

The Weekly Expression

Newsletter May 29, 2010

Upcoming Services:

May 30: Memorial Day Sunday

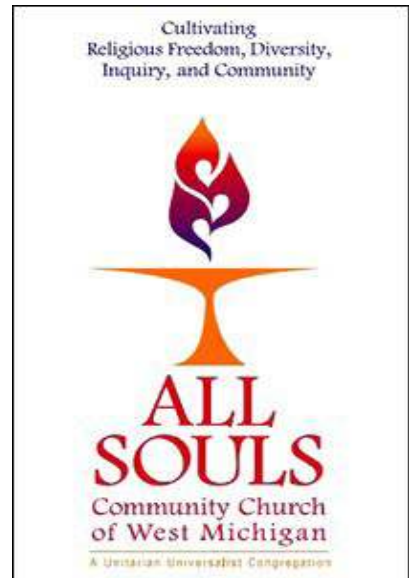
June 6: Last Sermon Series Part 1: The Resurrection of All Souls – Dr. Brent A. Smith

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June 13: Last Sermon Series Part 2: If Not About Me, then Whom or What? – Dr. Brent A. Smith

June 20: Last Sermon Series Part 3: The Great Cause and Grand Vision – Dr. Brent A. Smith

June 27: Last Sermon Series Part 4: Ministry and the Once and Future Church – Dr. Brent A. Smith



Music Notes:

Dr. Monique Salinas-Stauffer

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH:

This Sunday you are invited to sing as a very special chorus, the **NAVY HYMN**, as a tribute to all those men and women in our country who have served bravely to defend our freedoms, and especially honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice: their lives. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10:30 to rehearse the hymn, and then sing it as part of the service. Your sons, brothers, friends, and relatives are all welcome to join in the chorus. Thank you for contributing your voices. We look forward to seeing you in Church

Please also visit the website at www.allsoulscommunity.org and specifically the new calendar at <http://www.allsoulscommunity.org/Calendar/Calendar.htm> for this weekend's as well as important upcoming events. ***We also have a page on Face Book. Check it out!***

Joys/Concerns – An Expanded Vision

For many years the Pastoral Care committee and other volunteers have sent cards and made phone calls to those who have been ill, hospitalized, lost loved ones or experienced other situations of great joy or concern.

Now, we would like to broaden this opportunity by sending a **members-only email** with information about fellow members (only with their permission) who might enjoy receiving a card, call, or other token of caring. This email will also include joys such as the birth/adoption of a child or the attainment of advanced degrees.

Here's how it works:

- Send your Joy or Concern info to Ramah Kidd (GR ph#:616/791-1766, or email: ramahk@sbcglobal.net) or give it to her in person at church. She will send a card from the church, and contact the person regarding "publishing" the information for inclusion in the members-only email.
- Members-only Joy/Concern emails will be sent out as information is received and members are contacted.
- If you would like to send a card or other token of encouragement, concern or joy, members can find the person's home address in our All Souls Directory. There is a link on our website homepage, BUT you must use the members' password to open it. You can obtain the password by either 1) picking it up at the Newcomers' table on Sunday, or emailing Jackie Vines (jackievines@sbcglobal.net) who will send it to you.

Please help us keep in closer touch with our membership, especially during trying times. Thank you.

All Souls Softball Game Schedule

June 2, 6:15 @ Manhattan

June 9, 6:15 @ Wealthy

June 16, 7:30 @ Wealthy

June 23, 6:15 @ Manhattan

June 30, 6:15 @ Manhattan

July 7, 6:15 @ Manhattan

July 14, 7:30 @ Wealthy

July 21, 6:15 @ Wealthy

July 28, 7:30 @ Manhattan

August 4, 6:15 @ Manhattan

Wealthy Elementary School is at 1961 Lake Dr.

Manhattan Park is at 3180 Cascade Rd



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY JUNE 19TH AT IN THE IMAGE

On the third Saturday of every month, 12 volunteers are needed at In The Image to hand out food that is provided by the food pantry. The volunteers take the food out of the truck, place it on a table, and people pick out what they want. No food package weighs more than 10# (like a sack of potatoes). The time frame is 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact person is Mary Blackwell, 616/334-8811 or mblackwell1938@mac.com. The location is 1823 South Division. See you there!

