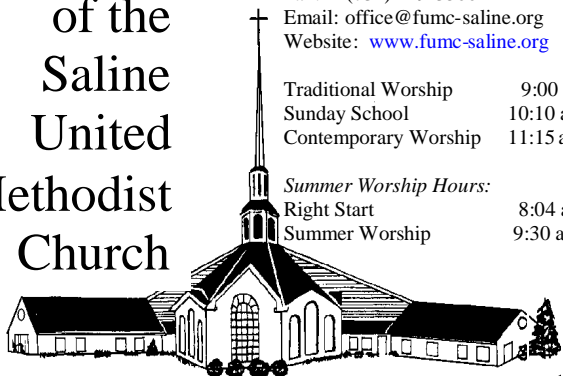


The
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Traditional Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:10 am
Contemporary Worship 11:15 am

Summer Worship Hours:
Right Start 8:04 am
Summer Worship 9:30 am

STEEPLE NEWS

July 6, 2008

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“A Visit from Susanna Wesley”

On Sunday, July 13th during the 9:30 worship service, Susan Pellowe will share a 30-minute presentation on the life of Susanna Annesley Wesley, the remarkable mother of John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist movement in 17th century England, and might well be called “the Mother of Methodism.” Her busy life was filled with home-schooling ten surviving children of their nineteen children, spending an hour a day in meditation and self-examination, writing theological treatises, teaching Bible studies in the rectory of St. Andrew’s Parish Church in the village of Epworth, as well as enjoying the present time.

Susan Pellowe was attracted to learn more about the woman for whom she had been named by her parents, her father being a Methodist minister in the Detroit Conference. This led to a fascination with Susanna Wesley and a desire to share the stories of the Wesley family that has taken her around the world for 25 years.



In her book, *A Wesley Family Book of Days*, she has extended her fascination to Susanna's entire family, including famous grandchildren! Copies of this book will be available to purchase that morning. Susan sent me a copy of that book a couple of weeks ago and I enjoyed reading it while on vacation. It is filled with antidotes and snippets of history from the founding days of the Wesleyan movement, particularly in England.

As part of our 175th Celebration Year, our anniversary committee invited Susan Pellowe to come back to Michigan and share with us on **Sunday, July 13th** during the **9:30 a.m. Worship Hour**. There is no doubt that part of who we are as United Methodist Christians is a product of who she was and the way that she impacted the life of her children. Plan on joining us as we take the opportunity to welcome Susan Pellowe to our church and as we discover more about the people called Methodists. - Pastor Jim

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever!"
2 Peter 3:18

REGISTER NOW for the 2008-2009 R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Ministry year. Parent Packets are available at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex. Contact Sue Herrick or Leanne Rimnac with any questions you may have.

Effective July 1, all children under 8 years old or 4'9" in height must use a booster seat and be properly secured when traveling in a vehicle. According to the Michigan State Police, in 2006, 137 children were hurt or killed in traffic accidents, which continues to be the largest cause of death for children under eight. The new booster seat law is designed to ensure children are properly restrained and kept safe while riding in cars. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex or in the Education Wing for more details. You can also visit www.michigansafekids.org.

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. This is a great way to be a part of the big picture: God's picture.

The next Safe Sanctuary Training dates are as follows: July 29 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, August 23 from 9:00 – 11:00 am, and September 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. We are a Safe Sanctuary church and this training is required before you are allowed to help with any of our ministries involving children, youth or vulnerable adults. There is a sign up sheet at the Opportunity Wall. Please contact Leanne Rimnac by calling 429-4730 x409 if you have questions or concerns.

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. If you have loaned tools for this trip, they can be picked up July 22-25 in Room H. If you have questions please contact Pam Heffelbower, 429-4536. Thank you for your continued support to Mission work and our High School Youth.

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

July 6 – No Youth Group

July 13 – Bowling Night – 6:30-9:00 pm. Bring \$10 and a friend.

July 20 – Rolling Hills Water Park Day 10:30 am – 6:00 pm. Meet at the church at 10:30 am. Bring a friend, swimsuit, towel, \$7 entry fee and \$\$ for lunch.

