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Looking Ahead in Worship...

May 1, 2011
Jazz & Confirmation Sunday
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Confirmed Faith

Rev. Jonathan Fell

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service
& 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

Menuetto by W. A. Mozart

Scott Tribbey & Kathryn Lannguth, cellos
and the Soul Friends

(Jim Hall, piano; Jon Cryer, string bass;
Rick Chambers, drums;

George Paterson, trombone)

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

For the Lord Our God Reigns, He Is Exalted,
Open the Eyes of My Heart, I Believe in Jesus,

Behold the Lamb, Resurrection Hymn

The Sanctuary Band

May 8, 2011

Festival of the Christian Home
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Meeting Jesus

Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service

Bell Boogie by James C. Smith

Caprice by Cynthia Dobrinski

The Jubilation Ringers

Caprice by Cynthia Dobrinski

Allegro from Concerto No.3, K. 447

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kirk Perreau, French horn;

Samuel Kwok, piano

@ 10:05 a.m. SPRING BELL-E-BRATION

Presented by the Jubilation Ringers

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship, I Could
Sing of Your Love Forever, I Will Call Upon the

Lord, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, Above All,

Shout to the North

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

Caprice by Cynthia Dobrinski

The Jubilation Ringers

Silence the Stones by Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir



Dear FUMC Friends;

It is with very mixed feelings that I write to you to say Thanks and Good-bye. I have so very much enjoyed getting to know you, working with you, celebrating with you, and mourning with you. You are wonderful people who have shared your talents with me when asked, and sometimes supported the programs I have created. Blessings on you as you continue to share the work of Christ in this church!

I want to thank you for the cards and gifts you have so generously bestowed on me in my time of leaving the position of Director of Christian Education. Every one is appreciated more than you know. My gift to you are my prayers for your continued growth in the formation of your faith. Remember: it is a lifetime task! Blessings now and always in the name of our Lord.

In Christ,
Rev. Patte Henderson



This special offering is being received Sunday, May 8 during all three morning worship services. Your gifts to this offering enriches annual conference Native American outreach, provides Native American seminary scholarships, and expands the Native American Urban Initiative. This offering gives us an opportunity to "give ourselves unreservedly to God" as we join with our fellow United Methodists in "Changing the World, One Life at a Time." Thank you for your generosity in giving.

Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

DIRECTOR of WORSHIP & MUSIC

For the Lord Our God Reigns!

What a wonderful and joyful Easter Sunday! Many thanks to the Children's and Chancel Choirs, the Jubilation Ringers, the brass quintet (Jon Cryer, Marc Decker, Darren Look, George Paterson and Kirk Perreau), and the Sanctuary Band for leading the Easter Services.

Special thanks to our talented organist/pianist Michael Davidson for his playing in numerous worship services during Holy Week. I also want to say many thanks to Donneta Knarr, Joel Wilcox, Michael Bell, Sarah Wilcox Hughes, and Jan Tschantz for presenting solos and duet during Holy Week! If you would like to share your gifts in singing and playing with us, I encourage you to talk to me. I am very happy to pray with you and introduce you to our choir or band members.

This Sunday, May 1st, our Jazz master Rev. Dr. George Paterson will be leading the Soul Friends in the Cornerstone and Koinonia Services. Scott Tribbey, and Kathryn Lannguth will be playing cellos during the Koinonia Service. In the Sanctuary



Service, the Sanctuary Band will be singing many of our favorite songs. I hope you can come to sing "Let the earth and heaven rejoice, for the Lord our God reigns. Jesus, Emmanuel, He has set us free, hopeless souls redeemed to tell, for the Lord our God reigns" with us this Sunday! I hope you all can come to sing your praises to our risen Lord!

On May 8th, the Jubilation Ringers will be presenting our annual Spring Bell-e-bration to celebrate Mother's Day at 10:05 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be playing a refreshing arrangement of a South African Freedom Song "Siyahamba," three original compositions for handbells "Canticle," "Bell Boogie," and "Caprice." All are invited to listen to their wonderful tintinnabulation!

