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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, July 4

Total Worship...476

Budget...\$10,343.00

Sunday, July 18

Total Worship...218

Budget...\$7,240.48

Required weekly for 2010 budget:\$10,153.00

Sunday, July 11

Total Worship...287

Budget...\$8,205.89

Sunday, July 25

Total Worship...237

Budget...\$9,680.00

Mel's Moments~

I want to begin my article by thanking our church family and my friends all over the country for their prayers, cards, phone calls, E-mails,

and good wishes upon the recent death of my youngest brother, Milad. It has not been an easy journey, but your words of encouragement and prayers have given me the strength and hope to endure this difficult time. I want to thank Dr. Jay Beavers and Mary Nell Partin for covering the pulpit for me. They have done an outstanding job.

I heard a person say, "My life is like a fog, everything is going so fast I can't seem to find my direction or purpose any more." Chaos, confusion, and a sense of loss seem to permeate so much of society today. People are struggling to live life on one of three levels: survival, success, or significance. Those living on the survival level are running frantically just to survive the rat race. Their calendars and "to do" lists are overflowing with commitments and deadlines. They are stressed out, feel trapped, and are constantly tired. Their major goal each day is survival, just getting by, existing, and living for the weekend.

The second group of people try to find true happiness and purpose in life through the pursuit of success. They measure success by what they can produce or purchase. However, there are not enough things or trophies to fill the void in their lives. Feelings of emptiness and a lack of fulfillment haunt these individuals whose lives are centered on the elusive search for success.

Finally, our search for true happiness and fulfillment is achieved when we experience significance through faith in Jesus Christ. Significance occurs when we discover our purpose or reason for being here on earth. Who am I? Why do I exist? What on earth am I here for? These are some of the most important questions you will ever have to answer. Every person needs a purpose for living that is comprehensive enough to give meaning to all existence, especially your own. Your purpose on earth will drive your life. (continued in next column)

Mel's Moments (continued)

I ask you to do the following:

A. *Pray.* Ask Christ to show us His perfect will, that all decisions made shall reflect not merely our best efforts, but God's Spirit and shall advance God's Kingdom. Pray for yourself and your family, your pastor, church staff, and our church family.

B. *Listen.* Become informed about the issues and be open to the different perspectives and ideas within the Body of Christ. Listen to the needs of children, youth, and adults. Listen to the needs of the community. Listen to the needs of our world. Listen as you hear God speak to you.

C. *Share.* You are a person of worth. You are valued by God and others. You matter! So, share your thoughts, questions and ideas with others.

D. *Dream.* What could God do through you to strengthen the Church? Who could you bring to worship? How could you serve?

E. *Care.* Practice love, forgiveness, and gentleness in all conversations with others as we make decisions about our Church's future. No one of us is perfect, but together in the Holy Spirit, God can do incredible things through us!

F. *Give.* Give. Give because God first gave the best to you and me. Give God your best. Give yourself to others.

In Christ's Love,

Mel

"TWEAKING" WORSHIP

In order to help worship have a better flow and honor the time of worship, we are going to make a slight adjustment. Beginning this Sunday, we will begin the "fellowship time" at 5 minutes before the start of worship, i.e., 8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. The congregation will be gathered back to the start of worship with a "gathering song," followed by announcements and the usual order of worship. One other addition will be a musical "Call to Prayer," prior to the Pastoral Prayer, to aid us in focusing on our time of prayer.

These small adjustments are intended to assist with the flow of worship and to have each element of worship be more intentional in your time with God. We do want to remind you that Sunday school does need to begin and end on time. Please honor the time of your teacher, class members, and visitors.



Wacky Wednesdays at Saginaw UMC
9:00 a.m.

August 4 (Calendar Correction) - Fort Worth Botanic Gardens: Japanese Garden; eat lunch at gardens. \$4 (12 yr. and up), \$3 (11 yr. - 4 yr.), Free (4 yr. and under). Please let Shelley know if you are planning to attend.

Friday, August 13 - Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Call Shelley **TODAY** to buy your ticket.

Each family must have one parent present (no drop off). Plan on taking sack lunches and eating at the location or at a nearby park.



Mission Moment
By Pam Phinney

We will be collecting School Supplies the month of July for Community Link Mission to distribute to the community. Collection boxes are located in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Most needed items are: ruler (1/4 inch standard), scissors (Fiskars), composition notebooks (non-spiral), water colors (8 colors), and 4 pack of Play DOH (4 oz. cans). For a complete list of supplies, go to www.emsisd.com.

Widowed Persons Services of Tarrant County continues to offer grief support classes until August 8, Sundays, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Room C1.

Chancel Choir Resumes rehearsal on Wednesday, August 11. More altos are needed.



Handbell Ringers Needed for Fall!

This fall we will have openings for three handbell players in the Saginaw Ringers. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Music reading, while not a prerequisite, is a valuable asset for service in the handbell choir. Handbells play once a month in Worship and also at Christmas time for an outreach concert. Childcare is provided during rehearsals. If you are interested in serving in this fun music ministry, please see Jedda or contact her at home at 817-267-6459.

COMMUNITY LINK MISSION (CLM) is in need of the following items: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Canned Tomatoes, and Spam.



Save the Dates!

Charge Conference is Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. and the Central Texas Conference, 100th Year Celebration, Saturday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. Will Rogers Center.



Welcome
 Our New
 Members

Kevin and Rae Carol Harris
Brittany and Sydney
721 Quail Drive
Saginaw 76131
817-232-5068

Congratulations to Andy and Brenda Hockaday on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Abigail Ames. Parents are Eric and Amy; Aunt/Uncle: are Rachel and Tim Mash and to Peggy Dietz on the birth of her granddaughter, Kaylee Claire Hernandez, daughter of Ramon and Diane.



