

In Our Prayers

- Brenda, Scott, Aaron and Ashley Mailey in the death of Brenda's father, Lee.
- Brenda Mailey's mother Pat Auxier, healing from surgery.
- Tiffan Yamen's mother, Ginny Renaud, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Jeannie Kuskulis, hospitalized undergoing therapy.
- Liz Coffman's sister-in-law, Karen Miller, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Matt Tupper, undergoing cancer treatments.
- Nancy Spence, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Deb Davenport, health issues and cancer.

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Satellite Services

Sunday afternoons ~ Worship at Silvercrest Assisted Living - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday mornings ~Worship at Timberline Care Facility, Deerfield-9:30-10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday afternoons ~Worship at Illahee Hills Retirement Residence - 3:30 p.m.

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee House

Walnut Hills



May 18, 2008

A place to call home where we are welcomed and sent forth to serve.

A Message from Doug

A church, any church, is in the business of changed lives and a changed world. The community of faith recognizes that when individuals and a society experience transformation the entire community of faith becomes different in all kinds of ways. Walnut Hills has a rich tradition in our very short history of taking this kind of transformation seriously.

This Sunday is Peace with Justice Sunday and you will hear remarkable stories about changed lives in the quest for justice. Three of our members – Brad Gannon, Jim Riggs and Julie Stone – traveled recently to El Salvador and learned first-hand of the longing of people seeking hope in a more just society. You will hear their stories, you will see their photos and I really believe you will be moved by how this journey touched their hearts.

In addition you will have the privilege of sending our graduating high school seniors into the next stage of their lives with our blessing and love. The Celebration Singers and Orchestra will provide great music as we bid farewell to Josh Morgan and thank him for his leadership. We will also introduce you to our new Director of Music Ministries. We will hear from one of our Confirmation mentors. Can you think of any reason to be anywhere else but here? I didn't think so. See you Sunday. ~ Doug

El Salvador

In January of this year, a group of 8, representing 3 local churches, traveled to El Salvador to explore potential partnerships. Representing Walnut Hills were Brad Gannon, Jim Riggs and Julie Stone. On Sunday, May 18, they would like to share their stories and pictures of what they learned. Join us!

Food Pantry

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is on May 18th, and our featured food for the month is pasta and sauce. You can now place your items in the big shopping cart near the front doors! Remember – you can also write a check for your donation – write the check to Walnut Hills and put "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Peace with Justice Offering

On Sunday, May 18 we will celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday, one of our six United Methodist special Sundays. This offering is used to speak up for those who struggle, to provide education on peace and justice issues, and to take a stand for fairness and equality. Half of the money stays in the Iowa Conference for peace with justice ministries in our own state. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to this special offering.

One Summer Sunday Worship Service

Beginning Next Sunday, May 25

ONE service on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Classes for all ages at 10 a.m.

Worship with all the friends you never get to see because they are at the "other" service. Then stay and attend special classes after for all ages!
Don't miss out!

This Sunday, May 18, 2008

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Message and Photos by Brad Gannon, Jim Riggs and Julie Stone

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40

El Salvador Team

Senior Sunday

Music: Celebration Singers and Orchestra

Graduates and Families

High School graduates will be recognized at both services this Sunday, May 18. Congratulations High School Graduates!

We would also like to acknowledge those of you who are graduating from college, completing other degrees or have children who are doing so. Please email Julie with name of graduate, college and degree or check the STUB.

Confirmation Sunday—June 1

On Sunday, June 1 at 9 a.m. (new one service Sunday), we will be welcoming our Confirmands into full membership of the church. Youth being confirmed and their families are asked to arrive at 8 a.m. for a group picture. The Year 1 Confirmation class will be serving juice and rolls in the coffee house.

Summer Saturday Night Service Coming

We have four Saturday night services scheduled for this summer. These services will have a contemporary, informal flavor and will begin at 5 p.m. on July 19th, 26th, August 2 and 9. If you are interested in helping, check the stub.

Cyclone & Earthquake Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is responding to the disasters in both Myanmar and China. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the relief efforts, you can do so by writing a check to Walnut Hills and then designating in the memo line either UMCOR – Myanmar or UMCOR – China. 100% of your contributions to UMCOR are used for their designated purposes.