Let us worship the risen Lord who is the same yesterday, today, and forever here in FUMC!

Your brother in Christ,
Samuel



Smorgasbord

MAY 15
@ 11:30

Fellowship
Hall

"You price it,
you eat it"

The Jubilation Ringers
Presents
"Spring Bell-e-bration"
Sunday, May 8
10:05 - 10:25 a.m.



Growing in Health & Wholeness:

BEING EASTER PEOPLE

As an Easter people, we remember and bless ourselves with the gifts of Christ. His farewell gift was "Peace" and his first gift on his return after the resurrection also was "Peace."

Jesus gave his disciples his farewell gift: peace. He said that this was not the kind of peace the world would give. It is enduring peace, lasting peace, eternal peace. The word for peace used in this context is "shalom" and shalom means "total well-being," "the highest good," "that which befits God." It is not the absence or the end of war or conflict. It is the presence of shalom, even in the midst of tension. This is the kind of peace, shalom that Jesus experienced in loving and fulfilling his Father's will.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
John 14:27

Blessed are the peacemakers. They will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9

Peace is God's gift, the divine resource, as it were, waiting to be tapped into, experienced, and enjoyed. The Peace that lives within empowers us to go on in hope, even when storms of life disrupt relationships, incredible tragedies happen, mega-companies lie and cheat the public, ministers of God sin and abuse their privileges, and so on.

The peace that Jesus spoke of comes not from evasion of issues – it comes from facing them, dealing with them, and conquering them. The peace that Jesus offers is not passive acceptance of things – but active, creative, dynamic facing them, dealing with them – the making of peace, even when the way of peace is a struggle.

In the east when one says to another, "Salaam", or shalom, s/he does not mean that s/he wishes for the other person only the absence of evil things – s/he wishes the presence of good things. In the Bible, peace is not only the absence of or freedom from trouble – but the presence and enjoyment of all the good that is of God and from God.



Peace is the most human dream of all... Peace was the dream of the Jews... Peace was always the dream of Christians... Peace was the dream of all sages..... Peace is the dream of all religions...humanity has a common good which belongs to all: Peace. The peace that lives within remains an ever renewable "wellspring of courage" because that peace is of God and that peace is God.

Adapted from Father Gus Tharappel, msfs, in 'Wellspring'.

*May the peace that never passes fill each one of us,
Sage River, Parish Care Ministries*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

214 East Jefferson St., Iowa City

Turkey & Ham with the Fixings * Desserts by the Methodist Women

UMM Annual Family Banquet

Dinner Music
by Jim Hall at
6:00 p.m.

May 2nd, 2011
at 6:30 p.m.



Featured Speaker
University of Iowa
Offensive Coordinator

Ken O'Keefe

Donation:

\$9 Adults

\$5 Children 10 and under
(Children under 5 FREE)

Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office, through the Methodist Men, and at the door the night of the event. For more info call (337-2857)

Summer Fundraisers



The Finance Committee is sponsoring two fundraisers this summer and we need your help. Under the leadership of David Fink we have signed up to have a food booth at the Iowa Arts Festival held June 3-5. Our food booth will be in front of

Van Allen Hall and will be open on Saturday and Sunday. We are also going to have a food booth at the Iowa City Jazz Festival held July 1-3. **We need volunteers to work all of these dates so please contact David or the Office and look for a sign up chart the next few weeks in church.** Thank you for your help.



Sanctuary Service Coordinator Needed!

We are in need of a Sanctuary Service Coordinator. The coordinator arranges for greeters and ushers for our Sanctuary (9:15) Service. If you would be willing to help with this important ministry, please contact Samuel Kwok at 338-7653 or Samuel-kwok@icfirstchurch.org.

