

The
Newsletter
of the
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Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:10 a.m.
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Right Start 8:04 a.m.
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STEEPLE NEWS

February 10, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“Walking Where Jesus Walked”

Years ago during Holy Week a soloist would often sing “*I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.*” The words sequenced the steps of Jesus during the days leading up to Good Friday. The song was moving to hear; but what was even more moving for me was to be there – to be in Jerusalem and follow the paths that Jesus took...to walk where Jesus walked. The three occasions of hosting groups in Israel have been so very memorable for me. Each time I’ve been there I’ve come home with a richer understanding of the biblical stories and a deeper appreciation of the life of Jesus and the ministry of those early Christians.

Several years ago a group of twenty of us from the church planned a Holy Land trip but it had to be cancelled. I think it’s time to try it again. Several have been asking if I would coordinate a trip for members and friends of the congregation who want to see firsthand the places that we read about in Scripture. Maybe you’ve thought about seeing the Holy Land. If so, pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall and consider traveling with us. We are planning a ten-day trip mid-February of 2009, and will be using the very competent resources of Educational Opportunities of Lakeland, Florida, one of the leading if not largest tour host services in the country. I have previously travelled with them to both Israel and Great Britain and they provided excellent services each time.

We’ll fly out of Detroit Metro to JFK (New York City) then on to Tel Aviv. While in Israel we will stay in first class or superior first class hotels where we’ll be served classic Israeli breakfasts as well as dinners, with lunches at larger restaurants that can accommodate tour groups. Daily we will travel to the various sites in deluxe motor coaches led by expert tour guides, some of whom are archeologists. Optional evening lectures are offered on various days during the trip. While there is a good amount of walking required, Educational Opportunities is very sensitive to persons having difficulty walking long distances and provide some good alternative options.

Give some thought to coming with us. See the village where Jesus was born...stand in the 1st Century synagogue where he preached...ride across the Sea of Galilee...visit the Mt. of the Beatitudes...walk the streets of Nazareth...stand atop the Mt. of Olives...kneel in the Garden of Gethsemane...sing a hymn at the Church of St. Anne...bow in reverence at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher...climb to Jerusalem’s Temple Mount...and worship at the Garden Tomb. I will guarantee that you will not be quite the same after taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Also, some of the dynamics that have happened and are still taking place in Israel and Palestine will come into clearer focus having spent time in the Middle East. You’ll read the newspaper and watch the World News with a far different interest once you’ve spent time walking and talking with some of the people living there. If you have an interest, sign the sheet on the clipboard, take one of the flyers and talk more with me about the trip. If you’ve ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked, next February will give you that opportunity. – Pastor Jim



TOOLS & BLANKETS

Church World Service (parent organization of C.R.O.P.

Walk) runs a Tools & Blankets program, providing blankets, tents and other emergency shelter items in the wake of a disaster. Refugees returning home can be helped with tools to rebuild and seeds to replant fields. Families living in drought-plagued areas are helped to dig wells for clean, safe drinking water, and for water to irrigate crops. After the 2004 tsunami ravaged Indonesia, fishing nets and boats helped devastated people get back on their feet. During Lent, UMW will be filling up a Church World Service fishing net in the Narthex with paper fish, purchased by you for any amount. Please stop by the table to purchase the fish and when Easter comes, we will see how many fish we have caught in our net for Christ.

It's not too early. . . to start honing up your skills . . . the 3rd All-Church Talent Show is coming April 19th, 2008!



C.R.O.P. WALK

FUMC again topped the area by raising \$2,289 for the 2007 hunger walk. Congratulations! Also, the local C.R.O.P walk treasurer will be stepping down next year and is looking to mentor a willing soul to take over this once a year event. If interested, please contact Christina Koch at 429-4160.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE CONCERT



The celebrated local men's choir "Measure for Measure" will be performing a concert to benefit Hope Clinic. The concert will be held at FUMC at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17th. Admission is free; a

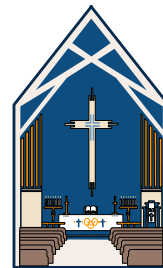
free will offering will be taken for Hope Clinic. Measure for Measure is known both nationally and internationally as one of the premier regional men's choirs. They will be performing a wide variety of music from the past and present, including music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, G.F. Handel, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Randall Thompson, Aaron Copland, Moses Hogan and Irving Berlin.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch, fun and fellowship! You are invited to make a \$5.00 donation for the lunch, but it is not required. Our next get-together is February 21, 2008. Our menu will include: beef pot pie, winter fruit salad, and cookies. 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.

