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Wehrly's World

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

(Matthew 18:20-21 NRSV)

Forgiveness is so hard. We know the words that Jesus spoke about how many times to forgive, but even forgiving once is so hard. We've been hurt. Maybe even physically. Possibly financially. Hurt in the most grievous of ways. A friend, a former spouse, (God-forbid) a parent or another family member, a business associate or colleague. We've been hurt. The very fabric of our soul screams in pain. And there doesn't seem to be a cure. We dwell on the incident constantly. It seems it's never out of our consciousness. Oh, Lord, relieve the pain, remove the anguish, restore my soul!

Forgive.

One simple word, one simple action. That's the solution.

Give it to God and ask God to help you say, "I forgive you."

But there is a risk. A risk that the pain and anguish might be gone. Your soul might be restored. Is it with the risk? Only you can answer that question.

See you in church,

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

October

- Every Thursday, 6:30, Sr. High Youth Group
- 15 Finance, 6:15 pm
- 20 Staff-Parish, 6:30 pm
- 22 Ministry Team, 7:00 pm
- 25 Youth-sponsored Hayride and Bonfire
- 26 Jr. High Youth Group, 6 pm
- 28 Trustees, 6:15 pm

November

- 6 UMW, noon

SHUMC celebrates women in ministry



On Sunday, September 14, Signal Hill UMC celebrated the contributions of three persons who have given exceptional service.

At the early worship service, the United Methodist Woman gave Mission Recognition pins to Ray Helfer and Diana Hill for their selfless work to further God's kingdom. In their honor, money has been given to support missions.

The pins were presented to Ray and Diana by unit president Edith Beach. Other members of the UMW served as ushers and liturgist during the first worship service.

At the second service, Pastor Peter Wehrly gave a Certificate of

Appreciation to Kanda Vallina for "outstanding ministry to children."

"Our church thrives when each of us find our gifts for service and we choose to use them to the glory of God," Wehrly exclaimed. "We need to be the church in our community."

Every Sunday – choose from one of three Adult Sunday School Classes:

Signal Lighters – Memorial Hall
 Seekers Class – Asbury Hall
 Faithlink – Fellowship Hall

Plan to join us!

Pastor Wehrly spends a mission week at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY



For the past ten years, Pastor Wehrly has taken a mission trip to Henderson Settlement, and 2008 was no exception. The settlement, a mission institution of The United Methodist Church, has as its mission "Meeting Basic Needs in Appalachia."

The first of several trips was in 1998, with the youth group from Macon UMC. When Wehrly pastored in Springfield, he led adult groups. Last year, he traveled with Scott Williams of Springfield, and installed two road signs to help volunteer teams find their way to the Settlement.

Wehrly reported that the signs still "looked good and were doing their job!"

In 2008, Wehrly traveled by himself and met up with friends from the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, Michigan, when he arrived in Frakes. Together, they worked to rebuild a room on a mobile home.

"I asked several folks from Signal Hill if they would like to accompany me," Wehrly explained, "but schedules just didn't allow it this year. I really hope that next year several will come along."

"Your faith really comes alive when you can give back to others," he added.

More information can be found at the web site www.hendersonsettlement.com.

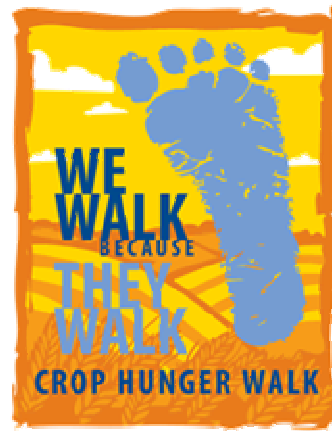
UMW Christmas box expands

Barb Brannan is thrilled that the Signal Hill congregation has been so generous with both new and used CDs and DVDs for the "Military Christmas" box. Now, Barb and the Signal Hill UMW would like to enhance their Christmas packages with a few extras. Please bring the suggested items to church and put them in the box provided. Thank you!

Deployed Unit Wish List

Deodorant	Snacks:
Shampoo	chips, jerky
Body Wash	gummi bears
Toothbrushes	candy (that won't melt!)
Toothpaste	single drink mix
Shaving Cream/Gel	pudding cups
Foot Cream (A&D)	individual cereal boxes
Razors	salt & pepper
Plastic plates,	quick meals
bowls, spoons	instant powdered milk
Magazines (cars, fishing, sports)	

CROP Walk scheduled for October 26



If you haven't had a chance to sign up to participate in the upcoming Crop Walk, please pick up a form in the entry way to the church, or contact Missions Chairperson Marge Buser.

CROP walks are neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world.

Together, participants raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

Trustees seek gifts for roof repair



Trustee chair Dennis Jobin has spoken at worship services in the past several weeks to ask the congregation for contributions to the building fund to underwrite the cost of needed roof repairs. The Trustees have solicited several bids from local contractors, and have selected the best quality/price combination. Work is expected to be completed before cold weather sets in.

Jr & Sr High start separate groups

Beginning in October, older and younger members of the Signal Hill UMC M.O.B. (Members of the Body youth group) will meet separately. The junior high group, under the leadership of Jimmy and Erica Bevirt, will meet on alternating Sundays, usually from 6-8 pm. The senior high group will meet with Pastor Wehrly on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

On Saturday, October 25, plan to join the youth at a hayride and bonfire for the whole church at Eckerts. For just \$6, you can join in the food and the fun!



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

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