Kristin Warthen and family on the death of her grandfather, Harold English; Rita Roberts and family on the death of her brother, Paul Alvey; and Rev. Mel Bishara and family on the death of his brother, Milad.

The church is collecting an offering for Rev. Mel Bishara. Please mark your gifts "Love Offering."

Church Meetings

Nurture Committee, (Back to School Bash Planning), Sunday, August 1, 2010, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Lunch provided (RSVP to Mary Coman).

"Hands of the Spirit" Puppet Team, resumes Sunday, August 1, 3:00 p.m., in the gym.

Trustees Meeting, Monday, August 2, 7:00 p.m., Room C2.

Little Blessings Board Orientation, Thursday, August 5, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Wisdom Group Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, August 10, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Finance Committee, Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m., Room C2.

Administrative Council, Thursday, August 12, 7:00 p.m., Room C2.

the Sisterhood, Thursday, August 12, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

United Methodist Men Breakfast, Saturday, August 14, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

GOD SQUAD YOUTH NEWS

Youth Plunge! Poolside Bible Study is for youth who are thirsty . . . and like to swim! Bible study will be at Ed and Pam Reedy's Poolside, 800 Sky Creek Court, 5:00 p.m., on July 29, August 5 and 12. Bring a sack dinner, your BIBLE, a towel, and PLUNGE! This is in lieu of Wednesday night Bible Study.



July 30, 2010
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Youth Suite

Youth Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 4,
6:00 p.m. at the Thompson's.

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- **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 few years.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Keith Carter	Addison English
Janis Siekkinen	Venter/Ekron Family
Clara Childress	Barbara Mackey
Kathleen Apgar	Kimberly King
Bill Anderson	Ruth Dahlin
Elaina Harwick	Mildred Vick
Maria Hofmann	Catharine Wakefield
Jeff Smith	Cyd Baumgardner

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



Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Rita Robert's brother, Paul Alvey
 Given by Mary Ann Hauerwas

Love Offering

In Memory of Milad Bishara
Rev. Mel Bishara's brother
 Given by Helen Carr, Robert and Alice Anderson, Judith Scott, James and Shirley Robertson, Claire Watson, Danny and Rosa Jordan, Evelyn Hudgens, Ralph and Cora Mae Tompkins, Jimmy and Barbara Henley, Virginia Parrish, Rose Yount, Laurene McLaughlin, Murray Brown, Bart and Page Hines, Tim and Jane Kret, and Mary Ann Hauerwas

Fellowship Hall Flooring Fund

In Memory of Milad Bishara
 Given by Tom and Denise Griffith, Jerry and Betty Williams, Jerry and Terry Timms, Mildred Vick, Linda Brown, Art and Jane Crawford, and Ray and Juanita Jordan

In Honor of Jimmy Henley's 80th Birthday
 Given by Tim and Jane Ann Kret

Memorial Garden

In Memory of Milad Bishara
 Given by Adrian and Jennifer Cardenas

In Honor of Bill Anderson's 80th Birthday
 Given by Jon Ed and Frankie Robbins

In Memory of Debbie Roach's father
 Given by Jon Ed and Frankie Robbins

In Memory of Joyce Ann Henley and Jimmy Drake
 Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

In Honor of Jimmy Henley's 80th Birthday
 Given by Barbara Henley

Music Ministry

In Memory of Sandy Thompson's father
 Given by Jedda Jones

Wells for Congo

In Memory of Milad Bishara
 Given by Bobby and Sheri Rann

Audio-Visual Equipment

In Memory of Milad Bishara
 Given by Jimmy and Barbara Henley

Youth Missions

In Memory of Sandy Thompson's father
 Given by Bobby and Sheri Rann

Choir

In Memory of Sandy Thompson's father, Debbie Roach's father, and Kristin Warthen's grandfather
 Given by Jerry and Terry Timms

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Worship Assistants

August 1

Liturgists: Pam Phinney and Greg Dickey

Sound System Operators: Tom Griffith and Charles Stephens

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

Doorstep Visitation: Randy and Ada Umsted

Acolytes: Alexis Campbell and Meghan Lewis

Greeters: Dale and Londa Pontius, Liz Hatley; Evelyn Hudgens, Mary Coman, JoAnn Avery

August 8

Liturgist: Cyd Baumgardner and Bill Gardner

Sound System Operators: Kirk Wise and Keith Carter

Ushers: Danny Jordan and Peggy Dietz; Bobby Rann, Paul Hood, Dan Wilkening, Michelle Burkholder

Doorstep Visitation: Clarence and Susan Hidy

Acolytes: Isabella Hagen and Avarie Switzer

Greeters: Rita Roberts, John Mackey, Pam Phinney
Cyd Baumgardner; Charles and Shirley Stephens,
Tammy Line

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Calendar Corrections:

Youth Praise Band Rehearsals are Sundays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. until school starts.

Wacky Wednesdays, August 4, to Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

Thank you to Mary Ann Hauerwas, Rita Roberts, and Motsy Fling (Mary Ann's daughter) for preparing the last edition of the FOCUS for mailing.

A HUGE thank you to the following ladies who worked in the office July 2 - 16: Linda Johnson, Kristin Warthen, Rosa Jordan, Linda Brown, Pam Phinney and Ada Umsted.

A thank you note has been received from Patty Felegy, SHS Project Graduation 2010. It is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office.



An invitation to John and Barbara Mackey's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 14, is posted on the bulletin board.