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THIS NEWSLETTER CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR

YOU!

8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages



July 17

**Liturgist:** Cyd Baumgardner and Sandy Thompson  
**Sound System Operators:** Tom Griffith and Kallie Weaver

**Ushers:** Cristina Lang and David Collins, Ed & Pam Reedy, Jerry Avery, Amber Haltom

**Doorstep Visitation:** Kevin & Rae Carol Harris

**Acolytes:** Bailey Collins and Elizabeth Fleming

**Greeters:** Jean James, Debbie McDonald, Rita Roberts, Dee Griffith and Evelyn Hudgens, Kristin Warthen, JoAnn Avery

**Presbyterian Night Shelter:** Sojourners

July 24

**Liturgist:** Don Browning and Greg Dickey  
**Sound System Operators:** Kirk Wise and Chuck Wheeler

**Ushers:** Jim Cox and Barbara Henley, Michael & Kelly Powers, Donna Webb, Norma English

**Doorstep Visitation:** David & Anita Witter

**Acolytes:** Hannah Hudgens and Benjamin Apgar

**Greeters:** Johnny Mackey, Cyd Baumgardner and Charles & Shirley Stephens, Tammy Line



Mary Nell Partin, Lois Horton, Helen Carr and Catharine Wakefield for preparing the last edition of the FOCUS for mailing. Shelley Collins for working in the office.

Faith

Opportunity

Christ

Unity

Service

Saginaw United Methodist Church Newsletter

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JULY 11, 2011

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World . . .

One Person at a Time

### Our Presence

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Total Worship...234

Budget...\$ 10,616.00

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Total Worship...218

Budget...\$ 6,347.33

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

### Junior High Mission Trip

#### Commissioning Service

Sunday, July 17

10:55 a.m.



Junior High Mission Trip

July 17-22

Mineral Wells, TX

Please uplift them in your prayers as they minister to the people of Mineral Wells.

Alexis Cambell

Jakob Scantlin

Joshua Venter

Shelly Collins

Bernard Venter

Josh Warthen

Cori Weaver

### Upcoming Events in July/August

31 July - 5th Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon

7 August - Acolyte Training

14 August - Promotion Sunday,

3rd Grad Bible Presentation

& Back to School Bash



Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Link hope to have at least 300 backpacks donated and need supplies to fill them. They need the supplies by August 1.

The supplies list is posted on Community Links website:

www.communitylinkmission.org

Mel's Moments~

As I write this news letter article from Orlando, Florida, I want to express my deepest gratitude for giving me

the time to vacation with my family. We had fun, enjoyed relaxing time bathing in the sun around the pool. In the middle of vacation I was made aware of the death of Jill Christenson, a new member to our church family. I was in touch with the family while in Florida. Toward the end of our vacation, my parents were put in the hospital for some health issues. On Sunday morning, I spoke with mom and dad, and both were in good spirits. We talked, and laughed, and said "I love you's". Later that evening, I received the news of my father's death, a year and one day to the death of my youngest brother. It's been tough, I must admit of the sadness, emptiness, and the great loss that I am experiencing now. My family and I have faith in the goodness and the grace of our good God. We still believe that God is with us "in life, in death, and in life beyond death." Dad was a good father, hard working, provider, and a man of deep faith. I will always be grateful for all he taught me. The last words he said to me are these "I love you, send my love and kisses to Max, Nate, and Susan. The Lord is always with you. I love you."

The death of someone close to us leaves us shocked with grief. Sometimes we cannot understand why one minute the loved ones are with us and the next moment they are gone forever. The truth is those we love are never truly gone. We believe in the promises of God's eternal truths laid for us in the scriptures. We are promised eternal life in the presence of our Lord.

May God bless you and hold you together in the palm of His hands.

In Christ's Service and Love

Mel Bishara

# MISSION MOMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?

## !!HELP WANTED!!

Now selecting volunteers for the Hands of the Spirit Puppet team.

No previous work experience is required, on-the-job training will be provided.

We are seeking volunteers for 2 positions:

**Adult:** Must be 18 years or older, enjoy working with people, able to take a lead position when necessary as well as be a puppeteer, and have a desire to have more fun than you thought possible. This position needs to be filled so we will be in compliance with Safe Sanctuaries.

**I need help folks!!!**

**Youth:** Must be at least 10 yrs. old or 5th grade by August 1 (ish), willingness to learn new things, meet new friends, share ideas and your faith, and have lots of fun. No previous experience is needed. On-the-job training will be provided.

We will begin rehearsals on August 7, 2011 at 3:30 in the gym. There will be a brief parent info meeting at 3:00 in the fellowship hall on that day. If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to contact me via Facebook or cell phone (682-433-1542). Thanks, Kim Birkner



**The Sisterhood** has a project helping abused women who are in the "Open Arms" program. It helps women and their children, in a two year program, providing help, counseling and a safe

place to live while they get back on their feet and move toward re-building their lives. These women are homeless for 30 to 60 days before they are eligible for this program. They have very little.

