

**Highland
United Methodist
Church**

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INSIGHTS

March 2005

**It is our mission to
"Make Disciples of
Jesus Christ"**

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:30 AM
10:00 & 11:30 AM

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 12 noon

Leadership Enrichment Retreat at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

Friday, March 4th at 6:00PM through
Saturday, March 5th at 3:00PM

Leaders and potential leaders will be participating in this exciting retreat at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

This overnight retreat will give persons in leadership the opportunity to worship, fellowship, and receive training on "Leadership From the Heart" - servant leadership, drawing near to God, preparing God's people to serve, and caring for the people we lead.

Spring Baptism Celebration



Sunday, March 13 (10:00am) marks the first of three opportunities for Christian baptism in 2005. This is a new way to handle baptism in our church and it will provide a new level of excitement and community celebration for our congregation.

Baptisms will take place on March 13, July 24, and October 16 this year. The July date will include the availability of baptism by immersion.

If you are interested in baptism and have attended church for at least six weeks, you can call (248) 887-1311 to schedule a counseling appointment with our Pastor.

Dinner Theater

The Strangely Warmed Players from Ann Arbor FUMC will perform for us at 4:00PM, under the direction of Beth Miller. The artists will join us for dinner, prepared by our HUMC Men's Club. Please reserve your seat at the Sign Up Table.

March 20



Maundy Thursday

Revisit our Lord's Last Supper in a dramatic re-enactment on March 24th at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday Prayer Labyrinth

March 25th ~ noon to midnight, Journey through a Prayer Labyrinth depicting the stations of the Cross. Please sign up at the Sign Up Table.

Persons interested in "adopting" a room to decorate, please contact Grace Farley. Guides are also needed to assist visitors during the event.



Join us March 27th as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. Worship at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am.

'01 BLITZ *rescheduled*

Saturday ~ April 16, 2005
8:30am - 4:30pm

Take an entire 6-week core class in just one day! Pick from the following:

- 101 - Discovering Christian Life
- 201 - Developing Spiritual Maturity
- 301 - NETWORK, Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
- 401 - Contagious Christian, Sharing Your Faith

Watch for the sign up sheet... at the Sign Up Table coming soon!

I.T. Team



If you have knowledge about computer systems and networking and you'd like to be part of an exciting team here at HUMC, please contact info@humc.us.

Willow Creek Community Church Small Group Leader Training Seminar

September 22 -24 in Chicago

Plans are being made to attend this exciting seminar. Contact Sherry Mansfield or Jim Beal for more information.

Planned Giving



Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship – saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.

If you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your Church or any other charity as a beneficiary.

SIMULCAST SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 1 ~ 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Listening Beyond the Words

Part 3: "Groups that Grow"

Small Group Leadership Training Series



Listening is a lost art. When someone talks to us, we tend to be processing information instead of truly listening.

We collect the factual data, then craft our responses and make judgments without really listening to the deeper truths, feelings, and emotions behind the other person's words.

Needless to say, this can cause problems — especially in a small group setting.

Bill Donahue and **Dr. Henry Cloud** continue their yearlong Groups That Grow small group leadership series on CCN by helping leaders learn how to be better listeners.

Tuesday, March 15 ~ 7:30 - 9:00PM

Why ADHD Doesn't Mean Disaster

What exactly is ADHD? ... And is my child doomed if he or she has it? There are a lot of questions, perceptions, and misperceptions about ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). One thing that is certain: it is a real disorder.

Why ADHD Doesn't Mean Disaster is a CCN broadcast designed to provide parents in your congregation with a realistic, encouraging perspective on ADHD.

The program features **Dr. Walt Larimore**, the head of Focus on the Family's medical ministry, and **Dennis Swanberg**, who coauthored the book *Why ADHD Doesn't Mean Disaster* with Dr. Larimore.

Palm Sunday, March 20 ~ 6:00 – 8:00PM

The Great Resurrection Debate

The resurrection of Jesus is at the epicenter of Easter — and of Christianity.

But was it an actual physical occurrence ... or perhaps just a nice religious metaphor? And either way, does it and should it matter in the 21 st Century?

Two prominent, opposing viewpoints will tackle the question of the resurrection of Christ on Palm Sunday during this live CCN special "Great Debate."

Arguing for the resurrection: **Dr. William Lane Craig**, Research Professor of Philosophy, Talbot Seminary.

Opposing the resurrection: **Bishop John Shelby Spong**, Retired Episcopal Bishop.

David Aikman as Moderator and **Mark Mittelberg** as Host.

ADULT CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, beginning March 6th through April 24th

“If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the BOAT.”

10:00 – 11:00AM

Interactive sessions and shared discussion – learning to trust God, facing our challenges, conquering our fears. Out on the risky waters of life, Jesus invites us to come to him. Answer Christ's call to greater faith.

“The Workbook of the 7 Deadly Sins”

11:30AM – 12:30PM

Workbook study on how the 7 sins are present in our personal lives and how to deal with them effectively. Daily reading, reflection, prayer, and support.

Grief, divorce and separation are painful

Grief Share and *Divorce Care*

support groups meet

every Monday in the east wing of the church

7:00-9:00 pm



- **FREE** ongoing weekly sessions
- **FREE** childcare provided
- **CONFIDENTIAL**
- Co-ed group and facilitators who share similar experiences
- Christ-based video seminar / discussion group format featuring experts in their fields

Welcome New Members

The following people became new members of HUMC on Sunday, January 17th. Please be sure to offer them a word of congratulations.

