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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

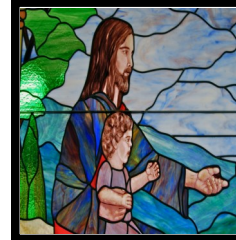
September 11

**Liturgist:** Don Browning and Chuck Wheeler  
**Sound System Operators:** Tom Griffith and Kallie Weaver  
**Ushers:** Danny Jordan, Peggy Dietz and Bobby Rann, Dan Wilkening, Michelle Burkholder, Don & Jean King, Reid Marley  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Lisa & Jacob Hidy  
**Acolytes:** Kailee Guillebeau, Benjamin Apgar  
**Greeters:** Rita Roberts, Johnny Mackey, Pam Phinney, Cyd Baumgardner and Charles & Shirley Stephens, Tammy Line

September 18

**Liturgist:** Gail Attaway and Greg Dickey  
**Sound System Operators:** Kirk Wise and Chuck Wheeler  
**Ushers:** Cristina Lang and David Collins, Ed & Pam Reedy, Jerry Avery, Amber Haltom  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Mike & Sandy Thompson  
**Acolytes:** Meghan Lewis, Jeremiah Hagen  
**Greeters:** Jean James, Debbie McDonald, Rita Roberts and Evelyn Hudgens, Kristin Warthen, JoAnn Avery  
**Presbyterian Night Shelter:** New Shepherds and Women of Spirit

Mary Nell Partin, Catharine Wakefield, Mel Bishara for preparing the last edition of the **FOCUS** for mailing. Thanks to Ken Hamilton, Pam Phinney, Kirk Wise & Mel Bishara for preparing the envelopes for the Stewardship mailing.



Discover Jesus  
Develop Faith  
Deploy the Message

# FOCUS

Saginaw United  
Methodist Church

Volume 1, Issue 4  
September 6, 2011

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

## Mel's Moments~

Reinhold Niebuhr, arguably one of the greatest thinkers of the twentieth century, wrote,

"There was a time when I had all the answers. My real growth began when I discovered the questions to which I had the answers were not the important questions." How true! Occasionally, it confronts you. Once in a while, simply question "Why am I here?"

Bill Russell, the great basketball player, once wrote, "We learn to make a shell for ourselves when we are young and then we spend the rest of our lives hoping for someone to reach inside that shell and touch us."

In Tim Russert's Big Russ and Me, he tells about John F. Kennedy who sent his friend Dave Powers a mug on his fiftieth birthday inscribed this way: "There are three things that are real: God, Human Folly, and Laughter. The first two are beyond our comprehension, so we must do what we can with the third."

So why are we here?

1. To love God and neighbor.
2. To make a difference for the good of all.
3. To share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.
4. To live life to the fullest.
5. To grow and develop in our faith journey.
6. To be a blessing.
7. To laugh, live, love, and lift.

There is a wonderful phrase that came to me from a friend mine in Michigan when he talked about exuberance of life and what it was that any of our ages can do. He said:

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, champagne in one hand, strawberries in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO - what a ride!"

In Christ's Love

Mel Bishara

## Around the Table

A study of 2 Samuel with Rev. Mel Bishara  
Wednesdays: September 7 - November 30  
Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m., Program at 6:15 p.m.  
Fellowship Meal (\$5 adults; \$2.50 youth/children).



**Radical Disciples (K - 5)** Program 6:15 p.m.  
Starting Wednesday, September 7 at 6:15 to 7:15, our Radical Disciples will meet in C20. This is for ages K thru 5<sup>th</sup>. 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)

## CELEBRATE SAGINAW

Celebrate Saginaw is a joint venture with area churches of Saginaw. This is an outreach to the community with each church taking a lead in a specific area. Our church will be providing the food for approximately 300 people. Your help at this event would be greatly appreciated. We need help with food and handing out literature and embracing our community. It will be at Willow Creek Park on September 24, 10:00 - 2:00. There will be food, games, health screenings, and information on where to get assistance if it is needed. This is a great outreach opportunity for our church.

# MISSION MOMENT

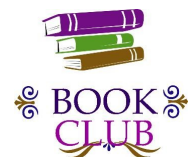
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?



