

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

May 25, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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The Reverend Tyson Ferguson Ordained – May 18, 2008

At the concluding worship service of the 2008 session of the Detroit Conference, Bishop Jonathan Keaton ordained our former Associate Pastor, Tyson Ferguson, as an elder in the United Methodist Church. As many of you remember, when Tyson was on staff with us, he was commissioned into ministry, and at that time became a Probationary Member of the Detroit Conference. Prior to his appointment to Saline, Tyson had completed both his undergraduate education as well as a master’s degree program at Michigan State University. Immediately following, he spent the next three years at the Divinity School of Duke University in Durham, N.C. earning a Master of Divinity degree. Upon graduation he and Erin moved to Saline to work as part of our pastoral staff.



The position of Director of the Wesley Foundation at Penn State University became available and Tyson applied and was appointed to that campus position as well as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul UMC in State College, PA, the United Methodist university church. Tyson, Erin, Hailey and Logan have been there since leaving Saline.

The United Methodist process toward ordination is very involved and quite lengthy, but this spring Tyson completed all the requirements and was approved by the Detroit Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and approved at the Conference Clergy Session on Friday, May 16th. Several weeks ago, Tyson called and honored me by asking me to be one of his sponsoring elders for ordination. It was a high moment to stand with him along with Rev. Pat England of Hale, MI and reflect back thirty-six years when I was ordained in this conference.



Tyson and Erin are doing well in Pennsylvania and both of the children are growing very quickly as you notice in their picture. Hailey will be six in August and Logan is now three. If all works as planned, hopefully they may be able to visit with us later this summer. Tyson asked me to convey his love and greetings to the Saline family.

We’re very grateful to God for the accomplishment of this mile marker in Tyson’s ministry and pray for grace, wisdom and strength as he moves forward in impacting the lives of young adults at Penn State. – Pastor Jim

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

A special heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the many volunteers that make R.O.C.K. in LOGOS the ministry God intends it to be. Thank you for all of the time, prayers and love that you have poured into our children each and every Wednesday afternoon. We give God the glory for all you do and for all you mean to these kids. Thank you. We're looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the 2008-2009 ministry year. Stay tuned for details.

VFT meeting June 2nd 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you are on the R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Vision Forward Team please plan to join us for an end of year chat and a new year visioning session.

VBS "Saline Community Sports Camp" June 23 – 25 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School will be held at Washtenaw Christian Academy which is located at the corner of Moon/State Street and Michigan Ave. Volunteers are needed to make VBS a success for our children. Please contact Mary Cameron at 944-2904 if you are able and willing to Coach our kids toward Christ. Watch for registration forms coming soon to the Opportunity Wall.

Do you love to foster Christian Relationships? Is there a tiny tug at your heart to minister to adults? The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry is in need of a Table Parent Coordinator for the 2008-2009 ministry year. Please contact Leanne Rimnac to learn more about this position or if you are interested in serving as the Table Parent Coordinator.

Sunday School Teachers - Be sure to join us on Sunday June 1st during the 9:00 worship service for Teacher Recognition Sunday! We will gather at 8:45 a.m. in Room C for some caffeine and sugar.

Attention Parents of 2nd Grade Sunday School students and 2nd Grade RNL Students. Have your child join us on June 1st for the 11:15 am worship service for presentation of their Bibles. This is a special time for our second graders as they have begun to master the skill of reading.

What better book to have them practice with than with the Holy Bible. Please contact Leanne Rimnac or Melinda Yaklin with any questions.



For Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them....." Matthew 14:19



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

All FUMC family and friends – plan on joining us for a fun evening at a Toledo Mudhens baseball game (and fireworks) on Sunday, June 29. We will be meeting at the church at 4:00 to carpool to the game. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall by June 2 if you would like to attend. Contact Margo Perry at 223-4216 if you have questions.

UMW NEWS

Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in Room H. Amy Whitton and Nicole Lampman will present the program and provide refreshments. Childcare will be available. For more information, contact Sylvia Korte at 517-423-7881.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, June 2nd at the home of Millie Webster at 12:30 p.m. Norma Jean West will present the program. Call Mary Lirones at 429-7332 if you have questions.

Susanna Circle

The Susanna Circle is meeting for the last time for the summer on June 2, in the church parlor at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have new people join us. For questions call Linda Glaspie at 429-2918.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meets in the church parlor June 3rd at 12:30 p.m. Bring your sandwich and join us for dessert. The program and meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Ann Coe and Dorothea Green are hosting and Shirley Padding has the program. Call Shirley at 477-9223 for more information.

