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

SUNDAY WORSHIP
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10:00 & 11:30 AM

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INSIGHTS

September 2005

Build Team Update

There are many steps on every journey.....

...And though it seems that it has been a while since we have heard anything from the Build Team, in their quiet faithfulness, there has definitely been some forward movement going on. As a matter of fact, an architectural firm has been hired (IDS from Troy, Mi.), and they have been very busy working with our Team to complete the Programming Phase of the design process. According to Karen Simonich, they have completed this phase and now have a good idea of the space required for each area of the design.

*"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no eye has
imagined all that
God has planned for
those who love him"*

1 Corinthians 2:9

The next step for the Team to address is how the various areas will look on a floor plan. This part of the project does not include any specifics like doorways and windows, but it will give the Team a better idea of what our building will look like when the job is completed. Once the floor plan has been established, they will move on to the next phase of the design process. That is when details like doors and windows are added to the overall design.

What an exciting time for our Build Team, and for our church. It won't be long now before they are ready to share the "big picture" with the congregation and the community. Imagine the joy and celebration as we all come together to make this dream a reality.

In the meantime, it can't be stressed enough that we should all be in constant prayer, lifting up the entire endeavor to our Lord and God. We must "devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...Pray that we may proclaim it clearly, making the most of every opportunity." Col 4:2-5

And what an incredible opportunity this is. We may be stretched and challenged, but we will grow and it will be good because, with God, nothing is impossible. As a matter of fact, Scriptures tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9 that "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no eye has imagined all that God has planned for those who love him". WOW! That makes the magnitude of this project inconceivable – for us, for the community, and for the Kingdom of Heaven. Go Team!

Mark your Calendar!!

The 2005 Annual Church
Conference will be held
Tuesday evening, December
13, 2005, at 7:30 PM

Thank you HUMC for the wonderful Country Fair!

**Thank you Praise Team for the new CD...
"Restored Again"**

*******NEEDED A. S. A. P.*******

Rummage Sale Coordinator needed,
you set the Sale date!

Contact: Amy Wellman , 248.887.3128

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Information Station prior to the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM services. Please contact Sherry Meyer for more information. She can be reached at 810.632.7118

NEW LIBRARY PROCEDURES

For your convenience, we have simplified our Check-out and Return process.

Hope it is faster for you!!!

Checking out Books:

- choose book
- take library card out of the back of the book
- sign and date it
- put card in

Returning Books:

- place returned book on "Returned Books" shelf
- please do not place returned books back on the regular shelves

We will do the rest!!

If you have any questions, please call the Church office.



Planned Giving

Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made as an endowment. You may do this now or as part of your estate plan.

2nd Saturday

Leadership Training

Training event for leaders and potential leaders, designed for administrative, small group facilitators, youth and children's ministry leadership. Time will include a key-note address and break-out sessions. **Saturday, September 10, 9:00-10:30am.** Contact Sue Cole: scole@humc.us



SIMULCAST SCHEDULE

Enemies and Idiots:

How To Deal With Toxic People

Ultimate Leadership Series

Tuesday, September 13 ~ 12-1, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 PM

In this broadcast you will find answers to the really tough questions:

Are difficult relationships "fixable"?

When is it time for grace and when is it time for hard truth?

When is it time for patience and when is it time to "pull the plug"?

Don't let people stand between you and effective leadership!

Seeker Small Groups Leader Training

Saturday, September 17 ~ 12 Noon - 3:00 PM

Group leaders will discover:

How to launch a Seeker Small Group in any setting

How to create a safe place for seekers to seek

How to facilitate open and honest small group discussions

How to provide a safe community for seekers to explore Christ

Imagine group meetings throughout your community where seekers are regularly engaged in these life-changing discussions!

The Reproducing Church

Tuesday, September 20 ~ 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

You'll be invited to explore this vision and the benefits of the multi- site, reproducing community:

Outreach increases dramatically

More Christ-followers are involved

The quality of ministry improves

Geography, demography and building size no longer inhibit growth.

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!

Community Share Update

Community Share in Milford is in great need of good used brown grocery bags to use for food distribution. They could also use personal hygiene products.

A garage sale is being planned for September 30 & October 1st. Household items can be dropped off prior to September 24th, no clothing please!

Thank you to all who help support Community Share; 80 households and 267 individuals were assisted in June, while 97 households and 291 individuals were assisted in July! Praise God!

Fall Class Options

Wednesdays, beginning September 7th...

A Heart Like His

W.O.W. - Women on Wednesdays
9:30 - 11:30am

Thursdays, beginning September 8th...

Doing Life Together

9:30 - 11:30am

Masterlife

6:30 - 8:30pm

Disciple I

6:30 - 8:30pm

Experiencing God

6:30 - 8:30pm

Sundays, beginning September 11th...

Everyone's Normal Till You Get to Know Them

10:00 - 11:00am

A Heart Like His

5:00 - 7:00pm



The Free Pile

Occasionally we receive duplicate books for the library. We would like to offer these books to the church family for free. We will publish the names of these books, then keep them in the church office for one month. At the end of that month, we will give them to another church library. If you would like to have one of these books, just call Pat at the church office and she will put it away for you.