## IMAGINE

No Malaria

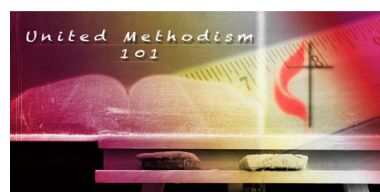
## UPCOMING EVENTS



We are currently reading **Life of Pi** and will meet to discuss it on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Bring your recommendations that you want to read for the upcoming year.

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 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.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.



Beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**the Sisterhood Bake & Craft sale,** Sunday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. All money raised help defray cost of our retreat.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### *BELONG* TWEEN MINISTRY KICKS OFF

BELONG is a new focused ministry for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The purpose of BELONG is to help gradually integrate the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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 evenings Shelley Collins and other adult helpers lead the group. Sunday night BELONG begins September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 with snack supper to follow.

There will be a parent meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents on September 11<sup>th</sup> while the "tweens" meet from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come check us out and find out what great things we have planned.



### Musical Notes

Children's Choir is starting up soon! Our kick-off meeting will be Sunday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel Choir Room -- parents welcome! We'll discuss the upcoming year, and then we'll rehearse our new songs for the year! We will need parent volunteers for lots of things -- Christmas Caroling, weekly Snack sponsor, Mother's Day Musical -- and we will need our wonderful SUMC parents to sign up. Choirs will meet Sundays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Cherub Choir, grades K-2, in C-20. Carol Choir, grades 3-5, will meet in the Chancel Choir Room. Come join in the fun! Questions? Email Jenny at [jlm2509@hotmail.com](mailto:jlm2509@hotmail.com).

The puppet ministry is having a swim party on Sunday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Teresa Weaver's home. Contact Kim for details.



## GOD SQUAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH?

### United Methodist Youth Fellowship

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

**1:** Our focus this year in youth is outreach, and we are expecting that we will begin to see the number of youth attending on Sunday nights increase. In order to allow for an increase and to allow for a more age-appropriate dialogue with all of our students, we are dividing out the Junior High and Senior High groups on Sunday nights.

Beginning Sunday, September 11th, our schedule for Sunday Night Live will be as follows:

- Junior High SNL: 5:00-6:00
- Snack Break: 6:00-6:30
- Senior High SNL: 6:30-7:30

To meet with Safe Sanctuary requirements, volunteers will be needed on Sunday nights. Our goal is to have all of our volunteers on a rotating basis. If you have a student in youth, we would like to challenge you to volunteer for three Sunday nights this year. If you are an existing volunteer, we would like to challenge you to volunteer for three Sunday nights this year as well. And, if you are just thinking you might like to check us out, we encourage you to pick a Sunday night to join us for games and Bible Study as well. **To volunteer, or to ask any questions you may have, please call Josh at 817-694-3872.** We are excited about what is going on in the life of our youth group, and we want you to come join in the excitement, too!

**2:** It's time for some MOVIE MADNESS!!! We are calling all youth! Come up to the Youth Cafe on Saturday, September 17th for some fun, flicks, and fanfare! We'll kick off at 6:00 p.m. and go until Midnite! See you there!!!

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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Charles Pierce  
Given by Jimmy & Barbara Henley

PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR UNIT  
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Hill

Given by Jay & Millie Beavers  
MULTI-MEDIA

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. N.L. Beavers and  
Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Hill

Given by Jan & Millie Beavers  
MEMORIAL GARDEN

In Memory of Mary Conner  
Given by Claire Watson

In Honor of Ralph & Cora Mae Tompkins  
Given by Tim & Jane Ann Kret

### Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sheila Irwin and her family  
Carl Blount  
Linda Ganong  
Ralph & Cora Mae Tompkins

Emily Owen  
Tom & Dee Griffith  
Velma Bertelmann

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



### Our Presence

**Sunday, August 28**  
Total Worship...329  
Budget...\$12,796.15

**Sunday, September 4**  
Total Worship...219  
Budget...\$10,587.00

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

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OUR CHURCH WELCOMES

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Knox Lawrence Hilton was baptized on August 28. His parents are Philip & Ashlee Knox.