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Wehrly's World

"They [Paul and Silas] returned to the home of Lydia. There they met with the believers and encouraged them once more."

(Acts 16:40 NLT)

The early church grew because of the love and fellowship the followers of Jesus had for one another. They didn't have church buildings as we know of them today. They met in each other's homes where they read a psalm, had teaching, and made certain all things were done for edification. (See 1 Corinthians 14:26) The Apostle Paul planted many of these 'home' churches and greeted their participants in letters which he wrote (See 1 Corinthians 16:15 and Philemon 1:2 as examples).

Signal Hill UMC needs to grow. We are at a very critical stage in our history. If we don't grow as the early church did, it will be difficult for us to remain a viable church to the glory of God and the edification of believers. I believe our LIFE [Living In Faith Everyday] Groups to be the prescription for that growth. They begin on Tuesday, September 1st. The choice is yours. I hope you'll take the prescription by signing up for a LIFE Group.

See you in church.

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

August

- 17 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, noon
- 17 Ministry Team meeting, 7 pm
- 18 Trustees meeting, 7 pm

September

- 1 (first) Tuesday afternoon **LIFE group**
- 2 (first) Wednesday evening **LIFE group**
- 6 Regular Sunday School classes resume
- 6 (first) Sunday evening **LIFE group**
- 10 Senior High Youth Group resumes, 6:30 pm
- 12 Mississippi River District United Methodist Women District Meeting, 9 am to noon

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



Sign up for your LIFE group now!

Sign up sheets are now available for the new small group movement at Signal Hill UMC. LIFE groups will meet beginning in September to help members grow in their faith.

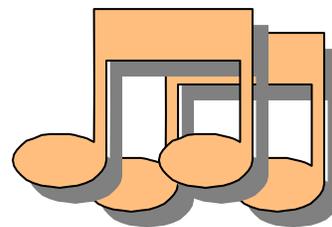
Three group times are available – Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Sunday evenings. Each group will have ten members and meet for 90 minutes twice a month. The format will include prayer, original video presentations, and discussion. The purposes of the groups are twofold: to develop relationships and to invite others to participate.

Leader training will be held at the end of the month, and the first groups will meet on Tuesday, September 1; Wednesday, September 2; and Sunday, September 6.

For a copy of the full description of the LIFE Groups, contact Pastor Peter Wehrly at pastor@signalhillumc.org or 397-7780.

Starr joins Signal UMC staff

Church seeking singers for worship leadership



Diana Starr has joined the staff of Signal Hill UMC as music director. Diana lives in Cahokia, has a degree from SIUE, and enjoys all aspects of music.

Pastor Peter Wehrly has put out a call for singers to rehearse with Diana and lead worship songs. Those who are interested may leave a message for Diana at the church office (397-7780) or send her an email at music@signalhillumc.org as soon as possible.

Susan Meister, who has been leading worship singing since March, will be moving into other areas of ministry at the church beginning in September.

Church to host second annual luncheon for Signal Hill School teachers & staff



This Monday, August 17, Signal Hill UMC will host the second annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation luncheon for our neighbor, Signal Hill School. Last year's luncheon for nearly 50 persons was well-received, and Principal R. Dane Gale expressed his appreciation for the

church's hospitality in a recent email.

The church is also collecting boxes of facial tissue to donate to the school. Contributions will be accepted up to Sunday, August 16.

Thanks to those who have helped organize and host the luncheon, including Jan Hollinberger, Joyce Burnette, Nancy Robards, Marge Buser, Shirley Callison, Wanda Latina, Betty Mensing, Liz Reichert, Richard & Carolyn Rawlings, and the youth who will help serve and clean up.

Adult classes announce fall schedule

Sunday School classes for Adults will resume their regular schedule beginning on Sunday, September 6. The Signal Lighters class, which had been meeting in Fellowship Hall, has moved into Memorial Hall, where it will share space with the Faithlink class. (Faithlink had joined with the Seekers class for the summer.) If you are not currently a participant in a Sunday School class, why not try it this fall? You'll be blessed!

Signal Lighters, Memorial Hall,

Leaders Quentin Thompson & Shirley Callison

Seekers, Asbury Hall, Leader Dowell Holdgraf

FaithLink, Memorial Hall, Leader Susan Meister

A word of thanks to...

...**Sue Beach**, who makes coffee and brings cookies and other sweets for us to enjoy on Sunday morning.

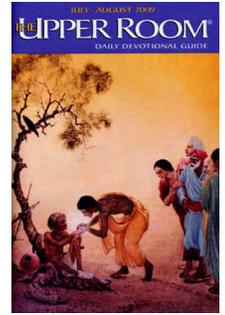
...**Barb Ford**, who keeps the pew racks current with prayer request cards, sharpened pencils and offering envelopes. (Pray that Barb's broken wrist heals quickly!)

...**Quentin Thompson, Jan Hollinberger, and other members of Signal Lighters** who helped clean up items from Fellowship Hall.

...**Ann Spencer & Edith Beach** for fun and inspiring bulletin board messages!

Every member encouraged to have daily devotional with the Upper Room

Pastor Wehrly has announced that September/ October **Upper Room Devotional** booklets (including extra large print editions) have been ordered for each family of Signal Hill UMC. The Upper Room has daily Scripture passages and devotions that help readers engage in a daily discipline of Bible reading and prayer.



"We will spend the postage to send every family a copy of the Upper Room Devotional," Wehrly explained. "We need to bathe ourselves in Scripture and prayer so that we can be the church God is calling us to be." The on-line version is at www.upperroom.org/Devotional/

Signal Hill UMC in Belleville Directory

The Ministry Team has approved advertising dollars for a ¼ page ad in the upcoming *Belleville News-Democrat* Church Directory, scheduled for publication on Friday, August 21. The ¼ page ad will be accompanied by a ¼ page story about the church. Janise Chamblin and Susan Meister helped with ad design and copy.

Opportunities to be in ministry...

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

...**shopping basket ministry**. Non-perishable food, paper & cleaning products.

...**UMW missions**. Save Campbell's products labels and box tops for basket in entry way.

...**Prayer Quilts**. Do you know someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer quilt? Contact the pastor or Joyce Burnette.



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words that gave comfort to my family during the difficult loss of my mother-in-law.

Kim Hutchison

Rev. Peter J. Wehrly, Directing Pastor

Diana Starr, Music Director

Kim Hutchison, Administrative Assistant

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