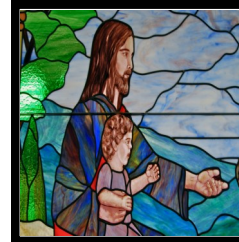


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Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World...One Person at a Time

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



August 28

Liturgist: Josh Warthen and Mark Schlichenmeyer

Sound System Operators: David Wilson and Charles Stephens

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

Doorstep Visitation: Mike & Kelly Powers

Acolytes: Avarie Switzer and LeAnn Lytle

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

September 4

Liturgist: Cheryl Venter and Sandy Thompson

Sound System Operators: Ralph Fockler and Keith Carter

Ushers: John Mackey, Craig Bradford and Rosa Jordan, Keith & Linda Carter, Charles & Shirley Stephens

Doorstep Visitation: Lenny & Jane Moore

Acolytes: Elizabeth Fleming, LeAnn Lytle

Greeters: Evelyn Hudgens, Mary Coman

Mel's Moments~

I came across this article and found it to be though provoking and wanted to share it with

everyone.

Ten Commandments for Church People:

- DON'T IDEALIZE the church - it's glorious, not because it's perfect (after all, you're in it!), but because it's being redeemed.
- DON'T CRITICIZE your fellow-believers anytime (unless the church has confirmed your gifts of leadership and discernment) or the pastor (ditto, and never ever before or after a Sunday service: the Devil's already doing that; don't help him).
- DON'T POLARIZE in church meetings or committees. 'I don't agree' is very negative: try 'Is there perhaps another way of looking at this?'
- DON'T OSTRACIZE people whose psychological 'chemistry' is different to yours, or who do not see things your way. Be Christian, and greet them warmly, and pray with them anyway.
- DON'T IDOLIZE the pastor or any other leader: we are all fellow - strugglers and we all have feet of clay.
- DON'T MONOPOLIZE conversations: be that kind of rare person who is an empathetic listener.
- DON'T ORGANIZE anything 'off your own bat'. Initiative is good: initiative plus collaboration plus accountability is better.
- DON'T HOMOGENIZE. Talk to people who are not your cronies (even tax-collectors and sinners do that). Accept people who are not like you theologically. After all, God's truth may include both your and their understandings!
- Above all, DON'T VERBALIZE your frustration or negativity about the church to others: it is sure to discourage them. Do it with the Lord, a spiritual director or counselor, and possibly, after much prayer, to a responsible leader. The devil is very clever: he puts words into our mouth like:

'Would you (my friend) pray with me about the problem I have with.....'

- Instead REALIZE that the Church is loved by Christ, so be patient with each other: the Lord hasn't finished with any of us yet!

Van:

Transportation is a major need for our children, youth, and adult ministries. With our van we have made countless mission trips, quilters trips, camping trips and adult trips, transporting children and youth to and from homes and events. But our old van (1994) has had a hard life and is ready to retire any day now. The trustees are trying to raise the funds to buy a new 15 passenger van. From our estimates we think we need about \$27,000 to replace our old van. If you would like to make a donation toward a van, please send checks to SUMC with a note for "VAN".

In Christ's Love

Mel Bishara

METHODISM 101
September 11

Beginning September 11th at 9:45 Rev. Bishara will lead a Methodism 101 class for 6 weeks. If you desire to learn more about the United Methodist Church here is your chance. This class is for those who are new to the denomination, or those who are long time Methodists. The class will meet in the Hospitality Room (old library) in the Fellowship Hall

COMING IN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15th

DISCIPLE 1

Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

It has been decided that we might give DISCIPLE 1 a try on a week night so those who are already involved in a Sunday school class can participate. On Thursday, September 15th at 7p.m. we will start. If you desire a deeper study of the Scriptures then DISCIPLE is for you. Contact Mary Nell Partin for more information or to sign-up.



Linda Ganong, Mary Nell Partin, Catharine Wakefield for preparing the last edition of the FOCUS for mailing. Thanks to Linda Brown for working in the office on Monday.

MISSION MOMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?

IMAGINE NO MORE MALARIA is an extraordinary ministry of the United Methodist Church. The goal of this program is to eliminate malaria in Africa by 2015.

Malaria claims more than one million lives each year. Every 45 seconds, a child dies of malaria in Africa. Malaria is particularly devastating to pregnant women and young children. Every day, thousands of families lose loved ones due to this disease.

In past years, the push was for the *Nothing But Nets* program which was originally initiated to address the issue. But now the program has been enlarged and enhanced -- kind of a Nets Plus program if you will. The **Imagine No More Malaria** campaign is the improved program and focuses on prevention, education, communication and treatment.

