

The
Newsletter
of the
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Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:10 a.m.
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STEEPLE NEWS

November 2, 2008

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

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October 26th Church Conference Moves the Building Process Along

The Annual Church Conference took several actions that enable the church to move forward in designing and constructing the next phase of our proposed Building Master Plan. With the approval of the Lay Leadership Report, which lists nominations for all of our officers and leaders for the year 2009, the following persons were empowered as our new Building Committee. Previous building committee members who've agreed to continue: Dale Padding (Chairperson), Dale Adkins, Dave Drenning, Darlene Heffelbower, Brian Hogue and Jim Tuttle. Persons nominated by the Trustees: Dick Cunkle and Dave Hares. Persons nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee: Mark Giffin, Dennis Holley, Allison Housner, Scott Klapper, Frank Quinn and Debby Walls.

If you have any suggestions and creative ideas that you want discussed, please share that with any of these persons. Also, if you have particular expertise and will be willing to get involved at certain points in the construction stage, be sure to talk to any of our building committee.

The Church Conference approved the recommendation of the Stewardship and Finance Committee to officially accept the generous grant from the charitable foundation that initiated our Miracle Sunday Campaign. We have received and deposited a check for the amount of \$870,413.67 and we will be receiving an additional \$1,100 in December that matches gifts given in the final days of the campaign.

With the assistance of David Blough and Karen Medley, the initial check from the foundation and all of the gifts given on Miracle Sunday (which total \$1.2 million) are deposited in FDIC guaranteed CD's that will mature at strategic times during the spring and summer of 2009. Your up-front gifts will earn in excess of \$25,000 in interest before they are needed for the construction. Continuing gifts to the Building Fund and pledges paid will be set aside in restricted funds for use in the building project.

In late August when I mailed a response card to you about Miracle Sunday, I included a projected goal indicating the number of gifts/pledges needed in each financial range. At the Church Conference we distributed a follow-up sheet indicating the number of persons or families who got on board with the Miracle Sunday appeal. In the August letter, I projected that we needed 140 people to respond. When we collated the data for Sunday's report, I was so overwhelmed to discover that over 307 persons/families wrote checks or made pledges for Miracle Sunday. That's simply phenomenal; and I want to say, “Thank You” for what you did to make this possible.

People have been asking, “Where are we going to build next – off the fellowship hall or out from the Narthex?” We don't know yet; however, the committee will be working on bringing a design to you in a church conference within the next couple of months; then the members of the congregation can make that decision and we will move forward. Again thank you for all that you've done to move this building process forward. – Pastor Jim



UMW "TASTE OF ITALY" DINNER!

Come for join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, November 1. The Italian-themed menu will also feature a children's 'make your own pizza' buffet. There will be a mini-bazaar with pot holders, dish cloths, knives, shopping bags, and mini totes for your coffee mugs. Plan now to attend dinner, shop the bazaar, register for door prizes, and place your bid at the quiet auction!

DON'T FORGET!

Turn your clocks back on November 2.

GOING GREEN FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

The First United Methodist Missions Committee is holding a Christmas Greenery Sale. Fully decorated wreaths, grave blankets, grave pillows, and cedar garland will be available. These beautiful items from Evergreen Christmas Decorations in Riga, Michigan make a wonderful Christmas gift, and will be delivered before Thanksgiving. *The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 9. Items can be picked up at the church on Sunday, November 23, from 5-7 pm, or on Monday, November 24, from 6-7 pm.* Order forms will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 2. Completed order forms can be turned in to Nate or Nicole Lampman, or mailed to: Nate Lampman, 9009 N. Pheasant Ridge Lane, Saline, MI 48176. Please call 429-7547 if you have questions.

WHAT DOES A STEPHEN MINISTER DO?

A Stephen Minister gives one-to-one, lay Christian care. All information between care givers and care receivers is confidential.

One-to-one: Stephen Ministers meet privately with one care receiver of the same gender.

Lay: Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised lay volunteers, not professional counselors or therapists, pastors, or physicians.

Christian: Stephen Ministers are Christians who care in the name of Christ. They are willing to talk about spiritual issues but won't force them.

Care: Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting and encouraging, praying, being dependable and trustworthy, and maintaining confidentiality in their care giving.

