

The
Newsletter
of the
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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

June 8, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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“Summer Is Just Around the Corner”

The official start of summer is just a couple of weeks away and it feels “Oh so-o-o good.” While this past winter was, by no means, the worst we’ve ever had, didn’t it seem to linger for a long time? And morning daylight seemed to come on so slowly. It’s fun now to be awakened with sun streaming through the curtains and the chirping of birds resonating from the peak of the roof, and going outside without bundling up. With all of the graduation celebrations and watching the softball practices, this time of the year has a good feel to it.

For those who will receive an electronic version of this issue of the Steeple News, let me give you a last minute invite to the 175th Anniversary event and dinner scheduled for this Sunday – June 8th. Come and enjoy that wonderful cantata “*Legacy of Faith*” which will begin at 10:00 am, followed by dinner on the lawn with your church family and perhaps some friends who you haven’t seen for a long time. June 8th promises to be a good time for us at First UMC of Saline.

Also, remember that there’s a change in our Sunday worship hours for the summer months.

- With summer comes a change in our Sunday worship schedule. Beginning next Sunday – June 15th – we again have scheduled one sanctuary worship service at 9:30 am followed by “Lemonade in the Shade.”
- For those who like to get off to an earlier start on Sunday and for the week, also beginning Sunday - June 15th - we gather in Christler Hall for our “*Right Start Worship Service*” at 8:04 am. This is a very casual, relaxed format around tables, combining a continental type breakfast along with our time of worship. Some make this their regular worship for June, July and August, while others choose this early start on Sundays when they are planning to get on the road to drive to some out-of-town family event or for a round of golf or a day at the beach. If you’ve never tried this service, come some Sunday. Try to arrive ten minutes early so you can get your food and find a place, but if you’re a late sleeper, come whenever you can get yourself out of bed and get here. There are usually 80-100 of us gulping our morning coffee and munching on some goodies. Then there are those Sundays when one of our good cooks goes out of their way to prepare a real “down home on the farm” breakfast.

Throughout the summer we’ll be treated to a couple of special worship events. On Sunday, July 13, Susan Pellowe, a nationally known dramatist will be at the 9:30 am sanctuary service to share her monologue on the life of Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley and perhaps the mother of Methodism.

On Labor Day weekend, a men’s group from Lansing Teen Challenge is scheduled to be with us to lead part of our worship time and some of the guys will share how God has been working in their lives.

Summer is here and it’s good to break away from our over-packed schedules; however, worship is one of the refreshing parts of life that rejuvenates us on the inside whether it’s cold or warm outside, so even though the times of worship change a bit, our need for worship doesn’t. See you on Sundays during the summer. Pastor Jim

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

Teachers Touch Eternity One Heart at a Time

“My dear friends stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort”
1 Corinthians 15:58 (The Message)



Christ who has won victories for us also wins victories through us. The labor of our teachers and volunteers is never in vain because the resurrection is real. The future is secure and magnificent!

The Vacation Bible School theme this year is “Saline Community Sports Camp”. It will be held Monday through Wednesday, June 23 – 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Washtenaw Christian Academy. WCA is located at the corner of Moon/State Street and Michigan Avenue. 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. Registration forms are available at 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 if you are interested. A great way to be a part of the big picture... God's picture.

HAPPY SUMMER! KEEP IN TOUCH!

UMW NEWS

UMW Social Gathering

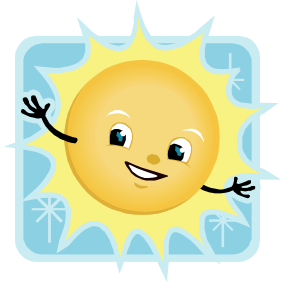
Mark your calendar now for the June 17th UMW social gathering at Brecon Village. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, followed by entertainment. Cost will be \$10 per person. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or by calling Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

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 am worship service.

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 sign up at the Opportunity Wall 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.

WISE Bible Study

On Tuesday, June 17 WISE will hold a potluck in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. to kick off their summer study. We actively welcome new members, so if you've ever been curious about WISE, please bring a dish to pass and join us.

This summer, WISE will be doing a Bible study on the book of Daniel. Each week we'll also view one of the devotionals from the NOOMA series. These DVD's, created by Pastor Rob Bell, feature short but powerful vignettes that deal with a variety of spiritual issues. They're sure to generate some great discussions. To order a workbook for "Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World", contact Janet Moss (944-7251 or mossfamily24@comcast.net).

