

# first Edition

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Looking Ahead in Worship...

**August 21, 2011**  
**10th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

### Sermon & Scripture

#### ***Taking God With Us***

Psalm 145:13-21, John 8:1-11,  
and Hebrews 10:22-25  
Dr. Barrie Tritle

### Music Ministry

**@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service**  
Suzanne Smith, alto saxophone  
Jim Hall, piano

*If I were a Singer* by Steve Camp/Larry Norman  
Michael Bell, guitar and vocals

**@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service**

*How Great Is Our God,*  
*Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)*

*There Is None Like You, Living Spirit, Holy Fire*  
Forever, *Shout to the North*  
The Sanctuary Band

**@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service**

Suzanne Smith, alto saxophone  
Jim Hall, piano

**August 28, 2011**  
**11th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am**  
**Rally Day**

### Sermon & Scripture

#### ***Fitting In or Becoming Fit***

Psalm 139:1-2, John 5:1-17, and  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Dr. Barrie Tritle

### Music Ministry

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

*Blessed Assurance* arr. by Samuel Kwok  
Samuel Kwok, piano

*He Never Failed Me Yet* by Robert Ray  
*Go Forth in Joy* by Alice Jordan  
The Chancel Choir

**@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service**

*For the Lord Our God Reigns,*  
*Lord Reign in Me, Praise Adonai*  
*There's a Spirit of Love in This Place*  
*Make Us One, Everyday*  
The Sanctuary Band

## Sunday Night Worship at Wesley

Starting on August 28, FUMC, in collaboration with the Wesley Foundation, will be offering a **night meal and worship from 7-9pm**



on one Sunday each month throughout the fall on the main floor of the Wesley Foundation. This worship time will be focused on music, conversation, and multisensory activities that will help those worshipping connect with God and those around them. Several of our own young adults have

stepped up to help out with this new endeavor, and we couldn't be more excited about getting this new worship experience off the ground! This will be a great way for our church to build better connections with our neighbors at Wesley and connect with college students, young adults, and young professionals both connected with the University as well as those who live and work in the area.

### Sunday Night Worship at Wesley

**August 28, 7-9pm**

**September 18, 7-9pm**

**October 16, 7-9pm**

**November 13, 7-9pm**

**December 11, 7-9pm**

## Ever wish you could wipe the slate clean and start over?



The back to school season can be a time for all of us to experience "**A FRESH START.**" Join us for a four-week sermon series, entitled "**A Fresh Start,**" that looks at dreams, self-esteem, disappointment, and new beginnings.

**This Sunday, August 21,** will be about *dreams* as we do a Backpack Blessing and focus on Psalm 145:13-21, John 8:1-11, and Hebrews 10:22-25. Pastor Barrie will share the message, "*Taking God with Us.*"

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## Clean Slate Sermon Series... continued from front page

**Sunday, August 28**, Rally Sunday (our celebration of the beginning of Sunday School), will be about *self-esteem* and focus on Psalm 139:1-2, John 5:1-17, and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Pastor Barrie will share the message, "*Fitting in or Becoming Fit.*"

**Sunday, September 4**, Labor Day weekend, will be about *disappointments* as we focus on Psalm 121:1-8, Mark 4:35-41, and 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. Pastor Jonathan will share the message, "*Dealing with Disappointments.*"

**Sunday, September 11**, will be about *new beginnings* as we present Bibles to our Third Grade Class and focus on Lamentations 3:22-23a, Psalm 96:1, and Mark 6:25-34. Pastor Barrie will share the message about seeing each day as "*A New Beginning*" and learning how to begin again.

Together let's learn to see life as a classroom for the soul.

*Pastor Barrie Tritle*

## Rally Sunday

Sunday, August 28, is Rally Day and *everyone* is invited! Rally Day, the day we set aside each year to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday school year. Students both young and old have the opportunity to meet their teachers, reconnect with friends who have been away all summer, and – as a special treat this year – enjoy a great pancake breakfast made by the UMM!

That's right along with all the fun and excitement of the start of Sunday school, everyone is invited for fellowship and great food from 7:30 to 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Kids! I hope you'll come by room 205 to meet your teachers, play some games, and learn a little bit about our new Sunday School program!

