



Signal Hill United Methodist Church

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## Wehrly's World

**"When Jesus was twelve years old, they [his parents] attended the festival [in Jerusalem] as usual. Three days later they finally discovered him. He was in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, discussing deep questions with them."**

(Luke 2:42, 46 NLT)

At the age of twelve, Jesus was having theological discussions with religious teachers. It might be because he was God's Son and that is what he should have been doing. I like to also look at this story as an example of what **our** youth should be doing.

On May 31 (Pentecost Sunday) three youth from this congregation - Trey Beckwith, Callie Spencer, and Riley Brannan - will confirm their faith during morning worship. Over the past few weekends, I have been having theological discussions with these three as they've explored the tenets of the Christian faith, asked questions about what it means to believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and decided for themselves what it is they believe. Their parents thought it was time for them to go about these discussions, so they weren't 'lost' as Jesus was, but rather were 'finding' their way through the complexities of Christianity.

I hope you'll be able to be in worship that Sunday morning and welcome these youth into the folds of the Christian faith.

See you in church!

## Calendar (check the web site for updates)

### May

Every Thursday, Sr. High Youth Group, 6:30 pm

- 17 Trustees Meeting after worship
- 18 Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm
- 25 Memorial Day, office closed
- 27 Men's Bible Study, 7 - 9 pm
- 31 Confirmation Sunday

### June

- 3 Women's Bible Study, 7 - 9 pm
- 4 United Methodist Women, noon
- 9 Movie Group, 11:30 am  
"The Family that Preys"

## Students tackle confirmation studies



During the month of May, Pastor Peter Wehrly is meeting with three students in confirmation classes. Riley Brannan, Trey Beckwith, and Callie Spencer will complete their studies and be confirmed on Sunday, May 31 during worship.

"While it's been a challenge to carve out some time in their busy schedules, the kids are doing great!" Wehrly smiled. Riley, Trey and Callie are reviewing the basic elements of the Christian faith and some of the particulars of being United Methodists.

Watch for more details on Confirmation Sunday in the bulletin and on the web site.

## New Bible Studies announced

Two new Bible studies will be held for men and women on **Wednesday, May 27** and **Wednesday, June 3**, both from 7 - 9 pm in Memorial Hall. The men's study will focus on the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. The women's study will focus on the Old Testament book of Ruth.

The studies will be facilitated by Susan Meister. "I hope everyone will give prayerful consideration to attending," Meister said. "The sessions will be designed to be accessible to persons at all levels of Bible study experience." Attendees are invited to bring a dessert to share. Coffee will be provided.

## An invitation...

Women of SHUMC are invited to mark their calendars for the next **"Getting to Know You"** meeting on **Tuesday, June 23**, 7 - 8 pm.

## In appreciation to...

...**Dowell Holdgraf**, for his help with the Senior High Youth group on Thursday nights!

...everyone who helped with hospitality for the

**Capital City Ringers:** Janet Hollinberger, who coordinated housing arrangements; those who helped with housing - John & Marcia Beckwith, Jim Bevirt, Bud & Janet Hollinberger, Wanda Latina, Glenn & Fairy Meek, Dick & Carolyn Rawlings, Lucy Sudol; those who helped unload equipment - Jim Bevirt, Don Buser, Dowell Holdgraf, Peter Wehrly; and Susan Meister for preparing dinner on Friday night.



## Lessie Bates Davis NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

...**United Methodist Women** members and friends who collected baby items for Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House's "Providing a Sure Start" program. The Signal Hill UMC unit collected 304 diapers, 712 wipes, 3 sippy cups, 25 onesies, 2 pairs of socks and \$25 cash.

## IGRC names SHUMC a Five Star Church



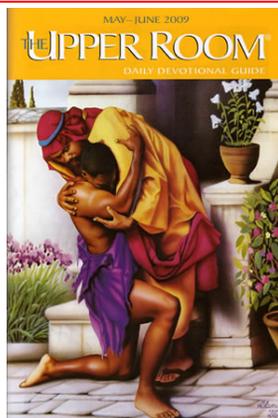
To be a Five Star church in the IGRC, a church must pay 100% of Conference Apportionments, give to Missionary Personnel or Salary Support of

GBGM, give to one or more General Advance Special Project(s), give to one or more UMCOR Project(s), and give to one or more Conference Advance Special Projects.

## Do you use the Upper Room Devotional?

Many persons find the Upper Room Devotional to be an excellent resource for daily Bible reading and devotion. There are free copies available in the entry way to the church (including large print versions). If you are not using the Upper Room, please consider it as a daily resource for your ongoing walk with God.

The Upper Room is also available on line at <http://www.upperroom.org/Devotional/> Why not set it as your home page?



## Congratulations, graduates!

This year, Signal Hill UMC will recognize three young persons graduating from eighth grade at Signal Hill School. Congratulations, Riley Brannan, Katie Hettick and Callie Spencer!

## Toothpaste collection during May

When Pastor Peter Wehrly and lay delegate Richard Rawlings travel to the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference in early June they would like to take lots of toothpaste along!



"The Midwest Mission Distribution Center has issued an appeal for toothpaste and other items for health kits," explained Wehrly. Toothpaste will be collected in the entry area through May 31. Please make sure the expiration date is later than July 2010.

## Wehrly participates in National Day of Prayer

On May 7, Pastor Peter Wehrly and Susan Meister joined with about 40 others at the St. Clair County Courthouse for the local celebration of the National Day of Prayer. More about the National Day of Prayer is at the official web site, [www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org).



## More to look at on line...

In late April, a new website called [10thousanddoors.org](http://10thousanddoors.org) launched as part of The United Methodist Church's *Rethink Church* campaign. Check it out!

## Any old cell phones around???

You can help lift women and families out of poverty by recycling your old cell phones! Just put them in the box in the entry area at the church. Pick up a flyer with more information about [www.GoodDeedFoundation.org](http://www.GoodDeedFoundation.org).

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

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