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United Methodist  
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## INSIGHTS

August 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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## The Pastor's Schedule

From: Staff-Parish Relations

As a church changes in size, the role of the pastoral senior leader needs to change to further the development of the ministry and mission of the organization. If the leader fails to adjust and change, the organization plateaus or declines.

In response to the need for our pastor's ministry to grow and adjust to the next level of the church's growth, James will have a structured schedule with extended periods of weekly focus-time.

The schedule policy will include:

Continued 24 hour availability by cell phone for emergency calls.

Availability on a daily basis (Tuesday – Friday) by voice mail and e-mail.

Availability by appointment through the

secretarial staff on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm, and on Thursdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

In order to protect other slots in the week, James may need to work off-site for maximum focus. The current

placement of the pastoral office lends itself to immediate access. The larger the church grows, the larger the expectation for his ministry. We are at the critical level in our estimation.

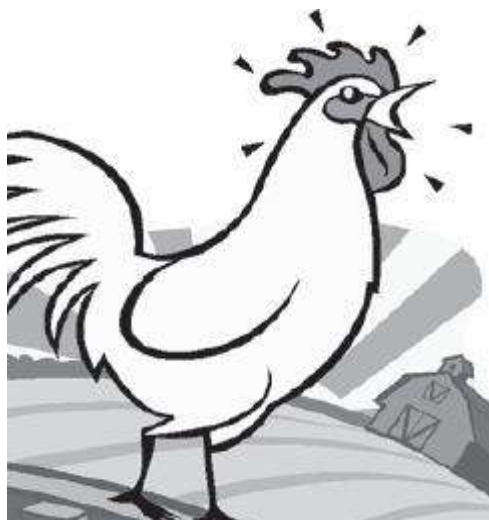
This change in the schedule policy of the Pastor may in some cases provoke a negative response from those who are used to a smaller church venue. You will

remember that Rick Bradford recently reminded us of the study that indicates that one pastor can only minister to about 120 people effectively. With more than 400 people at HUMC, the new schedule policy will help James more effectively provide for everyone.

Pastor James will be available for appointments, Tuesdays 1 - 4pm and Thursdays 10am - 1pm. *Please call the office to set up those appointments.*

Office hours:  
9am-5pm  
Monday through Friday.

In case of emergencies:  
Please call the office during office hours, or after hours call 810.632.9026.



## HUMC FAMILY COUNTRY FAIR August 28, 2:00 – 7:00pm

**Fresh Food, Family Fun & Fantastic Friends**

- ✳ **Rides • Games • Contests**
- ✳ **Enter your best pie, pickles or jam!**  
*Bring two of each item ~ one for sample, one for sale*
- ✳ **Fresh Vegetable Market Stand!**  
*Bring your home grown veggies to share with others*
- ✳ **Education & Small Group Sign Ups!**

**Watch for your COUNTRY FAIR contest registration and coupon booklet... coming soon!**



# BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (at the church)

2:00 – 8:00 pm

one pint of blood can save three lives...

## Sign Up to Give Blood

Our Goal Is To Collect 45 Or More Units...

Please, walk in or make an appointment by using the sign up sheet at the Sign Up Table. For more information, call Candi Schellenberg at 248.310.7546

## 2nd Saturday Leadership POTLUCK FAMILY PICNIC

A special day of fun and fellowship is being planned for everyone who has participated in a 2nd Saturday Leadership Training class or been the leader of a small group.

Please join us for a day of Swimming, Games, Boating, Fellowship, and of course, Food!

Saturday, August 20th, 11am – 5pm  
Highland State Recreation ~ Teeple Beach

Please RSVP at the Sign Up Table or Contact Jim Beal for more information:  
jbeal@humc.us / 248.887.1366

## Mom's Group Coffee Hour

Hey Moms! Are you interested in being part of our Mom's Group this fall? If so, come join us for a special Coffee Hour.