"BUCK BUCKETS" MINISTRY

THE BUCK BUCKETS will be passed around again this Sunday, providing all in attendance at worship with an opportunity to drop their loose change or folding bills into the boxes in support of the Iowa City Common Fund and our church's Friendship Fund, both of which are used in meeting the emergency needs of persons in our community. The demand on both funds is extraordinarily high at this time and support is desperately needed. Thank you for your generous support in helping to meet the needs of others.



AFFINITY GROUP NEWS

What is an Affinity Group? It is a group of people who collectively pursue a common interest. And, at First United Methodist Church, there are several such groups covering a variety of interests.

Senior Affinity Group - May 11

It's a long time from the time you receive this newsletter until May 11th, but it is the only newsletter between now and then so write it on your calendar now! We'll be meeting from **2 to 4 at Walden Place on Wednesday, May 11th**. Jan Herman is going to be our guest speaker, and will talk about "Women in the Bible" for 30 or 40 minutes, and then we will have a time of visiting and sharing our pot-luck snack: bring a few cookies or some cheese slices, grapes, or whatever. And if you forget or just don't feel up to bringing something, that is fine. There is always more than enough, and it's usually a pretty good balance, too. Please feel personally invited to come, and if you need more info, contact Sage at 354-5484 or sage-river@icfirstchurch.org.

Please consider joining one of these Affinity Groups.

Group Theme

Contact Person

- Senior Friendship & Support Group
- Bicycling Affinity Group
- Bluegrass
- Books And Bagels
- Doers of the Word
- Dorcas Group
- Environmental Action
- Families with Children
- Films For Fun 'N Faith
- Flames Softball Team
- Hiking Affinity Group

- Sage River (sage-river@icfirstchurch.org or 354-5484)
- Jan and Jim Down (jjdownic@mchsi.com or 354-1820)
- Maynard Smith (maynards@q.com or 337-9901)
- Betty Mitchell (354-1225) or Nancy Johns (njohns@q.com)
- Sue Mullins (339-0984) or Linda Fink (338-2860)
- Bernie Mulford (337-6680)
- Mark Madsen (mark-madsen@uiowa.edu)
- Tricia Ross (351-0823)
- Lou Crist (338-5014)
- Jane Driscoll (JDRISCOL@aol.com)
- Bruce Tarwater (bruce-tarwater@uiowa.edu or 325-7595)



UNITED METHODIST GOLF OUTING

All Invited! Men, Women, & Children

Sunday, May 22

Pleasant Valley Golf Course

Tee Times: **3:00 - 4:03 PM**



YOUTH GOLF CLINIC 1:45 - 2:45 PM

Emphasis: Fun & Fundamentals
Conducted by United Methodist Men

18 Hole Green Fee Charges:

Adult: with Cart - \$32, walk - \$22

Junior: with Cart - \$21, walk - \$15

*Sign up in a group, or sign up
and we will place you in a group.*

To Register contact Don Brown at 319-351-6770
or sign-up in the Narthex

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Fellowship Time Update

As you may have noticed, coffee prices have recently been on the rise. In addition, fuel costs have added to a steep increase in shipping charges. If you enjoy drinking fairly traded, organic coffees and teas from Equal Exchange during Fellowship Time in the Upper Room, I would like to urge you to increase your support. The current level of contributions do not come close to covering the church's cost in providing you coffee, tea, and cookies. Visiting with friends over coffee and cookies is an important part of our Sunday. Please consider adding to the collection basket and help us provide coffees and teas which fairly compensate the producers and are raised in a sustainable manner.



NEW MEMBER CLASS Sunday, MAY 15 @ 9:15

Pastor Barrie will be meeting with all who would like to explore Membership in IC First UMC. Come join us in Fellowship Hall and bring your questions.

Thank You

Tremendous thanks to our Worship Visual Arts Committee for their wonderful artwork during our Lenten Season and Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Sue Mullins and Donneta Knarr for the special purple plants, palm branches, and Easter butterflies! These arrangements really enhanced our worship experience!
Thanks!



Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Celebrate With:

- Remona Roth on her birthday April 26th. Cards may be sent to her at 3427 Lower West Branch Road, Iowa City 52245.