If you are ready to follow Christ's example of caring for others at a deeper level, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The next training session will begin in January, 2009. For more information please phone Bobbe Hinsman, Training Coordinator at 429-0716 or Rev. Laura Speiran at 429-4730.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

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.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

J.O.Y. stands for "Just Older Youth!" (This is a group for those 55 and older.) Come for lunch, fun, and fellowship. Our next get-together is on November 20 at 12:00 noon. And, don't miss this! Our new chef, Joe Luben, didn't want you to get sick of turkey this month, so he is not only fixing *meatloaf*, his is also fixing *neatloaf* – this is meatloaf made from tofu! Come have a try! You are invited to make a \$5.00 donation for the lunch, but it is not required. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall, or call Rev. Laura Speiran in the church office if you have any questions or dietary concerns.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The chancel choir is currently rehearsing for the December 14 presentation of the *Child of Wonder* cantata. If you're wondering if you can still take part in this performance, please call Linda Klepaczyk (429-0441) or Tammy Schoenfeldt (429-7269).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

*"For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of victory." Psalm 32:7*

The R.O.C.K. in LOGOS ministry is looking for hearts and minds that enjoy serving our 2 1/2 - 5 year old class. We bring the Word of God into the hearts and minds of 11-15 little ones each Wednesday that R.O.C.K. in Logos meets. We need help between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. If you are able to serve at some point within this time frame please call Patsy Held at 487-3158 or Leanne Rimmac at 429-4730, ext. 409.

Register Now for Session II of R.O.C.K. in LOGOS!

We are now accepting registrations for the Winter/Spring session (Session II), January 14 to May 13 (Carnival Day). A drop box, along with registration forms for new families, is available at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex. There is no fee for Pre-K thru Kindergarten, but a registration form must be on file. Returning families do not need to fill out a registration form, but please let us know if any of your information has changed. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Herrick at 429-4235.

Parental Food For Thought: Tykes and Television

Marketing experts admit their goal is "to become part of the fabric of children's lives, to own children younger and younger and younger and to nurture kids as future consumers. The food and beverage industries spend an estimated \$13 billion on marketing that targets children. There's a lot of cash on the line. MarketResearch.com estimates that children ages 3 - 11 had a combined purchasing power of \$18 billion in 2005 and that by 2010 their buying power would increase to more than \$21 billion. 36% of children 6 and younger have TVs in their bedrooms. 68% of children under 2 are in front of a screen for more than two hours a day.

One of the most-quoted Bible verses by Christian parents and educators is "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). A new survey provides statistical support for that notion, showing that adults who regularly attended church as children are much more likely than their unchurched peers to be involved in church-based and personal spiritual activities. The Barna Research Group of Ventura, California, found that roughly 71% of American adults had a period of time during their childhood when they regularly attended a Christian church. A majority of those who attended church as a youngster still attend regularly today (61%), while a large majority of those who were not church-goers as children are still absent from churches today (78%).

INFUSION UPDATE

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 in room F.

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.

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.

UMW NEWS

UMW Monthly Gathering

The UMW Monthly Gathering will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 9:30 am in Room C. Please note the change from our regular date and time. The meeting is being hosted by Hannah Circle and will be held at the regular Hannah Circle meeting time. Sylvia Korte will provide a devotion prior to our program on the World Thank Offering. Childcare will be provided. For further information, please call Kay Richmond 944-6234.

Hannah Circle will meet briefly after the Monthly Gathering on November 3rd to address a few business items related to Gift of Hope. Please plan to join us.

Esther Circle will meet at the home of Carolyn Beal on Monday, November 3 at 12:30 pm. The program leader will be Doris Sekerka. If you have any questions, please call Mary Lirones at 429-7332.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 12:30 pm. Please bring your own sandwich as drinks and dessert are provided. This is our last meeting as the circle will disband in 2009. Come for a special celebration of our accomplishments.

DO YOU LOVE HYMNS?

Gilead Fellowship is a nondenominational group of Christians who find meaning in traditional worship forms. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Road in Ann Arbor (corner of Scio Church and Greenview). Services are often structured to include hymn selections from the congregation.

If you enjoy traditional hymns, please add your voice to ours. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. Call Matt Hieber with questions at 944-1554.



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, November 1 from 11:00–5:00 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 if you plan on coming.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Journey of an "Operation Christmas Child" Shoe Box

1. Rescued from the recycle bin for a higher calling
2. Packed with gifts and prayers by YOU
3. Dropped off at church on 11/16 for dedication to God
4. Forwarded to local drop-off location, then sent to regional processing center for inspection and inclusion of gospel materials
5. Transported overseas to one of more than 90 different countries
6. Distributed to a child at a place such as a poor neighborhood, an orphanage, a hospital, or a refugee camp
7. AMAZES A CHILD – your gift opens the door to introduction to the greatest gift of all – Jesus children's Bible study programs from Operation Christmas Child

