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INSIGHTS

April 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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Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 12 noon

'01 BLITZ

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

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

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

Please sign up at the Sign Up Table!

Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Thursday, April 14th & Friday, April 15th

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bag Sale ALL DAY Friday!

SET UP: Sunday afternoon, April 10th

DROP OFF DAYS: Sunday, April 10th (after 12:30 pm)
Monday, April 11th
Tuesday, April 12th
Wednesday, April 13th

Drop off at the West Wing doors
PLEASE - NO EARLY DROP OFFS!

HELPERS NEEDED! Sign up at the Information Station.
Contact Amy Wellman for more info: (248) 887-3128

LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT TRAINING



Saturday, April 9, 2005

8:45am.....Light Refreshments

9:00 - 9:40am.....Program

9:45 - 10:30am....Break-Out Sessions

Bring your Bibles, notebooks and writing materials.

CHANGE, GROWTH, PROGRESS...
And it's all happening here at HUMC

Average Sunday attendance in 2000 was 200. Today it is 404.

Last year we had 5 or 6 long term classes. Today we have that same number of classes, but have added 20 small groups serving almost 300 people.

We would like to have 100 percent of our congregation participating in small groups! Are you connected? If not, stop at the Information Station to check out the possibilities.

Pastor Rick Warren stated in his book Purpose Driven Church (p.327), that "the larger your church grows, the more important small groups become for handling the pastoral care functions. They provide the personal touch that everyone needs..."

The small group, in fact, is the model Jesus gave us when He called together the twelve disciples. When they were together, their small group was the place where they could intimately ask questions, receive instruction, learn to pray, care for one another's needs and even be prepared for and receive their calling to a specific mission.

If you are already connected, please consider those around you who are not, and extend an invitation! The joy of Christian community is meant to be shared!

Attention Graduates!



All graduates please report to the office...

We'd like your name, school name, graduation date, photo and any information that you'd like to give regarding your high school career or your plans for the future. College graduate info is also wanted. We will be highlighting all graduates in the June edition of the Insights.

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



Pastor James enthusiastically supports planned giving to our church. If you are interested in making any special gifts to the church, feel free to discuss this with him. He will help put you in touch with the appropriate advisors.

Knit a Sweater, Hug a Child

The Mission Team is looking for people who would like to Knit or crochet sweaters that will be distributed to children in orphanages around the world.

There's a box under the Sign Up table for anyone interested in donating yarn; any type or amount will do.

For more information, please contact Linda Betts: lbetts@humc.us

SIMULCAST SCHEDULE



Tuesday, April 12 ~ several times available
12 - 1pm, 2 - 3pm, and 7 - 8pm

How to Know God's Will for You as a Leader "Ultimate Leadership Series"

According to Dr. Henry Cloud, surrendering to God's purposes, resisting outside pressures, working through false expectations, and finding your true path will keep you from burnout, loss of meaning, loss of vision ... or worse!

Thursday, April 14 ~ 11:30am - 1:30pm

A Leaders' Gathering

Get fresh insights into the power of effective leadership and practical tools for becoming a difference-making leader wherever they serve – in the marketplace, in the community and the church.

Bill Hybels, Marcus Buckingham, and Jim Mellado

Thursday, April 21 ~ 11:30am - 2:00pm

Movies, Media and Ministry

Whatever you think of the media and motion pictures, one thing is certain: they heavily influence the culture in which you minister.

George Barna, Craig Detweiler, Ralph Winter, and Randall Wallace

Tuesday, April 26 ~ 7:30 - 9:00pm

Engaging in Healthy Conflicts in Groups Part 4: "Groups that Grow" Small Group Leadership Training Series

They say death and taxes are life's only certainties, but you can add conflict to that list. Leaders will learn to identify the root causes of group conflict, clarify the biblical ground rules for having a good fight, understand the role of the group leader in conflict, understand the difference between conflict resolution and reconciliation, discover what groups can do when conflicts cannot be resolved.

Dr. Henry Cloud and Bill Donahue

Friday, April 29 (12 - 3pm) & Saturday, April 30 (12 - 3:30pm)

More Than Music 2 Windows to Transforming Worship

During these two broadcasts, pastoral and worship teams will spend time together to reflect upon our most eternal, momentous and privileged calling – the worship of the living God. Be inspired and empowered to lead the kind of worship that transforms communities.

Day 1: Tommy Walker, Jeff Deyo, Margaret Becker, Floyd Ellsworth, Joel Engle, Scotty Smith, and Skip Heitzig

Day 2: Kent Morris, Greg Laurie, Mike Overlin, and Skip Heitzig

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins Saturday, April 3rd!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.



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.

REBUILDING TOGETHER * OAKLAND COUNTY

(formerly Christmas in April)

This year's workday will be **Saturday, April 30, 2005.**

Volunteer Applications are available at the Information Station and can be left there or mailed in at a later date.

Rebuilding Together is part of a national organization that renovates homes for qualified seniors and handicapped people. HUMC has been involved for 11 years now, providing volunteers and sponsoring homes. This year approximately 1500 volunteers will work on 33 homes in West Oakland County.

WE NEED YOU! You will work hard but have a fun, gratifying day. For more info call: Carole Lapham at 887-5224 or Nancy Beal at 887-1366.

The April 2nd Mile Offering will be used to help sponsor a home.

Homeowner applications are available if you know someone in need.

Our Lending Libraries



HUMC has a wide variety of books, videos, tapes and CDs for all age groups. They are all available for check out at anytime. Just visit the east wing shelves for books and videos or the fellowship area for music, make your selection and fill in the requested information in the appropriate 'lending' binder.

Our latest DVD addition is a VeggieTales production titled “Duke and the Great Pie War.” The newest video tape is “Ten Stories Tall” by Mark Lowry.

To make suggestions for the purchase of additional material, please contact Karen Rife – krife@humc.us.

“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 Children's events, There's also the website and your snail mail newsletter.

U.M. MEN

This month's Men's Breakfast will be held at the church **on Saturday, April 2nd at 8:00AM.** Breakfast and entertainment will be provided by the HUMC puppet team. 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. If we have enough men register, we can take a bus; otherwise, we can take vans and/or cars.

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

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Josh 24:15 (KJV)



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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Gal. 6:9

Up Coming Message Topics

April 3rd –
Guest Speaker: Mike Morley

April 10th –
Using My Time Wisely

April 17th –
Making Good Decisions

April 24th –
Using God's Gifts for Me

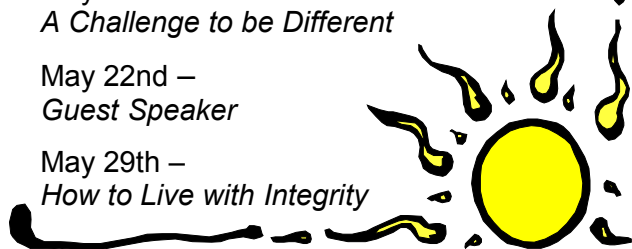
May 1st –
Giving

May 8th –
Good News for the Discouraged

May 15th –
A Challenge to be Different

May 22nd –
Guest Speaker

May 29th –
How to Live with Integrity



11th Annual HandBell Choir Concert

Join us Sunday, April 10th at 3:00pm for the 11th Annual Handbell Choir Concert. HandBell Choirs from White Lake, Highland, Brighton and Howell will come together to entertain us with an afternoon of beautiful music. The concert will be held at HUMC in the Centrum. It is free and everyone is welcome.

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.

Scripture To Meditate On

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1 (NRSV)

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievance you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
Col. 3:13 (NIV)