LENTEN PRAYER CHAPEL

This year throughout the season of Lent, we would like to invite you to take some time to be quiet. Be still. Decompress. Wrestle with God. Listen to what God wants you to hear. Pray. Reflect. There will be a special space set up in Room C this year called the prayer chapel that will be open for you to do just that. There will be some prayer stations that will invite you to sit with God and will give you some direction in your prayer time. There will also be space to just gaze at the cross and be quiet. It's a space for you and God. It will be open any time the church is open. Come before a meeting. Come between worship services. Come during your lunch hour. Just come.



INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

SpringHill Camp – Just a reminder that all Junior High Youth are invited to attend SpringHill Camp March 7–9 for some fun in the snow and a chance to grow in faith. If you are not signed up and are still interested in going, contact Emily Krach right away. A waiting has been established.

Senior High

Camp Barakel – Just a reminder that all Senior High Youth are invited to attend Camp Barakel February 15–17 for some fun in the snow and a chance to grow in faith. If you are not signed up and are still interested in going, contact Emily Krach right away. A waiting list has been established.

If you are signed up, please pick up your Important Information packet about Camp Barakel from Emily. This includes your "What to Bring" list and "Medical Release Form." Medical forms and the final \$50 deposit were due February 6!



Library News

A committee has begun working to organize the library in room C. Some of the new books they have added to the library are:

A Wesley Family Book of Days - A Wesley Family Book of Days reveals the daily personal devotion, humor, and concerns of parents Susanna and Samuel Wesley, her renowned father, their 19 children and some of the grandchildren.

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language - verse-numbered edition often referenced by Pastor Tuttle.

NIV/ The Message Parallel Bible - verse by verse comparison of two popular Bibles.

The Will of God - The phrase "the will of God" is used loosely, says Leslie Weatherhead, and the consequence of that looseness to our peace of mind is serious. Weatherhead's recognition of this problem led him to write *The Will of God*, a classic that has helped more than a million grieving persons better understand the meaning of the phrase.

Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information on the progress that is being made.

PARENTING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



We will start studying a new book on Sunday, February 10. It is titled *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*, by George Barna.

Class members have found the previous book that we studied by this same author to be very appealing. Adults are welcome to join this class anytime. We meet in the parlor during the Sunday School hour. For questions please call Susie Treber at 429-1840.

UMW NEWS

The February UMW Monthly Gathering will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Room F. This is our annual meeting for Prayer and Self-Denial. Susanna Circle will be hosting. The March Monthly Gathering will be held Monday, March 3rd at 9:30 a.m. (Please note the change of time.) The program will be presented by Amy Whitton and will include information on the Gulf Coast Mission trip. Hannah Circle will be hosting. For further information, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

PRAYER GARDEN BRICK SALES

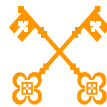
Thanks to the hard work of many people we now have a wonderful Prayer Garden on our church grounds, which includes a lovely brick pathway. We are currently selling bricks and will continue to do so through February. The proceeds from the bricks enable us to pay for the landscaping and maintenance of the garden. A *prayer brick* is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, honor someone important in your life or have your family name as a permanent part of our church grounds. The cost of a 4" x 8" brick is \$50 and an 8" x 8" brick is \$80. Order forms are available at the Opportunity Wall. Please submit your form and payment by the deadline of February 24. Contact Darlene Heffelbower with any questions at 429-4730.



Special Church Conference

A special Church Conference will be held at the Church Council meeting on Monday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. This special conference will allow an adjustment to be made to the Pastoral salary compensation package that was previously approved for Pastor Tuttle at the Annual Church Conference on November 4, 2008. All members of the church can vote on this item. This vote is needed in order to be consistent with the recommended raises for all staff adjusted from 3% to 2% for 2008.

Creed and Christ



A companion book to the current sermon series on the Apostles Creed can be picked up at the Opportunity Wall. A \$3 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials.

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, February 16 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room H 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.



**HERE IS A FOOD MINISTRY
EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT!**

Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit, non-denominational organization, began in 1994 as a small outreach ministry serving a rural community in Georgia. The goal was to help neighbors who needed a hand up in a tough economic time. Today, Angel Food Ministries can be found in over 3,200 communities in 35 states and helps feed over 500,000 families a month.

Angel Food partners with churches and community organizations throughout the country to help distribute food to those in need. For \$30.00 you can receive a box of food containing both fresh and frozen items. The food items are top quality – the food is purchased from major food producers throughout the country to ensure the best food comes to your table.

Here is a website with more information:
<http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>

The nearest participating church in our area is Ann Arbor First Church of the Nazarene on Packard.
<http://www.annarbornazarene.org/>

There's no financial qualification for the program; anyone can participate. You do have to go in person to sign up and pay. You also have to pick up the food in person on a specified day and time. If you have any questions, please speak to Deacon Laura in the church office.

**COME BACK TO ME:
A LENTEN JOURNEY
WITH JESUS**

Every day, but especially during Lent, we are invited to return to God with all our heart.