VBS Deadline May 18

The VBS registration deadline is upon us! If you want your kids or grandkids to "ride the wave of God's love," be sure to register them for "Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures" THIS SUNDAY in the East Gathering Area, under the palm tree. This year's VBS is Sunday through Thursday, June 15-19 from 5:30-7:45. Fees are \$15 per child, with a maximum fee of \$40 per family. We're looking forward to "hanging ten" with your little beach bums in June, so sign them up on Sunday!

WALNUT HILLS HAPPENINGS . . .

Children Schedule & Announcements

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

Children's Church

3-year-olds -1st graders: Stories and crafts after the children's sermon during both services. Parents, please pick your children up from room 108 when the service is over.

Sunday School Classes 9:30-10:30
Classes for 3-year-olds through 6th graders. Preschoolers-2nd Graders start in the music room from 9:30-9:45. 3rd-6th Graders end in the music room from 10:15-10:30. This week, May 18th, is the last day of Sunday School for this school year. Thank you to all the students, teachers, and volunteers that made this year so successful! We could not have a program without you!

Groups Gather

- ◆ **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, May 18, noon at the Tavern II on 50th across from Lowes. Host is Dorothy Mally.
- ◆ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday, May 18, 1:30 p.m. Great Western Trail. Start at the Park Ave Trailhead.
- ◆ **Men's Roundtable:** Wednesday, May 28 noon at Walnut Hills.
- ◆ **Cyclepaths:** Saturday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. "Bloody Mary" ride. Start at Big Creek Picnic Area.
- ◆ **Singles Group:** is taking a summer break for June & July.
- ◆ **VBS decoration work party:** Sunday, June 8, 2-4 p.m.

Walnut Way Moment

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the king will answer them, 'I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.'

~Matthew 25: 37 - 40

Youth News

Newcomers, friends & visitors are welcome to any and all youth activities!

Youth News: *Highlights & Important Dates* to Remember

Year 2 Confirmation Class Inter-faith Visits Scheduled:

- ◆ Our last visit will be to the Hindu Temple & Cultural Center, near Madrid, on Saturday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at the cost of \$5 The Hindu Temple is located four miles south of Madrid and .6 miles north of the Des Moines River Bridge on the west side of highway 17 Please let Julie know how many will be attending this visit.

Is Mentoring for You?

During the June 1 confirmation worship service, you will see adult mentors standing with their youth Confirmands. These adults made a commitment to study, discuss and learn alongside the youth, to help them feel more connected to the church, and to walk with them as they grow in their spiritual journeys. In turn, the mentors formed long-lasting relationships with some wonderful young people and had fun too!

If you feel called to serve as an adult mentor for two to three youth, beginning this fall, we invite you to contact Doug or Julie at 270-9226. Cliché but true – you'll be glad you did!

Family Movie Night

The Adult Ministry Team is sponsoring a movie night on Wednesday, May 28th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Celebration Center. Our movie for the evening will be "The Ultimate Gift," starring James Garner, Drew Fuller, Brian Dennehy and Bill Cobbs. When his wealthy grandfather dies, trust fund baby Jason Stevens anticipates a big inheritance. Instead, his grandfather has devised a crash course on life with twelve tasks – or "gifts" – designed to challenge Jason in improbable ways, sending him on a journey of self-discovery and forcing him to determine what is most important in life: money or happiness. This movie is rated PG. Please check the STUB if you plan to attend.



Mature Adult Ministries

Retired Persons Study Group: meeting weekly, next Monday, through May 19, 10:00 a.m. here at the church. Short-term 8 week Disciple Bible Study. Check the stub if attending.

Speaker Series: Next speaker is Butterfliz of Iowa on Wednesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. Check the STUB if attending. \$2 to attend.

Retired Persons Book Club: Meet monthly on Monday at 1:30 pm (note later starting time) in Koth library. Men and women are welcome.

Books to be discussed:

June 2nd: The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

July 7th: The Dogs of Bedlam Farm by Jon Katz

August 4th: Home: A Memoir of My Early Years by Julie Andrews

Game Afternoon Day is all about friends getting together once a month for fellowship and fun. Next date will be June 24 at 1:30 p.m. Please check the stub if you plan to attend. For more information contact Pam at 270-9226 or pam@whumc.org.

