

The  
Newsletter  
of the  
Saline  
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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

March 30, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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## “Affirmative Head-nodding”

A friend of mine, Mark Spaw, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church in Trenton, MI, tells about a preacher in a small town church who came up with a rather unique way for his congregation to better experience Easter. As all the children entered the sanctuary Easter morning, he handed each of them two or three little bells tied together with a piece of yarn so they could wear them on their wrists. He asked them to listen carefully during the sermon and every time they heard the word “resurrection” they were to raise their arms, shake their wrists and ring the bells so everybody, all over the congregation could hear.

It really worked well. Every time he said “resurrection” there was a chorus of bells throughout the sanctuary. It was obvious that he and the children as well as the congregation were enjoying the sound of Easter. But the preacher also noticed an occasional “unauthorized” ringing. A child would forget that he was wearing the ringing bracelet and would scratch his nose or ear and the bell would ring. One of the kids would be looking across the sanctuary and see a friend, and forgetting about the bells he would wave and the sound would resound. Then there were those very intent children hanging on to every word who would “jump the gun” when they thought that the next word was going to be “resurrection,” and the bell would ring.

At the conclusion of the message before the benediction, the pastor commented about the several unprompted bell-ringing occasions. With a broad grin on his face observed he stated, “I guess you can’t keep the resurrection quiet.”

A byproduct of aging is that we become more sedate, and our delight for the serendipitous and the unreserved enthusiasm of youth wanes a tad. Some of us have a tendency to tuck the bells of Easter in our pocket rather than ringing them when we see evidences of new life around us or experience God at work in fresh new ways.

There are times when family or friends feeling the heaviness of the moment might need to hear the jingle of joy; occasions when someone’s life becomes entombed, when the best we can offer is the assurance that resurrections can again happen. We Easter People – People of the Third Day – have been charged with ringing out the good news in a world that today seems overwhelmed with bad news and the reoccurring eerie burial-ground sounds. Will you take up the challenge of being a bell ringer?

At our Church Council meeting, a proposal presented needed an affirmation in order to go forward. We all seemed in favor of moving ahead, but maybe we were just tired, for none of us even responded with a “Yes.” John Wharton commented to us, “I’ll take the affirmative head-nodding as a yes vote.” Head-nodding is o.k., being a “yes say-er” is better, but being an enthusiastic bell-ringer is even better. We shouted Sunday morning, “He is Risen! ... Indeed, He is Risen!” We said it in church; now let’s live it in the world. – Pastor Jim



**Flowering Plant Sale 2008  
Missions Team – Liberia  
Tree Farm Fundraiser**

Its time to think spring again!  
This year the proceeds from the  
Missions Team Spring Plant Sale  
will support our covenant partner  
church in Liberia. We hope to

complete the necessary funding for them to purchase  
the remaining trees for their tree farm fund.

We are selling baskets, patio pots, flowering annuals  
and perennials. Any of these items would make great  
gifts for Mother's Day. There are assorted pictures at  
the Opportunity Wall that could assist you in making  
your decision. If you would like to speak with a  
Master Gardener about the various types of flowering  
plants and what might be more appropriate for you,  
please contact B Melendez at 668-6350 or Pam  
Heffelbower at 429-4536.

Order sheets are included in this newsletter and are  
also available at the Opportunity Wall. Please fill out  
your order form and place the order form and your  
check in the holder at the Opportunity Wall. When  
completing your order form please indicate your  
preferred pick up date on the form. The sale will end  
on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The orders will be ready for pick up at  
the church on May 8-9 and May 22-23 from 10:00  
a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Youth Missions Sixth Annual  
Silent Auction  
Lasagna & Salad**

**Lunch Sunday April 27th**

Come join us for lunch  
following the second worship  
service at about 12:30 p.m. There is no  
admission cost but there will be a free-will donation  
taken for the Mountain T.O.P. Youth Mission Trip.  
Auction items will be available for viewing and  
bidding Sunday morning, April 27<sup>th</sup> with the final  
auction to follow shortly after lunch.

The Mountain T.O.P. Youth will be collecting  
various items for the Silent Auction. Items range  
from beautiful gift baskets to gift certificates from  
local businesses and restaurants. We also have a  
collection of items given by congregation members  
who make or sell their own products and we do enjoy  
having these items available for the auction. If you  
would like to contribute an item to the Silent  
Auction, please contact Emily Krach at the church.  
Thank you for your support!



*You are Cordially Invited to...  
Ladies High Tea*



The UMW High Tea for all ladies  
and girls of the church will be held  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
Come join us for an afternoon of fun  
and fellowship as we continue to  
celebrate our heritage and our 175<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary.

