

Suamico United Methodist Church

August 2009

Youth on a Mission

WHAT IF "CHURCH" WASN'T A PLACE? WHAT IF IT WAS A VERB?

The Methodist church recently brought forth this question in their advertising campaign. Pastor Dee has asked us the question during Sunday services in the recent weeks. What happens if we take our Christianity outside the building and into the community? Can we spread God's love through our actions? The youth group is going to ponder this question on their great adventure to Traverse City, Michigan in a few weeks. The chaperones have been busy running fundraisers, packing, and coordinating for the mission ahead of us. **MANY THANKS** to everyone who contributed in so many ways towards the upcoming mission trip. Twenty youth and eight adult chaperones will be participating in the event. We have an extensive list and variety of projects for the Methodist Indian Mission church and elderly residents in the Traverse City community and we hope we can be successful in meeting the needs that have been placed before us. We will be very busy workers over the course of three days!

Our project list includes:

- Complete painting on a tabernacle ceiling
Repairing benches in the tabernacle
- Replacing wood chips that cover the chapel floor
Fixing faucets
- Painting numerous rooms and floor surfaces
Replacing exterior screens
- Removing old shrubs
Installing a hand-held shower
- Install railing on a garage stair
Re-grouting tile in a bathroom
- Washing exterior windows
Repairing a screen door
- Rearranging furniture
Washing siding
- Cut down and saw up a tree that is leaning on a home
Paint sun porch floor

We will be camping in the State park in Traverse City and taking time for vespers, a time to reflect on God's teaching and blessings, each night after supper.

Following the three days of work projects, the youth will have a play day in the Sleeping Bear Dunes national park. We will then stay the night in the Methodist church in Ludington and return home on the car ferry on Sunday, August 2nd.

Please keep us in our thoughts and prayers. We are serving on behalf of all of you at SUMC .

Education News

Family fun night!

All ages welcome!!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday August 12th! Family fun night in Fellowship Hall. There will be an ice cream social, crafts and a movie to round out the evening. Watch for the clipboard during Sunday service to RSVP and sign up to bring your favorite topping! (ice cream will be provided.) The title of the movie will be announced soon.

Do you want to know what SUMC has to offer?

Information regarding Adult Fellowship, Book Club, Ladies Day Out, Men's Group and more will be available at Family Fun Night. If you are unable to attend, the information will also be available during the Sunday School Kick Off event Sunday September 13 in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will be able to join us to learn what SUMC is all about.

If you would like to highlight your group during family fun night or Sunday School Kick Off please contact Jean Johnson or Jane George 434-1168

Attention Sunday School Teachers

(and anyone interested in learning more about teaching SS)

Sunday August 16th after service, there will be a short meeting in fellowship hall to discuss the upcoming year. We will be going over schedules, curriculum and any concerns you may have. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School starts Sunday September 13th @ 9:15

NEW!! Meet the Sunday School Teachers!

Sunday September 13th will be the kickoff for the new Sunday School session. Please join us in fellowship hall with your children where you will be able to meet their teachers, look at the curriculum being used and enjoy coffee and other treats. This is a great opportunity to see who the kids will be spending time with as well as get a feel for what they will be learning this year. We also ask that you take this time to register your child/children if you haven't already done so. This event is open to everyone, so please come check out all the great educational opportunities SUMC has to offer!

Adult Fellowship

Thursday September 17 at Legends in Howard. Meet at 6:00 Order off the menu at 6:30. RSVP Jane Deuster 434-1168 by September 15.

Book Club

What is the SUMC book club is reading?

In AUGUST we'll be meeting at Dawn Hahn's home . on August the 2nd, to share treats and discuss "**The Help**" by **Kathryn Stockett**

They are available from the library on CD and large print. Please come join us! And as always, you need not have read the book to enjoy the fellowship.

Church Family News

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Becky & Paul Covi, Verna Ostrenga, Zerlina Valentine, Nels & Edna Hansen, Gordon Olson

Health Concerns

Martha Appelget, Ray Bramschrieber, Alice Byrnes, Doris Cota, Judy Longsine,

Nursing Home Residents

Ione Poljack, Phyllis Lewis, Lois Rehn

Those who are Traveling

Church Basement Ladies A New Musical Comedy

Friday August 28 at 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$30

Discount available with group of 10 or more

Contact Pastor Dee (434-1168) by August 7 if you are interested in attending.

