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Wehrly's World

"God uses it [scripture] to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

(2 Timothy 3:17 NLT)

It's back to school time. Children from elementary to college (and beyond) are preparing to return to the halls of academia. One might say it's 'back to school' time at Signal Hill UMC also.

In his letter to Timothy in the New Testament, Paul is very clear to that the study of Scripture is an important ingredient in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. Disciples must know the Word of God in order to be prepared and equipped to be about God's work. We can be very busy doing church work, but not be doing what God wants us to do. We need to 'tune in' to God's will by reading, studying and meditating on the Bible.

While every sermon I preach is grounded in Scripture, listening to a sermon for fifteen minutes every Sunday morning is not enough Bible study for a maturing Christian. We need to read and study in our private time, and as part of a Bible study group or Sunday School class.

I encourage all who have been involved in an education class to continue. For those who have not been in an education class at SHUMC in a while, come back; if you've not been involved in a class, start now, this week, this Sunday. Make it a priority in your spiritual life to become proficient in the Word of God so that you will be equipped for every good work.

See you in church,



Phone number for parsonage: 618-397-1366

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

August

- 15 & 16 Church Directory Portraits
- 18 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, noon
- 19 Trustees, 6 pm
- 20 Finance, 6:15 pm
- 23 Blessed Believers Health & Job Fair
Memorial Hall & Upper Room
- 25 Staff/Parish, 6:30 pm

September

- 4 UMW, noon
- 9 Movie date, 11:30 am

Signal Hill welcomes nursery worker and custodian...

Signal Hill UMC is pleased to welcome a new nursery worker and custodian to our church family.

Jennifer Hackbarth works during the week at the Rainbow Kids Childcare Center. She is DCFS-certified and loves children! If you haven't met Jennifer yet, please say hello on Sunday mornings or sign up to help her out in the nursery. Children ages four and younger are welcome during first or second service and Sunday School.

Don Winters started as the new church custodian on August 4. He is retired from over 30 years of work with Chrysler.



Jennifer Hackbarth



Don Winters

...and bids "Godspeed" to our pianist!

Over the past year, those in attendance at the second worship service have enjoyed the virtuosity of Dan Hoffman. Dan graduated from Belleville West High School last May, and is moving to Eastern Illinois University to begin his college career. August 17 is Dan's last Sunday with us. Come and wish him "Godspeed!"



Remember to check our web site every week! www.signalhillumc.org

UMW begins a busy fall season



The Signal Hill United Methodist Women will begin a busy fall season starting with the Thursday, September 4 meeting. The UMW will host a baby shower for Sarah Kratzer, and members are invited to bring "girl baby gifts" or bills for a money tree. Other business will include election of officers and the approval of the 2009 budget. Marge Buser will discuss the World Thank Offering.

The schedule continues with the District Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 13, at Collinsville UMC. Members are asked to bring women's socks (for Cunningham Children's Home) and cleaning supplies (for Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House). Items can be brought to the Sept 4 meeting or to worship on Sept 7.

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference UMW meeting will be held at Union UMC, Belleville, on October 4. See one of the UMW members for more information and advance tickets.

The UMW also continues to collect new CDs, DVDs or funds to purchase them in the decorated box in the entry way for Christmas gifts for military personnel.



They will collect items until October. (The items do not necessarily need to be Christian music or movies, but please make sure movies are rated PG or PG-13.) Contact Barb Brannan for more information at 394-9818.



Movie Date
Tuesday, September 9
11:30 am
"Shall We Dance?"
Lunch will be provided.

Nursery volunteers needed

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for helping in the revitalized nursery, please call the office. Volunteers will assist Jennifer Hackbarth at either the first service, second service, or during the Sunday school time.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Monday

Thanks to all the adults and youth who are helping with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon this Monday, August 18. Don't forget to bring pencils and fine-line markers to church on Sunday, August 17. We will present these much-needed supplies to the teachers when they join us for a relaxing meal to start their busy fall teaching schedule.



Church Directory in the works

This Friday and Saturday, August 15 & 16, Lifetouch will be at Signal Hill UMC to take portraits for the new church directory. The team, led by Barb Martin, has been busy scheduling sitting times and discussing the format of the new book. Once the portraits are complete, the team will consider additional photos that depict the life of our congregation.

Thanks to Barb and all the volunteers who helped!

UMCOR continues recovery work

The Finance Committee reports that over \$465 was contributed to help buy supplies for flood buckets to assist with severe flooding in the Midwest. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian and relief agency of The United Methodist Church, continues to work with affected annual conferences across the Midwest. More information is at the web site, www.umcor.org.

Belleville News-Democrat
Church Directory insert, Sat, Aug 23

Watch for the Signal Hill United Methodist Church ad & story.

Invite your family & friends to join our worshipping family!

For more information about the ministries of Signal Hill United Methodist Church, contact
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