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SAGINAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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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, June 6

Total Worship...309

Budget...\$12,830.00

Required weekly for 2010 budget:\$10,153.00

Sunday, June 13

Total Worship...302

Budget...5,550.00



Vacation Bible School

June 27 - July 1

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Ages: Going into Kindergarten through 5th grade

(PreK for worker's kids only)

VBS is approaching fast! Please register you children, grandchildren, neighbors for this fun and exciting adventure. **You can help us blast off by selecting a shooting star off the board in Fellowship Hall.** The shooting stars have items that are needed for VBS . . . 72+ stars in silver and gold on cardboard (hand-size or bigger), 12 black poster boards, gigantic roll of foil, silver and/or neon duct tape, 4 royal blue or black plastic table ruffles (the ones that go around the outside edge of the tables), spray paint (neon, purple, green, blue, pink), metallic star sprays for tables in fellowship hall, inflatable set of planets, little 4 wheeler looking bike, 12 strings of twinkle lights, white dryer vent hoses, star table confetti, glow in the dark stickers, telescope (on loan), space theme posters, black plastic sheeting, old CDs, glow in the dark paint, black lights (on loan), large appliance box, barstools and video game chairs, and plastic take out containers. You may return the items to this location in Fellowship Hall.

Crew leaders are still needed to help shepherd kids back and forth to their classrooms!

Reminder: VBS decorating day is June 26 at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is provided. Safe Sanctuaries class will be offered at 1:00 p.m. for those who are not certified.

Mel's Moments~

Yesterday our church commissioned twenty eight youth and adults to be in mission and ministry with the people of Shawnee, Oklahoma. This morning (Monday 6:30 a.m.) Susan and I took a van full of 4th graders to Glen Lake Camp. Each of the above groups will come back with life transforming experiences which they will never forget.

After the 8:30 a.m. worship service, I was talking to Jori McDonald, an eight year old girl. She told me what she did for the cause of Christ and on behalf of our church to help feed hungry people in our community. Jori wrote a letter, made fifty copies, and distributed the letters in her neighborhood. In her letter she introduced herself, stated her age, and mentioned the Saginaw United Methodist Church where she attends regularly. The purpose of the letter was to collect food for Community Link Mission. Jori collected one hundred and thirty four pounds of can goods for Community Link Mission, visited fifty homes, spoke with many people, and got results. I was amazed, excited, and impressed with Jori, her witness for Christ, and her compassion and loving spirit of all God's children. Wow! If Jori can do that, I am sure that each one of us can do something in the name of Jesus Christ.

People all over the world are looking for something. It is called connectedness! Whether they realize it or not, they are looking for a sense of belonging, a sense of acceptance, a sense of inclusion, a sense of connectedness – with God and with other people . . . and when it happens, it is so beautiful. It happens when the walls of isolation, guilt, loneliness, prejudices, bigotry, smallness and the things that stand in the way of progress is broken down. May God help us to strengthen our connectedness, protect our freedom, and celebrate our differences.

In Christ's Love,

Mel

P. S. During conference we made a pledge as SUMC and as a pastor to lose weight. We pledged \$10 per pound lost up to \$1,000. All monies raised will go toward the "No Malaria" campaign. We ask you, the church, to model health and wellness throughout our ministry together. Let's begin now!

The Music Ministries and the
SUMC Nurture Committee present

Red, White, Blue and YOU!

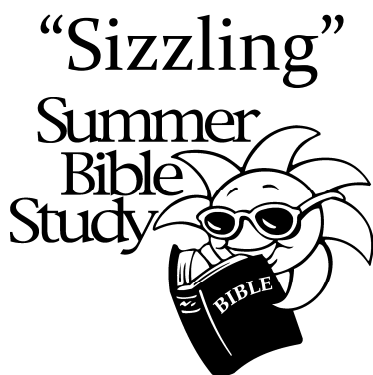
An All Church 4th of July Celebration

Nothing is more patriotic than All-American music, hot dogs, pie, and ice cream on July 4th! Join the SUMC family for a fun afternoon of music by the Chancel Choir, Kathy Slick, and Jedda Jones; a patriotic sing-a-long; and lots of FREE FOOD. Now is a great time to invite your families, neighbors, and friends to celebrate at Saginaw for a spectacular 4th!

SPECIAL NOTE: Hot dogs, condiments, chips, and drinks will be furnished by the church. We are asking everyone to bring either a pie or cobbler or homemade ice cream for our desserts.

Sunday, July 4, has been declared a **CASUAL SUNDAY**, and we're asking everyone to wear red, white, or blue for both worship services and for the celebration following. The festivities will begin immediately after 11:00 a.m. Worship on Sunday, July 4, in the Fellowship Hall and last until around 2:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir has a very special musical celebration planned to salute our great country and honor our members of the armed forces.

Come celebrate July 4 at Saginaw UMC!



Sizzling Summer Bible Study begins Wednesday, July 7th - August 11th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the home of Pam Phinney, 120 Roberts. Join us for a fun time of study and fellowship that will surely cure the summertime blues, or at least make the heat a little more tolerable. You are encouraged to bring a friend, too!

Our study will be *If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. This study will help you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing him. Through six sessions that include video clips and group discussions, you will discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Participant books are \$8. To sign up, purchase your book or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Nell. Childcare will be provided at the church.

**William and Marie Hofmann
Tim and Stephanie
5612 Stone Meadow Lane
Fort Worth 76179
817-238-0784**





for Tuesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 7, Thursday, July 8, Thursday, July 15, and Thursday, August 5. 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, office@saginawumc.org. Thank you!