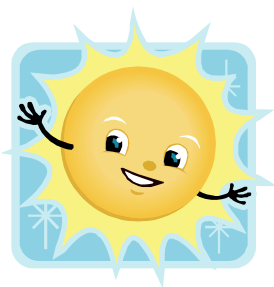
UMW Social Gathering

Mark your calendar now for the June 17th UMW social gathering at Brecon Village. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, followed by entertainment. Cost will be \$10 per person. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or by calling Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

HOLY LAND TOUR

If you are planning on going on the trip to the Holy Land led by Pastor Jim, you may register now. The departure date is February 17, 2009. Please register online at www.EO.TravelWithUs.com. The five digit host number is 10795. Please pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall for further information.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



On June 15 we will begin our summer worship schedule. The Right Start service is held in the Fellowship Hall with a Continental Style breakfast beginning at 7:50 a.m. and the worship service starting at 8:04 a.m. A blended service will begin at

9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Lemonade in the shade will follow this worship time. Please mark your calendar for this time of transition.

We will need families to host the preparation of the Continental Breakfast at the Right Start service and to prepare the lemonade for Lemonade in the Shade following the 9:30 worship service. There are simple step by step instructions for each of these ministries. Please watch for the sign up sheets in the Narthex. We also need someone to coordinate the Lemonade in the Shade refreshments for the summer. Please call Margo Perry at 223-4216 if you can help.

HOT DOG SUNDAY

It's the time of the year to celebrate Hot Dog Sunday. We will plan on this annual event for Sunday, June 15. This will be outside under the portico following the 9:30 worship service.

Scholarship Award Night

The Christ Riders, the Scholarship Committee, and the Washtenaw County Consortium are pleased to present the first Douglas J. Mull Scholarship Award to a deserving Saline High School student on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Saline High School Auditorium.

Each year this scholarship will honor and award a local area high school student based on personal merit, honor, diligence, and integrity with regard to furthering their education in their chosen trade.

For those of you who knew and remember Doug Mull you will recall his kind heart and how he lived the life of a Good Samaritan. He personally embraced at-risk students and mentored and encouraged them toward their own gifted trade.

For any further questions or details please contact Roger Heffelbower or Linda Hehnl.

PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT: EMBRACING TRANSITION Thursday, June 5 2008

Regardless of our age or circumstance, change is a constant in our lives. As we progress through life we grow and change, leaving behind the old and hopefully embracing the new. While often we attend to the physical and emotional aspects of the transitions in our lives, the spiritual dimension is frequently overlooked. Using Ronald Rolheiser's concept of the spirituality of the Paschal Mystery, we will reflect on our own cycles of rebirth. Through movement, music and guided meditation we will consider the transitions in our lives and discover God's gifts to us in them. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation.

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Leader: Janene Ternes (Spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion, LLC)

Location: Capuchin Retreat House
62460 Mt. Vernon, Washington, MI 48094

Registration: Phone: 248-651-4826,

Website: www.capretreat.org Click here: Capuchin Retreat Center

Optional Overnight: \$30.00 additional plus \$10.00 for breakfast

For further information contact Janene at 734-429-7754 or visit her website at www.prayer-in-motion.com.



Sunday - June 8, 2008

Legacy of Faith Cantata at 10:00
175th Celebration Picnic at 11:30

*Tickets are required for the picnic
and can be purchased in the
Narthex on Sunday morning
Or in the church office
Monday through Friday*



Saline CROP Walk Co-Coordinator Needed



Although the annual Saline CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is months away, we are currently looking for a volunteer to assist as co-coordinator for this year's event.

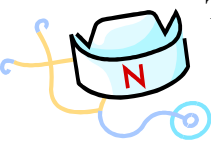
The CROP Hunger Walks help support the overall ministry of Church World Service to provide tools of hope to people in some 80 countries. In addition, up to 25% of the money raised by the annual CROP Walks will fund food banks here in Saline. Because the CROP Hunger Walks are ecumenical, interfaith, multi-cultural events, donors have the option of designating their gifts to other approved international hunger-fighting agencies.

For more information, please contact Mary Beth Bredernitz at 944-0541.

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 on Thursday, June 19th at 12:00 noon. 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.

Blood Pressure Checks Coming to You



The Faith Community Nurses will join with Michigan Home Health Care to schedule monthly blood pressure checks at the church. The clinic will be held on the second Sunday of each month.

On June 8 we will be located in room C immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Each person will be given a small card to keep in their wallet to record their results. We hope that all of you will take advantage of this service, as hypertension is critical and can be treated by seeing your physician. In order to conduct the clinic we will need the nurses in our congregation to help. A sign up sheet for nursing help is posted at the Opportunity Wall. Nurses do not need to have their own blood pressure equipment, but if you do, please bring it. This is just one more way in which we can keep our congregation healthy.