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN SPECIAL LIVING SITUATIONS ~ Alice Tonks, Anna Reese, Juleen Dodge, and Linnie Mae Scott who are at the Evangelical Home; Phyllis West who is at Sunrise; Emily Bailey who is at the University of Michigan Hospital; Paul Applegate who is at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ Shane & Stacey Dye on the birth of their new daughter, Payton Grace; Lynn & Jack Shaw's son-in-law's new job; Jordie Coe's recovery; Homer Van Buren's return home from the hospital; Earl Laughrey out of the hospital; John Bonczyk's visit home; for the Christian movie Fireproof; Norman Cole's return home from the hospital; friends who come to visit.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Chuck Heiserman on the death of his sister-in-law Elaine Heiserman; the Sauter/Smith family on the death of Walt's sister-in-law.

PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Bonnie Bender, Lisa Marshall, Bud & Lois Gray, Elizabeth Gasparovic, Marge Stoddard, Kathy Richmond's mom, Doug & Wanda Beard, Daniel Parker, Nadine Beard, Brenner family, Sarah Schrader, Jerry Reilly, Jessica Parker, Millie Shedd, Earl Laughrey, Geoff Acree, Ryan Sheets, Delores Muscott, Dorothy Vedder, Aurelia, Emily Bailey, Dorothy, Julia Waits, Cathy Stockton's father, Mark Martin, Arleen Hart, family of Chris Yonkers, William & Doris Minnette, Linda Glaspie, JoAnn McDonnell, Rose Escott, Paul Applegate, Fran Voyer, Sharon Butcko, Douglas King, Karey Colyer, Sharon Abel, family of Wayne Brown, Doris, Dorothy Johnson, Crystal, Barbara Gasche, Grossman family, Elizabeth, our country's leaders, our college students, those facing health concerns, those facing stressful job situations, Red Bird Missionary Conference, Thousandsticks UMC

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; Nick Turosky; Tom Carter.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 15, 2008

2 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 3:00p EVH Worship 4:00p Offsite LT Group 5:00p Disciple III 6:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth 6:30p Girl Scouts 1309	3 Monday 9:30a UMW Monthly Gathering 10:00a Shawl Ministry 10:00a Election Set UP 12:30p Ruth Circle 12:30p Esther Circle, Offsite 3:00p Girl Scouts 824 6:00p Training - Safe Sanctuaries 7:00p Staff Parish 7:00p Susanne Circle	4 Tuesday 6:00a Elections - FH 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:00a WISE 4:45p Music Together 7:00p Print/Online Media Task Force	5 Wednesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner/Drama 6:00p Girl Scout Cadets 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st Year Confirmation Class 7:00p Adult Education: "Love God..." 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p Building Committee 8:00p Sr. High WWW	6 Thursday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 6:00p Brownie Troop 792 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:00p Cubs Den 1 7:00p Cubs Den 2 7:00p Cubs Den 3 7:00p Cubs Den 5 7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p Flying Club	7 Friday 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal	8 Saturday 10:00a Pack 461 Regatta 5:00p Glennie/Meguire Wedding
9 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Blood Pressure 10:10a Sunday School 10:10a Stephen Ministry 11:15a Contemporary Service 2:00p Private Party 3:00p Down Syndrome Support Team 4:00p Offsite LT Group 5:00p Disciple III 6:00p Disciple I 6:30p Jr. High Youth	10 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 3:00p GS Troop 824 7:00p Trustees	11 Tuesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:00a WISE 10:10a Stephen Ministry 4:45p Music Together 6:30p Friendship Ministries 7:00p 175 th Anniv. Committee 7:00p Membership/Evangelism	12 Wednesday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p R.O.C.K. in LOGOS 5:30p Jr.High Dinner/Drama 6:30p Praise Team 7:00p 1 st Year Conf. Class 7:00p 2 nd Year Conf. Class 7:00p Adult Education: "Love God..." 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p Building Committee 8:00p Sr. High WWW	13 Thursday 9:00a Lil' SAINTS 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 7:00p Choir 7:00p Cubs Den 1 7:00p Cubs Den 2 7:00p Cubs Den 5 7:30p Hand Bells	14 Friday Jr. High/Sr. High Balance Retreat	15 Saturday Jr. High/Sr. High Balance Retreat

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

DEADLINES

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, November 10th at 12:00 pm.** Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, November 13** in Room F at 8:30 am. The weekly deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

Worship Attendance:

Oct 12 - 510
 Oct 19 - 484
 Oct 26 - 502



Head Ushers:

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

Greeters:

Carl and Miriam Weaver

Welcome Center:

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