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Wehrly's World

"Those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:27 NIV)

The Bible tells us that those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior will have their names written in the Lamb's "book of life" - those who will be eligible to enter Heaven after their earthly death.

Signal Hill UMC doesn't have a book of life. We do, however, have a pictorial directory. We don't limit those who can be entered in the directory; in fact, we encourage all members and friends of the church to be included! Your Ministry Team thought it was a good time to do a new directory.

Lifetouch, a company that specializes in Church directories, has been selected. We will have two days, August 15 & 16, for picture taking. We have gone to great lengths to make this process as easy and as painless as possible. You can get an appointment by: (1) going to our web site [www.signalhillumc.org] and clicking on the Lifetouch link; (2) signing up before or after worship on July 27, August 2, or August 10; or (3) [a last resort] waiting for someone to call you.

When you come and have your picture taken, you'll be eligible to receive a free 8"X10" portrait as well as a church directory. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase additional pictures if you wish.

Why should you participate? Our directory will give everyone an opportunity to see what others in the church looks like (we do change over time and there are new people in the pews). We will also use the directories to help new people get acquainted with us.

I hope you will make your appointment early! The directory doesn't have anything to do with the verse from Revelation, but it's nice to be reminded that our name is in the most important book there is.

See you in church,

Phone number for parsonage: 618-397-1366

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

July

- 15 Trustees, 6 pm
- 23 Ministry Team, 7 pm

August

- 15 & 16 Church Directory Portraits
- 18 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, noon



Join our Prayer Team from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, every Wednesday, 16 French Quarter, B'ville

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon set for Monday, August 18

In just five short weeks, the young people in our community will return to classes at Signal Hill School, across the street from the church. In a gesture of appreciation to the teaching and administrative staff of the school, the Signal Hill UMC Ministry Team will sponsor a Luncheon at the church on Monday, April 18, in Fellowship Hall.

"We continue our commitment to reconnect to our community," explained Pastor Peter Wehrly. "Ever since the church began in 1910, we have had a strong connection to our neighbor across the street!"

Adults will help prepare a light meal, and will be assisted by members of the M.O.B., Signal Hill UMC's youth group (Members of the Body). If you would like to help plan or serve the meal, please call the office.



Signal Hill UMC has had a long and positive relationship with Signal Hill School.

Church Directory photos August 15 & 16

Signal Hill UMC has arranged for a new church directory to be published through Lifetouch. Our families are invited to sign up for portraits either before or after church beginning July 27, or via a link on the web site, www.signalhillumc.org.

Photos will be taken on Friday and Saturday, August 15 & 16. Barb Martin has graciously agreed to head up this project. Direct any questions to her at 233-2259 or via the church office.



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

Trustees complete work at parsonage

The Signal Hill UMC Board of Trustees has announced that the work on the back room (off the living room) at the parsonage has been completed. After removing the paneling and ceiling tiles, contractor Chad Purdy installed drywall, laid new carpet, and installed a new heating/air conditioning unit for the room. He also moved the washer and dryer into the room from the back porch.

"We are so grateful to the Trustees for taking on this project! Come by and see the new room!" said Pastor

Peter Wehrly. Trustee member Quentin Thompson, who has responsibility for overseeing parsonage maintenance, headed up the project.

The Trustees are also actively looking into options for heating/air conditioning improvements and roofing repairs at the church. If you have questions or input about these items or any property issues, contact Chair Dennis Jobin.



UMW starts early Christmas shopping



The Signal Hill United Methodist Women (UMW) encourages you to do your some Christmas shopping early! Each year, the UMW sends Christmas gifts to our military

personnel. This year, they would like us to place CDs, DVDs or funds to purchase them in the decorated box in the entry way. 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.

BEACON has moved!

Open House, Thursday, July 24

3-6 pm

We are invited to view their new home at
1417 N. 17th Street, Belleville.
For more information, call 222-8942.

Nursery volunteers needed

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for helping in the revitalized nursery, please call the office. The church has hired Jennifer Hackbarth, a DCFS-accredited child care worker (who also works at Rainbow Kids during the week), to be the staff person in charge of the service. Volunteers will assist her at either the first service, second service, or during the Sunday school time.

Focus on ministry

Women's Violence Prevention Center

Every month, the church mission team, headed by Marge Buser, encourages donations of items to the food basket in the entry way. Three different groups receive the donations in rotation: Bethany Place, St. Clair County Emergency Fund, and the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois.

A recent letter from Mary Lou Shepherd, Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Center, expressed appreciation for donations to their programs. "Your steady generosity shows your commitment to the community and to the women, children and men who experience domestic violence," Shepherd wrote.

Services include a 24 hour crisis hotline (235-0892), women's shelter, counseling & advocacy services, and prevention & education services. Find out more at www.vpcswi.org.

UMCOR continues recovery work

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian and relief agency of The United Methodist Church, is busy assisting annual conferences across the Midwest who are dealing with the cleanup and recovery from severe flooding. More information is at the web site, www.umcor.org.

You can make a donation to help recovering families with a gift in the church offering or by donating on line on the UMCOR web site. Signal Hill UMC is also collecting items for flood buckets. Go to the Signal Hill web site for more details.

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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