Title	Author	What It's About?
Just As I Am	Billy Graham	His Autobiography
Hope For The Separated	Gary Chapman	Wounded Marriages Can Be Healed
Preparing Your Child For Dating	Dr. Bob Barnes	Help your children with one of the biggest decisions they will ever make
Raising Confident Kids	Dr. Bob Barnes	This book shows that self-image is formed not by what kids do, but where they belong: the family
Dana's Valley	Janette Oke & Laurel Oke Logan	Fiction.. "I know the things our family faced together... have provided a firm foundation for my own spiritual journey."
His Name is Joel	Kathleen Bolduc	Searching for God in a son's disability
Prisoners of Hope	Dayna Curry Heather Mercer	The story of their captivity and freedom in Afghanistan
At Home in Milford	Jan Karon	Fiction: A delightful novel, rich with appealing characters, charm and wit
The Beloved Land	Janette Oke and T. Davis Bunn	Fiction: The American Revolution era
Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions	Dr. James Dobson	Marriage, child training, discipline, mid-life crisis, depression, self-esteem and more topics discussed.
The Book of Revelation	Robert Mounce	Commentary on Revelation
NIV: The Journey	Zondervan	The Study Bible for Spiritual Seekers

Church Directories Coming!

Watch For Details!

A Photographer will be on-site at HUMC soon to take photos of all of our church families for a new, updated Church Directory.

WE have targeted the week of Thanksgiving, so we can take advantage of college students being home.

The dates for photos will be **November 21, 22, 23, 25, 26.**

Plan on signing up during the month of October for a time that is convenient for your family to participate.

Contact Sherry Meyer (810.632.7118) if you would like to assist her in coordinating this project.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 – 3:30pm

This year, members of our church community will join thousands of other pro-life people who will line the sidewalks of several different routes in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Lapeer Counties, all holding uniform signs such as Abortion Kills Children, Abortion Hurts Women, and other messages. This is what is known as a Life Chain. Our church members are invited to participate on a route located on GM Road, Milford, in front of the Milford Lutheran Church.

If you would like to participate, contact Linda Betts: lbetts@humc.us

Crop Walk

Sunday, October 9, 1:30 – 4:00 PM

Walkers obtain pledges to support either 1 Mile or 5 Mile walk through the Village of Milford. 25% of the monies raised remain in our local community and the remainder goes to the Church World Service For Hunger projects around the world. Sign-up by obtaining a pledge envelope at the CROP WALK station by the information desk.

A Letter of Thanks

Our family would like to thank everyone for all their love and support when Mom passed away last month. We know we would not have been able to get through that difficult time without your support.

It is so hard to mention everyone by name who touched Mom's life during her illness but Thank-You so much for the cards, phone calls and visits. It really gave Mom the strength to fight during her treatments. You will never know how much she loved all of you. We are very honored as a family to be apart of your church family, we love you and you will always have a special place in our hearts.

God Bless to you all,
The Altimus / LaRowe Family
August 15, 2005

Christmas Card Design Opportunity

Open to everyone in the church, children and youth included. Design a God-honoring Christmas Card, and submit it to the Communications Team by **Sunday, September 18**. Four designs will be chosen for this year's Christmas Card Fund Raiser. Proceeds from this year's sale will go toward the Building Project. Details regarding the actual sale of the cards will be available soon.

Just Give Me Jesus... a Night and Day That Will Change Your Life!!

Do you need a fresh encounter with God?

The primary purpose of each session is to exalt Jesus and draw us into a fresh, personal encounter with the living God. This is a life changing revival for women. Prayer, worship and Scripture teaching by founder of AnGel Ministries, Anne Graham Lotz. FREE at the Palace of Auburn Hills. **Friday, September 23rd, 7:00 – 9:00pm and Saturday, September 24th, 8:30am – 5:00pm.** Please plan on attending both days. Contact Sue Cole for more information: scole@humc.us

3rd Graders Bible Study

Learn to study your Bible, a class opportunity for 3rd graders. There will be Bible study, games, crafts, music, and snacks. Parents will join their children for special training on **October 23rd**. Please register at the Children's Information Desk in the Kids Wing hall. Contact Sue Cole for more information: scole@humc.us

"MY TIME"

Special Needs Ministry

The regular 2nd and 4th Wednesday gatherings will begin on **September 14th**. For details, please contact 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 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, September 10th at 8:00am.**

All men are welcome – bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast dates for the remainder of 2005 calendar include: 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.

******* '01 BLITZ*******

It's time for another '01 Blitz!

On **Saturday, October 15**, you can take advantage of the opportunity to participate in and complete one of our "core" classes.

- 101 – Discovering Christian Life,
- 201 – Developing Spiritual Maturity,
- 301 – Spiritual Gifts: God's Design and Purpose For You, and
- 401 – Contagious Christian: Equipped to Share The Message of Christ.

Classes begin at 8:30 am and will go until approximately 4pm. A light breakfast and lunch is included. Limited space is available. Childcare is not available. Pre-registration is requested. Contact Sue Cole: scole@humc.us



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Sundays at a Glance

September 4th – Dangerous Man series
Ministry: Making Disciples

September 11th – Dangerous Man series
*ALIVE (and Dangerous):
Are You a Pioneer or a Settler?*

September 18th –
A New Series Begins

Marriage Seminar

*Making the Most of Marriage: Building a Relationship
That Will Last a Lifetime*, by Dr. Kevin Leaman.

Child Care will be available. **Friday, October 28, 6:30-9:00 pm, and Saturday, October 29, 9:00-11:00 am.**

TRICK OR TRUNK

An event for the entire church family! Parents – bring your children in appropriate costume to play games, celebrate Autumn, and collect treats by traveling to decorated cars and vans in the HUMC parking lot. Saturday, October 29, 1:00 – 2:30pm. Contact Sue Cole for details: scole@humc.us

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“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:13-14