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## SAGINAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**August 23, 2010**

*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, August 15**

Total Worship...246

Budget...\$6,938.90

Required weekly for 2010 budget:\$10,153.00

**Sunday, August 22**

Total Worship...272

Budget...\$6,324.00

### HOME GROUP BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN THIS FALL

Our Sizzling Summer Bible study was a huge success so we are expanding this Bible study ministry to weeknights this fall. Beginning Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Dr. Jay Beavers will be leading a 10 week study on Romans. This study will be held at the home of Pam Phinney, 120 Roberts Drive. The same study will be offered on Thursday evenings as well, led by Mary Nell Partin in her home at 5889 Pearl Oyster Drive, Fort Worth 76179. If there is enough interest, a morning study will be considered (please let Mary Nell know if you are interested in a morning Bible study).

“The letter to the Romans is the pinnacle of Paul’s writing and thinking. Within its pages are profound insights into living faithfully, passionate debates about the fate of the Jews, and cherished messages of comfort and love. At some points more difficult to understand than a theology textbook and at others a favorite for bedtimes and funerals, Romans is placed first among the letters because of the scope and significance of its topics. Paul instructs his readers, both then and now, to be transformed from this world into living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, following the example of Jesus Christ.” *Interpretation Bible Studies – Romans* by Ross and Stevenson.

If you are interested, please sign-up with Mary Nell by calling the church office at 817-232-0390 or at marynell@saginawumc.org. Mary Nell has the \$10 study book. Childcare will be available at the church by reservation.

## Me's Moments~

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Who we are inwardly determines how we will respond to external struggles. Psychologists, and psychiatrists say that we project ourselves in at least five categories:

1. **The person I want you to think I am** - this a pure facade. It is someone who wears masks to give a false impression. This is a manipulator who tries to present an image of what he or she really is not. This is our world of pretending and deceptions.
2. **The person you think I am** - this is the “blind spots” that I can’t see in myself, but others can. This area has its strengths and its weaknesses. This area has potential in personal and spiritual growth.
3. **The person I think I am** - this the person we know and see well. This person is the real us. Often times we don’t share the real us with others. This the vulnerable part of us.
4. **The person neither of us knows** - this is the part hidden deep within us. It contains the concealed secrets of our subconscious mind. Only God knows this part of our lives.
5. **The person that I want to become** - this represents all of our hopes, desires, goals, and ambitions. The question here is, who do we want to be?

God’s plan for us as individuals and as a church is to “be all that we can be.” The Beatitudes of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel provide some ways to take an inventory of our lives and to take an honest look at our potential of becoming more like Jesus in our words and in our actions.

In Christ’s Love,  
*Mel Bishara*

P.S. Please note that work has begun in the fellowship hall. The floor will be replaced with Allure flooring, wooden doors will be removed and closed in, ceiling and walls will be painted, chair railing will be placed around the walls, and the hall area between the sanctuary and fellowship hall will be sheetrocked and textured. Please excuse our mess as we finish this project. Money has been donated toward this project above and beyond tithes and offerings through gifts specified for this project.

## Mission Moments

Rev. Brenda and Richard Wier will be retiring this December and the 2010 Methodist House will be built in their honor. They have been involved in building Habitat houses for over 20 years. Please join the Metropolitan Board of Missions and Area United Methodist Churches in partner with SUMC to raise \$58,000 to build the 2010 Methodist House and surprise Brenda and Richard with this honor. We want to keep this a secret from them as long as possible! The build should begin in early October. We already have \$300 in the SUMC Habitat for Humanity account and have set a goal of \$1,000. Opportunities to work on the house will be reported in future church publications.

## First Annual Glen Lake Adventure Race

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center

October 9

Teams of 2 will run/bike/paddle/climb their way around Glen Lake with a few fun surprises along the way! Please visit <http://www.glenlake.org/recreation> for further details and to register!



## Central Texas Conference Centennial Celebration

Will Rogers Memorial Center

Saturday, October 23 - 8:30 a.m.

Event tickets are \$20 (adults), \$10 (students), and \$5 (age 7 and under) and cover the entire day's activities, including a delicious Risky's Barbecue lunch for the adults and a Hotdog lunch for the children ages seven and under. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door, so mark your money "CTC Centennial Celebration" and the number of tickets you need and put in the offering plate or turn into the church office by **Sunday, September 26**. The office will order and distribute the tickets.

