

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

October 12, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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In the next few weeks if you notice a new face working to keep the church building clean or a new face appearing at your door when you are hospitalized or while recuperating at home, it's because two of our church family have stepped up to provide physical care of our building as well as personal care of our members.

After several years of dedicated service as our custodian, Matt Fillinger had to step down for physical reasons. Matt, as well as Nancy, have served so wonderfully during the time that they have been custodians. Both of them have been very supportive team members of our church staff. Though they will remain active members of our congregation, you will no longer see Matt attached to a vacuum sweeper or floor polisher. However, I do wonder if he will ever be able to totally extricate himself from the “carpet zamboni” which he loved to use, keeping the carpets throughout the building so clean and fresh looking. Matt, we will miss you being here on a daily basis.

The next several days, Matt will be training Carol Jedele Eberle, who this week was hired as the new week day custodian. Carol and her daughters, Becky and Aletha, have been part of our congregation and now we will see Carol in a new capacity. Carol is being assisted by coworker, Lydia Phillips, who will continue to serve as our weekend custodian. On school days, Lydia is at her post as the crossing guard at the corner of N. Ann Arbor St. and Woodland Drive. Together they have a large and soon-to-be larger building to maintain. All that we as their church family can do to make their job easier I'm sure will be greatly appreciated. It's like at home, if everyone does his/her part, it's not such a burden on the person who does the lion's share of the housekeeping.

The other new face making hospital and home-bound visits will be Amy Whitton. Amy has been taking many on-line courses at Asbury Theological Seminary toward her M. Div. degree. She has felt God's call on her life and is preparing to serve in the Church. Part of the seminary requirements are 2 semesters of Mentored Ministry, a local church internship. She and I have begun meeting weekly as part of the 8-10 hour a week assignment. We compiled a proposal which the seminary approved; and as the focus of this semester, she will spend significant time doing visits in hospital settings. Additionally, she will be assisting Laura and me in various ministry and pastoral opportunities. Next semester's emphasis will focus more on our Friendship Ministry. I trust that this practicum will further expand her understanding and practice of local church ministry. The better preparation we give to persons going into ministry, the greater the impact their ministry will be for years and years to come.

As we continue to grow as a congregation in our desired commitment to reach out in Christ's name, and as we continue to grow individually in our disciplined commitment to support the work of Christ's church, we will continue to be able to expand our church staff. Those people with whom I have the privilege of working day in and day out are persons who give far more of themselves to us than they ever receive in salaries. I have said repeatedly that I work with one of the best church staffs for which any pastor could ever want. For all those who do so much and for all those who now come along side, thank you for all you do and for all you are. – Pastor Jim

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

You are invited and encouraged to come to the *Foundations Class*, from 10:10–11:10 am in Room F, on Sunday mornings. We will be using a book entitled, *Beliefs of a United Methodist Christian*. Copies will be available in class, if you wish to do outside reading. If you do not have a Bible and would like one, please come to this class and we will give you one! Please direct any question to Rev. Laura Speiran, who will be the facilitator.

BIBLE STUDY OF THE LETTERS OF JOHN

The Adult Bible Study Group facilitated by Bruce Moss and Dave Drenning, will be starting a study based on the three letters of the apostle John which are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. This in depth study and discussion will follow the conclusion of our earlier study of the Gospel of John. We will meet in Room C on Sunday morning from 10:10–11:00 am. All adults are welcome to attend.

PARENTING CLASS

Are you worried about the mass media and surrounding culture winning your child's soul? Join the Parenting Class as they study the book "The Culture-Wise Family" by Ted Beahr. Work your way through learning what it means to equip yourself to help your child be the best he/she can be while standing on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ in a secular world. Understand the influence of culture and the mass media of entertainment. Learn the susceptibility of children at each stage of development, who the major players in the entertainment industry are and what messages they are sending; and learn how to protect your family from toxic media messages. This group meets in the Parlor. If you have questions, please contact facilitator Susie Treber at 429-1840.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

We are looking for 25 different Christmas memories that will be used to create a devotional booklet for advent. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please put your story in the box on the table at the Opportunity Wall before October 15. If you would like to help with this project or if you have additional questions, please contact Blair West at 429-4217 or at ark8lar@peoplepc.com.

SPANISH CD'S NEEDED ~ If you have Spanish language CD's the Missions Team would like to borrow them. They are looking for the Rosetta Stone series but will take any. Please contact Dale Adkins or B Melendez.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our church conference this year will be on Sunday, October 26. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30 pm. Please bring a main dish and a side dish to pass.