The church pictorial directories are in! Directories are reserved for those who had their photographs taken and for new members. You may pick up your directory in the church office Monday -



Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Once participants have picked up their directory, any remaining books will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Thanks to Debbie McDonald and her team for distributing the directories the past two Sundays.



hosted by the Jordans raised \$1,725 for the women of Uganda. Thank you for your generosity!

**the Sisterhood - Ladies Night Out
July 8, 7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**

Guest speaker, Debbie McDonald, will talk about her beautiful garden and answer any questions you may have about your own. In addition, we will all meet at Calloway's Nursery in Hurst on July 10 at 10:10 a.m. for a class on Gardens in Motion - Ornamental Grasses. Their Texas Garden Clinics are FREE!

**Christmas in July
Benefiting United Community Centers
July 12, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
FUMC Burleson
Childcare provided**



Contact Pam Phinney for tickets (\$2 donation) by July 7.



**Wednesday, June 23
3:30 p.m., Conference Room**

Wacky Wednesdays Beginning July 7
Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details!

GOD SQUAD YOUTH NEWS

**Celebrate Freedom - South Fork Ranch
Saturday, June 26
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Freedom is an all day free concert featuring Mercy Me, Third, Day, Tenth Avenue North, Kari Jobe, and more! The day will culminate with a huge fireworks show. ALL are invited. Parking will cost \$15 if you choose to attend and will be driving your own car. Bring money for food and drinks. If you plan on attending, please let Josh or Kristin know.

**Youth to Hurricane Harbor
Friday, July 9
9:30 a.m.**



COMMUNITY LINK MISSION (CLM) is able to purchase many food items from the Tarrant Food Bank, but other foods are not available. Tarrant Food Bank says for every dollar that is donated, four meals are provided. CLM is in need of the following items: canned meats, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti, tea, toilet tissue, laundry soap, dishwashing soap, shampoo, sugar, cream of chicken soup, and canned peas. Remember our children are out of school for the summer and some do not have adequate food in their homes. A donation of canned pasta and/or Lunchables would help with their lunches.



Food Collection

- S U M C O U T R E A C H**
- **Weight Watchers** - Fellowship Hall: Mondays at 4:00 p.m. and 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>
 - **Boy Scouts** - Scout Building; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Cub Scouts:** **Webelos I**, Scout Building, Mondays at 6:00 p.m.; **Bear Den**, Scout Building, 1st/3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.; 2nd/4th Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.; **Webelos II**, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.; **Wolf Den**, Scout Building, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.; **Tiger Dens**, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; 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
 - **Water Wells** - funding the building of three wells and one church in the Congo over the next five years.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Joyce Trotter's Parents

Given by Nellie Talbert and Claire Watson

In Memory of Frances Blount, Uncle Jake Blount and for those who fight and have fought for our freedom

Given by Deniece Blount

In Honor of Bill Anderson's 80th Birthday

Given by Joyce Spindor

Fellowship Hall Flooring Fund

In Honor of George and Linda Allison's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Given by Ray and Juanita Jordan, Tim and Jane Ann Kret, Glen and Judy Baker, Tom and Dee Griffith

In Memory of Sherry Cole Lantis

Given by Glen and Judy Baker

In Memory of Joyce Trotter's Parents

Given by Ray and Juanita Jordan

In Honor of Winston and Lorraine Woolsey's 50th Anniversary

Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

In Honor of Bill Anderson's 80th Birthday

Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

In Honor of Andrew Rhoades' High School Graduation

Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

In Memory of Mildred Vick's Sister

Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

In Honor of our Children, Grandchildren, Barbara Henley, Helen Carr, and Jan Whetstone

Given by George and Linda Allison

In Memory of Sandy Thompson's Father

Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

Puppet Team

In Honor of Kim Birkner

Given by Kevin and Teresa Weaver



**Sandy Thompson and family.
Sandy's father passed away
on Friday, June 11.**

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Vera Taylor
Chuck Wheeler
Kim Birkner
Cyd Baumgardner

Maria Hofmann
Faye Clark
Jim Perkerson

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

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SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
3:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live (Grades 6 - 12)

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Quilters - Annex Building
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

A special thank you to Ada Umsted, Linda Brown, Rosa Jordan, and Kristin Warthen for volunteering in the front office June 1 - 3 and to Catharine Wakefield, Betty Williams, and Rita Roberts for preparing the last edition of the FOCUS for mailing. Your willingness to help is really appreciated!

Worship Assistants

June 20 - Happy Father's Day!

Liturgists: Pam Phinney and Greg Dickey
Sound System Operators: David Wilson and Chuck Wheeler
Ushers: Ron and Gail Attaway; David Collins, Ed and Pam Reedy, Jerry Avery
Doorstep Visitation: Greg and Doreen Buckingham
Acolytes: Alexis Campbell and Taylor Weaver
Greeters: Jean James, Debbie McDonald, Rita Roberts, Dee Griffith; Evelyn Hudgens, Kristin Warthen, JoAnn Avery

June 27

Liturgist: Pam Phinney and Bill Gardner
Sound System Operators: Ralph Fockler and Charles Stephens
Ushers: Jim Cox; Frankie Robbins, Barbara Henley, Ted Matthews, Larry Sullivan
Doorstep Visitation: Tim and Jane Ann Kret
Acolytes: Isabella Hagen and Brandon Wilkening
Greeters: Dale and Londa Pontius, John Mackey, Cyd Baumgardner; Charles and Shirley Stephens, Tammy Line