Dennis & Taisha Cyporyn
Gail Delaney
Tammy Dempsey
Bill Edwards
John Fleming
Richard Kasowski
Kim Montgomery

Natalie Phelps
Jesse & Darcy Stevenson
Mike & Diane Stevenson
Ross & Julie Tanner
Paul & Michelle White



“MY TIME”

Special Needs Ministry

Every **2nd and 4th Wednesday**, from **6:30 - 8:30 pm**, the [Special Needs Ministry](#) gathers together in fellowship with others for worship, crafts, music and snacks. RSVP to Kym Juntti at 248-889-7699 or kjuntti@humc.us

Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry UPDATES

Please check the www.humc.us youth page, your snail mail newsletter, OR the youth bulletin board for dates and times of all of your gatherings and events.

The Children's Ministry Board is a great place to check on upcoming events, like our next **Funtastic Family Friday**. It's “**PJ's, Popcorn & Play**” on March 11th. Join us from 7:00 – 8:30PM. Wear your pj's and bring a favorite family board game. *Sign up on the Children's Ministry board.*

U.M. MEN

The men's breakfast will be at the church **on Saturday, March 12th at 8:00AM**. All men are welcome -- bring a friend.

FYI : The 9th National Gathering of United Methodist Men will be at Purdue University July 15-17, 2005. This event can be life changing (I attended the last gathering in 2001, so I speak from experience).

Visit www.gcumm.org/ for more information and registration details. I am hoping to take a bus load if we have enough that register; otherwise, we can take vans and/or cars.

For more information, please contact Vern Rife: vrife@humc.us or 810-632-6846.



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"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." - Hebrews 13:16

Up Coming Message Topics

March 6th –
What the Bible is All About

March 13th –
Living a Life of Faith

March 20th –
The Life of Peace

March 27th –
Easter...

April 3rd –
Guest Speaker

April 10th –
Using My Time Wisely

April 17th –
Making Good Decisions

April 24th –
Using God's Gifts For Me

Special Administrative Council Meeting Scheduled

As we continue to move forward on our Building Project, the Administrative Council invites you to a special session for selection of an architectural firm on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30PM in the East Wing.

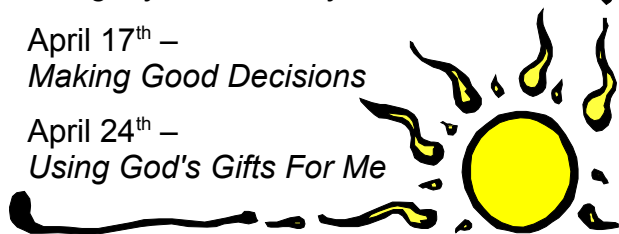
Be sure to check out the Build Project update inside.

Altar prayer is available during the closing music of each service. Feel free to come forward during that time. Prayer Ushers will be wearing badges.

Worthy Quotes

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble." Helen Keller

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for another." Charles Dickens



WHY BUILD?

Our mission is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. We as a congregation fulfill that mission through members, attenders, staff and volunteers. All of these people who strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ rely in some part on the facilities that we as a congregation can provide. Considering our current building utilization, our attendance and growth trends, we have an urgency to expand our facilities in order to meet the needs of our current ministry programs as well as to enable our vision for growth.

Vision for Growth

Our vision for growth is to become a large community church of 700-800 members or 1000 people attending worship per Sunday on our present site. While our ministry will serve the diverse needs of all ages, with a strong emphasis on youth and family ministries, our focus for growth will be on children's ministries.

Strategy

Expansion of the on-site facilities will be done in a phased approach that will anticipate growth and serve the needs of the current ministry, including: multipurpose room, a new youth space, cafe, large entryway for social contact, expansion of the present Centrum, and additional office space and storage. A reconfiguration of the present space will be designed to complete a total facilities package that serves the ministry needs of the people at Highland United Methodist Church! Once ministry growth exceeds the vision, we intend to plant a church in another location while maintaining the current ministry.

With the approval of the Administrative Council, a Build Team has been authorized to proceed with the development of a plan to add on to our facilities. The Build Team currently has called on the efforts of over 42 people to take on some level of responsibility for the expansion effort. The build Team is organized into sub-teams to handle different responsibilities such as general oversight and administration, design process, real estate issues, communications, celebrations, capital campaign and finance. While all sub teams may not currently be active in the process, all of the teams have committed efforts to handle certain aspects of the build process.

Status

The Space Assessment Committee defined the needs of the ministry over the past two years and has determined that those needs can be met on our existing site. Those needs now need to be addressed in terms of the facilities. The Design Team has issued request for proposal to nine architectural firms. Three of those firms have submitted proposals, which are currently being reviewed. The Design Team expects to make a recommendation on hiring an architect to lead the design process by the end of February.

The Real Estate Team has been investigating opportunities to acquire contiguous property adjacent to our existing site. While their efforts are still in progress, they may have identified a promising possibility.

Additionally, early work is being done to develop overall time lines and to develop capital campaign and financing plans. The Build Team and the sub-teams continue to aggressively push forward to enable the vibrant ministry here at Highland United Methodist through the expansion of the facilities.

What can you do?

The Build Team is well aware that the efforts of the entire Team will be in vain without prayer and the hand of God involved in the project. Please pray for the members of the Build Team, for the results of their efforts and that God will guide each member of the Team and each church leader as decisions are made to enable His work through our church.

Watch for future updates. Feel free to direct any questions or input to Tim Ruggles at truggles@humc.us.

Easter Flowers 2005



Please indicate the number and type of plant you wish to purchase.

Lily	\$8.00	_____	Tulip	\$8.00	_____
Daffodil	8.00	_____	Hyacinth	8.00	_____
Mum	8.00	_____	Hydrangea	8.00	_____
Azalea	14.00	_____			

In loving memory of: _____

Dedicated to: _____

Given by: _____ Phone _____

Orders must be in by March 13th. Make checks payable to The Handbell Choir.

Place orders in the flowered box at the Welcome Center!