So set aside a few hours on Sunday, August 28 for worship, food, and fun!

*See you there!*  
*Pastor Jonathan*



*Save the Date:*

# Rally Sunday

## August 28

*Pancake Breakfast*  
7:30-10:30am

*Meet your teachers!*



**Sunday School & Adult Christian Education classes will officially start September 11.**

## Young Adult Upcoming Events & News

The Young Adult group will be kicking off fall activities with a **cookout** on Saturday, August 27 starting at 4:00 pm at Nick and Ashlyn Thorn's house (1123 Denbigh Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246). Come by for burgers and fellowship. Please RSVP to Becca Wright at [bec.wri@gmail.com](mailto:bec.wri@gmail.com) by August 25.



The first weekly **Young Adult Bible Study** group will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday, August 30 at Nick and Ashlyn Thorn's house (1123 Denbigh Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246). We will be choosing a book to study and we would welcome any suggestions! Contact Becca Wright with questions -- [bec.wri@gmail.com](mailto:bec.wri@gmail.com)

## New Sunday School Curriculum!

With only three weeks until Rally Day (August 28), I am excited to announce some more information for the upcoming Sunday School year. Listed below you will find a small write up of the curriculum we will be using as well as some important dates for the coming year! There are a lot of exciting changes; I hope you're getting excited too!

**Pre-K/Kindergarten:** This year our Pre-K/K class will be using a curriculum called "Live BIG!" This is an interactive, video curriculum that uses key scripture verses that "helps children see, hear, and live their Belief In God." Each session helps kids "grow as children of God and take what they learn in Sunday School into their every day lives."

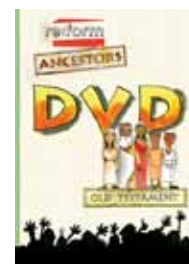


**Elementary School (Grades 1-6):** Exciting changes for our Elementary Sunday School abound! This year we will be using a curriculum called "Living Inside Out." This curriculum moves us away from a rotation model of Sunday School. Instead it utilizes a "large group/small group" approach. This means that our kids will get the best of large group activities and small group relationship building. Everyone (including our Pre-K/K kids) will meet as a large group for worship, songs, and activities. Then, each grade will meet with their own teachers for food, discussion, and really fun activities; all the while building relationships



with other adults in the church! Our first session is entitled "Vertical Edge: Working for God!" This module will focus on living out our faith and doing the best we can for God in whatever we do.

**Junior High (Grades 7-8):** This fall the Junior High class will be studying some important ancestors of the Bible using "re:form Ancestors." This is an exciting, funny, and informative video based curriculum that engages the struggles of some very important Old Testament figures, like Moses, and helps us to think about some of our own struggles that aren't so different... even if their stories are thousands of years removed from 2011!



**High School (Grades 9-12):** The senior high class will continue to run on the current events/bible study/life application discussion model that has been working so well. Should we need a new direction at some point, we certainly have options to employ!

### Now for some dates!

<b>August 21</b>	<b>Teacher training 1-3:30pm</b>
<b>August 28</b>	<b>Rally Day</b>
<b>September 11</b>	<b>First Day of Classes</b>

**(Please note we're taking a break for the Labor Day weekend)**

If you're interested in volunteering as a teacher, substitute, or general helper for any of these programs please let Pastor Jonathan know as soon as you can!

## Building Updates

The Board of Trustees has been busy over these past few months dealing with a variety of building needs. With an historic building we face unique challenges and special needs as we seek to meet the changing needs of our ministry and congregation. We are delighted that the church received a bequest from the Mary Elsie Speer Estate that has enabled the Trustees to care for three specific needs and to begin planning for others. We are in the process of 1) Computer replacement and upgrades to a system that has been limping along for the past couple years, 2) Sound System upgrades including reposition the speaker array, new one channel control for limited use events, replacement of the main mixing computer that quit working, new headset mics for improved hearing, and servicing the video projectors, and 3) Repairing of the steps at both the Dubuque and Jefferson Street entrances with a Ardex Concrete Dressing System. The IC First UMC Foundation has also granted funds to assist in the payment of the first two projects.