July 27 – Late Night Games and Pizza at the church from 8:00 pm - midnight. Bring a flashlight, running shoes and a friend.

Senior High

July 9 – W3 at the church featuring our very own friend Andrew Nelson, 7:30-10:00 pm.

July 16 – Join us for a WOW night of Whirley Ball from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Meet at the church and bring \$10 and a friend.

July 23 – W3 – Wild Worship Wednesday at the church, 8:00-9:30 pm.

July 30 – Get ready for some Frisbee Golf!

2008 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



A bulletin board will be designed to display the pictures of our 2008 High School Graduates. Your name and future plans will be printed as well so that the congregation may identify you as you are lifted in prayer your first year past high school. Please bring your wallet sized picture to the church office to either Rev. Laura Speiran or Emily Krach. Please make sure that your name and future plans are printed on the reverse side of the picture. We would like to have the board completed in July.

HOPE CLINIC GOLF CLASSIC



Hope Clinic invites you to the Fifth Annual Hope Charity Golf Classic on Monday, July 14. The event is hosted by Travis Pointe Country Club. Come out and play a round of golf at one of Ann Arbor's premiere courses and after the game enjoy dinner and a live auction. For more information or to attend contact Jean Horak, 485-5595 or jhorak@thehopeclinic.org.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP AT JOE BONDIE'S HOME

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 July 17, 2008 at 12:00 noon. We are invited to the home of Joe Bondie! His address is 340 Pondview, which is just north of the American Legion Hall. It is very important that we know how many people are coming; please 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. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 11:45 am.



FAIR KITCHEN

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. Please keep in mind that August 29th through September 4th we will be accepting donations of tomatoes from your garden.



DISCIPLE CLASSES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Have you thought about taking a Disciple class? Disciple I is a beginning study of the Old and New Testament. This study is a pre-requisite for other disciple classes. The other Disciple classes include Disciple II, III, IV, and Jesus in the Gospels. These classes are 30-34 weeks in length and are a study of specific books in the Bible.

If you prefer a short term study of 8 weeks, there will also be classes available which include studies of the Old or New Testament. These studies do not require Disciple I as a pre-requisite. These classes will begin in September, but informational brochures and a sign up sheet are available now at the Opportunity Wall.

MIRACLE SUNDAY CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

What is the buzz about Miracle Sunday? What is Miracle Sunday? We have the opportunity to receive a \$1,000,000.00 Challenge Grant from a private foundation in Michigan. This grant would be used to build additional facility space to support the ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Saline. The ministry possibilities being offered with this matching funds grant are very exciting. Please begin praying for what God's plan is for you during this time. If we are to continue God's vision and plan; which is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ, then we must start with prayer. Like our 175th anniversary banners say, our future is today and what an exciting time it is!

PRAYING FOR MIRACLE SUNDAY!

Beginning Sunday, June 29 there will be prayer held in the sanctuary EVERY DAY at 12:00 noon until Miracle Sunday which is September 7, 2008. We are praying that God will move in a powerful way throughout our church family, that we will be transformed by this event, that our church's mission to the unchurched in our community will grow, that each of us will grow individually in our spiritual lives in this process, and that a million dollars will be given in offering to God on September 7 in order for us to receive the full one million dollar grant offered to us by a private foundation in Michigan. All are welcome to come and pray—for 5 minutes, for 15 minutes, for 30 minutes—whatever your schedule allows. If you are unable to come to the sanctuary, please pray wherever you are at 12:00 noon each day. Be looking for a prayer/fasting event as we get closer to the big day!

WHAT'S YOUR VISION?



Your building committee would like to hear your ideas about what our next priorities in ministry, program, and facility space should be. You may speak personally with any member of the current committee, or write your ideas down and place them in the Miracle box at the Opportunity Wall. Last time we were preparing to build, God laid the same message on most everyone's heart which was Christian education space and classrooms. Please pray and listen, and share what He is saying to YOU.