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 October 16, 2008 at 12 noon. If you have never been to J.O.Y., but have thought about coming, this is the month to try us out! Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next new member class will be held on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. This class will cover topics such as: what it means to be a Christian, church history, Wesley theology, vows of membership, stewardship, and what goes on at Saline First United Methodist Church. If you are thinking about making this church your home church, or have questions about what that would mean, you are encouraged to attend. There is no cost and lunch is provided. Free childcare is available, if needed (please give one week's notice). Participants of the class who choose to join will be received as members on Sunday, October 19 at the 9:00 am service. Church membership can be a significant step on your faith journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Laura Speiran, who will be facilitating the class. Please call the church to register (429-4730) or sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

C.R.O.P. WALK

On Sunday, October 12, we are the starting and ending point for the Saline Area C.R.O.P. Walk.

C.R.O.P. stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty" and is an arm of Church World Service. For over 50 years, C.R.O.P. has worked to help the hungry become self-sustaining. You can support C.R.O.P. by walking, sponsoring another walker, or serving food after the walk. Registration for the walk is at 1:30 pm, and the walk begins at 2:00 pm. The route is a 3-mile loop to downtown Saline (or an optional 1-mile shortcut), with hot food served at the end of the walk. Fundraising packets are available from Margo Perry (429-7471) or in the church office.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

FREE flu shots will be given at the church on Sunday, October 12 from 8:45 to 11:15 am to anyone 12 years of age or older. The Evangelical Home received a grant to fund free flu shots and they are offering us this wonderful opportunity. There is a sign up sheet at the Opportunity Wall. Please sign up and include the number of people in your family who will be getting the vaccine.

St. Joseph's Hospital is now offering FREE fitness classes for seniors age 55 and older. The dates are: November 3–December 19 and January 5–February 20. Classes will be held at the Senior Health Building on the campus of the hospital on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:15 to 11:00 am. Call 800-231-2211 for more information or to register.

FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

There is a community-wide informational seminar on what is involved in planning a funeral for yourself or a loved one on Thursday, October 16 at 2:00 pm at Saline First UMC in the Fellowship Hall. This seminar is being presented by Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home. This is a sensitive topic that people do not like to discuss, but what better way to handle things than to plan ahead and also let family know what your wishes are. Also, if you are a caregiver for an elderly parent, come and get your questions answered, so you can plan effectively and compassionately for the future. Different options, costs, and concerns (such as Advance Health Directives, Medicaid) will be discussed. Please note that this is an informational seminar only—nothing is being sold. Rev. Laura Speiran will be there to offer a planning worksheet on a funeral service that can be used for any church. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Laura in the church office.

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 time to finish it? Come join us on Saturday, November 1 from 11:00–5:00 pm in Room H for a chance to get those pictures organized. Contact Cheryl Schlaff at (734)417-3951 or cheryl@fumc-saline.org if you plan on attending.

EVENING ADULT COURSE OFFERED

An 8-week class entitled, "Love Your God With All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul" is being offered Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Room F. The class is being taught by Al Powell, former Director of Adult Education at First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Please sign up for this class at the Opportunity Wall.

HAITI DINNER BUFFET

You are invited. Please join us for the Haiti Dinner Buffet (a benefit for the Haiti School Project) on October 18th at 5:30 pm at Ypsilanti First United Methodist, 209 Washtenaw, at the corner of Washington Street. Authentic Haitian dishes and homemade desserts. Ticket donation: \$20 for adults; \$8 for age 11 and under. Call Curtis Bartz, (313) 278-4849 for tickets and reservations.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage is a Team Sport – There is plenty of work to be done on each person's part when it comes to taking your marriage to the next level. Great marriages are built over time. Attending and protecting against threats to the marriage are the cornerstones to its health. Open, sincere and honest conversations can produce rewards that last a lifetime. Find out how on a United Methodist Marriage Encounter weekend. From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, TV and phones – and focus totally on each other. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is November 7, 8 & 9 at Youth Haven Ranch between Lansing and Jackson. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church literature rack, or contact Registration Couple, Chuck & Dalice Yost at (313)937-1051 or CYOST@twmi.rr.com. For more information see: www.encounter.org.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The chancel choir will start rehearsing for the December 14 presentation of the *Child of Wonder* cantata on October 15 & 16. We would love to have you join us. You can rehearse with the praise team on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm AND/OR on Thursdays with the chancel choir at 7:45 pm. Both groups will come together for rehearsals the week before the presentation. If you have a desire to sing in the choir, but haven't the time for a long-term commitment, this is for you. Come join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and music. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Klepaczyk (429-0441) or Tammy Schoenfeldt (429-7269).

INFUSION UPDATE

Junior & Senior High Students and Parents – Make sure your 2008-2009 Infusion Youth Information Sheet is filled out and handed in to Emily. Please pick one up in the junior or senior high youth room!