*Pastor Barrie Tritle*

## Support the Youth Group Through “The Well”



As we gear up for the fall I would like to encourage you to consider supporting the Youth Ministry programs at FUMC by donating to “The Well.”

Throughout the year, those involved in Youth Group at First United Methodist Church have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of events. From shared meals during Youth Group, to special outings around town, to movie nights, to special trips away from town, we have a lot to do and see!

“The Well” is an account dedicated to Youth Ministries at First UMC, Iowa City and is our way of ensuring that any youth involved in the youth programs can participate regardless of their family’s financial situation.

Your donation to “The Well” will help us to provide both individuals and the Youth Group as a whole with individual scholarships, Thursday night meals during Youth Group, and much more.

If you would like to make a donation, please clearly label your donation and add it to the offering plate on Sunday or contact the First UMC, Iowa City Church Office at 319.337.2857

## Worship Screens

If you pay attention to the screens in worship over the next few weeks, you may start to notice some changes in the way we’re presenting our worship services. Throughout the month of July, I have been working to get a new computer and software ready for our Computer Input Team (CIT) to use as they prepare our worship presentations. This change is part of a much larger computer upgrade undertaken by our office and staff. The advantages to our new worship software are great; our worship services will have a newer, more sleek look, the program will allow us better and easier access to more media, both via DVDs and online videos, and, most importantly, inputting our weekly material should be easier and more efficient.

So, take note of the changes you see and bear with us as we work out the new kinks that are sure to arise!

*Pastor Jonathan*

## FREE LUNCH



We are again serving Free Lunch at the Wesley Center **on February 22**. Please consider contributing food (vegetarian lasagna, cans of green beans or a desert) to serve that day or by being there to help serve the lunch. You can drop off cans of green beans anytime at the church office (and many thanks for your very generous contributions of those – they are a popular item for lunch). If you would like to help, please call Pastor Barrie at 337-2857 or Mark Brown at 321-0984.

Dear Church body,

I wish to thank you for your commitment to the Appalachia Service Project. I feel very fortunate to have been able to participate.

ASP is a great experience, one that I would recommend to anyone who wants to do something for others. You have a great group of leaders who were great examples of Christ’s love. *Thank you!*

~ Allison Koch, member of the ASP Team of 2011





## UMW Fall Mission Study, Remembrance Service and District Meeting

**Monday, August 22** is the fall mission study on Haiti. This event will be at the **Marengo United Methodist Church**. Each car load of ladies is to bring a salad. Please give your reservations to Sonya Moss, 351-8593, so we can plan car pools.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**, is the date for the **Remembrance Service and Luncheon**. This event will be held at **Hope United Methodist Church** at **noon**. The EEC meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at Hope. Serving the luncheon will be Deborah Circle 1 and Ruth Circle 2. Please call in your reservation to your circle leader by Monday, Sept. 5. Also remember to bring paper goods that will be collected and taken to the district meeting on Friday, Sept. 9. Also circle baskets for the silent auction at the district meeting are to be brought to this meeting.

Also, **Friday, September 9**, is the **East Central District Meeting** at the **Shueyville UMC**.

Reservations for the luncheon and the money are due by Sept. 1. The cost of the luncheon is \$6. Your reservation and money need to be with Sonya Moss by Monday, August 29. We would encourage you all to attend this wonderful event since it is so close. Let's show the district how strong our unit is. This event is open to any of our UMW members. You do not need to be an officer to attend.

## FREE MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST AT THE WESLEY CENTER August 26, 2011 Volunteers Needed

Help the Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry welcome students to the University of Iowa with a Free Midnight Breakfast on Friday, August 26, 2011 from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Wesley Center. You, your Sunday School class, men's group, women's group or youth group can help with this hospitality event by volunteering to prepare, serve or clean-up. We need 12 or more volunteers at all stages of the event! To sign up contact Marsha Acord at 338-1179 or [marsha@iowawesley.org](mailto:marsha@iowawesley.org). Cash and egg casserole donations are also appreciated! Menu includes eggs, pancakes, gluten-free waffles, sausage, juice, and milk. Thank you for welcoming students and supporting campus ministry!

