



# THE LIFELIGHT

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HILLSDALE**

††† *We are Growing in Love, Making Disciples of Jesus Christ and Serving Others* †††

*Come, Share, Rejoice*

Traditional Worship 9:30am  
Contemporary Worship 11am  
(Nursery Provided)



**October**

**THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE  
IS  
OCTOBER 20, 2009  
FOR THE  
NOVEMBER  
NEWSLETTER**



**Remember, the Time Change  
Changed!  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 1, 2009**



**Creating a church environment  
that is comfortable and culturally  
relevant**

**Worship music like you'd listen  
to on your iPod**

**Messages designed to help you  
with today's issues and draw you  
into a more satisfying  
relationship with God**

**STARTS Sunday, Oct. 4th at 11:00am**

**First United Methodist Church  
45 N Manning St, Hillsdale, MI 49242**

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

November first is All Saints Sunday 2009. On this Sunday we will pause to remember church members who have died since the first Sunday of November 2008. We encourage you to be present at the 9:30 a.m. Worship for that special occasion. Plans are being made for the memorial booklet and other parts of the service.

## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**December 1, 2009**

Much preparation is still to be done in readiness for this annual business meeting led by our Albion District Superintendent who is now the Reverend Tamara Williams. Our meeting is one of the last in the schedule so we have plenty of time. All who attend may speak; all members may vote.

## HMW OCTOBER REPORT

Thanks to the ladies that have given their pledge to the HMW. Every little bit helps with all of our projects.

Sue Walter and Shirley Cummings filled twenty backpacks and delivered them to Bailey and Gier schools (ten per school) on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Needless to say the backpacks were greatly appreciated. We thank everyone who donated items or money toward this project. We have many ongoing projects such as Domestic Harmony and layettes for the hospital new mothers. Both of these basket are now empty and need to be refilled. The clothing basket for the elementary schools and The Manor (Jonesville) is located in the outer office. Clothing sizes are from k-18 years of age. Any questions on the clothing, please see me. On December 17<sup>th</sup> the HMW will host a blood drive, please schedule your giving of blood so that you can donate to this drive. Martha Smith (co-chair) just received this date and we want you to be aware of this in plenty of time.

Don't forget installation of officers will be held at the early church service on October 11<sup>th</sup>, this is for all HMW board members as well as the chairs of each circle. I know everyone has many things to do, but please try to be in church that day for the installation. Beckie Miller will be doing the installing. Thanks Beckie!

We have a few projects coming up and welcome any and all helping hands and this includes the men. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

If any of you have questions about the HMW please pick up one of the flyers located in the rack across from the office or see any member. We welcome all ladies.

~Shirley Cummings, Chair, 437-4370

## SALAD LUNCHEON

The Mary Jean Tennant Circle will begin after the 11 o'clock service, probably around 12:15. For those of you who do not want to attend the second service, we hope you will join your friends downstairs in Fellowship Hall, have some coffee, and social time with each other. ~Jan Tesch, Chairperson

## Emily Dewey/JOY Circle

On September 8<sup>th</sup> Eleven members of this circle met at the Chicago Water Grill for lunch. A short business meeting was held, a discussion was held concerning our January and February meetings. Two factors played into this decision, one was the fact that some of our ladies will be heading south for the winter and the other the weather conditions in those months. It was in total agreement that we would not start meeting until March.

Our next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Sue McCrory and Pat Bowditch will host and Shirley Connolly will have the Devotions, non-perishable food items for Domestic Harmony. Barb Vallieu will give a Book Review. A business meeting will follow to discuss and sign up for hosting, Devotions, and programs for 2010.

We welcome any lady to join us, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge. If you have any questions, need a ride, etc. let me know.

~Shirley Cummings, Chair, 437-4370

## The Margaret Sessions Clark

The Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MSC Circle was held at the home of Susie Eichler. A potluck lunch was followed by the business meeting.

The secretaries report was read and approved as well as the Treasurers and Sunshine.

Clair and Donna were asked to help Bonnie with program planning.

A work sheet was passed for the fall rummage sale Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cards were signed for Bev and Arleen who are ill. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> is the blood drive at our church.

Our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be lunch at Johnny T's.

Our member Reva Scoville turns 99 on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with devotions from the Upper Room given by Joan Evers.

~Sect. Clair Booth

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DATE ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Hillsdale Methodist will be sponsoring their next Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 17, 2009. Noon until 5:45 p.m. Please save the date to "Give So Others Can Live."

## FROM THE DEACON'S CORNER...

With the new Sunday morning schedule for worship all pre-service rehearsals for all music groups will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the Sunday choir is assigned to sing or ring. That means everyone must arrive on time or miss the pre-service rehearsal.