Accept the invitation to journey with Christ ever closer to the Father, using Scripture of the season, guided meditation, music, movement and journaling. Reflect on your own life experiences as you accompany Jesus from His temptation in the desert to His Resurrection. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation. This Prayer in Motion event is being held at Sienna Heights College in Adrian on Saturday, February 16th. For further information visit www.prayer-in-motion.com or call 734-429-7754.



Please pray for those in special living situations. At EVH we have Alice Tonks, Paul Tull, and Anna Reese. Mary Toth is currently in Hospice Care at EVH. At Sunrise we have Phyllis West. At Arbor Hospice we have Ruth Akans and Jim Beal. Genny Singleton and Dallas Milem are at Heartland. John Heggaton at St. Joe's Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Shirley Riggs on the passing of her husband, Frank; the Terence Houser family on the loss of Argyll; the family of Al Ealy on his passing.

**MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND FAMILIES** ~ J.T. St.

Denis; Bennett Phipps, brother of Rachel Wislocki; Timothy Frisbee, son of Pam & Gene Frisbee; Nick Gilveli; Kevin Raymond, son of Susan Raymond; Bobby Singh, son-in-law of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Dan Erlwein; Sam Spicer; 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; Aaron Friese; Sergeant Eric Coppennoll; John & Ryan Engel; Russ Bodine, son-in-law of Martha and Robert Seward; Joseph Miller; Dave Hayes; Nathan Miller, son of Jeff & Susan Miller; Benjamin Cripe; Derek Burge; Justin Burge; Mark Quinn.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Jim

& Carolyn Beal, Mary Ruhl, Ruth Akans, Ricky Richmond, Bonnie Bender, Helen & Wally Seitz, Dale Brown, Carol Barks, Tom Cole, Sr., Elizabeth, Dustan Colyer, Sandra Purcell, Tammy Dyess, Bill Minnette, Barbara Vincent & her mother, Art Singleton, Shawn Manning, Mark Quinn, Betty Gustafson, Eberle family, John Heggaton, Townley family, Lisa & her children, Cherry family, Thane Stout, Geoff Acree, Pete Armstrong family, Sandy Zemba's uncle, Karen, Wayne & Julia Brown, Harry Goach, Kim Morey, Danny, Wayne Haupt, Samantha Sherson, Eric Firavich, Mary Carol, Jewel Francis, Patricia Morgan, Dorothy Dillon, Amber Mize, Dave Luttenbacher, Geraldine, Becky Eberle, Cindi, Joanne Knight, Greg Folta's father, Fran Voyer, Woodie Merchant.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 23, 2008

10 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a 175th Anniversary Celebration 11:15a Contemporary Service 4:00p LT Group at Emily's 5:00p Disciple I 6:00p Jesus in the Gospels 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group Prayer Chapel	11 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p RNL Vision Forwarding 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #1309 7:00p Trustees Prayer Chapel	12 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministry 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p 175th Committee Prayer Chapel	13 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner and Drama 6:30p Praise Team 6:45p Cub Scouts #9 7:00p First Year/Second Year Confirmation 7:00p Sanctity w/o Starch 8:00p Sr. High WWW Prayer Chapel	14 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Disciple IV 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Cub Scouts #5 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells Prayer Chapel	15 Friday Sr. High Youth to Camp Barakel Piano Tuning in Sanctuary Prayer Chapel	16 Saturday 8:15a Girl Scout Event "Uniquely Me!" 1:00p Scrapbooking Prayer Chapel
17 Sunday <u>Mission Team</u> <u>Bake Sale</u> 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 3:00p Measure for Measure 4:00p LT Group at Emily's 5:00p Disciple I 6:00p Jesus in the Gospels 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group Sr. High Youth Return From Camp Barakel Prayer Chapel	18 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Adult Ministries 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #2019 7:00p Community Care 7:00p Finance Prayer Chapel	19 Tuesday 7:30a Stephen Ministry 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p UMW Meeting Prayer Chapel	20 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner and Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st year Confirmation 7:00p Sanctity w/o Starch 8:00p Sr. High WWW Prayer Chapel	21 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:00p Joy Fellowship 12:30p Disciple IV 6:15p Brownies #794 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 6:30p Pack Meeting 7:00p Cub Scouts #5 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells Prayer Chapel	22 Friday 12:30p Private Party Prayer Chapel	23 Saturday Prayer Chapel

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, February 18th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, February 21st** in Room F at 8:30 a.m.

Worship Attendance:

Jan 27 – 471
 Feb 3 – 531

Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

February – Doris Sekerka
 Baldus Family
 Sr. High Youth

Welcome Center

February – Diane Killebrew
 Fillingner Family

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