

In Our Prayers

- Liz Coffman, healing from surgery.
- Keith & Linda Sheriff daughter, Erin Sheriff, recovering from knee 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.

How to Reach Your Ministers

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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 a.m. a.m.

Summer Sunday Service

10 a.m. Sunday Classes

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee House

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May 25, 2008

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

A Message from Doug

We've been talking about this for many weeks. THIS SUNDAY WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. (Sorry for shouting – I'm told that using all capital letters has the same effect as shouting.) During the summer we are going to have one service in order for all of you to worship together. I can't count the number of times I have heard comments about people not knowing the folks who attend the other service. By having one service at 9:00 a.m. you will be able to see the people who typically worship with you as well as the other half of your church community you rarely get to see. We will have our coffeehouse open, we will have classes and groups meeting at 10 a.m. after worship, we will even have 2 services outdoors (July 6 and August 3). So get ready to enjoy an entirely new worship experience during the summer. See you Sunday. ~ Doug

Welcome James Walters!

We are happy to welcome James Walters to our staff. James is our new Director of Music Ministries and was hired by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee after several months of interviewing a number of very qualified candidates. He and his wife Lauren were married recently and both are recent graduates of Simpson College. James and Lauren were introduced to Walnut Hills during both services on May 18. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome.

Free Pancake Breakfast this Sunday

Joins us for a "Summer is Coming" breakfast sponsored by the Just Coffee Café. Enjoy pancakes, sausages and chatter. See you May 25 after the 9 a.m. service.

Oh... did we say? ... It's FREE!



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.

Children and Youth Ministry Survey

We are asking you to take a few minutes and fill out a new survey of our children and youth ministries. Surveys are available at the church, or you can access it online by going to the Survey page at www.whumc.org. and printing out the PDF version. Surveys are due back in the office by June 1. Thank you!

This Sunday, May 25, 2008
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Doug's Message: "Inscribed on God's Hands"
Scripture: Isaiah 49:8-16a
Music: James Walters and Alyson Skahill
ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

Graduating High School Seniors and College Graduates



Congratulations!

High School Graduates

- ◆ *Ryan Clark*: University of Northern Iowa
- ◆ *Chelsea Crowell*: University of Northern Iowa; Art-Studio emphasis
- ◆ *Will Hall*: Iowa State University
- ◆ *Grant Jacobson*: Iowa State University, Engineering
- ◆ *Brittany Taylor Jennings*: Iowa State University, Elementary Education
- ◆ *Tucker Levis*: University of Utah, Pharmacy & Business
- ◆ *Andy Petersen*: Iowa State University; Aerospace Engineering
- ◆ *Vladimir Rakocevic*: Continuing studies in Montenegro - College interest, Diplomat
- ◆ *Austin Ruter*: Iowa State University
- ◆ *Derek Stagg*: University of Iowa, Engineering
- ◆ *Matt Tupper*: Des Moines Area Community College
- ◆ *Amber Marie Winters*: Des Moines Area Community College

College Graduates

- ◆ *Barrett Anderson*: University of Iowa: B.S. in Political Science, B.A. in Economics, History minor
- ◆ *Kay Augustine*: Drake University: Specialist in Educational Leadership
- ◆ *Nick Ciarimboli*: Iowa State University: B. A. journalism, emphasis electronic media
- ◆ *Seth Graves*: University of Missouri: B.A. Journalism
- ◆ *Jake Hall*: Air Force Academy
- ◆ *Laura Paulson*: Marquette University: BA in Sociology, Social Welfare & Justice, and Spanish
- ◆ *Hanna Peterson*: Iowa State University: B.A. Advertising
- ◆ *Jessica Stagg*: University of Iowa: B.S. Integrative Physiology, minor Psychology
- ◆ *Brad Tupper*: Des Moines Area Community College: Accounting Certificate
- ◆ *Nichole Winters*: University of Iowa: Management

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.

No Sunday School classes this week (5/25). Enjoy the holiday with your family!

Thank you to all the children who contributed to this year's Sunday School Offering program. They raised over \$1000 to give to the Heifer Project! This means they were able to purchase 1 pig, 1 goat, 2 llamas, 2 trios of rabbits, 3 honeybee hives, and 3 flocks of chicks to give to people around the world that can use them for food and income.

Thanks for your generosity!

Calling all VBS Volunteers!



Are you ready to catch a wave and surf your way through the scriptures with our VBS kids? There will be an orientation meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday, June 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Coffee House. We will give you information on the daily schedules, themes, and other information related to the upcoming Beach Party. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Billingsley at 274-9401/ susie@thebfam.com or Amy Winkler at 276-0652/acwinkler2@msn.com.

Groups Gather

- ◆ **Men's Roundtable:** Wednesday, May 28 noon at Walnut Hills.
- ◆ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday June 1, noon at the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Leave from the Bondurant Trail head.
- ◆ **Singles Group:** is taking a summer break for June & July.
- ◆ **VBS decoration work party:** Sunday, June 8, 2-4 p.m.

Youth News

Upcoming Work Trips for Youth:

Jr. High: June 8-10 at Pictured Rocks

Sr. High: July 13-19th at Rosebud Sioux Reservation, Mission, SD

Iowa Cubs Concessions—Youth and Adults remember to sign up!

- Dates/Report Times -

Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 13, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday June 14, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 20, 4:30 p.m.

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: Meets **June 2 and June 16** at 10:00 a.m. here at the church to finish our Short-term Disciple Bible Study.

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

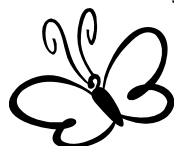
Game Afternoon Day is all about friends getting together once a month for fellowship and fun. Next date will be June 24 at 1:30 p.m. Please check the stub if you plan to attend. For more information contact Pam at 270-9226 or pam@whumc.org.

Mature 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, June 17. Check the STUB.

Upcoming Youth and Adult Class:

The Ultimate Gift, Sundays, June 1, 15, 22, 29 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Room 102, Facilitated by Chuck Stewart

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. Each week we will discuss some of the twelve gifts that the movie focuses on. For a chance to view the entire movie, we will be showing it on Family Movie Night, Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker:

Angela Campbell, Sunday, June 8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Celebration Center

Angela Campbell is a Des Moines attorney who has represented prisoners held at Guantanamo and also in Afghanistan. Come and learn more about her experiences.

Upcoming Opportunities to Help you Develop a More Inclusive Environment

Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think.

The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy, in partnership with Gallup and World Affairs Councils of America, presents this national series. Featured speaker Dalia Mogahed is a senior analyst and executive director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, Washington, D.C. She co-authored-with John L. Esposito-the new publication called *Who Speaks for Islam?* It is a culmination of a multi-year polling effort in 35 countries that disapproves Western myths about Muslims. What the data reveals and Ms. Mogahed illuminates may surprise you. Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m. Des Moines Public Library's Central Library No RSVP necessary-doors open at 5 p.m. with a light *hors d'oeuvres* and refreshments.

Putting Policy into Practice: Gay and Lesbian Employees and Customers with Special Guest Joe Solmonese, President, Human Rights Campaign

One Iowa, in partnership with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the Greater Des Moines Partnership, is pleased to host an upcoming breakfast presentation on LGBT employees, business, and consumers with Joe Solmonese, President, Human Rights Campaign. Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 - 9 a.m., Greater Des Moines Partnership Building.

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.gbmg-umc.org/iowavim/.

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.

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.

Food Pantry

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is on June 15th, and our featured food for the month is canned fruits and vegetables. 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