Bring your children, they are welcome! You'll get to know each other and organize yourselves into groups for the Fall.

Wednesday, August 31st ~ 10 - 11:30am  
Contact Jenni Cohen for more information:  
jecohen@humc.us / 248.887.1664

## Planned Giving

Trusts allow you to make a gift to the Church in the future. You may set up the Trust now, keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The Church would receive the property after that. Current income tax deductions can be available.



## SIMULCAST SCHEDULE



### Identifying Traveling Companions for the Leader

*Ultimate Leadership Series*

**Tuesday, August 9 ~ 12-1, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 PM**

The right traveling companions are the keys to survival in leadership. Leaders need safe, sane people to keep them connected, focused and fresh. Learn how to identify these people in your life.

**Dr. Henry Cloud** – Best-selling author of *Boundaries* and *How People Grow*

### Launching Seeker Small Groups in Your Church Tuesday, August 16 ~ 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

The spiritual seekers in your community are looking for a safe place to explore questions of faith and life. Discover what is involved in launching seeker small groups in your church and prepare the people of your church to lead seeker groups.

**Garry Poole** — Director of Evangelism, Willow Creek Community Church; author of *Seeker Small Groups* and the best-selling *Tough Questions* small group series.

### Simply Strategic Volunteers

*Leadership Network Innovation Series*

**Tuesday, August 23 ~ 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

Tired of doing ministry alone? Learn how to share the load and grow your team as you offer the gift of ministry to the people of your church. These hands-on practitioners provide simple, practical strategies.

**Tim Stevens** — Executive Pastor, Granger Community Church; co-author of *Simply Strategic Stuff*.

**Tony Morgan** — Pastor of Administrative Services, Granger Community Church; co-author of *Simply Strategic Stuff*.

### The Case for a Creator

*A Best of CCN Special Event*

**Sunday, August 28 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Did all of this happen by chance or does the complexity of the design point to a Divine Designer? Join former atheist and best-selling author Lee Strobel and other experts as they examine the evidence for the Creator.

**Lee Strobel** – best-selling author of *The Case for Christ*, and *The Case for Faith*. **Mark Mittelberg** – Executive Director of Evangelism, Willow Creek Association.

**Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, Ph.D.** -- Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute, in Seattle .

*Anyone interested in attending these simulcast presentations can view them in the discipleship room in the east wing of the church. Simply turn on the television, have a seat, and enjoy!*

## GOOD SOIL MINISTRIES



A new worship arts ministry is coming in September. The focus will be on creative ways to prepare the soil of the hearts of worshipers to receive the seed of God's Word, so that they can bear fruit, 30, 60, and 100 times! (*Mark 4:8*).

"Good Soil Ministries," aptly named, will be launched on September 12 at 6:30PM. Invitations will go out to all expressing an interest in Drama, Technology, and Music.

Training sessions cover drama, photography, video, scriptwriting, storytelling and testimonies. Special sessions include Clowning, Stand-up Comedy, and Music.

This ministry will meet most Monday nights, with scheduled drama rehearsals following the training sessions. Simply mark your Check In cards on Sunday morning if you are interested!

## Back packs for Huron Valley

The 2nd Mile Offering collected during Communion on August 7 will help provide backpacks and school supplies for needy children in the Huron Valley School District. The project is being coordinated by St. Mary's Catholic Church in Milford. They anticipate providing 400 filled backpacks to needy students of any age. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

## AFRICA MISSIONS 2005 - A TIME OF SHARING



Mike Kolasa will take us on a journey through Marsabit, Africa as he shares the experience of being on mission there just weeks ago.

Witness the work, the people, the joy, and the challenge through Mike's stories and photographs.

**Everyone is invited!**

**Wednesday,  
August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
in the Centrum**

Lemonade and cookies will be available.

## Looking for Ways to Serve?

*Hospice Advantage in Milford is looking for volunteers*

Respite care, companionship, homemaking, errands, gardening, baking, meal preparation, office assistant, and more...