Those in attendance are asked to bring their own  
teacup and saucer, and are invited to dress in 1830's  
style if they wish. As always, break out your favorite  
hat and high tea attire. There will be a presentation  
on Fanny Crosby and how she came to write some of  
our most famous and well-loved hymns, and in  
keeping with our "fan"tastic theme, we will be  
exploring the Victorian language of the fan. Girls  
eight years and under are invited to come a few  
minutes early to make a hat to wear at the tea.

Please mark your calendars and invite a friend,  
neighbor, or family member to this fun event. There  
is no admission charge, but a free will offering will  
be taken at the tea to benefit UMW supported  
charities. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall so  
we can plan for your attendance. Please indicate

when signing up if you have a  
child who would like to make a  
hat. If you have any questions,  
please contact Linda Klepaczyk  
at 429-0441.



**New Member Class**

We have our spring New Member Class coming up  
on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
All adults and previously confirmed youth who are  
not yet members of this congregation are welcome  
and encouraged to attend, whether you are brand new  
to church or are a life-long United Methodist. The  
class will cover: what it means to be a Christian,  
church history, Wesley theology, the United  
Methodist Church, and this congregation in  
particular. The class will be received on Sunday,  
April 13<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Church  
membership can be a meaningful and significant step  
in one's faith walk. Please sign up at the Opportunity  
Wall or call the church office. If you have any  
questions, please speak with Deacon Laura Speiran.

## New Church Directory

Exciting news! It is time for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography will be May 27<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. To be a part of this project, please contact Lois Royal at 429-5316.

## CARR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Carr Memorial Scholarship are currently available in the church office. All members of Saline FUMC who are current Saline High School seniors are eligible to apply. You must be planning to enroll in a post high school educational institute in the fall of 2008.

All completed applications must be in the church office by Friday, April 11 at 4:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee: Betty Charles, 734-429-7482; Ken Jennings, 734-662-8683 or Carole McConnell, 517-423-6373.

## SCRAPBOOKS!



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, April 12 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in Room H for a chance to get those pictures organized. Contact Cheryl Schlaff at (734)417-3951 or [cheryl@fumc-saline.org](mailto:cheryl@fumc-saline.org) to get all the details. Note: We still need old photos for the church scrapbook (to fill in some blank pages). If you have photos, especially from the 1960's or before, we would love to include those.

## TEE IT UP – GOLF LEAGUE

The Saline FUMC golf league will tee off on April 29. Tee times are 4:37- 5:00 p.m. at Rustic Glen Golf Club. Join us in some summer time fun whether you shoot birdie, bogie or double bogie. It's all about the **4Fs ... FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FRESH AIR!** If you are interested, please check out the information at the Opportunity Wall for details, or talk to Leanne Rinnac.



*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4*

## INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

### Junior High

**Lazer Tag Night** – Join us March 30<sup>th</sup> for a fun time together at Zap Zone. We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and head over together for a group time of games and pizza. We will return by 9 p.m. Bring \$15 and a friend!

### Senior High

**Guy/Girl Night** - It's time for the guys to get together and do guy stuff (place to be announced soon) and the girls to get together and do girl stuff at Emily's place. Join us at the respective home at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for an overnight full of great times together. The guys will join the girls for a home-cooked breakfast over at Emily's before heading to church together the next morning. Bring a snack and a friend to the party.

**Mountain T.O.P. Team** – Great job on the rummage sale! Students and parents, you signed up and covered your shifts and helped make this a smooth and successful rummage sale. Thank you! We made over \$2,000, to go towards the Mountain T.O.P. youth mission trip. Mark your calendars now, the Silent Auction Set-up and Event is April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Seniors, your help collecting items for the event starts soon.

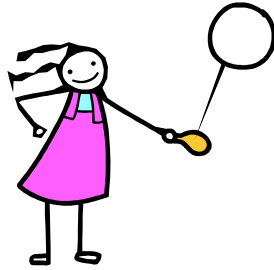
### Mom2Mom Sale

On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew's Church (Saline) will be hosting this event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This resale event is a chance to buy or sell gently used items related to children. This includes children's clothing, shoes, coats, maternity clothes, toys, games, sports equipment, baby gear, books, videos, furniture, etc. Items in good condition for children ages 0 to 12 years are appropriate. Sellers, here is your chance to earn some money after you do your spring cleaning. Why bother to have a garage sale? We hope to have hundreds of buyers walk past your table. Buyers, where else can you find such a great concentration of children's items at bargain prices? Admission is only \$1. Seller Fees are \$15 for an 8 foot table and \$1 per large item. If you are interested in renting a table, contact Debbie Warila at 429-9434 or by email [Preklekni7@msn.com](mailto:Preklekni7@msn.com).