Can you share an hour of your time to rehearse with either the Chancel Choir or the Handbell Choir? If not sure - try it and see. Handbells rehearse on Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal from 7-8 p.m. Thursday.



**Knitting Ministry:** feel like getting some yarn out and needles clicking now that we are having some cooler evenings? Come join us and make something for those who are in need of something warm and full of God's love. We will gather on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome. Call Sheila Butler at 439-1838 if you would like more information about our mission.

## COMMUNITY DINNER

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, cranberry relish, rolls, pies and beverage. Adults \$7, children 5-12 \$3.50, under 5 eat free. Please enter through the alley way door.

## WE HAVE OUR MISSIONARIES!

The few that voted have spoken — and these are the totals. Here are the final votes for our missionaries...  
Zambia = 23    Bolivia = 30    Looking Glass = 48

We will be entering a Covenant Relationship with the Looking Glass Community Services in Laingsburg, MI. It is my hope that this will mean some personal contact with their director (as soon as we find out who that is) and maybe even a 'field trip' to see them in operation someday. Thank you to all who voted — and we will keep the congregation updated, as the process is ongoing at this point.  
~Beckie Miller, Project Coordinator



## IN THE MAILBOX

I want to thank everyone for the food donations and help for Elenor French's funeral luncheon. The French family greatly appreciated the lunch and sharing time with Eleanor's friends. On a personal note, I thank all of you for your hugs, calls and the care you showed me in the loss of my dear friend.

~Shirley

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone that helped me celebrate my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was truly a beautiful day and having each of you there made it even more special.

Thank you, too, for the many gifts and cards that were given or mailed to me.

~Reva Scoville

FUMC Knitting Group,

Thank you for the slippers and helmet liners. They and "packing material" - hard candy - was sent to Sargent Chad Randolph to share with his unit.

Chad is the son-in-law of Donn and Debbie Penney of Osseo. He is stationed in Iraq. I know he will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Judy Evers, Hillsdale County Foot Patrol

September 17, 2009

To: Finance Committee, Administrative Council, Members of the First United Methodist Church

I was completely surprised by the declaration read by Pastor Jensen last Sunday, September 13. Thank you to all!!!! This church has been part of my life since joining in 1967. When one is having fun, one does not keep track of the amount of time spent.

Many in this congregation have inspired me to do what I have done. I appreciate all that you have done for me and my family throughout the years past and the years to come.

God bless you all!!! ~Tim Walter

## SPECIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas Paul Timothy Walter joined the congregation of Hillsdale First United Methodist Church on December 3, 1967 and has been a faithful member ever since;

Whereas Tim has shared his creativity in a wide variety of ways including:

Charming children in Vacation Bible School,

Photographing all the church's stained glass windows for presentation in a book of remembrance,

Running the kitchen dishwasher with skill and precision at community dinners,

Giving input on church technology,

Providing valuable input on church history,

And valuable knowledge of the Hillsdale Community,

Not to mention dozens of times he has helped to fix and maintain the stuff of everyday church life,

Whereas Tim served as our church treasurer for twenty plus years (a conservative estimate says he probably devoted at least 5,000 hours to keeping books straight and paying bills in proper order);

Whereas the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council of Hillsdale First United Methodist wish to express deep appreciation for all of the above and more:

We declare that September 13, 2009, be hereafter known as Paul Timothy Walter Day.

Curtis E. Jensen, Pastor

Marla Bowen, Administrative Council Chair

**BARRON, The Reverend Frederick - Darlington**

The Reverend Frederick Barron, aged 82 years, peacefully surrounded by his loving family on September 12 of Lazenby Close, Darlington. Dearly loved husband of Marion, father of Anne, father-in-law of Paul, and a grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Friday 18 September. Would friends please meet for service in Cockerton Methodist Church at 12:45 pm followed by private cremation. Family Flower only please. Donations if desired may be sent for Methodist Cockerton, Darlington DL3 9EJ. Tel: 01325 482999.

## Peanut Brittle

Our peanut brittle project will be starting on or about the middle of October. We generally work on Monday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We need all the help we can get, it usually takes six people to work each shift, 2 to stir, 2 to work the bubbles out, 2 to wrap. No experience is necessary, we will train on the job. As mentioned in last months newsletter we will be taking orders for peanutless brittle. We do need orders for this so that we know how many rounds to make. To place an order see Donna Wellein or Shirley Cummings. Looking forward to your help and of course the purchase of a round or two of the brittle, the cost is still \$6 per round.

## LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

(Complete listing available in the Office)

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HILLSDALE METHODIST WOMEN	Shirley Cummings

**UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Friday, October 2, 9a.m.-5p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 3, 9a.m.-Noon**