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Wehrly's World

"Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well."

(Matthew 6:33 NCV)

"Summertime and the livin' is easy." (Porgy & Bess) Yes, it is summertime and many will be takin' it easy by going on vacation. It's interesting that in America, we seem to only be able to vacation during the months of June, July and August. I suppose it's because of our education system. Beginning in 1821 when the first public high school opened in Boston and continuing until today, most public schools operate between mid-August through May. When the public education system began in America, about 98% of the people in this country made their living by farming. It made sense to allow the students the summer off from school in order to assist with farm activities. Today, less than 2% of our population is directly engaged in farming. But we continue to take the summer off from school. It's hard to change tradition!

A challenge our church faces is that many who take vacation from school also take vacation from church. I have to be honest with you - taking time away from corporate worship is hazardous to your spiritual health. Jesus tells us (Matthew 6:33) that we should seek God's kingdom first. When we put God first in our life, weekly worship becomes a priority. We can take time off, but we need to honor God by attending worship each week; if not at our home church, then wherever we are.

Please maintain regular worship attendance in the months to come and we'll all see each other in church.

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

June

- 15 Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm
- 23 "Let's (continue to) Get Acquainted,"
SHUMC women, 7 - 8 pm, Memorial Hall

July

- 14 Movie Group at Burnette's, 11:30 am
- 20 Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm
- 21 Trustee's Meeting, 7 pm

Senior High Youth meet every Sunday at the parsonage by 5:45 pm to attend St. Matthew UMC Youth Service.

SHUMC welcomes new members



Pentecost Sunday, May 31, was a day of great celebration for Signal Hill United Methodist Church. Pastor Peter Wehrly baptized and confirmed Callie Spencer, and also confirmed Trey Beckwith and Riley Brannan. The three young persons had spent the month studying their Christian faith and the doctrine of The United Methodist Church.

Five persons were received as members of the church - Alan Toberman, Ann Spencer, Matt Zipfel, Callie Spencer and Trey Beckwith. "Signal Hill UMC welcomes our newest members, and looks forward to continued spiritual growth for our church," Wehrly exclaimed.

For more photos, go to the church web site, www.signalhillumc.org.

Offering nets nearly \$600 for Kids Camp

SHUMC members and guests generously donated nearly \$600 to help the Cobden es el Senor Kids Camp during an authentic Mexican dinner on Sunday, June 7. The meal followed a worship service celebrating Hispanic Ministry with guest speaker Evaristo Rodriguez of Nuevo Vida, Beardstown.



Pastor Wehrly is pictured above with Annie and Rod Ramirez, camp coordinators. "Our Senior High Youth will be traveling to Cobden at the end of June to help with the camp," he explained. "And thanks to Steve Brannan for his willingness to help with driving!" Youth interested in helping at the camp should call the Pastor right away.

Trustees celebrate recent improvements



Himstedt Roofing Company completed **roof repair** at several locations in the church building during May. The cost was just over \$24,000.

The Trustees have also expressed appreciation to the SHUMC United Methodist Women circle for their generous donation of \$683 to help pay for repairs to the large **stove** in the fellowship hall kitchen. The repairs were completed just in time for the dinner on June 7, and the volunteers from Jesus es el Senor reported that everything worked just fine!

The **work day** on June 13 included several painting and clean up projects at the church and the parsonage. Check out the photos of the workers at www.signalhillumc.org.

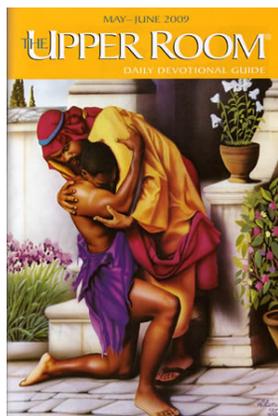
Lay Delegate brings 2009 Annual Conference Report

Pastor Peter Wehrly and Lay Delegate Richard Rawlings attended the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference June 3 - 6. Rawlings reported on the meeting during worship on June 7, noting that the main theme was "radical hospitality," where we treat each other as honored guests. Rawlings was impressed with the preaching of new IGRC Bishop Gregory Palmer. For a full report on the Conference, including legislative action, go to www.igrc.org.



Don't take the summer off from your relationship with God!

If you are not already using the **Upper Room Devotional** for daily Bible reading and devotion, pick up a copy today in the entry way to the church (including large print versions). There are still copies of the May/June issue, and July/August is also available. Let's set a goal that everyone from the church is involved in daily devotions.



Why not set your home page as www.upperroom.org/Devotional/

Bible Study recap

Susan Meister reports that the Saturday Women's Bible Study on "Finding Balance" concluded on June 13. Participants included Edith Beach, Marcia Beckwith, Velma Thompson and Kanda Vallina. Dowell Holdgraf and Paul Vallina participated in the Men's Bible Study on Nehemiah; Barb Ford and Fairy Meek came to the Women's Bible Study on the book of Ruth.

Thanks for your generosity

Pastor Peter Wehrly reports that he took 30 tubes of toothpaste to Annual Conference for Midwest Mission Distribution Center health kits. The Peace with Justice offering on June 7 was \$120.

Opportunities to be in ministry...

...**cell phone donations** to help women and children in poverty. Just place the phones in the box in the entry way.

...**shopping basket ministry**. This month's needs include non-perishable food, paper & cleaning products, first-aid items, hangers, and white t-shirts of all sizes.

Upcoming events

...Tuesday, June 23, "**Let's (continue to) Get Acquainted**" meeting for the women of the church, 7 pm. There will be food, fellowship and fun, along with the continuing discussion "What is your passion?"

...Saturday, June 27, **Breakfast for BEACON**, Applebees at Greenmount crossing.

...Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 am, the **Movie Group** will meet at Joyce and Charlie Burnette's home, 182 St. Sabre Dr. Swansea, for a cook-out. There will be no movie, but we will play table games. Call Joyce at 235-3451 if you can come.

Our prayer quilt ministry continues!

One recipient told her friends that she would take her quilt with her during chemotherapy so she would be covered in prayer!

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a quilt, call the Pastor or Joyce Burnette, 235-3451.

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

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