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Wehrly's World

"Jesus sent them in pairs to every town."

(Luke 10:1 NRSV)

The 10th chapter of Luke tells about how Jesus sends his followers on a mission trip. Jesus gives specific instructions - where to go, what to do, things to take, how to act. They come back excited (Luke 10:17) and share the news of all they saw and did.

Our youth are going on a mission trip this summer. They'll be heading to Cobden, IL to help the Hispanic church with their annual Summer Kids Camp. The youth will be interacting with Hispanic children from southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as they share the love of God in Jesus Christ with them.

Jesus instructed his followers to 'carry no purse.' (Luke 10:4) In other words, take no money - trust in the hospitality of those you will meet. Our youth will also "carry no purse," but they do need financial assistance for the trip. They are selling stock in their newly formed corporation, *SHUMC Youth Mission Trip, Inc.* This stock is just \$1.00 per share and is being offered to members and friends of SHUMC to assist the youth on their journey.



I hope you'll support our youth mission team. You can send your check to the office and let us know how many shares you'd like to purchase. In return, you'll receive a report from the youth of their trip and you'll be helping the youth of SHUMC grow in their faith.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Pastor Wehrly.

Please note there is a new phone number for the Signal Hill UMC parsonage: 618-397-1366.

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

May

- 20 Trustees, 8 pm (note time change)
- 25 Celebrate graduates, 10:45 am worship

June

- 5 UMW meeting, noon
- 17 Trustees, 6 pm
- 19 Finance, 6:15 pm

Heritage Sunday a great success

A beautiful spring afternoon greeted members and guests who attended the first annual Signal Hill UMC Heritage Sunday on May 4. Welcoming doors were flung wide open to greet everyone who stopped by to enjoy one of the many activities planned for the day.

Sidewalk artist David Carr created an eye-catching piece of original art in front of the church building. In the drawing, an angel is presenting the Bible to the church "underneath" a large tree, reminiscent of the early Sunday school classes held under the trees at Signal Hill School beginning in 1910. Hampel's Magic Circus entertained children of all ages in Fellowship Hall. The United Methodist Women served delicious refreshments in Memorial Hall, and photos and historical artifacts were on display in Asbury Hall.

During the Open House, visitors saw new carpeting in the Upper Room (the 1926 sanctuary). Rooms of the Rainbow Kids Child Care Center were also open. Displays by Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, McKendree University, B.E.A.C.O.N, and Blessed Believers attracted considerable attention.

Former pastors Jim Rhea, Scott Grulke, and Terry Clark and their spouses spent the afternoon with new and old friends. David Eadie, directing pastor at First UMC Mount Vernon, delivered remarks during the celebration program. Third, fourth and fifth grade music students performed several selections. Emcee Kanda Vallina, lay leader Sandy Smith and Pastor Wehrly also spoke.

"This was a tremendous opportunity for Signal Hill UMC to show hospitality to our community," Wehrly exclaimed. "This church began as a community church, and we want to reclaim our place in Signal Hill.

"This celebration was just the first in what I hope will be many opportunities to share worship and fellowship opportunities with our friends and neighbors," Wehrly continued.

Evaluation forms are available for anyone who has comments on the May 4th event. Contact the office for a copy.

Go to www.signalhillumc.org for photos!

Remember to check the web site often



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Check the Signal Hill UMC web site for announcements, news, photos and more. Every Monday, Pastor Wehrly posts his thoughts at "Monday's Musings."

Focus on ministry

Ministry Team

The Signal Hill UMC Ministry Team oversees all aspects of ministry of the church. Chair Jim Bevirt is joined by members Peter Wehrly, Sandy Smith, Richard Rawlings, Liz Reichert, Marge Buser, Velma Thompson, Dennis Jobin, Don Buser, Ray Helfer, Paul Vallina, Edith Beach, Kanda Vallina, Sue Beach, Shirley Callison, Bill Wimmer, Erica Bevirt, Tanna Luberdia, and Wanda Latina.

According to Pastor Wehrly, the Ministry Team has four primary tasks: to approve reports of committees and teams; to give guidance to committees and teams; to authorize new ministries; and to serve as the charge conference if any action needs to be addressed between formal charge conferences.

"I am committed to enabling the laity of our church to do what God is calling us to do in our community," Wehrly said. "If someone has an idea for new or continuing ministry, bring it to the ministry team so that we can help make it happen!"

Congratulations, graduates!

On May 25, Signal Hill UMC will celebrate the accomplishments of several graduating students. Natalie Walsh and Tony Conrath are completing eighth grade; Daniel Hoffman and Ryan Birkner are completing high school; Jessica Jobin, Melissa Jobin, Adam Jobin and Ashley Luberdia are receiving college degrees.

If you know of anyone else who is graduating, please contact the office.

Prayer Team meets weekly

Liz Reichert and Allen Toberman lead the Signal Hill UMC Nurture Team's Prayer Ministry. At each Sunday service, worshippers are encouraged to write prayer joys and concerns on small grey cards in the pews and give them to the pastor for prayer. In addition, persons can e-mail prayer requests to the church address, shumcoffice@compu-type.net. Peter Wehrly passes these requests along to Liz and Allen for weekly prayer sessions at Ms. Reichert's home.

For more information about the prayer ministry and to participate in the weekly prayer meetings, contact Liz at 397-3508.

Thank you and welcome!

Custodian Jeff Nelson, custodian, has resigned from his job to pursue other interests. The church has contracted with Adam Jobin to take over these duties in the short term.



Trustees undertake several projects

Signal Hill UMC Trustees recently contracted to install new carpet in the Upper Room and stairs leading to it from Memorial Hall. The rooms look great and are ready to host ministries!

New window treatments have been hung in the Child Care area. Energy-efficient light bulbs have been installed and other electrical work is being done in the Sanctuary.



UMW enjoys Spring "Un-Luncheon"

On May 1st, thirty members and guests of the Signal Hill UMW met to celebrate friendship and our historic Spring Luncheon. Velma Thompson gave an inspiring devotional. Laurie Watkins, accompanied by Tavra Perryman, delivered an uplifting program that reminded us to let God lead. Edith Beach, Fairy Meek, Carolyn Dahm, and Nancy Robards received certificates for completing the requirements for the UMW reading program.

The next meeting will be on June 5 at noon. Susan Meister will present a program on UMCOR.

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