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## Wehrly's World

**"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"**

**Andy Williams**

Yes, it is the most wonderful time of the year. In addition to the reasons that Andy Williams sings about - kids "jingle belling" and everyone telling you to "be of good cheer" - for Christians, it is indeed the **most** wonderful time of the year.

For Christians, this is the time of the year when we share the story of the birth of our Savior. It might not be as important as sharing Jesus' resurrection, but it certainly is one of our High Holy Days. With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we sometimes forget that none of this would be happening if it weren't for a virgin, an angel, a loving fiancée, singing angels, inquisitive shepherds, and the awesome power of God. It is indeed the **most** wonderful time of the year.

It's also the time of year to make certain you're up-to-date with your annual financial pledge. All gifts MUST be into the church office by December 28 in order to be credited to this year's totals. If you are behind, please consider placing a "bottle of ketchup" in the food basket while you "catch up" on your pledge.

Thanks to all the members and friends of Signal Hill UMC as you faithfully live out your discipleship here. It makes every day the most wonderful time of the year.

See you in church!

## Calendar (check the web site for updates)

*Mondays - Worship Singers rehearsal, 6:30 pm*

*Thursdays - Senior High Youth Group, 6:30 pm*

### December

- 19 Warm Clothing Give-Away, 9 am - noon
- Parsonage Open House, 2 - 4 pm
- 20 Soup & Sandwiches & fill food baskets
- 21 Ministry Team Meeting, 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm
- 28-31 Church office closed - Happy New Year!

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**Remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors to the Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm  
A Service of Carols, Candles and Communion**



## SHUMC part of Holiday on the Boulevard

(submitted by Velma Thompson)

This was a wonderful holiday celebration. Music was provided by Signal Hill School and Blessed Sacrament School and the SHUMC Praise Team under the direction of Diana Starr. Serving as greeters were Ray Helfer, Joe Walker, Wanda Latina, Lucy Sudol, Velma Thompson, and Richard & Carolyn Rawlings. Erica Bevirt provided three tours. Refreshments were provided by Sonda Starr and the UMW. Approximately 250 people participated in the celebration. The Praise Team went caroling on the Boulevard. It was a delight to see an old accordion (a family heirloom) played by Diana Starr.

## LIFE Groups need hosts & participants

Contact the pastor right away if you are available to host or participate in a Living in Faith Everyday (LIFE) small group after Jan. 1, 2010.

## I love my Church campaign underway

The Finance Committee is having an *I love my Church* campaign this Christmas season. In a recent letter, Treasurer Ray Helfer asked each giving unit to give a special, one time offering to help offset unexpected boiler and roof expenses from 2009. The bill to repair the boiler totaled \$10, 475. In addition, the rental expense for the temporary heating units in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Memorial Hall totaled \$2,200.

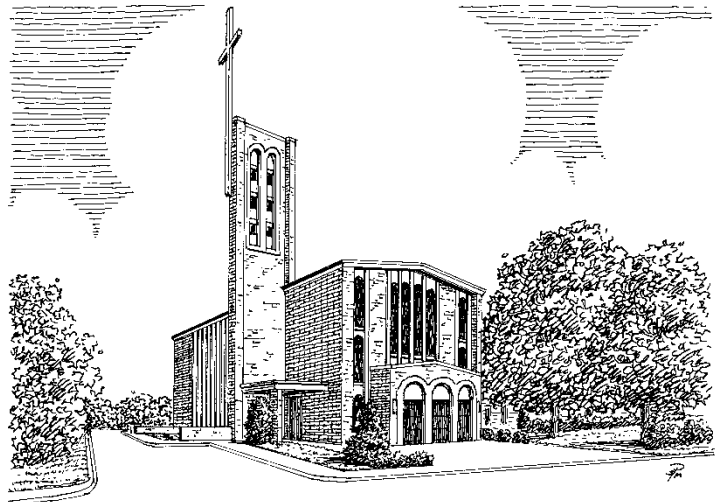
## Food basket assembly December 20

On Sunday, December 20, we are invited to a soup and sandwich luncheon after worship to help assemble food baskets for four of our neighbors. Sign up to bring items with Marcia Beckwith.

# Signal Hill UMC Elected Leaders, 2010

(Please call the office for contact information)

Ministry Team Chair	To be determined
Pastor	Peter Wehrly
Lay Leader	Kanda Vallina
Lay Member to Conference	Sue Beach
Trustees' Representative	Selected at Jan mtg
Treasurer	Ray Helfer
Finance Secretary	Kim Hutchison
Membership Secretary	Kim Hutchison
SPRC Chair	Bill Wimmer
UMW President	Velma Thompson
Youth	Erica Bevirt
Member-at-Large	Liz Reichert



## Committee Membership

### COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Peter Wehrly

Lay Leader: Kanda Vallina

#### 2010

Jim Bevirt

Tanna Luberda

#### 2011

Fairy Meek

Carolyn Dahm

#### 2012

Sue Beach

Richard Rawlings

### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Lay Leader: Kanda Vallina

Lay member to Annual Conference: Sue Beach

#### 2010

Barb Martin

Lori Jobin

#### 2011

Velma Thompson

James Rencher

#### 2012

Bill Wimmer

Allen Toberman

### TRUSTEES

#### 2010

Quentin Thompson

Dennis Jobin

#### 2011

Ann Spencer

Betty McBride

#### 2012

Jim Bevirt

John Beckwith

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Lori Jobin & Natalie Walsh

**MOB LEADER:** Erica Bevirt

**GREETER COORDINATOR:** Barb Brannan



To Lori Jobin and all who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas!

To everyone who contributed to the Trinity United Methodist Outreach Center appeal – Signal Hill UMC sent \$425!

To the Signal Hill Neighborhood Association for decorating the outside light posts and including the church in the Holiday on the Boulevard celebration!

I thank God that I have been able to work on communications ministry for SHUMC the past 2 ½ years. If you would like to help write stories, take photos, publish the monthly newsletter, maintain the web site, design worship slides, manage brochure development and advertising, or maintain the outdoor marquis, please contact Pastor Wehrly.

Susan Meister

**Rev. Peter J. Wehrly**, Directing Pastor  
**Diana Starr**, Music Director  
**Kim Hutchison**, Administrative Assistant  
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