Senior Adults Schedule

Friday mornings at Silvercrest 10:00-11:00 a.m. trauma doll stuffing and visiting. Join us for fellowship with residents at Silvercrest Assisted Living.

Illahee Hills Retirement Residence is helping with the Trauma Dolls ministry the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Liz Coffman for information 278-6842.

Trauma Doll Ministry at Silvercrest and Illahee Hills is a partnership with the North West Kiwanis. Call Pam at 270-9226 for information.



WALNUT HILLS AND THE COMMUNITY. . .

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of servers and preparers for this month's meal program at Children and Family Urban Ministries at Trinity UMC! Each month we need about 20 preparers and 8 servers to make our meal program successful. If you can help us out, or would like more information about what volunteering entails, please check the STUB or contact Susan Guy, sguy@whumc.org or 270-9226.

Coffee and Conversation

We've heard from a number of you about how hectic and overscheduled your lives are becoming, and how you'd like some time just to have some conversation with us with no real schedule or agenda in mind. We are always available for scheduled times in the office or in other settings, but if you find that you have a little time to spare we will also be available for some informal, monthly gatherings at the coffee shop at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 4550 University Avenue in West Des Moines.

The upcoming schedule is:

Friday, May 30 from 4-6 p.m. with Doug

Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. with Pam

Stop in for a cup of coffee and some conversation, and stay as little or as long as you would like! We're looking forward to our time with you!

~ Doug, Susan, and Pam

Meal Preparers and/or Servers

Preparers and/or servers are needed for **CFUM Low Income Meal Program** (located at Trinity) Tuesday, May 20. Check the STUB.

Score Fore Kids

Children and Family Urban Ministries is hosting their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 11th at Willow Creek Golf Course. For more information and to register, contact Laura Fuller at CFUM, 282-3242.

Become a Weed Warrior!

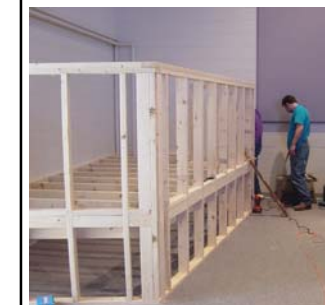
If you enjoy working in the garden and have time to give keeping the weeds under control, we can use your help. Come up and spend an hour with God in the quietness of the gardens. Oh yes, and pull or dig weeds! There is a place to discard the weeds on the property. Check off "Weed Warrior" on the stub, or just come up when you need to get away from the everyday demands of life.

Can you donate a few cards?

Do you have a few blank, get well or thinking of you cards that you would like to donate to Walnut Hills? We would like to do a card writing area for our members that may need a little pick me up or well wishes. Please place donations in the basket located on the "card" table in the East Gathering area on Sunday.

Another Moment of 2008

The new sound system is in!!! Check out the building of the sound station that holds our new sound system! Great Job!



Save the Date

The "Just Partners" Ministry Action Team, of which Walnut Hills is a member, is planning a mission weekend August 15-17. Spend the weekend on a local mission project working on one of three homes in the Des Moines area. Registration cost is \$25 per adult, and registration deadline is July 1.

Mission Opportunities

Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip with other volunteers from around Iowa? Several opportunities are coming up, including Costa Rica; Gulf Port, Mississippi; Louisiana; St. Lucia; and Guatemala. For information see the Volunteers in Mission website at www.gbqm-umc.org/iowavim/.

Simple Solutions for Safer Living

The Urbandale Fire Department presents Simple Solutions for Safer Living. This free of charge program is designed for individuals and families of all ages who want to learn little things that can make a big difference in improving the safety of their lives. It is located at Fire Station #42 located at 3927 121 Street. Dates are:

- ◆ Saturday June 7, 1-3 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, June 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, July 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, July 26, 1-3 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling the Urbandale Fire Department at 278-3970.

Garden Party and Wine Tasting - Friday, June 27

Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is hosting its second annual fundraiser from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27 at the Bob and Becky Shaw Residence. WORLD PORT will be providing music for the evening. A silent auction will be held. Tickets are \$25 per person. You can contact Angie Arthur for tickets at 279-4655. Come enjoy a wonderful evening and support IHN, an organization focused on helping homeless families with children.