We Pray For:

- Those from our congregation whom we know to be hospitalized:
Mercy: Manford Rice
- Those recently discharged: Joyce Stoddard, Phyllis Vesely, Jan Moss
- All those in need of continued healing including:
Retired UM Pastor Jim Louk, who is in the ICU in West Des Moines Methodist Hospital following surgery,
Rachel Staton, who has suffered a stroke; Rachel is the aunt of Pam Ries,
Tim Harrington-Tabor's brother, John, who is suffering from bi-polar disorder,
Elsie Vega, as she recovers from injuries sustained in a fall,
John Lennarson, husband of Sherri, and son-in-law of Lorna Cress, as he continues to recover from brain surgery,
Johnny Stevens, grandpa of Jenny Becker, as he undergoes tests to rule out bone cancer;
Craig Millard, brother of Lynnda Millard-Sanborn, as he recovers from a heart attack,
Allison Johnson, daughter of Cinda & Bill Tanner, as she is being treated for breast cancer,
Vicki Burketta, friend to many in the congregation, whose cancer has returned,
Cathy Nelson, co-worker of Judy Best, whose son, James, became lost in the Colorado mountains, while hiking,
Marlys Stariha, mother of Danette Frauenholtz, who is undergoing chemotherapy for Stage IV lung cancer in Richmond, VA,
Sharon Campbell, who is suffering from an aggressive bone cancer; Sharon is the aunt of Sherry Mars,
Ron Krueger, friend of Connie & Jim Olson, as Ron undergoes treatment for lung cancer,
Michael Flynn, friend of Cindy Cobb, as he is treated for Stage IV cancer,
Ginnie Woodard, who has been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma; she is a friend of Matt Downen,
Danelle Beckman, sister of Mitch Beckman, who is recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer,
Barbra Johnson, friend of Jan Vaught Brezina, as she undergoes chemo and radiation for breast cancer in Kansas City,
Chris Goodale, friend of the Zierke's, as he recovers from Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma,
Steve Wade, brother of Terri Wade, who is receiving chemotherapy for Stage III colon cancer,
Carolyn Kirkman, granddaughter of a friend of Doris Hughes, undergoing treatment for colon cancer,
Conan Dalton, brother-in-law of Jennifer Ballard, who has an inoperable brain tumor,
June White at Crestview Care Center, and all those in our congregation who are homebound or residing in nursing homes or extended care facilities.
- Those serving in our military:
Todd Royar, who has been deployed to Afghanistan,
Nathan Bontrager, son of Carol Bontrager, serving in Afghanistan,
Joshua Klinzman, grandson of Derrill & Irene, deployed to Afghanistan,
Martin Roemerman, serving in Afghanistan; Martin is the husband of Angie, and father of Kaitlyn, Dan, Meredith, and Anna,
Chris Rew, son of Terry & Sue Rew, who is deployed to Afghanistan by the National Guard,
Jeremy Hahn, nephew of Judi and Jeff Barta, who is serving in Afghanistan,
Nathan Platz, son of Bob & Kristy Walker, now stationed in Italy,
Joseph Russell, son of Mary Lou Russell, serving in South Korea,
Alan G. Kellogg, son of Gary & Catherine Kellogg, now serving in Iraq,
Chris Miller, son of Harvey & Maxine Miller, who is serving by Army Special Operations,
- The healing of breaking and broken relationships,
- For those struggling with mental illness that they may receive the medical care they need,
- The mission, ministries and staff of First United Methodist Church,
- Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble, East Central District Superintendent David Crow, Field Outreach Minister Jill Sanders, the Iowa Annual Conference, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids and Pastor Gary Hoyt.
- All those who have been impacted by violence, oil spills, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters throughout the world,
- Peace with justice for the world.