Religious Education News from Your RE Coordinator

Lynn Shackelford, Your Religious Education Coordinator

As We Wrap up the 2009/2010 RE Calendar Year...

First, let me say that it again has been a pleasure working with all of you again this year. There certainly have been a lot of changes going on, and it wasn't always easy, but there were so many highlights, most recently the Kite Sunday service! I know I thanked everyone in the Children's Chalice newsletter (if you want to see that, please click on the link on our web site), but it doesn't hurt to thank them again:

Pam Stegink, Jeff Williams, Lorri Romesburg, Tracy Coffman (our wonderful RE Board); Kathryn Van Overen, Heather Williams (our middle school and 9th grade program leaders); Dave Bee, Laura Wright, Melissa Papke, Mary Schat, Sharon Heimstra, Cindy Johnson, Keith Johnson, Maggie Johnson, Meribeth Nudelman, Geoff Fields, Mary Blackwell, Melissa Hussain, Bob Stone, Teri Davis, Mike Harris, Dani Harris, Mikaela Harris, Lisa Symons, Kim Waalkes, Jen Hall, Tom Hall, Patrick Morin, Chad Coffman, Elgin Vines, Jackie Vines, Georgia Bello, Pablo Bello, Cindy Coleman, Andy Truax, Annie Logan, Dan Stegink, Chuck Burpee, Mary Jo Burpee, Kirt Van Overen, Rita Petteys, Kate O'Hare, Liz Smith, Mike Willcox, Susie Mackeigan, Ursula Williams, Elizabeth Weaver, Linda Busby, Amy Busby, Dave Lester, Shelli Caswell, Cheryl Dennenberg and all of you who bought a shirt, bought a baked good, attended the auction, clapped for the children's choir, and participated in a service that involved the children. THANK YOU!

A Couple of Dates Left....

There are no more regular RE classes scheduled for this school year, but that doesn't mean RE is done! Please mark your calendars for the following:

May 30th: NO RE, but childcare will be provided for the Memorial Day service.

June 5th: RE Re-Visioning Retreat. The RE Board is planning a strategy planning retreat at the Isaac Walton League. If you have a passion for RE and would like to contribute your thoughts and ideas for how to restructure the RE program, we welcome your participation. Please contact Pam Stegink, our RE Board Chair: pstegink@yahoo.com

June 6th: Congregational Picnic. All children will be transported to Manhattan Park for the picnic DURING THE SERVICE. If you want your child to go, please be sure to fill out the permission slip that was e-mailed to all parents. If you do not want your child to go to the picnic ahead of you, please let me know so I can arrange for childcare during the service. Also, if you can be a driver, I will need a few, so let me know if you can help out.

June 13th: Garage Cleaning Day. I'm organizing a party (yes, I hope to make garage cleaning FUN! :) to clean out our RE supplies in the attached garage. We will be meeting out back at the garage immediately after services to tackle the job of pulling out all the supplies, inventorying it all, reorganizing it, and putting it all back neatly so it's ready to go for the fall. It will also help keep our costs down if I have a list of all the stuff we have - better to use it up than buy more! A picnic lunch will be provided for all helpers (and I'm looking for lunch helpers too). If you can roll up your sleeves and lend a hand, I sure would appreciate it! Middle schoolers, new Youth Roots students, and high school youth group: this is a great way to work side by side with the adults in the church on something that directly affects YOU. Come help out if you can!

Summer Child Care Sign Up

There are 12 weeks of summer, starting June 13th, and we need childcare during our summer church services. If I can get just 8 people to commit to providing childcare this summer, that means just one day a month of helping! If we get more, even better! Can you help out one Sunday a month this summer? There are no lesson plans; all that's needed is a willingness to play! 7th through 12th graders: you can volunteer for this too! There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer this Sunday, as well as at the picnic on the 6th. Or you can always e-mail me at lynsshack@gmail.com. Please consider signing up for a Sunday so parents and visitors can enjoy our summer services too.

Hope you all have a fun and safe summer,

Lynn Shackelford