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SUNDAYS

9:30

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
and

Contemporary Worship
in the Christian
Life Center

10:30

Coffee Hour

Coming Events

July 19

6:30-8:00

“Rev. Hal Gathering”

July 20

UMYF Mission Trippers

leave for Pittsburgh

July 22

6:30-8:00

“Rev. Hal Gathering”



Looking Up—Dear New Friends in Christ,

When I was a young boy, my family would go for Sunday afternoon rides to all kinds of places around the greater Grand Rapids area. My dad and mom or my uncle and aunt would ride in the front and my cousin Diane, who was six months older than me, would be in the back seat of the car teasing each other and looking out the windows on occasion. This weekly ritual led to a pattern of thinking during those

afternoon journeys that caused Diane and I to be oriented, disoriented, and then being surprisingly reoriented once

again. What really happened was that we would know where we were when we started out on the ride and then we wouldn't have a clue where we were, and then finally we would turn a corner and we would recognize that we were at a familiar spot close to home.

The Hebrew Bible scholar Walter Brueggemann suggests that “the life of faith is a journey with God characterized by three basic movements: (1) being oriented, (2) becoming disoriented, and (3) being surprisingly reoriented.” The Psalms are full of stories of fellow journeyers who went through these three stages

over and over again and they are familiar to anyone of us who chose to go on a spiritual journey.

We cycle through these three stages of journeying by faith all through our lives. So the question is where are you right now? Life comes at us faster than we often want it to and often much faster than we expect it to. However, no matter where we find ourselves, we can be certain that God is with us

***“Life comes at us
faster than we
often want it to...”***

“IMMANUEL” and God will most definitely help us find a way forward together as we travel as a family of faith.

See You In
Church, Faith Family!

Rev. Hal

PS. There are so many people to thank for helping Chris, Julie and I get started at Troy First. My office is set up so please stop by and say hello Tuesdays through Fridays. The parsonage has been “all” cleaned and freshly painted. It looks terrific... The picnics are all in place and Chris and I hope to see you at one of these meet, greet, and eat opportunities.

July 20, 2008, in the Year of Participation

9:30 Combined Worship

“God Has No Grandchildren”

Psalm 139:1-12

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SANCTUARY

July 27, 2008, in the Year of Participation

**9:30 – Spirited-Traditional
Worship**

“Working Together”

Psalm 105:1-11

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**9:30 – Contemporary-Find
Your Faith Worship**

“Are You Rich?”

I Timothy 6:17-19

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

Meg Wilson

Trustee Work Day

They came, they saw, they conquered dirt! On Saturday, June 14th a small army of willing workers descended on the church looking for work, and they were not disappointed.

Inside and outside, several big, and many small projects were attacked and completed. From trimming all of the shrubs surrounding the building, to cleaning and polishing the pews, to replacing burned out lamps and washing windows, most of the spring cleaning was completed.

Thanks to the following soldiers who made a big difference in how attractive the building and grounds are:

Duane Alling, Gale Blair, Jan Chamberlain, Paul Clark, Sam Clay, Bill Deyo, Stuart Hansard, Karl Henn, Donna Klungle, LaNae Michael, Sue Olesen, Bill Rampenthal, Mike Rumel, Lane Ann Rumel, Doug Smith, Tim Teagan, Ian Watson, Stuart Watson, and Kirk Witherell.

Marie Watson, Trustee Co-Chair

Table and Chair Policy

It has been a long standing policy of this church that the personal off-site use of tables and chairs by church members and staff is not condoned. Besides excessive wear and possible damage, the equipment is often needed for a variety of uses at the church. The CLC and other rooms are used throughout the week for church functions as well as numerous rentals. Your continuing support and cooperation on this is appreciated. Please refer any questions to Marie Watson or Tim Teagan, Trustee Co-Chairs.

Looking for a TRUCK!



We are looking for someone to donate a BIG truck for a one-time use of picking up mattresses and supplies to be used during our week of hosting South Oakland Shelter on Sunday,

August 17. If you own or have access to a large trailer or delivery truck, could you please call Julie Olsavsky or Kathy Sobanski to offer your help. We would like to be able to pick up the 45 mattresses and 20 supply bins (approx.) from the Farmington Hills church in ONE TRIP! A large truck/trailer would make this possible and save a lot of gas.

Spirit Seekers Children's Ministry

Stuff we need for September:

Cereal Boxes

Song: "The Voice of Truth" by Casting Crowns

Song: "Hallelujah" from the Shrek soundtrack

Sling Shot

Armor

Shield

Sports Gear (Goalie, etc.)

Can you loan us any of these things? If you can guess which Bible story we're doing with these things, you win a prize!

**If you print this newsletter,
please recycle it!**



Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, support, visits and caring during the time of Jim's operation, hospitalization and convalescence at the nursing home for the last three months.

Special thank you to Pastor Rich for his pastoral prayers, visits and caring. Another big, big thank you to Sheryl Dukes for her expertise hospice nursing, suggestions, care and long distance and local phone calls throughout Jim's stay in the nursing home at Heartland Georgian Bloomfield.

More thanks for the beautiful flowers and Memorial tributes at the time of Jim's death from all our Christian friends.

