



Signal Hill United Methodist Church

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Wehrly's World

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand about spiritual gifts."

(1 Corinthians 12:1 NCV)

We are in the midst of the nominating process. Each fall, the Lay Leadership team meets and discusses who God needs to have in the leadership positions of Signal Hill UMC. Their work is in surrounded by prayer. No decision (in fact no discussion) takes place without first being in prayer concerning the position and those being considered.

This might sound different than what some have experienced in years past. I know from my years as a lay person in the church that arms were often gently twisted to fill leadership positions. I don't believe that is the way God would want God's leaders chosen. In his letter to the Christians in Corinth, Paul emphasized the importance of spiritual gifts - he didn't want people to have any misunderstandings. Each of us is given gifts through God's Holy Spirit to be used in the work of God's Kingdom. Therefore, as disciples of Jesus Christ it is our duty (dare I say, privilege) to use those gifts.

When you are called concerning a leadership position, it is because God has directed the Lay Leadership team, through prayer, to place your name in nomination for that particular spot. Pray about it, then listen for God's answer. God won't have you do anything God hasn't gifted you to do. If you don't feel the position is in your area of giftedness, decline the nomination (the Lay Leadership team does get it wrong on occasion). But, if you feel God is leading you, answer the call in the affirmative, knowing that through humble obedience, God's church will prosper.

See you in church,

Calendar (check the web site for updates)

September

- 14 Youth Group Meeting, 6-8 pm
- 16 Trustees, 6 pm
- 27 Youth Group, City Museum

October

- 2 UMW, noon
- 12 Youth Group, 6-8 pm
- 15 Finance, 6:15 pm

Signal Hill UMC celebrates baptisms

On Sunday, Signal Hill UMC welcomed three children into our Body of Christ.

Thomas Scott Frame, son of Liz & Jeff Frame, was born on December 28, 2007.

Chloe Frances Deitz, daughter of Renee & Brian Deitz, was born on November 28, 2007.

Daniel Allen Laney, son of Pat & Kerri Laney, was born on June 26, 2002.

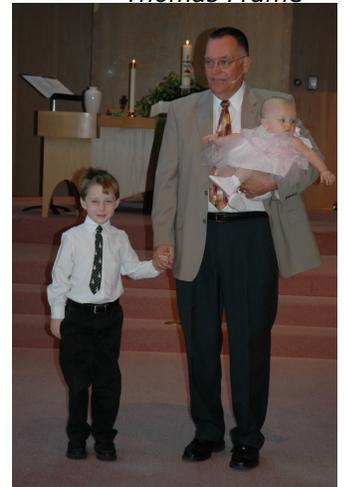
After each child was baptized, Pastor Peter Wehrly brought them out into the congregation to welcome them into their new family.

Patrick Frame, Thomas' uncle, sang special music, "I Can Only Imagine."

Daniel Laney & Chloe Deitz



Thomas Frame



"Women in Ministry" September 14



On Sunday, September 14, Signal Hill UMC will celebrate women who are involved in ministry. At the 8:30 am worship service, the United Methodist Women will participate as liturgist, ushers, and greeters. Donna Reid, an active laywoman from Mt. Olivet UMC, Missouri Conference, will bring the message at both the early and 10:45 am worship service.

New Adult Sunday School Class:

Faithlink Connecting Faith and Life as United Methodists

Every Sunday, 9:40 am, Fellowship Hall
Drop in every week or anytime!

UMW starts fall season with shower



At their September 4 meeting, the United Methodist Women hosted a baby shower for Sarah Kratzer, who is expecting a baby girl in October.

At the District Annual Meeting on September 13, members delivered donations of women's socks for Cunningham Children's Home and cleaning supplies for Lessie Bates Davis

Neighborhood House. The Illinois Great Rivers Conference UMW meeting will be held at Union UMC, Belleville, on October 4. See one of the UMW members for more information and advance tickets.

The deadline is nearing for the collection of new CDs, DVDs (or funds to purchase them). The UMW will package our Christmas gifts for military personnel. Contact Barb Brannan for more information at 394-9818.

Lay speakers bring messages

In late summer, the congregation had the opportunity to hear preaching from three members of SHUMC who are trained lay speakers. John Hackmann and Velma Thompson preached on July 27 and September 7. Both are certified lay speakers. John teaches Sunday School classes and Velma serves as chair of the Evangelism Team.

On August 31, Eda Hackmann brought the message. She is a candidate for ordained ministry and a licensed local pastor (not under appointment at this time). She serves on staff as Director of Signal Hill UMC Music Ministries.



thank you

Dear Peter and all,

Thank you so much for the luncheon for Signal Hill School. What a great outreach program. All the comments I heard were very positive. We are looking forward to working together again for the Signal Hill community!

Suzette Lambert
SHTS

Suzette Lambert, Superintendent of the Signal Hill School, expressed appreciation to the adults and students who served the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on August 18.

Nursery volunteers needed

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for helping in the revitalized nursery, please call the office. Volunteers will assist at either the first or second service, or during Sunday school.

Lifetouch continues taking portraits for church directory

Barb Martin reports that most of the families scheduled to have portraits taken on Saturday, August 16, have been able to reschedule their times at other local locations. Once everyone has been included, Barb and her team will format the final version of the church directory and it will be printed and distributed as soon as possible. "We are so grateful to Barb for leading this effort," said Pastor Wehrly. "Everyone has been very patient during the rescheduling and we appreciate that."

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

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