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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

October 9

Liturgist: Children

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: Charles & Shirley Stephens

Acolytes: Meghan Lewis, Trevor Carroll

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

Counters: Pam Phinney, Tim Kret

October 16

Liturgist: Cyd Baumgardner and Sandy Thompson

Sound System Operators: Kirk Wise and Chuck Wheeler

Ushers: Cristina Lang and David Collins, Ed & Pam Reedy, Jerry Avery, Amber Haltom

Doorstep Visitation: Dale & Londa Pontius

Acolytes: Avarie Switzer, Steven Wilkening

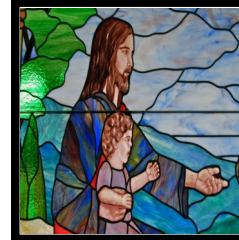
Greeters: Jean James, Debbie McDonald, Rita Roberts and Evelyn Hudgens, Kristin Warthen, JoAnn Avery

Counters: Don Browning, Bill Anderson

Presbyterian Night Shelter: Youth



Lois Horton, Helen Carr, Jean King for preparing the last edition of the *FOCUS* for mailing; Claire Watson for sending acknowledgements of Memorials and Honorariums.



Discover Jesus
Develop Faith
Deploy the Message

FOCUS

Saginaw United
Methodist Church

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

Me's Moments~

"Actions of Compassion." When we do anything to someone who have a need, we in turn meet our own needs. How do we go about doing actions of compassion? Well, we as a church, have been doing this since the inception of the church. Compassion is the very heart of God. Compassion is taking our lives and doing meaningful actions toward others in the name Christ. There is no greater impact in any society than those compassionate actions toward our fellow human brothers and sisters.

To be compassionate does not require fixing problems or agreeing with others. It only calls for doing for others actions just because you care and it is the visible sign of compassion.

Compassion recognizes the humanity in all people, and accepts that all of us have our weaknesses and strengths.

A movie, PAY IT FORWARD, was released some time ago. In it a young boy, Trevor, was challenged by his seventh-grade social science teacher to think of an idea to change the world and then to put it into action. He did. He vowed to do one large favor for three different people, something they couldn't do for themselves. By accepting his help, each recipient was then obligated to do likewise. So, one good deed became three, three became nine, nine evolved into twenty-seven acts of goodness, etc.

My dear people what an impact it can be when we put our compassion into actions for the benefit of all God's people and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was ordering a taco at a drive through restaurant, and when I came to pay, the attendant said the car in front paid for my lunch. The attendant also handed me a card with a positive message of God's love from a local church. This action has impressed me so much. I want our church members to be the visible Gospel by positive compassionate actions throughout our community. Bless at least 2 people every week. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Thank you to Susan & Clarence Hidey for leading and organizing our wonderful volunteers to serve "Celebrate Saginaw 2011." It was a great success seeing all the churches and organizations work together for the good of our community. We served 500 hot dogs, beverages, and chips.



Children's Sabbath

October 9, 2011

8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.

"Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue:" Answering God's Call to Protect Children" is the theme of the 2011 *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend which this year will focus on closing the achievement gap in education that currently has children in poverty and children of color falling further and further behind, and ensuring that education becomes the engine of equality, not inequality.

It is a tradition at Saginaw United Methodist Church that the children of our church become the leaders of the day, by being our lay liturgist, reciting prayers, scripture readers, ushers, and greeters. It is a very special time in the life of our church. We also will be having a performance from our Children's Choirs as well as our Little Blessings Preschool children. Please plan on attending and experiencing this extraordinary service.

You can find a way to be an advocate for children. You can tutor, be a mentor, read to children, help teach, support mission causes, participate in Christmas angel tree, and acknowledge the rights and dignity of all God's children.



MISSION MOMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISSION?

IMAGINE No Malaria



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 12th.

Lunch 11:30-12:45 Live Auction 1:00.



Plan ahead and put this date on your calendar for Fun, Food and Fellowship! Our creative members will have many wonderful items available for the

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live and silent auctions. All proceeds from this event will benefit youth programming and youth mission trips, as well as, camp scholarships.

If you have any questions just call Shelly Herthneck at 817-727-6585.

SISTERHOOD COSTUMES



Party

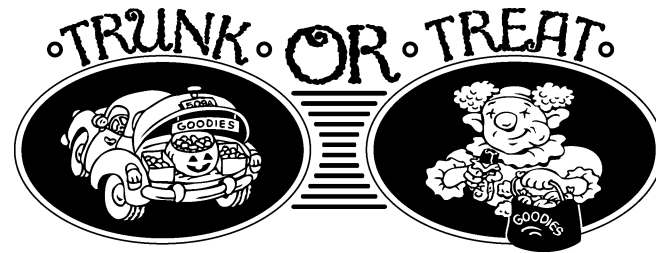
Sisters, now is the time to bring out your inner ghoul. We will have our annual Halloween party on Thursday, October 13th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come in your ugliest, prettiest or most inventive costume. There will be prizes.