The study officially begins on June 24th. We meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Sunday school room O/P. Hope to see you there!

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.

Infusion Youth News

Junior High

End of School Celebration Sunday, June 8th from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers.....lots more youth group to come this summer!

Father's Day - No Youth Group on June 15th.

"Ultimate Night" Sunday, June 22nd from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Ultimate Fun, Ultimate Games, Ultimate God.

Putt-Putt & Ice Cream Night Sunday, June 29th from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Bring \$7, a friend, and extra money for food.

Senior High

Mountain T.O.P.ers – Mountain T.O.P. training is Wednesday, June 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Steve and Pam Heffelbowers' home. Training is essential for all team members. Any questions? Make sure you read through the Mountain T.O.P. packet you received in the mail.

Senior High Summer Schedule – It's true, we will continue to meet all summer. Get ready for your first W.O.W. (Wild Outreach/Outta here Wednesday) night of the summer on June 18th at Zap Zone. We will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. for a night of lazer tag and pizza together. We will return to the church at 10:00 pm. Please bring \$15 and a friend. Pick up a Senior High Calendar today to make sure you are ready for the W.O.W.'s and W3's throughout the summer as they alternate every other week. See ya every Wednesday.

ALL YOUTH – Junior and Senior High

Wash for Life is June 14th from 9 a.m. – Noon. Join other local youth ministries as we wash cars together to raise money for Pinckney Project Life in the parking lot at Liberty School.

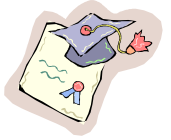


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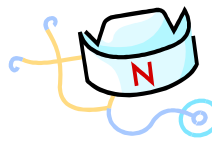
The annual *Wash for Life* will be co-sponsored by Saline United Methodist Church Youth, St. Andrew LIFE, Keystone Community Church, St. Andrew Respect Life Group, and Pinckney Pro Life. Join us in the Liberty School parking lot on Saturday, June 14th anytime between 9:00AM until noon. The car wash is free. Donations will benefit *Project LIFE Board*.

2008 Carr Memorial Scholarship

The Carr Memorial Scholarship recipient this year is Caroline Eby. Carrie was recognized at the Senior Awards Night at Saline High School on May 27th and at the 9:00 a.m. church service on June 1st. Carrie will be attending Michigan State University in the fall and will major in elementary education. We are proud of her accomplishments and wish her much success in meeting her educational goals.



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 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 is also posted on the board. 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 found the time to finish it? Come join us on Saturday, June 21st 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.

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.

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.



A very special thank you to the Hand Bell ringers. Your dedication has added wonderful music to our services this year! I am truly blessed to be with you each week for friendship and music. Thanks also to all those who have subbed this year....you keep us ringing. Also, a special thank you to the Memorial Committee for the purchase of our "tiny ding-a-lings." We are very grateful for your generosity! God Bless.

Julia Fletcher, Hand Bell Director



Tools and Supplies Needed 2008 Youth Mission Trip



The Senior High Youth will be traveling to Tennessee July 12-20 to serve on mission teams through Mountain T.O.P., Tennessee Outreach Project. You have been wonderful supporting our fundraising projects throughout the year including two rummage sales, pretzel bake, silent auction, and a bake sale. Along with our financial requirements to participate in this program, we need supplies and tools for the trip. We are asking our church family to sign-up to loan the tools we don't already own and provide other supplies. The loaned tools will be required from July 6 through July 22. The tools are labeled by color for our church, we also ask you to put your name in permanent marker on all of your tools. They are carefully inventoried and cared for, but of course there is always a risk. We will repair or replace anything that is lost or damaged. We ask for tools to be in good working condition, sharpened if appropriate. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall if you can help.

Items such as work gloves, drop cloths, wasp spray, safety glasses, etc. will not be returned. If you have questions please contact Pam Heffelbower, 429-4536. Tools can be dropped off in Room H from June 29-July 6; and picked up July 22-25. Please join us as we serve God by serving His people.

Thank you for your continued support to Mission and our High School Youth.

Volunteers in Mission Teams Forming

The Detroit Conference United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Teams are forming now to build a house in New Orleans as part of Hurricane Katrina recovery, through the UMCOR Northshore Disaster Recovery Center. Volunteers can be scheduled on a team that matches their availability from a time frame of September 13th through December 14th, 2008.