4/17/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	106
9:15	82
<u>10:30</u>	<u>273</u>
Total	461

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRESENCE

<u>7:00</u>	<u>121</u>
Total	121

EASTER PRESENCE

8:00	214
9:15	167
<u>10:30</u>	<u>495</u>
Total	876

GOOD FRIDAY PRESENCE

12:15	11
<u>7:00</u>	<u>81</u>
Total	92

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Altar flowers certainly make a beautiful addition to our worship experience at First United



Methodist! Let us help you celebrate a special occasion by signing up to have an arrangement made for

display at church. Simply choose a date that works for you and sign up on the Floral Calendar located in the Alley Entrance, or call the church office. You will place the order for your arrangement with the florist of your choosing; and they can deliver the flowers to the church on the Friday before your chosen Sunday. To avoid obscuring the cross on the altar; an ideal arrangement size is no more than 26" in height. You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the last service or allow the office staff to enjoy it the remainder of the week. If you have questions, please contact the office staff.

Please consider the gift of flowers to FUMC!

Church Council Meeting

May 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council will be meeting in May on Tuesday night the 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All Committee Chairs and Lay Leaders please plan on attending. If you have agenda items please contact either John or Rhonda Marshall, our co-chairs, or Pastor Barrie.

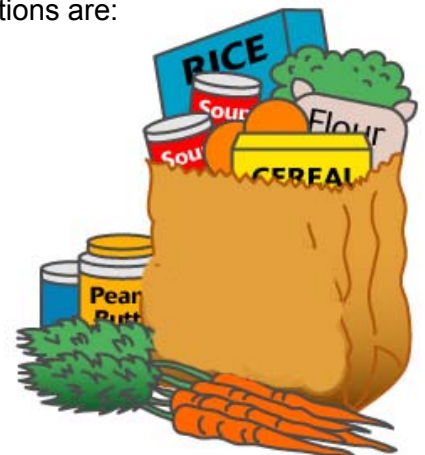


Church Council

The Crisis Center Food Bank

The Crisis Center Food Bank regularly distributes to over 900 families per week. Please consider donating any nonperishable food items if you can. The top 10 needed donations are:

- Monetary Donations**
- Canned Fruit & Juice**
- Canned Meat**
- Hearty Soups & Stews**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Toilet Paper**
- Baby Formula**
- Diapers (all sizes)**
- Laundry Detergent**
- Pasta & Rice**



The Crisis Center is located at 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City. Donations can be taken from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Or, you can leave your donation here at church this Sunday in one of the Food Bank barrels located in the Narthex or in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr 27

Martha Johnston
Terry Best
Nicholas Hagen
Samuel Westergaard

Apr 29

Alex Laffoon
Zachary Laffoon
Marnie Vonderhaar
Jackson Feuerbach

Apr 30

Betty Mitchell
Mary Flaherty
Darwin Thirtyacre
Kristopher Marnin

May 1

Matthew Havighurst
Jacob Kinlein

May 2

Virginia Miller
Hilda Bastemeyer

May 3

Marie Andersen
Jean Fountain
Tracy Varcoe
Jennifer Seydel

May 4

Kristen McIntyre
Kate Mendenhall
Bethany Kinlein

May 5

Jean Rayner
Charles Helms
Karen Daubengerger
David Walz

May 6

Jim Down
Allen Frauenholtz
Trudy Laffoon
Ariel Roghair

May 7

Elaine Phair
Kathy Wyatt-Hanes
Ruth Spieker
Charlie Funk
Connie Olson
Hannah Neel
Ava Galassi-Lenz

May 8

Doug Herman
Ann Perreau
Jonathan Hall

May 9

Kristeen Littrell
Kim Haring
Christy Fehlberg
Ally Disterhoft

May 10

Rosella Hudachek
Jerry Slezak
Charles Vileta
Jason Haddy
Emma McClatchey
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Mitchell Wilkes



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Radio & Television Ministry: You can listen to a 30 minute radio broadcast of a portion of one of our services on Sunday mornings over KXIC (800 AM) from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Our Koimonia Service is broadcast on Public Television Channel 18 on Wednesdays



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