United Methodist Women Notes

On Sunday July 5th, we were pleased to present **Ruth Ann Voelz** and **Ken Voelz** with " **Special Mission Recognition**" Awards. Each year our group honors someone who has made special contributions to the life & work of our church and Ken & Ruth Ann have done this in so many quiet ways over the years! We are especially thinking now of their leadership in "Seasoned Seniors" and "Booyah". They have 'made it all happen' and we thank them! Each received a SMR Pin and certificate and a monetary "Gift to Mission" has been sent in their names.

Upcoming Events include **School of Christian Mission Drive-In Day** on July 20th in Stevens Point. On Aug. 16th our women will lead worship and Celebrate UMW Sunday, with a special speaker. Our Sept 8th local meeting, will

be at 11:30 am at Donna Schneiders home. It sounds like lunch doesn't it! We invite every female (actually anyone) who is reading this, to join our small group. We are folks who are active as regular church members, but have a special heart for mission to needy women & children and find ways to give 'extra' to that cause through our UMW organization. On Sept 19th, a group of us will travel to Two Rivers UMC for our Nicolet District Annual Gathering. We are a small group here in Suamico, but do great things, along with our 'sisters' from many other United Methodist churches. We hope you will come see what it is all about on Sept 8th. Put it on your calendar!

United Methodist Women Mission Trip

We want to thank all of you who donated fabric & yarn for us to take along to Milwaukee missions on our June 24 visit. A bus load of women from Shawano, Green Bay, Manitowoc, and all across the Nicolet district took a large amount of supplies to the 'Hmong House of Good News'. This is a ministry to Hmong seniors over 55, 3 days a week at Central UM Church in downtown Milwaukee. The purpose is to help these people move from isolation and depression toward an active life & independent living in the community. They served us a lunch of traditional Hmong food, showed us their wonderful vegetable garden on church property, and displayed their crafts for sale, to help support the ministry. The project provides a culturally interactive program of personal, social & spiritual support to improve their quality of life. We were surprised to learn that a bus ticket for 1 of them to get to the church costs over \$7. a day!

Next we visited Northcott Neighborhood House, at 2460 N. 6th St. and delivered all the Campbell's Soup Labels that we ask you to bring in all year long. They are close to having enough to earn the much needed new Van for transportation for their program. If you have soup "UPC Proofs of purchase" from those labels hiding somewhere, please bring them into the container in the cry room at the back of the sanctuary now & we'll get them to Milwaukee. Northcott is a fantastic ministry that serves approx. 10,000 community residents annually. They house the state's oldest Headstart Program in WI and serve 318 children & their families at three sites. We saw Youth after school, summer programs, and parent-oriented programs to enhance family skills. Adult education offers GED and ABE to community residents trying to improve their employability. One of the neatest things was the 'Fresh Start' training program that provides youth with construction and academic skills as they actually build houses in the neighborhood that will then be sold to continue the program. We went though one of the houses.

Our 3rd stop was at UM Children's Service. This is a ministry we began in 1962 and offers an array of services to children and families in a location at 40th & Lisbon that is on a major bus route. Their Food Pantry, Transitional Living Program & Children's Center do wonderful work in Christ's name on our behalf.

A wonderful thing about all these ministries is the way they partner with other agencies, to access information and resources and hands on help to serve the people that are in such great need. Any one can be supported individually through the UM Church with their Advance Special number or by simply labeling your gift with the project name.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Booyah September 27

Fall Dinner October 17

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20	21 5:30 Yoga	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 5:30 Yoga	29	30	31	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship Sunday 9:00 am Child Care is available Office Hours Mon—Thurs 9:00 am—noon						1 August 2
2	3	4 5:30 Yoga	5	6	7 Bake & serve at the	8
9	10	11 5:30 Yoga	12 Family Fun Night	13	14	15
16 UMW Sunday	17	18 5:30 Yoga	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 5:30 Yoga	26	27	28	29
30	31		Youth Leave on Mission Trip July 28 and return August 2			