Please bring some 'bites' to share. If you have decorations to share, please drop the off in the box in the Fellowship hall. They can be returned if your name is on them. Questions can be Facebooked to the Sisterhood, email or call Ann Marie Seutter at annmarieseutter@gmail.com or [817-897-2791](tel:817-897-2791). See you there!

Little Blessings Stone Supper

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

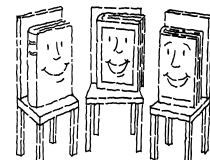


Monday, October 31, 2011

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

All are invited to come join us for a safe alternative to trick or treat. There will be games, a puppet show, popcorn and hot dogs. Do not be frightened to check out our sign up sheets located in fellowship hall near the information table. Trunks are needed. Our goal is *at least* 30 trunks. The candy pumpkin patch is available for donations. Volunteers are also needed to help serve hot dogs and popcorn. Your help is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Collins at 817-232-4380.



Ladies Book Club
Thursday, October 19

6:30 p.m., Parlor

A Woman of Salt
by Mary Potter Engel

Tuesday, October 11
7:00 p.m. Room C2



Wednesday, October 19
3:30 p.m., Conference Room



Memorial Garden Meeting

Friday, October 21

6:00 p.m., Garden

GOD SQUAD

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH?

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sunday Evenings from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth.

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

BELONG

It was so good to see you all last Sunday. You all have come up with great ideas for helping our community. This Sunday, October 9 during regular Belong time from 5pm to 6pm, we will have our first mission project. We will be having a Canned Food Drive Scavenger hunt! This will be a super fun activity, and a great way we can support Community Link Mission. All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us. Also if any parent would like to help chaperone this event please let Shelley know ASAP. You can always contact me at shelley-griffith@sbcglobal.net or 817-232-4380.

Also don't forget about our pizza party on October 16 @ 5pm. We will have pizza and play some new "minute to win it" games. All 5th and 6th graders are invited to attend!



We are doing a great job collecting items for our Christmas bags for the women's shelter, however we are still in need of the following items: conditioner, full size toothpaste, razors, deodorant, scrubbies, chap stick, nail clipper's, hand/body lotion, floss.

We have a box in the fellowship hall for all the items. A big thanks to the quilters!!!! We now have sewing kits in the start up bags. Any questions call Teresa Weaver 817-995-1124
The Sisterhood

THANK-YOU!

On Saturday, September 24, Saginaw UMC participated in "Celebrate Saginaw" with other area churches in an outreach mission to our community. This was also a fund raiser to benefit Community Link Mission. In total \$637 was raised for CLM and 370 lbs of food was collected. Saginaw UMC was well represented in our food booth. Our church volunteers gave, not only their time, but gave of themselves. Others supported this mission with donations to the "Celebrate Saginaw" fund. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful outreach to our community! Clarence & Susan Hidy.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Francis Treadway
Lou Chancellor

Carl Blount
Tom & Debbie Abel

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



Our Presence

Sunday, September 25	Sunday, October 2
Total Worship...218	Total Worship...299
Budget...\$6,913.00	Budget...\$14,411.82

Required weekly for 2011 budget: \$10, 500.00

Expenses as of October 2, 2011

Council on Ministries	\$15,266.53
Connectional Apportionments	\$50,159.00
Fair Share Goal	\$1,892.00
Other Conference Expenses	\$10,589.40
Personnel	\$210,294.83
General Office	\$21,532.27
Property & Maintenance	\$60,571.09
Capital Expenses	\$17,671.76
Total Expenses	\$387,976.59
Total Income	\$356,116.52
Net income	-\$31,860.07

If you have any questions speak to a member of the finance committee!

SUMC Trustee Report

The SUMC Trustees met Monday September 12, 2011.

Highlights from the September SUMC Board of Trustees Meeting:

- Reviewed and proposed a general church budget for 2012.
- Discussed and proposed a capital improvement budget for 2012.
- North side flooding mitigation work is completed.
- Discussed scheduling for a Fall Church Work Day – Date TBD.

If you want to know more, stop by the church office and have a look at the SUMC Trustees' Initiative book or contact one of the Trustees. The church office has a list of all the Trustees and their responsibilities.