Christ Riders

Spring/Summer Ride Season 2008

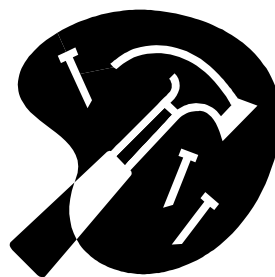
Christ Riders are off again launching into the 4th year of organized riding along Michigan roads. This year we will celebrate seventeen new ride destinations. One of the new feature rides will be the "Fireworks Ride" on Saturday, July 5th to Monroe. We will enjoy local and club rides along with sharing in several benefit rides with the larger biker community to help raise money for non-profit organizations. Christ Riders is an open group of men and women who welcome all riders, all makes and models of motorcycles, and all enthusiasts for riding. We currently have 27 people on the ride roster and invite you to come and ride with us. Look for pictures and more information posted on the bulletin board located across from room C The 2008 ride schedule also. If you have any questions please contact Roger Heffelbower, founder and president of Christ Riders.

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 find time to finish it? Come join us on Saturday, May 31 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 to get all the details. Note: We still need photos for the church scrapbook (to fill in some blanks) so if you have photos you would like to share please drop them off at the church.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Habitat for Humanity building project. The Ann Arbor District is building one house per year with help from district churches. Currently they have all Saturday work slots filled and they are seeking volunteers who are able to work during the week. If you are interested in helping with mission work on a local level please contact Jeff Cunkle at 944-0145 or by email at jcunkle@comcast.net. Dick Cunkle can also be reached at 429-5737, 845-6254, or by email at ccu4292491@aol.com.



Dear Congregation,

I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for your support. The calls, cards, words of encouragement and beautiful prayer shawl have meant so much to me. Although I am many miles away from Saline, I still feel very connected to this wonderful congregation. I am happy to report that my tumor was removed completely and that I have completed my radiation as of May 9th. I will start six months of chemo treatment on June 15. So I guess I will now become a collector of do-rags. As FUMC staff can attest, I've always been a colorful character, now I'll have the headdress to match my personality. My daughter and I were hoping to be one of Bonnie's Buddies before I was diagnosed, so I was very touched when the Buddies included me in their walk.

Although this is long overdue, I would also like to thank the staff, congregation, choir, Rev. Speiran, Pastor Tuttle, Amy Whitton, Schoenfeldt family, and UMW women for the wonderful memorial service and luncheon for my mother, Doris Brown in December. It was a truly beautiful service and my father and family so appreciate your efforts.

It's been quite a year since I left Saline, but my faith in God and the wonderful people at FUMC have made it much easier.

In Christ's Love, Lisa Marshall

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to Lisa Marshall, her address is 24325 Marble Rd., Channahon, IL 60410.

FREEZER CLEAN OUT

It is time to defrost the freezer in the Fellowship Hall. Please remove any items that you would like to keep. The plug will be pulled on Monday, June 2.

Saline Fair Kitchen Chairperson Needed

The Saline Fair Kitchen Committee is looking for someone to work with Darlene Heffelbower as Co-Chairperson. The committee consists of a well established team of leaders who provide a full lunch and dinner menu for the Saline Fair each year. The Saline Fair begins the Tuesday after Labor Day and runs through the following Saturday. It is a time of great fun and fellowship. Please contact Darlene at 429-4730 or by email darlene@fumc-saline.org.



Please pray for those in special living situations. At EVH we have Juleen Dodge, Alice Tonks, Anna Reese, Paul Teeter, and Chuck Heiserman. At Sunrise we have Phyllis West. Genny Singleton and Lois Gray are at Heartland. Sam Babcock is at St. Joe's in the neonatal intensive care unit.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Carolyn Beal and family on the passing of her husband, Jim; Don and Rita Gall on the passing of his sister, Arlene Sandall; Shirley and Dale Padding and family on the passing of her step-mother, Gerda Koning; the family of Harry Farsakian.

PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Edward & Jewel Francis, Don Rapp, Juleen Dodge, Bethany Walters, Patty Nuernberg, Jeff Miller's mom, Samantha Shearson, Stan Sekerka, Dea Payne, Genevieve Grant, Linda Richardson, Lisa Marshall, John Martin, Joey, Marsha, Paul Teeter, Chuck Heiserman, Lois Gray, Mary Martin, Phil Bowerman, Dave Luttenbacher's mom, Mary Domeier, Jim Cann, Juanita DeFilippo, the family of Paul Barnes, Elizabeth Hespern, Sandra Purcell, Marsha Gilbert's friend, Jeff, Sharell Gehrke, Sharen Abel's brother-in-law, Debbie Prichard, Heather Edmonds' friend, Heather Edmonds' future sister-in-law, Bonnie Bender, Siga Kazlan, for friends who have lost loved ones, for safe travel, for those longing to be parents.



MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES ~ J.T. St. Denis; Bennett Phipps; 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; Nathan Miller, son of Jeff & Susan Miller; Benjamin Cripe; Derek Burge; Justin Burge.



Just Imagine!

An invitation to share God's vision for all His children.

Dr. James E. Tuttle, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tyson G. Ferguson, Associate Pastor
Ms. Emily J. Krach, Director of Youth Ministry

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On the front page I wrote about Tyson Ferguson's Ordination last Sunday. If you look at the above letterhead you'll see his name printed because he was on the pastoral staff when we started our *Just Imagine* Campaign for building our new education wing. That was 2003, and families of our congregation strongly responded, pledging \$565,000 to the Building Fund. Because of your faithfulness, in those first three years we reduced the mortgage from \$957,000 to \$612,000.

In April of 2006 I used this same letterhead asking you to become part of *Re-ignite the Mission*, which was a two-year campaign to further reduce our mortgage. Again you responded and carried through well; as of May 1, 2008 our mortgage is less than \$195,000. However, there is only one hitch: our *Re-ignite the Mission* pledges wrap-up in five weeks. After mailing in our May and June payments, our balance by the end of June will be approximately \$167,000.

We had planned to initiate the next stage of our Building Master Plan this year, but due to the national economic situation our church leadership has decided to postpone our next phase for one year. In the interim it is possible to eliminate our mortgage before moving on with the phase two.

Before leaving for General Conference I wrote to all those who have been faithfully supporting our building effort in the past five years. To date, 42 families have already committed \$52,000. Combining this with the monthly payments from our General Operating Fund, by June 30, 2009 we still need \$39,000 to be totally debt free. Can you be a part of that effort?

If you've previously been part of the *Just Imaging/Re-ignite the Mission* Building Fund campaigns, I want to encourage you again to respond by returning the card that I mailed to you earlier this month or simply by completing the copy of that card printed below.

- If you've not yet become part of this building expansion effort and want to plug-in now, please complete and return the bottom third of this letter indicating your intent.

Your faithful response plants us on a firm foundation for building into our future, moving in the direction we started out together in May 2003. Thank you for making this possible. ----- Pastor Jim



Confidential Reply Card

First United Methodist Church of Saline

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the Mission Extended Campaign

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

I / we commit in faith to the one year extended building campaign.

My / Our total gift July 2008 - June 2009 will be \$

Weekly Monthly Annually (check one)

I / we understand this is over and above our regular financial support to the General Fund.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Please return in the enclosed envelope by mail, Sunday offering plate, or Financial Secretary mailbox.
Online giving is available at <http://www.fumc-saline.org/OnlineGiving.html>.



CALENDAR FOR MAY 25 - JUNE 7, 2008

25 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 5:00p Disciple I	26 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p VBS Meeting Office Closed	27 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 6:30p HOMMIES 8:00p Youth Support Team Directory Photos	28 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 10:00a UMW Exec. Comm. 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 8:00p Sr. High WWW Directory Photos	29 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 6:15p Cantata Rehearsal 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:30p Bells Directory Photos	30 Friday 5:00p Piano Recital Directory Photos	31 Saturday 1:00p Scrapbooking Directory Photos
1 Sunday 8:45a Sunday School Teachers 9:00a Traditional Service 9:45a Christ Riders to Dundee 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 3:00p EVH Service 5:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group	2 Monday 9:30a Hannah Circle 10:00a Shawl Ministry 12:30p Esther Circle 6:30p Girl Scouts #2019 7:00p Susanna Circle 7:00p VBS 7:00p Staff Parish Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary	3 Tuesday 7:30a Stephen Ministry 9:15a WISE AM 12:30p Ruth Circle 7:00p POMTF Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary	4 Wednesday 12:30p Quilting 6:30p Praise Team 8:00p Sr. High WWW Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary	5 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 6:30p Cantata Rehearsal 7:00p Cub Scouts #5 7:30p Flying Club Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary	6 Friday Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary	7 Saturday Cantata Set-Up in Sanctuary

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, June 2nd at 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, June 5th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m.

Head Ushers:

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

Worship Attendance:

May 11 - 560
May 18 - 551



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