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# INSIGHTS

May 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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## 2005 College Graduates



**Erin Davidson**, of San Francisco, now holds a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts (Academy of Arts - University of San Francisco). She also has a degree in Communications from Grand Valley State. *Erin is daughter of Tim and Gail Davidson.*

**Rustin Phillips** graduates from Oakland University with a Bachelors degree in Education on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Rustin has done student teaching at Country Oaks Elementary and plans to wed Monica Armstrong on June 18, 2005.

**Treavor Phillips** has completed his training at the Oakland County Police Academy and O.C.C. He currently works with the Oakland County Sheriffs Department and will wed Shawna Odom on August 6, 2005. *Both of the Phillips' are sons of Doug and Cheryl Phillips.*

**Amy Rife** graduates from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky on May 21<sup>st</sup>. She graduates with a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Biblical Studies degree. She will marry Alan Weisenbacher on May 28, 2005 at the chapel on the Asbury Seminary campus. The couple will reside in Ft. Collins, Colorado where Alan is a chaplain with a branch of the Denver Rescue Mission called The Farm.

**Emily Rife** graduates from Michigan State University on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor of Science degree in Package Engineering.

*Both of the Rife's are daughters of Vern and Karen Rife.*

**Joshua Sellers** graduates from Michigan State University on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelors degree in Finance. *Joshua is the son of Deb and Jeff Matson, and Scott Sellers.*



*The following people became members of HUMC during a special ceremony on Sunday, April 17, 2005!*

Mike & Carol Brian  
Frank & Amira Meyers  
Craig Murphy  
Joe & Letty Torosion

Gus Doerffler  
Jeremy & Kelly Mihalic  
John Shaw

*"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light."*

Luke 11:33

## Family Camping Weekend

A family camping weekend has been scheduled at the Double R Ranch in Smyrna, Michigan on July 22 -24<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Louise Hall (517) 540-0700 for reservation information.

This is a great recreational facility for families, offering horseback riding, river rafting, golfing, etc. They also serve the biggest ice cream cones in the state! (Honest)

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## Attention HIGH SCHOOL 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. We will be highlighting all graduates in the June edition of the Insights Newsletter.

### Adult Class Opportunity "In The Footsteps of Jesus"

by Jim Kettinger

Sundays, May 1 – June 26, 2005  
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Walk through the Gospels with missionary photographer, Jim Kettinger. Participants will explore Scripture and enjoy a multimedia presentation and time of sharing as they discover the sites of Christ's birth, ministry, and earthly mission. Jim has recently returned from Israel with new photographs and experiences to share.

### Planned Giving



**Did you know that  
the state has made a Will for you if you  
have no Will yourself?**

These laws might not leave your property to the people you wish. These laws definitely don't leave any property to the Church or any other charity. Shouldn't you prepare a Will or Living Trust?

### NOTICE FOR INFO SHARING

Do you have an event or other information to share with the congregation? Please contact the Communications Team. We will work with you to include your request on the Website, the Sunday Screen, in the Sunday Bulletin and Monthly Newsletter.

Send to [submit@humc.us](mailto:submit@humc.us) or  
[ksaunders@humc.us](mailto:ksaunders@humc.us)

*Please do not insert flyers in the Sunday  
Bulletins. We will print your info inside.*

## SIMULCAST SCHEDULE



### (National Day of Prayer Outreach Event)

Thursday ~ May 5, 2005 ~ 7:00 - 8:30PM

We all suffer. We all hope. We all long for God's guidance and intervention. We all need to know how to respond When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer.

### Worship in the Emerging Church:

What Resonates with Post-Christian Generations

LEADERSHIP NETWORK

INNOVATION SERIES

Thursday ~ May 12, 2005 ~ 11:30AM -2:00PM

"As culture changes, expressions of worship change," Dan says. "It has happened throughout the history of the church and we are now in another cultural change that we must pay attention to."

### How to Build Trust as a Leader

Part of the "Ultimate Leadership" Training Series

Tuesday ~ May 17, 2005 ~ 12 – 1PM, 2 - 3PM & 7 – 8PM

In partnership with Dr. John Townsend and Dr. Henry Cloud, CCN's ongoing Ultimate Leadership series helps leaders develop the character and skills needed to be good and Godly leaders. This month, Dr. Cloud looks at how leaders can build — and maintain — trust.

### Garden Ministry

Attention all green thumbs, weed pullers, Botanists, Master Gardeners, and wanna-be enthusiasts!

The garden ministry is inviting you to participate in this year's gardening mission. All of the church gardens are maintained by volunteers who donate their time and talents to beautifying the church property with flowers. You don't have to be an expert to volunteer your time and talents to this worthwhile activity. The garden plots located in the parking lot and the church courtyard need individual or families to adopt them for this summer season. Your responsibilities as a volunteer include the planting and maintenance of your assigned plot. The flower selection and planting is up to your discretion. This is an excellent opportunity for you to use your creativity to enhance the church property.