### Our Thoughts and Prayers

Frances Treadway  
Tammy Line  
Don Rutherford  
KayLyn Baldwin

Debbie McDonald  
Barbara Mackey  
Sandi Shelby  
Susan Bishara

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



## Saginaw Ringers Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, September 1  
6:00 p.m. - Choir Room



## Inservice Training for Carol and Cherub Choir Directors

Sunday, September 5

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Choir Room



## Children's Choirs Radical Disciples

Begins Sunday, September 12

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

Thursday, August 26

6:30 p.m. - C2

## Leadership Think Tank

Sunday, August 29

7:00 p.m. - C1/C3

## the Sisterhood

Dinner and Movie Night

Thursday, September 9

7:00 p.m.



## United Methodist Men Breakfast

Saturday, September 11

8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

## Ladies Book Club Resumes

The Ladies Book Club resumes September 16. We are moving from the 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Thursday. Our book will be *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. You can find the book in most book stores, new and used, and online. Join us on the 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor in the C-wing. Child care is available.

## Charge Conference

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 p.m., Sanctuary



to Florine Beimer and family on the death of her husband, George on August 14 and to Ward Coman and family on the death of his mother, Virginia, on August 22.

# GOD SQUAD YOUTH NEWS

## Wednesday Night Youth Kick-Off September 8

Bibles studies, fellowship, and fun!  
Youth Suite and in homes.

### Church on the Slab

The youth are collecting pennies for Church on the Slab. Bring your pennies with you to church and add them to the penny can for the homeless.

Church on the Slab will be on Sunday, September 12th. The youth will leave the church at 9:45 a.m. and return to the church by 2:30 p.m. Bring lunch money for The Purple Cow. If you want to buy a SLAB t-shirt, they are \$10. Kristin or Josh need your money and shirt size by September 1st.

### TEXAS WESLEYAN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

SUMC has been given an opportunity to reach out to college students. The Religious Life Office at Texas Wesleyan University is looking for church groups to provide a meal following their weekly chapel service. They usually serve 15 - 20 and any kind of meal is welcomed.

Texas Wesleyan hosts Chapel every Tuesday, from September 7<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Chapel usually lasts about 20 to 25 minutes and starts at noon, so most groups get there (Polytechnic UMC, on the corner of Collard and Rosedale, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor kitchen, yes there is an elevator) a little earlier to help prep the food. They have a full kitchen and provide all of the utensils and drinks.

If a Sunday school class or other group within our congregation would like to sponsor a meal please let Mary Nell know and she can put you in touch with the appropriate person at TWU. Thank you in advance for reaching out. Contact Mary Nell at 817-232-0390 or at marynell@saginawumc.org.

## *Memorials and Honorariums*

### **In Memory of George Beimer**

Given by the Seekers Sunday School Class

### *African Water Wells*

### **In Honor of John and Barbara Mackey's**

### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Given by Barbara Henley and

Robert and Alice Anderson

### *Love Offering*

### **In Memory of Milad Bishara,**

### **Rev. Mel Bishara's brother**

Given by Catharine Wakefield

### *Fellowship Hall Flooring*

### **In Honor of John and Barbara Mackey's**

### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Given by Linda Johnson, Bill and Lois Horton,

Larry and Terry Sullivan

### **In Memory of Milad Bishara**

Given by Larry and Terry Sullivan

### *Memorial Garden*

### **In Memory of Kynadi Buzbee,**

### **Justin and Amanda's daughter**

Given by Margie Keeter

### **In Honor of John and Barbara Mackey's**

### **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Given by Margie Keeter, Bill Anderson

### **In Memory of Jamye Sexton**

Given by Bill Anderson

### *Little Blessings*

### **In Memory of Kynadi Buzbee**

Given by Linda Johnson,

Dale and Londa Pontius, Kimberly King

### *Youth Missions*

### **In Memory of Sandy Thompson's father and**

### **Kristin Warthen's grandfather**

Given by Larry and Terry Sullivan

### *Audio-Visual Equipment*

### **In Memory of Milad Bishara**

Given by Michael and Jean McCall

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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**



**August 29**

**Liturgists:** Youth

**Sound System Operators:** Tom Griffith and  
Chuck Wheeler

**Ushers:** Youth, A.J. Barnes, Larry Hogan, Ken  
and Robin Hamilton

**Doorstep Visitation:** Lisa and Jakob Hidy

**Acolytes:** Bailey Collins and Madison Apgar

**Greeters:** Debbie McDonald, Pam Phinney, Liz  
Hatley, Dee Griffith; Kristin Warthen, Mary  
Coman, JoAnn Avery

**September 5**

**Liturgist:** Debbie McDonald and Sandy Thompson

**Sound System Operators:** Kirk Wise and Charles  
Stephens

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

**Doorstep Visitation:** Dale and Londa Pontius

**Acolytes:** Hannah Hudgens and Elizabeth Fleming

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



to Steven Wilkening, Cinda Martin (Community Link Mission), and Rita Roberts for preparing the last edition of the *FOCUS* for mailing.