Building Committee Members: Dale Padding, Dana Beil, Brian Hogue, Darlene Heffelbower, Dale Adkins, Tim Griffin, Dave Drenning, Pam Heffelbower, Jim Tuttle.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TEAMS FORMING

The Detroit Conference United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Teams are forming 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 September 13 through December 14, 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 on 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 UMC at 586-781-6577.



Alpha House Mission Trip

The Local Missions Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the Mission Trip to Alpha House. There were thirteen people who came out to help paint the dining room, kitchen and entry way at Alpha House. We also want to thank The United Methodist Women for providing monetary support for the paint and supplies. Please continue to watch for One Day Mission Trips that will be offered later this year. If you have any questions about these projects or would like more information, please see Jeff Cunkle, Carl Snow, Sue Herrick, or Amy Whitton. Thank you for your participation and support!

Church Directory Volunteers

To the volunteers who were so involved in getting our 175th Church Directory underway, our sincere thanks. Your time, patience, and willingness to help make this project a success was greatly appreciated.

God Bless You All, Lois & LuAnn

Hands and Feet Ministry

I would like to thank all the individuals that helped me recently: Steve and Roger Heffelbower, Lynn Shaw, and family and friends. Also, a belated thank you to the 15+ people that helped me move a year ago on June 2, 2007. I appreciate both your physical help and the sharing of your time despite your busy schedules. Each person's time, help, and patience was greatly appreciated.

Peace and Light to all,
Regina Christopherson and Seth Smith

Please pray for those in special living situations. At EVH we have Juleen Dodge, Alice Tonks, Anna Reese, Linnie Mae Scott, and Chuck Heiserman. At Sunrise we have Phyllis West. Genny Singleton is at Heartland.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Charlie and Carol Evans and family on the passing of his Aunt, Ginny; Dave and Cheryl Drenning and family on the passing of their nephew, James Smith, Walt and Nancy Byers and family on the passing of her father, Paul Tull; Ray and Cheryl Schlaff and family on the passing of his brother, Jim.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Kathy Christman, Clarissa Oliver, Arloa Jennings, Caryn Datson's uncle, Frank, the Treber's sister-in-law, Susan, Stan Sekerka, Lisa Marshall, Dave Cuff, Dick Lord, Jennifer Cunkle's mom, Patti Morgan, Todd McGrill, Charlie & Elsie Rambo, Darren Blanchard, Justin Sweet, Dee Fesmire, Karen Mort, Carrie Eby, the Grossman family, the Ansted family, Connie Arner, Michelle Kennedy, Rosemary Desbrough's sister, Terry Tippet, Dave Luttenbacher, Kay Michalke, Bonnie Bender, JoAnn McDonnell, Beverly McCrea, Lois Jaeger, Art Miller, Rachel Smith, Herman Baerkircher, safe travel, flood victims.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ Successful surgery for Dave Luttenbacher's mom; the birth of Jack Logan to Christopher and Jennifer Wilczynski; birth of Camryn Joy to Erik and Christi Nadig, sister Cassidy and grandparents Carroll and Sandy Nadig; Alpha House Mission Team; Elizabeth Hesper's good medical news; for God's protection; Kunle Adebisi's successful eye surgery; the birth of Wyatt Andrew Bull, grandson of Gene Bull; the return home from the hospital of Theresa Lyons-Spicer; Donna and Katarina Cody's upcoming move to Michigan.

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; 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.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 6 - JULY 19, 2008

6 Sunday MT TOP Tools - Rm H 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Worship Service 3:00p EVH Service 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group	7 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Staff Parish	8 Tuesday 9:30a WISE 7:00p Member/Evang.	9 Wednesday 11:00a Private Party 12:30p Quilting 7:00p Building Committee 8:00p Sr. High WWW	10 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry	11 Friday	12 Saturday 6:00a Mt. T.O.P. 8:00p Christ Riders
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DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, July 14th at 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter ***Thursday, July 17th*** in Room F at 8:30 a.m.

Worship Attendance:

June 22 - 376
 June 29 - 361



Head Ushers:

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

Greeters and Welcome Center:

July 6
 Matt & Sara Hieber & Family

July 13
 Greg and Anne Rosati & Family

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