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



**The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS CARNIVAL** is coming SOON! Mark your calendars for May 14<sup>th</sup> for some fun in the sun. See the Opportunity Wall and sign up to help us make the carnival what God wants it to be for our children. Talk to Leanne Rimnac or Kathy Kise with any questions.



### Lay Speaking Classes Offered



The spring 2008 Lay Speaking Ministries classes will be held on April 19 and April 26 at Clinton United Methodist Church. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with fellowship and refreshments. If you have never taken a lay speaking class, you must take the Basic Class. If you have completed the Basic Class, you may take one of the two advanced classes or the Refresher Course. The two advanced classes being offered are Lay Speakers Lead in Worship and Lay Speakers Teach Adults. You must attend class on both Saturdays to receive credit for taking the Basic Class or an Advanced Class. To receive credit for the Refresher Class, you must attend the class on April 26 and do a Gift Inventory that will be mailed to you after you have registered for the class. For more information and to register, please pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall.

## Upcoming UMW Events

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Room H. Linda Klepaczyk will provide refreshments and childcare will be available. For further information, please contact Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO** ~ The Drenning family on the passing of Cheryl's mother, Jeanette Smith; Dawn Ducca and family on the passing of her great aunt; Mary Milem on the passing of her husband, Dallas; Gary Ruhl and family on the passing of his wife, Mary.

**Please pray for those in special living situations.** At EVH we have Alice Tonks and Anna Reese. At Sunrise we have Phyllis West. At Arbor Hospice we have Jim Beal. Genny Singleton is at Heartland. Chuck Heiserman is at St. Joe's in the Rehab Unit.

**PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS** ~ Scot Graden's job change to superintendent of Saline Schools; Abigail, Linda Hehnlin's new grand-daughter; medical staff for Judy Whitehead's recovery; Dan Rauser, Doris Schmerg's grandson who is home from the hospital following an accident; Dustan Colyer home after stem cell transplant; Tyson Ferguson's approval for ordination; thank you for America; McKenna Ducca has started walking; to God for Emily, the youth and the Prayer Chapel; for support of the Youth Rummage Sale; Ministry Partners for Elise Low; Pastor Jim and Linda; the youth of our church for providing Easter morning breakfast.



**PRAYER CONCERNS** ~ Jim & Carolyn Beal, Helen & Wally Seitz, John Heggaton, Art Singleton, Bonnie Bender, Janice Voss, Louis Pintarelli, the family of Jim Weller, friends who have lost their way, Edna Richardson,

Barbara Vincent's father, Angela Marshall, friends who are bed ridden, Dorothy, Sally, Jewel Francis, Howard Hesperen, Stan & Doris Sekerka, Susan Miller, Betty Harper, Paul Adamkowski, Tasha & Britt Goetz & family, Elizabeth Gasparovic, Sylvia Korte, Candy Teegarden, Mildred Whitehead, Eva, Joey, Steven Oaks, Bob Rohdenburg, Mary Martin, Jim Cann, Pastor Kurt Patterson, Chuck Heiserman, Stacie Whitehead, Lil Vaughan, Kyle Ellicott, Carol Furhman, the family of J.D. Killebrew, the Babcock's unborn child, a friend's grandchild, those with mental illness, to be spirit fed and filled with truth.

**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 Coppernoll; 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.

# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 30 – APRIL 5, 2008

<b>30 Sunday</b> 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 4:00p LT Group at Emily's 6:00p Jesus in the Gospels 6:30p Jr. High Youth	<b>31 Monday</b> 10:00a Shawl Ministry	<b>1 Tuesday</b> 12:30p Ruth Circle	<b>2 Wednesday</b> 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 8:00p Sr. High WWW	<b>3 Thursday</b> 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Disciple IV 6:15p Orchestra w/ strings and WW 7:00p Choir 7:00p Saline Area Players 7:30p Bells 7:30p Flying Club	<b>4 Friday</b>	<b>5 Saturday</b>
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## DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** in Room F at 8:30 a.m.

### Worship Attendance:

Mar 9 – 500  
 Mar 16 – 652  
 Mar 20 – 136  
 Mar 21 – 105  
 Mar 23 – 948

### Head Ushers:

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

### Greeters:

March - Doris Sekerka  
 Whitfield Family  
 Marciah & Bob Boerema  
 April- Jane and Matt Brehmer

### Welcome Center

March-Pam Heffelbower



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