Prevention includes improving ways to diagnose and treat malaria and improving sanitation. **Education** entails teaching communities about avoiding malaria and making sure nets are installed properly and that people know how to care for the nets. **Communication** involves helping build radio stations and providing hand-crank and solar-powered radios so more people can hear the life-saving information about malaria. And -- **Treatment** is helping improve the infrastructure so diagnostic tests and treatments are available in facilities throughout the affected areas.

Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease! And Saginaw UMC can make a difference. A commitment of just **\$28.00 per month** over a **3 year period** can save **100 lives** from this disease. That's just the average cost of one meal out for a family of four once a month.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of the solution to eradicate this killer disease.

A big thank you for your response to our Undie Sunday & Sudsy Sunday requests, it was a great success.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

So many exciting things are happening in the life of this church, and especially in our children's department.

Last Sunday, August 21, our new fall Sunday school started. Each age group has new, fun and exciting curriculum, that will take us on a journey to living our lives as Jesus would want us too. If you have not gotten plugged into a Sunday school class yet, but would like to, check out the bulletin board behind the sanctuary for a list of classes.

Starting Wednesday, September 7 at 6:15 to 7:15, our Radical Disciples will meet in C20. This is for ages K thru 5th. Come and have fun learning how we can become Disciples of Christ by doing mission projects, playing games, and much more! (NOTE: This is in place of Mission Possible Kids)

On Sunday, September 11 @ 5pm – 6pm Children's choir will begin for those who are K – 5th grades. We have a great time learning how to praise God through our music. (NOTE: There is no programming after choir, it has now moved to Wednesday)

Little Blessings Preschool is a ministry of Saginaw UMC for ages 18 months to PreK 5 and we meet on Tuesdays & Thursday's from 9am – 2pm. Our classes will resume Tuesday, September 6. We still have a few spots available. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Shelley at 817-232-4380.



BELONG TWEEN MINISTRY KICKS OFF

BELONG is a new focused ministry for 5th & 6th graders. The purpose of BELONG is to help gradually integrate the 5th & 6th graders into the youth group. Lessons and programming are geared toward this age group and their particular developmental stage, helping them to better understand biblical concepts and topics such as self-image, friendships, values and more.

BELONG Sunday school teachers are Reid & Adrienne Marley with the help of rotating youth mentors. Sunday evening Shelley Collins and other adult helpers lead the group. Sunday night BELONG begins September 11th from 5-6 with snack supper to follow.

There will be a parent meeting for 5th / 6th grade parents on September 11th while the "tweens" meet from 5-6p.m. Come check us out and find out what great things we have planned.


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


UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Chancel Choir** Rehearsals Resume
Wednesday, August 24
7:00 p.m. - Choir Room

Saginaw Ringers Rehearsals Resume
Wednesday, August 24, 6:00 p.m. - Choir Room



 **Children's Choirs**
Begins Sunday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.

 **the Sisterhood**
Dinner and Movie Night
Thursday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men Breakfast
Saturday, September 10
8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

the Sisterhood Bake & Craft sale,
Sunday, September 18, 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall.

Trustees committee Meeting, Monday, September 12,
7:00 p.m., C2.

Wisdom Group Potluck, Tuesday,
September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday,
September 13, 7:00 p.m., C2.

Memorial garden Meeting, Friday,
September 16, 6:00 p.m.,
Memorial Garden.

Charge Conference Sunday, October 30
4:00 p.m., Sanctuary.



To Rita and the prayer group at SUMC. Thankyou for all your prayers and thoughts during my illness. It is wonderful to think there is such a lovely family at church. I appreciate the love and care shown to me during this time. Thank you Tommy Ekron

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Najib Bishara
Given by Nellie Talbert

African Water Wells

In Memory of Najib Bishara
Given by Jon Ed & Frankie Robbins

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. D.W. Hill
Given by Jay & Millie Beavers

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Ed & Pam Reedy
Carl Blount
Nicholas Venter
Jim Perkerson

Tommy Ekron
Trevor Carroll
Joshua Venter

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



Our Presence

Sunday, August 14, 2011 **Sunday, August 21, 2011**

Total Worship...416 Total Worship...292
Budget...\$ 6,499.31 Budget...\$9,106.89

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

Expenses as of August 21, 2011

Council on Ministries	\$11,659.76
Connectional Apportionments	\$39,025.00
Fair Share Goal	\$1,474.00
Other Conference Expenses	\$8,471.52
Personnel	\$176,714.04
General Office	\$18,827.55
Property & Maintenance	\$46,697.51
Capital Expenses	<u>\$17,671.76</u>
Total Expenses	\$320,540.85
Total Income	\$302,333.14
Net income	-\$18,207.71

The Church office will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Memorial Day.