*Love and blessings,
June Phillips MacDonald
Robert and Bruce
Beth, Craig and Marsha*

SPRC thanks you!!!

Many thanks to all who helped in some way to make Pastor Rich's retirement celebration such a success! It would be impossible to list everyone's name, but there were so many details that could not have been accomplished without the support the SPRC received along the way from so many people.

Many people attended the open house who are not members of Troy First, and we received quite a few compliments on the manner in which we chose to recognize a long serving Methodist minister in his retirement. Thanks again!!!

*Michelle Freeman
Chair of SPRC*

2008 FROGgers Make a Huge Impact!

Our middle school youth did an entire week of serving in our community. They were at Baldwin Center, World Medical Relief, The Heifer Global Village and Gleaners Food Bank. They made T-shirts, played games in the CLC and shared devotions. They visited the Palace of Auburn Hills for a tour and even found time for swimming and bowling. They grew as a team by serving, learning and having fun!

Here are some highlights:

They served over 250 meals at the Baldwin Center, packed over 3,500 hospital gowns at World Medical Relief, collected 200 pounds of canned goods in a food drive, sorted 12,000 pounds of food at the Gleaners Food Bank, and shared a bowling party with 55 children from Baldwin Center.

Our middle school youth really made a difference by sharing God's love with people in need!

Ken and Sue Abbey...

Teri Aulph...

Harriet Barnard...



Please contact the church office for details.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP ****Volunteers Needed

<i>Activity</i>	<i>August 3</i>	<i>August 10</i>	<i>August 17</i>	<i>August 24</i>	<i>August 31</i>
Liturgist	Paul Clark	Brian Carl	Judy Slater	Lisa Head	UMYF
Greeters	Bill & Sally Schaper	Abdo Family	Randy & Sheila Wilson	Carl Family	UMYF
Ushers	Ed Freeland Marie Leverenz Bill Rampenthal Liz Sidner Doug Smith	Mike DeVilling Ben Olesen Tom Stevens Justin Urbach	Patti Aurand Chris DeVilling Corwin Hanson Bob Himes	Lyle Pushman Roger Steiger Chuck Tincknell Marie Watson	UMYF
Crucifer	Anna Olsavsky	Tess Van Gorder	Drew Voight	Rachel Voight	Gary Williams
Acolytes	Beth Rhoades Kurt Leverenz	Geoffrey Williston Emily Woods	Jessica Abdo Brianna Abdo	Andrew Aurand Victoria Aurand	Jacob Carl
Sound Engineers	Steve Olsavsky	Rick Wright	Jerry Michaux	Kaj Ostergaard	Jane Egermann
Coffee Hour Hosts	***	***	***	***	***
Monday Counters	Judy Conley Linda DeVilling Barbara Schultz	Joyce Berard Ben Olesen Lee Ann Teagan	Jane Egermann Nancy Heffron Jayne Saeger	Duane Alling Lisa Head Julie Olsavsky	Janice Drager Jan Garrett Chris Gullion
Trustee on Duty	Art Conley	Bill Schaper	Jayne Saeger	LaNae Michael	Bill Reampenthal
Altar Flowers			June Lamm— 90th b'day Emily Woods— 14th b'day	Swapna Bagchi— granddaughter Sophie Partington's b'day	
Ringing of the Bell					
Lighting of the Cross					
Jr. Church	Patti Aurand Kathy Sobanski	Lori Ann Rumel Lee Ann Teagan	Julie Olsavsky Anna & Kara	Tom Stevens Cindy Blakely	Noisy Sunday No Jr. Church
Nursery (Newborns & Crawlers)	Lisa Michaux Gwen Simon Tina Olesen	Jane Berquist Melissa Meek	Angela Di Bartolomeo Christine Knoper	E. Ostergaard M. Robertson	Julie Geggie
Toddler Room (Walkers-2 year olds)	Becky Head Gary Williams		Jennifer Rivera	Katie Kuiper	
3 & 4 Year Olds	The Mitchener Family.	Ann Goff Stephanie McNett	Sharon Ostrander Kristen Truelove	M. Williston Amanda Zeeman	Meena Macwan

2008 Mission Trippers going, going, gone!

On early Sunday morning, July 20th, before you get to church, our Sr. High Mission Trippers will be on their way to Pittsburgh. The team will be doing home repairs for low income and elderly residents in and around the city of Pittsburgh.

This team will have the privilege of sharing the gift of hope with people in need. Work camps are different than church camp because the focus is on serving others instead of on learning and recreation. Through serving others we learn about our world, ourselves and our faith! These trips are each unique with their challenges and their blessings. Please pray for our youth: Danike Becker, Ryan Byrd, Matt Churay, Melissa Clay, David Drake, Lauren Duane, Bryce Elliott, Becky Head, Donald Matthews, Bret Miller, Michelle Mitchener, Anna Olsavsky, Kara Olsavsky, David Ostergaard, Jennifer Rivera, Ashley Sadlier, Jackson Steiger, Brooke Turner, Tess Van Gorder, Rachel Voight, Gary Williams, Dylan and Emily Wods and our adults: Bob Blakely, Traci Elliott, Keith Sadlier, Doug Smith, Chuck Tincknell and Meg Wilson, and the homeowners that this week is full of safety and service and a growing sense of God's love!