We will be doing the second of the three apartments. Our next apartment we are doing this year on 30 July. The apartment is for a woman and her 15 year old son.

We would like to ask the church's help in supplying some of the things that she needs. **The list includes the following:** Toaster, Mixer, Blender, Coffee maker, Mixing Bowls, Dishes, Kitchen & Bath towels, Desk Lamp.

If you can supply one or more of the above items, or others that you think might be nice for her to have, it will be sincerely appreciated as a women in her situation may have nothing. **She and her son like the colors blue and green.**

If you have any questions concerning this request, or would like to provide something or even help with the project, please contact Terry Sullivan at the following numbers: Home – 817-232-8376 Cell – 817-307-8174 Thank you for your consideration and for helping this family.



for Monday, August 22 and Friday August 26. If you are able to help on any or all of the above dates, please call or email the church office at 817-232-0390 or office@saginawumc.org. Thank you!

Thank you for the very enjoyable retirement reception that you gave for Millie and me. Thank you also for all of the gifts to the Media Fund in my honor. Thank you also for giving a retired United Methodist preacher and wife a home with you. We love you all.

Jay Beavers



Sisters, mark your calendar for Dinner & Movie night for our normal LNO meeting

July 21. Nursery will be open about 5:30pm and we meet at the Cotton Patch in Lake Worth about 5:45pm or so (some

come later). Then we plan on which movie we all want to see and head on over about 7pm or so depending on the time of the movie. We normally go to Star Village 8 (just North of Cotton Patch) or the Starplex.

Some come for dinner, some for movies, ALL come for fellowship.

Any questions just let one of know - your committee members are Sara Richter, Ann Marie Seutter, Terry Sullivan, Teresa Weaver and Shirley Stephens.

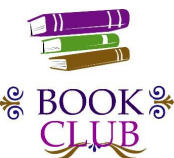
For Book Club this coming year, I would like to make our book selections at least one month in advance to allow

everybody the chance to get their hands on the next month's book in a timely manner. I need your help in advance in order to accomplish this! So will you help? Yay!

Please reply to me with a list of books (at least 2 each) that may be on your bookshelf or on the shelf of the library that you are wanting to read. With your replies, I will compile a book selection list and from there we can all decide what books to read this year. I have lots of unread books on my shelf, but I don't want this to be MY book club. I want to know what YOU want to read.

Thanks for helping me make the SUMC Book Club the best it can be for YOU!

Denise



# GOD SQUAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH?

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

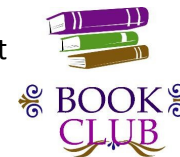
Sunday Evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Follow us on Facebook @ Saginaw United Methodist Church Youth Group or on Twitter @ YouthSUMC**

I need to change the date of our first meeting due to crazy scheduling. I don't know what I was thinking when I thought we could meet in August. I

have Meet the Teacher Night, Parent Orientation and settling back into the routine of school all interfering with meeting the third week in August. Therefore, we will delay our first meeting back to the third week of September. Plus, this gives me (and you) one more month to finish **Life of Pi** by **Yann Martel**. So put it on your calendars to meet Wednesday, September 21 at 7 pm in the Parlor. Enjoy the rest of summer!

Thanks and happy reading,  
Denise



are in need of the following items:

Peas	Cream of chicken soup
Spam	Chicken broth
Cream of mushroom soup	
Very low (and always are)	
Laundry soap	Bath soap
Shampoo	

Leave the items in the tubs in the Fellowship Hall. We are also looking for volunteers on Saturdays, if anyone is interested in volunteering. Presently there are a lot of people on vacation.

Thanks so much for your support !

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS...

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tommy Ekron  
Rae Carol Harris  
Stephanie Hoffman  
Gavin Winans  
Junior High Mission team

Steve Ragsdale  
John Christensen  
Marie Hoffman  
Rev. Mel Bishara

Terry Timms, [tstimms@att.net](mailto:tstimms@att.net),  
to add people to the email prayer list.



The family of John Christensen and Rae Carol Harris on her mother Jill Christensen's passing on Sunday, July 3.

The family and friends of Mel Bishara on the death of his father Najib Bishara, Sunday, July 10.

### SUMC OUTREACH

- **Weight Watchers** - Fellowship Hall: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- **Daisy Girl Scouts** - C20: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (August - May); **Girl Scout Troop 2702** - C20; 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (August - May) <http://gstroop2702.webs.com>
- **Cub Scouts** - Scout Building: **Webelos I** Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., **Webelos II** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., **Wolves** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., **Bears** Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. [www.cubscoutpack151.org](http://www.cubscoutpack151.org)
- **Little Blessings** - Children's Wing: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (August - May)
- **Community Link Mission (CLM)**: Hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; CLM Board Meeting is held the second Monday of each month.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - For more information, visit [www.trinityhabitat.org](http://www.trinityhabitat.org)
- **Water Wells** - funding the building of three wells
- And one church in the Congo over the next few years.