Contact Sue Ann Daniel at 248.684.7634 or [milford-sw@hospiceadvantage.net](mailto:milford-sw@hospiceadvantage.net)

## "MY TIME"

### Special Needs Ministry

Informal community outings are being planned for the months of July & August. The regular 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday gatherings will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>. For details, please contact 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 Youth News letter, OR the youth bulletin board (located in the Youth Room) for the dates and times of all of your gatherings and events.

The Children's Ministry Board (located just beyond the double doors in the children's wing) is a great place to check for Children's events. There's also the website and the Star Seekers newsletter.

### U.M. Men

This month's Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**. The morning will include finishing the DVD "Put a Helmet On" by Brad Stein and also the sharing of highlights from the men who attended the 9<sup>th</sup> National Gathering of United Methodist Men at Purdue.

All men are welcome – bring a friend!

The U.M. Men's August Picnic has been canceled; instead the Men will be supporting the HUMC Family Country Fair on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Breakfast dates for the remainder of 2005 calendar include: September 10, October 1, November 5, & December 3.

To start the new year, the first 2006 breakfast date will be January 7.

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

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Come meet and hear

**Pastor John Gunn and**

**The Power Company Kids Club**

Sunday, August 21st ~ 10 & 11:30 AM



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[Jesus] *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."* Mark 6:31b

## Sundays at a Glance

Aug 7th –

A new series begins:

*"The Crime of Living Cautiously..."*

*Hearing God's Call to Adventure*

Aug 14th –

*Faith: Be Authentic, Not Hypocritical*

Aug 21st –

Special Guests...

*Pastor John Gunn &*

*The Power Company*

Aug 28th –

*Calling: God Calls, We Answer*

September 4th –

*Ministry: Making Disciples*

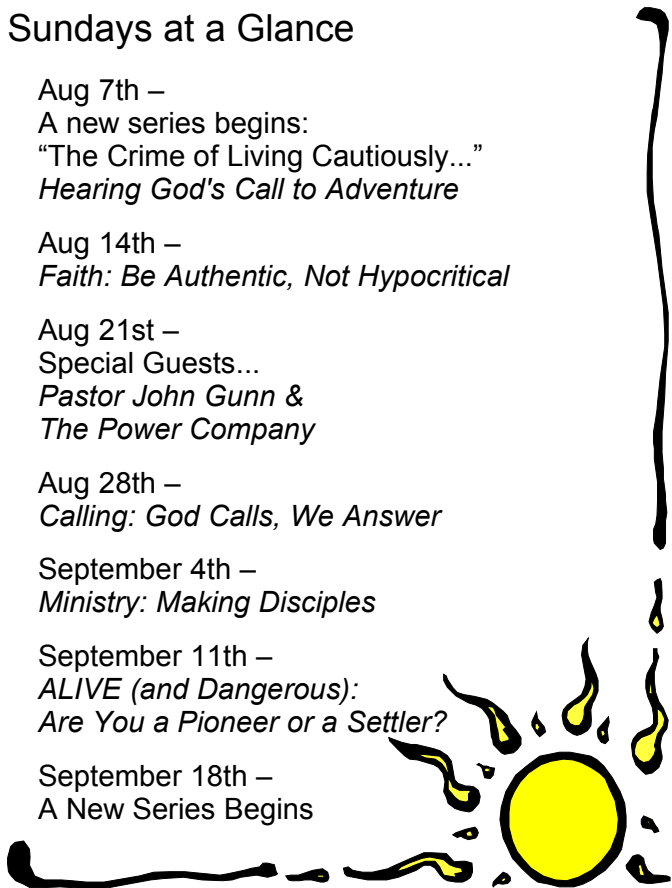
September 11th –

*ALIVE (and Dangerous):*

*Are You a Pioneer or a Settler?*

September 18th –

A New Series Begins



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[Jesus] *"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."* John 17:3

*"Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'"* John 13:7