gulf Coast Mission Team October 21, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

The Gulf Coast Mission Team is hosting a Mississippi Style Luncheon on Sunday, October 21 from 12:30–2 p.m. This will be the first major fundraiser for the team. They will travel to the Gulf Coast area January 26 through February 3, 2008. This theme based fundraiser will offer a New Orleans style main course with a luscious favorite, Mississippi Mud Pie, for dessert! The Gulf Coast Mission Team invites each of you to share in this time of fellowship and food. Please plan on celebrating this mission opportunity with us. There will be a free will offering taken to help support this mission trip. For more information please contact Kathy Kirkland by calling 429-3414 or 429-4528.



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 portion of the Children's Sabbath Worship Service on October 28th will be a time to dedicate goodie filled boxes to God and to pray over the children around the globe who will receive the boxes and learn of God's love. Please consider being a PACKER or a BOX TOPPER to help with this ministry by packing your own box or boxes or donating money to help top off boxes we've started with donated items. Do it in honor of your child, grandchild, or the children of this congregation and make a difference in an impoverished child's life. Please see the step-by-step instructions in the brochures located at the Opportunity Wall or contact Linda Klepaczkyk at 429-0441 if you'd like additional details.

Loving Hands Ministry

We need your help! Would you consider making a meal in your home and delivering it to someone in our church family? Loving Hands offers meals to those who have had surgery, those who are undergoing cancer treatments, who have been in an accident, who are welcoming a new baby into their home, or to those who just need a helping hand. Due to employment changes in our area 12 people have had to leave our serving team and we would like to replace them. If you are able to help, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall by the Loving Hands poster. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Maddock at 482-2463 or Carol Osterling at 429-6953. Thank-you!

DISCIPLE I CLASSES TO BEGIN OCTOBER 7

We had a wonderfully positive response to our ministry moment on September 16th and as a result Disciple I Bible Study Classes are beginning this fall. Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, will begin with the first meeting on Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. in Room C. There are still one or two empty chairs in the class. If you are considering this Bible study, but have not had a chance to register for the class, or if you have questions, please call Paulette Suchy at 429-0561.



EVENING OF HOPE

On Friday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Michigan Firehouse Museum, there will be a fund raiser for Hope Clinic. Entertainment will be provided by Jump Street Swing Band, and the event will be catered by Back Alley Gourmet. There will also be silent and live auctions (you can preview these items at www.thehopeclinic.org). If you have questions about this event you can contact Jan Turosky at 944-1429.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please note that the Prayer Ministry has changed to Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (everyone is welcome to join us). This small group prays over the prayer cards from Sunday, as well as concerns which come in during the week. We want to keep our congregation connected to God in a powerful way, as we seek to do the Lord's will in this place. If you have any questions please talk to Laura Speiran.

CROP Walk

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE



The Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 4th. We will begin the evening at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner; the business meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. We will provide the entrée for this potluck but are asking you to bring your favorite side dish, vegetable, salad or dessert (to serve 10 or more) to compliment the meal. Please save the date on your calendar and plan on a great tasting meal with a meeting on the side. We will provide coffee, tea, milk and lemonade. If you or your ministry team would like to set up these beverages, please contact Darlene in the office. . We are looking for someone to do set up/clean up in room A/B for the Staff Parish meeting with Tom McCauley, our District Superintendent, at 6:30 p.m. The set up would include condiments, place settings, coffee and ice water. If you or your ministry team would like to help in this area, please contact Darlene at 429-4730.

QUILT AUCTION AND UMW SOUPS, SALADS AND DESSERTS

All buffet items will be from our new cookbook!

**Saturday, November 3
In the Fellowship Hall**

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Quilt Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Meal free-will offering will go to missions that include: Methodist Children's Home, Cass Avenue, Heritage Foundation and Saline Area Social Services.

Proceeds from the quilts go to funding next year's quilts, our Prayers and Squares Ministry, the UMC AIDS Advance Giving and other missions.