Junior & Senior High FALL RETREAT – “Balance” – November 14 & 15 – It’s a combined retreat with 3 other churches at Judson Collins that you don’t want to miss! We will be getting to know new friends, worshipping together, learning together, playing together and hanging out by the fire together. We will meet on Friday at 6 pm and return Saturday at 11:30 pm. Cost is \$50 and includes all of your meals on Saturday. Pick up a registration form now and get registered by November 2. The cost will go up and space may be limited, so put it on your calendar now! Need a little BALANCE in your life? Join us.

Junior High

Dinner and Drama – All 7th and 8th graders are invited to Dinner and Drama on Wednesday, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We will eat dinner together as a group and then prepare and practice as a drama team. Join us every Wednesday.

Corn Maze – Saturday, October 11, 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Meet at the church before venturing out to Talladay Farms Corn Maze for a fun adventure. Bring \$5, a flashlight, and a friend.

Confirmation Update

1st Year Students – Make sure you get your registration and \$75.00 to Emily for the Confirmation Retreat October 24–26.

Senior High

Life Together Groups (LT Groups) – Pick up an info/sign up sheet now to be a part of an LT group on Sunday’s at Emily’s place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm with dinner included. This is a chance for you to be in a small group of guys or girls and share your lives together through prayer, discussion, and Bible Study every Sunday. Groups are made of the same students of the same gender throughout the year. Meals shared are made by participating families, and YOU will have a chance to grow deeper in your faith in your LT group. Pick up the info sheet now and turn in your form to Emily.

Bonfire and Corn Maze will be on Saturday, October 18 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Students AND Parents are invited to join us for a great night of food, fun and fellowship. We will ALL meet at the Rosenberger’s Home (7183 Remington Ct.). Students will head out to the corn maze and parents are invited to stay and enjoy the bonfire and one another’s company until

the students return. Join us for this fall adventure – bring your friends and parents, a flashlight, and \$5.00 for the maze!

Wild Worship Wednesday (W3)—It’s a night of connecting with friends and connecting with God made for senior high youth. Join us every Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:30 pm.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

“for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now”
Philippians 1:5

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES FOR YOU TO CHEW ON:

- ✓ Children who use the most media tend to be the least contented.
- ✓ U.S. Advertising Expenditures: **1990 \$130 Billion, 2001 \$284 Billion, 2007 \$576 Billion**
- ✓ **65% of 200** marketing professionals responding to a survey said marketers do only a “**poor**” or “**fair**” job in marketing responsibly to children.
- ✓ In an art/essay contest for children, “**What Do Kids Really Want that Money Can’t Buy,**” the most common answers were love, happiness, peace on earth, and friends.
- ✓ Types of food products in ads targeting children: 34% are for candy and snacks, 28% are for cereal, and 10%, are for fast food, 4% are for dairy products, 1% are for fruit juices, and none are for fruits or vegetables.

Become a Revolutionary Parent. Join the Adult Sunday School Parenting Class as they study the book “The Culture Wise Family” by Ted Beahr *Are you worried about the mass media and surrounding culture winning your child’s soul?* Work your way through learning what it means to equip your child as well as yourself as a parent to be the best he/she can be while standing on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ in a secular world. Understand the influence of culture and the mass media of entertainment. Learn how to protect your family from toxic media messages.

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Mission Night ~ October 15th
Watch for details about Operation Christmas Child coming soon.

THANK YOU

We all want to say thank you so much for allowing us the use of your facilities to host Rachel’s Bridal Shower on 8-9-08. The house fire really threw us but your generous offer saved her day.

Blessings, The Family of Rachel Wirt

MANY THANKS

I want to send my sincerest congratulations to all who contributed in any way to Miracle Sunday. What a blessing to know you almost reached your goal...\$870,000 plus is a goal to be extremely proud of. You all have worked so hard and to think even some of the children contributed as well. And now on to your next goal, whatever it may be. I'll be anxiously waiting to know what project you start. Thanks for inviting me to your 175th celebration. I have many precious memories of our time spent in Saline. May God richly bless your work there. Prayerfully, Betty Christler

DON'T FORGET!

Turn your clocks back on
November 2.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



What are small, rectangular, and can send a piece of you to faraway places to touch the lives of children who are refugees of a civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty? YOUR

OLD SHOEBOXES! Pack a shoebox with new small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, a personal note and photo if you wish, other items that are safe and can make a tough trip overseas, and \$7 to cover shipping and project costs like printing gospel materials in foreign languages. Bring your boxes to church to dedicate to God on November 16th. Operation Christmas Child then adds the gospel materials and sorts and sends them around the world to children in need. Look for specific Operation Christmas Child box instructions in upcoming weeks. Pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall, or call Linda Klepaczyk at 429-0441.

