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## Wehrly's World

**'Jesus was led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness, where the Devil tempted him for 40 days.'**

(Luke 4:1-2 NLT)

The season of Lent has begun. This is a season of fasting and prayer as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. These 40 days of Lent represent the days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the Devil. Lent offers us the opportunity to be intentional about overcoming temptation as Jesus overcame it. This season will end gloriously on Easter, the day of celebration when we remember with joy that even death can be overcome through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

As in years past, Signal Hill UMC will celebrate Easter (this year on March 23<sup>rd</sup>) with glorious singing, terrific preaching, and beautiful sanctuary decorations. You can assist with the decorating by purchasing an Easter lily for \$10. Please inform the church office by Monday, March 3 as to how many you'd like. Make checks payable to the church.

Lent is important. Preparing for Easter must happen, or that celebration becomes just another 'ho-hum' event in the life of the church. Make a point to come for worship and stay for Sunday school as you prepare yourself for the greatest miracle God ever preformed - the miracle of the resurrection.

See you in church,

## Calendar

### February

- 19 Trustees, 6 pm
- 20 Finance, 6:15 pm
- 26 Rainbow Kids Board, 6:30 pm
- Every Wednesday Kids Kount, 2:10-4:30 pm

### March

- 5 No Kids Kount
- 6 United Methodist Women, 9 am-3 pm
- 10 Heritage Sunday Planning, 10 am
- 12 Kids Kount, 2:10-4:30 pm

**Check the web site Worship Calendar for additional service and meeting information.**

## Meet your ministry team

### SHUMC Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Signal Hill UMC is responsible for the care and maintenance of all property, including the church building and the parsonage at 2 Signal Hill



Blvd. The Trustees approve any building use, and are the official group that can sign contracts.

In January, a new Board began their work. Members include Dennis Jobin, chair; Charlie Burnette; Bob Hardy; Carr Hettick; Janet Hollinberger; Lou Luberdia; Betty McBride; Quentin Thompson; and Julia Walsh, secretary. Ex-officio members with voice and no vote are Jim Bevirt (chair, Ministry Team); Sandy Smith (Lay Leader); and Pastor Peter Wehrly.

The Trustees named specific liaisons for three key areas: Hettick, Child Care; Thompson, parsonage; and Burnette, Memorials.

"The Trustees are a valuable asset to our church as we move forward to make disciples for Jesus Christ," explained directing pastor Peter Wehrly. Any issues related to church property should be directed to one of the members. The Trustees meet every month, on the third Tuesday.

### Pastor begins Confirmation Class

On January 27, Pastor Wehrly began a Confirmation Class with students Sam Brannon, Maureen Stetzen, Natalie Walsh and Tony Conrath. The young people will be studying the resource *I Believe*. The class will run thirteen weeks and conclude with a service of confirmation on Sunday, April 27.

**Make plans today to join one of the Sunday School classes or the Sunday afternoon study on the Gospel of Luke- learn more about your relationship with Jesus!**

## Remember to check the web site



[www.signalhillumc.org](http://www.signalhillumc.org)

Check the Signal Hill UMC web site weekly for announcements, news and helps for your walk of discipleship.

*(This newsletter is posted to the web, mailed to a select mailing list and available at the church.)*

## Focus on ministry

### Ministry "behind the scenes"

Some members of Signal Hill UMC are involved in ministries that are visible; others are busy "behind the scenes." We are grateful to those who have done important ministries over the past few months:

- Jan & Bud Hollinberger – cleaning candlesticks and other worship aids
- Nancy Robards & Jan Hollinberger – cleaning and reorganizing the Sacristy (where worship aids are kept and communion prepared)
- Barb Ford – maintaining hymnals, prayer cards and giving envelopes in the pew racks
- Communion stewards Nancy Robards, Jane Walker & Natalie Walsh – purchase and prepare communion elements and clean up
- Edith & Paul Beach – bulletin board displays
- Dennis & Adam Jobin – snow removal

If you know about others who are working behind the scenes, please let us know so that we can thank them for their work for the church in service to Jesus Christ.

## Heritage Sunday scheduled for May 4



A planning team is working on the specifics of Heritage Sunday, to be held from 3-5 pm. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Kim at the church office.

## Gluten-free wafers now available

Pastor Wehrly has announced that the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday in Lent. For those who are unable to digest gluten, gluten-free wafers will be available. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive the wafers.



***Kids Kount, our after school program, began its Spring session on February 6. The program can always use more adult volunteers on Wednesday afternoons. Call or email Kanda Vallina for more information: 277-5187, [kandavallina@yahoo.com](mailto:kandavallina@yahoo.com)***

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### Bethany Place

Serving an 8-county area of Southern Illinois, Bethany Place is the largest non-profit, community based AIDS Service Organization in the Metro-East area of St. Louis. This agency is one of three who are designated to receive non-perishable food and household items collected in the food basket in the gathering area of the church. Recently, missions chair Marge Buser also delivered a car load of gently used linens that had been given to the church.

One of the clients, Rodney, is grateful to the ministry of Bethany Place. "...Bethany Place has been and meant so much to me," he writes. "Without the assistance I get here, I really don't know what my wife and I would do."

For more information about Bethany Place, go to their web site, [www.bethanyplace.org](http://www.bethanyplace.org).

***Make it a habit to pick up extra items every week for our food basket ministry.***

## Meet the band

### Second service news

Director of Music Ministry Eda Hackmann has been working with the singers and instrumentalists of God's Karaoke Band to expand their repertoire for the 10:45 am service.

Our dynamic group of singers and instrumentalists combine vocals with a lively sound of keyboard, drums, lead and bass guitar to accompany the congregation in contemporary Christian music. The group includes John Birkner, sophomore, SWIC; Austin Luberta, freshman, SIUE; Daniel Hoffman and Ryan Birkner, seniors at BTHS West; Tyler Hettick, freshman, BTHS West; and Ben Hackmann, junior, BTHS East. Singers include Erica Bevirt, Natalie Walsh, Katie Hettick, Patrick Frame and Sue Beach.



***"Each one should use whatever gift God has given to serve others."***

**1 Peter 4:10**

For more information about the ministries of Signal Hill United Methodist Church, contact  
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Eda Hackmann, Director of Music Ministry  
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Jeff Nelson, Custodian

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