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 are trainings coming up on Sunday, October 14. Please talk to Deacon Laura Speiran, Minister of Congregational Care if you have questions or sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud of the recipients of this year's Upper Class Scholarships:

Rebecca Calvitt, "Animal Science"
Sophomore, Michigan State University

Kaitlyn Merrill, "Nursing"
Senior, Villanova University

Paul Rodenhouse, "Kinesiology"
Senior, De Pauw University

Scott Schoenfeldt, "Flight Technology"
Sophomore, Purdue University

Christina Zimmerman, "Broadcast Meteorology"
Graduate School, Mississippi State University

We wish all of them continued success in their chosen studies and careers.



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.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~

Judy Whitehead's return home from the hospital; birth of Chuck & Sharell Gehrke's great grandson, Caden; Dave and Sue Luttenbacher's new grandson, Evan David Luttenbacher; to Leanne Rinnac and Mandy Austin our newly Certified Lay Speakers; Carol & John McConnell's daughter-in-law's new teaching job; Annette Parker's dad's salvation; for all the teamwork of volunteers and staff that make our church run smoothly even in the busiest of weeks, Nick Turosky on his Eagle Scout accomplishment.



OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~
Kunle Adebisi and family on Linda's passing; the family and friends of Kenneth Volz on his passing; Emily Krach and family on the loss of her sister Angie's baby.

PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Mary Ruhl, Paul Adamkowski, Martha Gilveli, Gwen Law, Kathy Griffith, Ruth, Elizabeth Gasparovic, Gary Ingram, Carol Barks, Tim Jackson, Don Force, Genny Singleton, Christopher Donofro, Diane Nageotte & children, Walter Schmidt, Christie, Donna, Joanne Gunningham, Jackie Tull, Laura, Thelma Dean, Martha Karaman, Eleanor, Jim Beal, McKenna Ducca, Gary Korte, Karen Folta's family, Madeline, Jean Fryer, Rosila Hoelzer, Nathan Miller, Amy Acree's grandmother, Samantha Sherson, Hinsman family, Andrea Bachman, Setzer family, Oneta Bull, healing for our friends, those suffering from natural disasters, our Pfizer families, William Teegbeh UMC, those in the path of hurricanes, earthquake sufferers, Christians in Muslim countries, for everyone who is out of work.



MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES ~

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; Joseph Miller, nephew of Cindy Haury.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 7 – OCTOBER 20, 2007

7 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a New Members 11:15a Contemporary Service 1:00p Golf Outing at Rustic Glen 2:00p CROP Walk 3:00p EVH Service 4:00p LT Groups At Emily's 5:00p Disciple I 6:00p Jesus in Gospels 6:30p Jr. High	8 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Susanna Circle 7:00p Widow's Support Group	9 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministry 7:00p Girl Scouts 7:00p WISE PM	10 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner & Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st year Confirmation 7:00p 2 nd year Confirmation 8:00p WWW	11 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 1:00p Disc. IV 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Stephen Ministry 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells	12 Friday Homecoming Tailgate Party - SHS	13 Saturday 6:30p Jr. High Corn Maze – Meet at the church
14 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a New Member Class 11:15a Contemporary Service 1:00p Mission Team Lunch/Meeting 3:30p Homebound Communion Server 4:00p LT Groups at Emily's 6:00p Jesus in Gospels 6:00p Volunteer Visitor Training 6:30p Jr. High	15 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Adult Ministries 7:00p Community Care 7:00p Finance	16 Tuesday 7:30a Stephen Ministry Peer Meeting 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:00p RNLVision Forward Team Meeting 7:00p WISE PM	17 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner & Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st year Confirmation 7:00p Christ Riders to Willis 8:00p WWW	18 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:00p Joy Fellowship 1:00p Disciple IV 6:15p Brownies 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 6:30p Stephen Ministry 7:00p Choir 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:30p Bells	19 Friday 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	20 Saturday 12:00p Food Prep for Gulf Coast Mission Dinner 4:00p Doe/Bishop Wedding 6:00p Gulf Coast Mission Dinner Set Up-FH 7:00p Sr. High Bon Fire – Bennyhoff's

Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Jerry & Virginia Sherman
 John & Carole McConnell

Welcome Center:

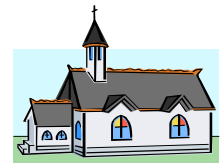
Linda Jeffries
 Susie Treber

Worship Attendance:

Sept 23 – 489
 Sept 30 – 469

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, October 15th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, October 18th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.



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