



Signal Hill United Methodist Church

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## Wehrly's World

**"And he it is who gave to the Church Apostles, Prophets, Missionaries, Pastors, and Teachers ..."**

(Ephesians 4:11 TCNT)

I just returned from Annual Conference (for those in the business world – like the annual meeting of a corporation). Richard Rawlings (SHUMC's lay member) and I spent four days in Peoria listening to reports, attending worship services, and debating and voting on legislation. For me, the most important thing that happened was the last item of business at the conference.

On Saturday afternoon, just after 2:00, the Bishop of our Conference set the clergy appointments for the coming year. It was at this time that I was officially reappointed as the Pastor of Signal Hill United Methodist Church. I knew this was going to happen, but when the Bishop 'set the appointment,' I knew that it was official, that I was going to have the honor to serve as your Pastor for another year.

I say "honor," because it is an honor to be your Pastor. Susie, Shana and I do love living in Belleville, and I feel privileged to be your Pastor. I look forward to each day that I work with God and members of this congregation to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We have done much ministry this past year, and I anticipate more being done in the coming year. Between the three of us – God, you and me – we can bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness in the area around Signal Hill.

See you in church,

**New phone number for parsonage: 618-397-1366**

**Calendar (check the web site for updates)**

### June

- 17 Trustees, 6 pm
- 18 Movie Group, 11:30 am
- 19 Finance, 6:15 pm

### July

- 10 Staff Parish, 6:30 pm
- 15 Trustees, 6 pm



***New time for Prayer Team:  
5:30 – 6:30 pm, every Wednesday***

## Youth travel to Cobden on mission trip

June 12-14 five Signal Hill UMC youth traveled to Jesus es el Senior in Cobden to assist with their annual Children's Summer Camp.

Jesus es el Senior is the largest Hispanic church in the Conference. Every summer, the church holds a Camp for the children of the community, featuring Bible stories, games, singing and more. Sam Brannan, Katie Hettick, Jenna Plantz, Callie Spencer & Maureen Stetzen were joined by Pastor Peter Wehrly and youth leader Jim Bevirt on the three day trip.



*In appreciation, Jesus es el Senior gave Signal Hill UMC a beautiful communion table cloth.*

**Photos from camp will be posted shortly to our web site, [www.signalhillumc.org](http://www.signalhillumc.org)**



Signal Hill UMC members and friends purchased 1430 shares of stock in the youth mission trip, which was received with deep appreciation by Jesus es el Senior to support the camp. In early fall, those who purchased stock will be invited to a meeting to hear about the mission trip and the experiences of the youth.

## "Membership 101" class completed

For the past four Sundays, Pastor Peter Wehrly has been presenting a "Membership 101" class to the Signal Lighters Sunday School class. The PowerPoint presentation covers the history of the church, the beliefs of United Methodists, and details of the organization of the local church.

As Wehrly explained, "I developed this class to acquaint new members with our history and beliefs. But I often find that our current members really haven't had the opportunity to study these details. So, I thought I would 'try out' the revised class, receive feedback, and have the presentation ready for a new membership class."

**Remember to check our web site often!**  
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## Focus on ministry

### Lay Member to Annual Conference

Richard Rawlings, the Signal Hill UMC lay member to annual conference, represents the church to the annual meeting of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. In his position, Richard also sits on all other church teams except the Trustees.

Richard has served in this position for three years. He is an active member of Signal Hill UMC. His spouse, Carolyn, often accompanies him to the conference meetings.



June 4 - 8, Richard, Carolyn, and Pastor Peter Wehrly were in Peoria for the 2008 Annual Conference. They look forward to discussing the meeting with you.

### Ministry Team approves nursery worker

At their May meeting, the Signal Hill UMC Ministry Team approved the hiring of a nursery worker for both worship services. The worker will be assisted by volunteers, and will use the Rainbow Kids nursery, located in the former chapel of the Education Wing.

"It is critical that we be ready for families with small children," Pastor Wehrly said. "I am hopeful that several of our members will step up to volunteer to make this a light load for everyone." Those willing to help should call Jim Bevirt, chair of the Ministry Team. Sign-up sheets will also be available during worship services.

Wehrly encouraged members to invite families with small children to church, making them aware of this new ministry, which is scheduled to start in mid-summer.

### Song survey results released

Director of Music Ministries Eda Hackman has announced the results of the "favorite hymn" survey conducted during May. "So many people had so many favorites!" Eda exclaimed. "In fact, lots of folks listed many more than five!"

After counting up all the responses, Eda reports that the top four hymns from the 8:30 am service are: "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden," Hymn of Promise," and "When We All Get to Heaven." The top hymns from the 10:45 am service are: "Breathe," "Shout to the Lord," "How Great Thou Art," and "My Redeemer Lives." The complete list of selections is posted in her office.

Eda plans to include one of the favorites every Sunday in July, including a short history of the hymn. Join us to sing along!

## Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Open House & Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, June 21  
1 - 4 pm**

Family Development Center  
1045 State St. E. St. Louis

*(security & transportation  
to other ministry sites will be provided)*

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### Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, E. St. Louis, is a national mission institution of the General Board of Global Ministries. Programs address a wide range of social, economic and neighborhood development services aimed at meeting the special needs of the children, families, and elderly in the East St. Louis/St. Clair County area.

Signal Hill UMC has a long history of being in ministry with Lessie Bates. Last Thanksgiving, as part of the stewardship campaign, the church do-



minated boxes of food and money to purchase turkeys and hams. The United Methodist Women actively support the ministry through a number of initiatives. On May 4, Lisa Graves represented the ministry at the Heritage Sunday celebration.

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House will celebrate 100 years of ministry in 2009.

## Monthly Movie Group Wednesday, June 18

11:30 am

Join us for sub sandwiches and the movie  
"The Great Debaters,"  
starring Denzel Washington  
**Memorial Hall**

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

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