If you are interested in adopting a garden plot. Please call Denny Wolcott at (248) 887-3353 no later than May 21<sup>st</sup>. Individuals or families who managed plots last year will be given first preference.



### General Garden Clean up and Planting Day at HUMC ~ June 4, 2005

Bring garden tools and ideas. The focus will be on maintenance and beautification of various HUMC garden plots.

## What is the "MY TIME" program?

The Special Needs Ministry is a program within HUMC that provides a bi-weekly program called "My Time" to persons with developmental disabilities. "My Time" provides an opportunity for persons with disabilities to participate in Bible study, Christian fellowship, worship, and discipleship. We also provide occasional community outings. We are in the process of developing a Partnering Program that will connect families who may have someone with special needs with a trained volunteer. We hope we can offer families a place to worship where their loved ones are cared for and connected to the church at their level. An assessment of the families needs would be conducted so we may discuss with them how we can be of assistance in meeting their needs.

The "My Time" program is always in need of volunteers to assist in family partnering, snack provision, Christian mentoring, and transportation. If you feel your heart calling you to this ministry we can find a place to use your gifts. Contact Kym Juntti at [kjuntti@humc.us](mailto:kjuntti@humc.us) or Sherry Mansfield at [smansfield@humc.us](mailto:smansfield@humc.us).

*Feel free to join us for a "My Time" class. We'd love to see you there; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 6:00 – 7:30PM.*

## "MY TIME"

### Special Needs Ministry

Every **2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 6:00 - 7:30 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](mailto:kjuntti@humc.us)

## Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry UPDATES

Please check the [www.humc.us](http://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.

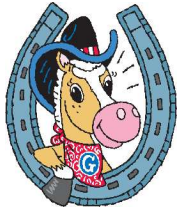
The Children's Ministry Board is a great place to check on upcoming Children's events, There's also the website and your snail mail newsletter.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are already being made for this year's exciting VBS -

### "Adventure of the Open Door"

Join the Ranch House Kids at the Circle G Ranch



**July 25 - 29, 2005**  
**6:00 – 8:00 PM**



*Registration Forms are available at the Information Desk in the Kids Super Church hall.*

## U.M. Men

This month's Men's Breakfast will be held at the church on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**. The morning will include live speaker, Bryan Wussow from Wycliffe Bible Translators and breakfast by Sherrill Dorer. All men are welcome – bring a friend!

There is still time to register for the 9th National Gathering of United Methodist Men at Purdue University. The gathering is scheduled for July 15-17, 2005 and can be a life-changing event. Please consider attending.

Visit [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) for more information and registration details.

For more UM Men info, you can contact Vern Rife at (810) 632-6846 or [vwife@humc.us](mailto:vwife@humc.us).

## Leadership Enrichment Training

Saturday, May 14, 2005 ~ 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Leaders in ministry and potential leaders are invited to attend this training event. We will connect together and explore God's plan for the church through fellowship. There will be a keynote message from Doug Fields, Youth Pastor of Saddleback Church. Light refreshments will be served and plans will be established for a Leadership Summer Event.

*Please register at the Sign up Table in the Narthex.*

## Youth Mission Trip Fund Raisers *(Jackson, Michigan: July 2 - 9 & Ellington, Missouri: July 9 - 16)*



**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Annual Silent Basket Auction** ~ Anyone interested in donating a basket, please have them at the church by 9:00am on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Baskets can include a prepared lunch or various theme items. They will be distributed to highest bidders after 11:30AM.

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Annual Car Wash** ~ at the Highlander House on Milford Rd., 10AM – 2PM.



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### Up Coming Message Topics

May 1st –  
*Giving*

May 8th –  
*Good News for the Discouraged*

May 15th –  
*A Challenge to be Different*

May 22nd –  
*Guest Speaker*

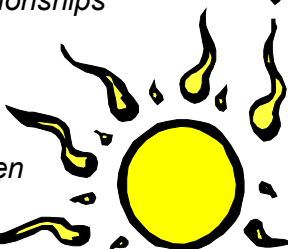
May 29th –  
*How to Live with Integrity*

June 5th –  
*How to be Unselfish*

June 12th –  
*Defusing Conflicts in Relationships*

June 19th –  
*Sharing Your Hope*

June 26th –  
*Four keys to Healing Hidden Wounds*



### Spring Clean Up Day at HUMC

May 21 ~ 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Please bring your own supplies. We will be cleaning windows and sprucing up the place.

Thanks to all the happy energetic volunteers who helped last year. We were able to get all the windows cleaned (inside & out)! We'd love to do it again. Call Carolyn for more info (810) 227-8336.

*“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”*  
Acts 20:24

*“Doing is usually connected with a vocation or a career, how we make a living. Being is much deeper: It relates to character; who we are, and how we make a life.”*

Charles R. Swindoll

### Baptism by Immersion

July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm

Call Pastor James for a consultation appointment (248) 887-1311