For more information, please visit the website <http://www.getinthecar.org> or contact Eric Miller at emiller629@comcast.net.

Another VIM event is the Third Spirit's Fire Fundraising Event on August 23, 2008. Biking the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail in Midland, Michigan is being hosted by New Hope UMC. All that is needed is a willingness to ride a bike, sponsor a bike rider, or be on a prayer team. To register or for more information call New Hope U.M.C. at 586-781-6577.

Douglas J. Mull Trade School Scholarship Award Winner

On behalf of the Washtenaw County Consortium, the Scholarship Committee and Christ Riders, we are pleased to announce that Allyse Hartman is the first Douglas J. Mull Scholarship award winner. Allyse will use the gift to pursue her love of culinary arts. She loves food planning and artistic preparation and is looking forward to her post high school training. We are proud of Allyse and are happy to support her continuing education.

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.

FAIR KITCHEN SIGN UP



The Saline Community Fair will begin on September 1, 2008. The First United Methodist Church of Saline runs a full service kitchen beginning September 2, which includes a lunch and dinner menu. It takes many volunteers

to fill all of the necessary slots to make things run smoothly. You will be able to sign up for a volunteer job in which you'll join others in a time of hard work and fun. Please mark your calendars for September 2 through September 6. The sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex later this month.

Saline Area Social Service Donations

Many of you have expressed the desire to help Saline families who are in need of assistance throughout the year as well as during the holiday season. Saline Social Services is experiencing a lower than usual food supply. We wanted to inform past donors and the community of Saline of this current need.

Any food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Saline area Social Service office for further information or to offer assistance. The telephone number is 734-429-4570 and the mailing address is 131 E. Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 404, Saline, MI 48176.



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 ~ the family of Harry Farsakian; Penny Teeter and family on the passing of her husband, Paul; Doug & Wanda Beard on the passing of his aunt, Sherley Eiseler.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ For the many R.O.C.K. in LOGOS volunteers; Nathan Miller's visit home; the wedding of Erin Salo and David Mullen; for Bonnie Bender's good medical results; for our handbell ringers, and subs; for the Memorial Committee who continues to purchase bells for us; for all of our wonderful Sunday School teachers; for family who support us in times of celebration; Sam Babcock's much anticipated arrival home; the new Saline library; for time spent with family.

PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Bethany Walters, Patty Nuernberg, Lisa Marshall, Stan Sekerka, Chuck Heiserman, Lois Gray, Mary Martin, Phil Bowerman, Dave Luttenbacher's mom, Mary Domeier, Jim Cann, Juanita DeFilippo, the family of Paul Barnes, Elizabeth Hespen, Sandra Purcell, Marsha Gilbert's friend, Jeff, Sharell Gehrke, Edward & Jewel Francis, Sharen Abel's brother-in-law, Debbie Prichard, Heather Edmonds' friend, Heather Edmonds' future sister-in-law, Bonnie Bender, Siga Kazlan, Patty, Ruthie, Genny, Dorothy, Alice Tonks, Janet Brennan's cousin & family, Kathy Christman, Arloa Jennings, Susan Gates' friend Lisa's family, Theresa, for earthquake victims, the people in Myanmar, tornado & storm victims.

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 Coppennoll; 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.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 8 – JUNE 21, 2008

8 Sunday 10:00a Christ Riders - Onsted 10:00a Worship Service "Legacy of Faith" Cantata 11:15a Blood Pressure Check 5:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth	9 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p VBS Meeting 7:00p Piano Recital 7:00p Trustees	10 Tuesday 12:00p AA District Secretary Lunch Directory Photos	11 Wednesday 12:30p Quilting 8:00p Sr. High WWW Directory Photos	12 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry Directory Photos	13 Friday Directory Photos	14 Saturday 10:00a Private Party 11:00a Christ Riders - Canton 5:30p 1 Day Mission Team Directory Photos
15 Sunday 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group Hot Dog Sunday	16 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Adult Ministry 7:00p Community Care 7:00p VBS 7:00p Finance	17 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 6:00p UMW Dinner at Brecon	18 Wednesday 12:30p Quilting 8:00p Sr. High WWW	19 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:00p JOY Lunch	20 Friday (Empty)	21 Saturday 1:00p Scrapbooks

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, June 16th at 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, June 19th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m.

Head Ushers:

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 Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

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 Jun 1 - 551



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