HOPE CLINIC PANTRY NEEDS FOOD ITEMS

Hope Clinic's pantry is very low and in need of replenishing. Please place food items in the Blue House. The following are the food items they need: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, ravioli, spaghetti O's, macaroni & cheese, tuna, canned vegetables, and pork and beans.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN SPECIAL LIVING SITUATIONS ~ Wanda Beard who is at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. Alice Tonks, Anna Reese, Juleen Dodge, and Linnie Mae Scott who are at EVH. Bud and Lois Gray who are both at Heartland. Phyllis West who is at Sunrise.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ For the night watchman moved into the apartment prepared for him by the Cass Mission Team; those who participated in the 1 day mission project; the successful Youth Missions Rummage Sale; the generous gift from the Cass Ave church towards our Miracle Sunday; Mandy & Mike Oberski's new baby daughter; Dick Nelson's recovery; for all those who supported the 3 day Breast Cancer Walk; Stacey & Shane Dye on the birth of their new daughter, Peyton Grace.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ LuAnn & Gary Chriscinske and family on the passing of her mother, JoAnn Ryon; Matt & Chris Dejanovich on the passing of Chris' mom, Judy Lovell.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Bonnie Bender, Lisa Marshall, Kathy & Jay Gill, Ethan Callen-Weaver, Bud & Lois Gray, Anna Reese, Chuck, Marsha Knight, Julie Kessler, Samantha Shearson, the Crossey family, the family of Laurie Fry, Paul Bunten, Chuck Zander, Autumn, Steve Stricklen, Dorothy, Elizabeth Gasparovic, Marge Stoddard, Ann, Jerry Reilly, Doug & Wanda Beard, Tammy, Bruce Bennyhoff, Nadine Beard, the Brenner family, Sarah Schrader, Homer Van Buren, Jordie Coe, Daniel Parker, Jessica Parker, Kathy Richmond's mom, for those who have lost loved ones, safe travels, for those affected by hurricanes, for marriages in trouble, those searching for jobs, those recently diagnosed with disease, for our country's leaders, for all of our college students.

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 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; Nick Turosky, son of Jan Turosky.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 25, 2008

12 Sunday Free Flu Shots 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 1:30p CROP Walk 5:00p Disciple III 6:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth 6:30p Girl Scouts 1309	13 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 3:00p Girl Scouts 824 7:00p Trustees	14 Tuesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:00a WISE 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministries 7:00p Old Testament Study 7:00p 175 th Anniversary Comm 7:00p Member/Evang	15 Wednesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 5:00p Divorce Support Grp 5:30p Jr. High Dinner/Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st Year Confirmation Class 7:00p Adult Education: "Love God..." 7:00p Building Committee 7:00p Financial Planning for College 8:00p Sr. High WWW	16 Thursday 9:00a Lil. SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:00p JOY Fellowship 2:00p Funeral Planning Workshop 4:30p Wedding Rehearsal 6:00p Brownie Troop 792 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:00p Cubs Den 1 7:00p Cubs Den 2 7:00p Cubs Den 3 7:00p Cubs Den 5 7:30p Hand Bells	17 Friday	18 Saturday 9:00a New Member Class 3:00p Wedding
19 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 5:00p Disciple III 6:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth	20 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 3:00p GS Troop 824 6:00p Adult Ministries 7:00p Finance	21 Tuesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:00a WISE 4:45p Music Together 7:00p Old Testament Study	22 Wednesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Bible Study 10:00a UMW Exec Comm 12:30p Quilting 3:00p R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 5:00p Divorce Support Grp 5:30p Jr.High Dinner/Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st Year Confirmation Class 7:00p Adult Education: "Love God..." 7:00p Building Committee 8:00p Sr. High WWW	23 Thursday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 9:30a Saline Ministerial Assn 10:00a Brecon 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 6:30p Stephen Min Peer B 7:00p Choir 7:00p Lay Leadership 7:00p Cub Scout Pack 461 7:30p Hand Bells	24 Friday	25 Saturday

****A current church calendar can be viewed on our web site www.fumc-saline.org**

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, October 27th at 12:00 pm.**
 Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, October 30th** in Room F at 8:30 am. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.



Worship Attendance:

Sept 28 - 470
 Oct 5 - 452

Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Oct 12 9:00a Bill and Sigrid Hermon
 11:15a Carol & John McConnell
 Oct 19 9:00a Bill and Sigrid Hermon
 11:15a The Cundiff Family

Welcome Center:

Mary Hess

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