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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

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

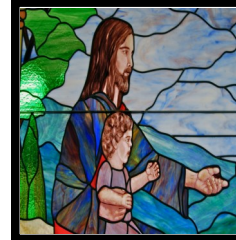
July 31

Liturgist: Youth
Sound System Operators: David Wilson and Charles Stephens
Ushers: Youth
Doorstep Visitation: Matt & Camille Eckersley
Acolytes: Avarie Switzer and LeAnn Lytle
Greeters: Debbie McDonald, Pam Phinney, Dee Griffith and Kristen Warthen, Mary Coman, JoAnn Avery

Liturgist: Pam Phinney and Kristen Warthen
Sound System Operators: Ralph Fockler and Keith Carter
Ushers: John Mackey, Craig Bradford and Rosa Jordan, Keith & Linda Carter, Charles & Shirley Stephens
Doorstep Visitation: Randy & Ada Umsted
Acolytes: Brandon Wilkening and Kailee Guillebeau
Greeters: Evelyn Hudgens, Mary Coman



Mary Nell Partin, Lois Horton, Linda Ganong and Catharine Wakefield for preparing the last edition of the FOCUS for mailing.



Discover Jesus
Develop Faith
Deploy the Message

FOCUS

Saginaw United
Methodist Church

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July 25, 2011

Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World...One Person at a Time

Mel's Moments~ A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

*A prayer / poem by Archbishop Oscar Romero***

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

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Mel: I challenge all of us to rethink, recommit our lives, our church, our future to God who knows and holds us and the future together.

***Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated in 1980 by 'death squads' while celebrating Mass at a small chapel called "La Divina Providencia", one day after a sermon where he had called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights.*

In Christ's Love
Mel Bishara

MISSION MOMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?



The Missions Committee is please to announce 2 new mission opportunities this summer. **Undie Sunday** is an opportunity to help needy children in the Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD by donating NEW underwear and socks for elementary school aged children to be donated to the local elementary school's clothes closet. This will provide many children in need with clean and well fitting underwear and socks to start the new school year with. Sizes needed are: underwear (sizes 4-18 boys or girls) and socks (shoe sizes 8-13 kids up to size 9 adults boy or girls).

Sudsy Sunday is the second mission opportunity that will aid Community Link Mission by providing clients with greatly needed cleaning and hygiene products. We are seeking donations of items that make suds! Items most needed are: laundry detergent (powder or liquid), dish washing liquid, hand soap, body soap (bars or liquid) and shampoo.



Donations may be dropped off in the marked boxes or clothes baskets in the fellowship hall or narthex between August 7th - 21st. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hidy 817-236-6825 or Mary Nell Partin in the church office. Thank you for your support!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER DISCIPLE 1 SUNDAY SCHOOL Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

If you feel the need to learn more about the Bible and desiring a deeper study of the Scriptures then DISCIPLE is for you.

Disciple Sunday School is a new concept taking this tried and true in-depth Bible study and configuring it into a Sunday school format. This **new class** will be called the **Disciples Sunday School class** and is open to all adults seeking a deeper knowledge and understanding of the scriptures, as well as great discussion.

This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of **thirty-four weeks**, your study will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

Look for the informational red handbook outside the sanctuary doors for a closer look at DISCIPLE. This in-depth study requires a prayerful and faithful commitment but one you will not regret. It will be life changing!

An orientation and informational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21 at 12:15 in C-1. The start date is September 11 at 9:45 in the balcony. **We will be cramming a lot into 50 minutes, therefore we WILL start on time at 9:45, so be prompt!** Please contact Mary Nell if you have any questions. More information will be in the next edition of FOCUS.



for Monday, August 22 and Friday August 26 when Cheryl will be out of the office. 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!



The next training for acolytes will be at 9:45 on Sunday August 7th. Any child in the 3rd - 5th grade may serve as an acolyte for the 8:25 or 10:55 worship service. We invite all interested children to meet with Miss Mary Nell in the sanctuary. These children are a very special part of the worship leadership team and we take their involvement seriously and recognize their service to the church and God.

ANDERSON STREET DEMOLITION



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GOD SQUAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH?

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

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

Back to school party and Youth Council will be on August 28. All students are welcome to attend.

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

JOIN US SUNDAY, JULY 31

"Hands of the Puppets" will resume on August 14, in the little gym. Contact Kim Birkner if you have any questions or would like to help out with this ministry. Come to worship on Sunday, July 31 to see them in action.



Join us for our 5th Sunday potluck luncheon. We will have a time of fellowship and sharing of a meal. Bring your favorite meat or vegetable dish to share.

Don't forget the auditions for the Talent Show this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Our Presence

Sunday, July 17, 2011	Sunday, July 24, 2011
Total Worship...322	Total Worship...203
Budget...\$ 8,868.39	Budget...\$7,317.50

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

Expenses as of June 30, 2011

Council on Ministries	\$7,525.00
Connectional Apportionments	\$33,457.00
Fair Share Goal	\$1,264.00
Other Conference Expenses	\$6,354.00
Personnel	\$144,891.00
General Office	\$15,165.00
Property & Maintenance	\$38,411.00
Capital Expenses	\$11,182.00
Total Expenses	\$258,247.00
Total Income	\$235,321.00
Net income	-\$22,926.00

Any questions speak to a member of the finance committee!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Najib Bishara

Given by Tom & Karen Jumes, William & Yvonne Flippo, Pat & Jean James, Angie Averhoff, Mr. & Mrs. John Craft, James & Shirley Robertson

MULTIMEDIA EQUIPMENT

In Memory of Najib Bishara

Given by Claire Watson, Clarence & Susan Hidy, Tim & Jane Ann Kret

MEMORIAL GARDEN

In Memory of Najib Bishara

Given by Art & Jane Crawford, Ron & Linda Brown, Mildred Vick, Joyce Spindor

AFRICAN WATER WELLS

In Memory of Najib Bishara & Jill Christensen

Given by Tom & Denise Griffith

COMMUNITY LINK MISSION

In Memory of Najib Bishara & Jill Christensen

Given by Jerold & Terry Timms

BUDGET

In Memory of Najib Bishara

Given By Greg & Carol Dickey

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rae Carol Harris
Molly Owen
Gavin Winans
Debbie Bishara
Cyd Baumgardner

Emily Owen
Marie Hofmann
Mel Bishara
Sandra Browning
Dina Matthews

Terry Timms, tstimms@att.net,
to add people to the email prayer list.



A NOTE OF



A thank you card has been received from the Harris family and is posted on the bulletin board.

Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall. Community Link hopes 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