## Liturgists Needed for 8:00 am services

We are blessed with many members who have served as Liturgists for our 10:30 am worship service over the years. Thank you! We are expanding our service to the 8:00 am worship service and invite you to consider joining this ministry team. On occasion we have had liturgists at the 8:00 am service when one of the pastors have been absent but now we seek to have a liturgist each Sunday starting on August 28. This will allow us to have more folks involved in leading worship and will allow Pastor Jonathan to be engaged during that hour as he works more directly with our Education Program in classroom preparation and support for our teachers. Pastor Jonathan has accepted the addition of our Children's Sunday School into his responsibilities and greatly appreciates your prayers and seeks your help by volunteering to lead or assist with one of our Children's Classes. Please contact Steve Marnier at [smarnier@southslope.net](mailto:smarnier@southslope.net) to volunteer as a liturgist and contact Pastor Jonathan at [jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org](mailto:jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org) to volunteer with our children's Sunday School program.

## 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.

**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

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



## Take time to pray - Our Church Family

### **We Celebrate With:**

- We share the joy of Aimee Eilbeck and Brian Cusic who were united in marriage in our sanctuary August 13, and we ask God's blessings on this couple as they begin their lives together.

### **We Pray For:**

- Anita & Kevin Hartwig and family; Anita's mother, Katie Gay, died on August 8th, and as we lift her to God in our prayers, we pray also for her family and for all who knew and loved her.
- All those in need of continued healing including:
  - Jan Miller, dear friend of Vona Robertson, as Jan is struggling with cancer;
  - Conan Dalton, brother-in-law of Jennifer Ballard, as he recovers from brain surgery,
  - Ann Bagford as she continues her recovery at home,
  - Sergeant Collin Raaz, dear friend of the Sue & Sam Mullins family, who was critically injured while serving in Afghanistan, and will be recovering in Maryland,
  - Dr. Jim Skarda, his wife, Jennifer, and their children Jonathan and Juliann, as Jim undergoes treatment for cancer,
  - Allen & Danette Frauenholtz's niece, Adrienne Smith, who is being treated for Hodgkin's Lymphoma,
  - Tim Harrington-Tabor's brother, John, who is suffering from bi-polar disorder,
  - 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,
  - 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,
  - Barbra Johnson, friend of Jan Vaught Brezina, as she undergoes chemo and radiation for breast cancer in Kansas City,
  - Steve Wade, brother of Terri Wade, who is receiving chemotherapy for Stage III colon cancer,
  - Edith Swails now at Walden Place, 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 Pastor Joshua Hansen.
- 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.

8/7/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	56
9:15	60
<u>10:30</u>	<u>167</u>
Total	283

8/14/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	99
9:15	94
<u>10:30</u>	<u>225</u>
Total	418



**DIRECTOR  
of WORSHIP  
& MUSIC**

*Welcome Back!*

I hope you had a meaningful summer. Thanks to the following musicians for sharing their musical gifts this summer: **Donetta Knarr, Jon Cryer, John Marshall, Ronda Marshall, Rufus Kuhn and Kathy Marshall-Kuhn, Joan Felkner, Michael Bell, Joel Wilcox,** and the **ASP Team!** Special thanks to the members of the Sanctuary Band (**Ryan Cole, Ron Conkin, Jesse Helgerson, Wendy Ostrem, Suzanne Smith, and Joel Wilcox**) for teaching the congregation so many new hymns and songs these past five Sundays!

This Sunday, **August 21**, our friends **Michael and Nancy Bell** will be singing during the 8:00 a.m. worship service. **Suzanne Smith** will be playing saxophone before the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. The **Chancel Choir** will be singing again! How wonderful that we have so many gifted musicians in our church family! If you want to share your musical gifts with us, please do NOT hesitate to contact me. Let's invite your friends and family members to worship God here at FUMC!

All the music ensembles are ready for the Fall. The Chancel Choir will again be singing this Sunday. The Jubilation Ringers will start their first Monday rehearsal on August 29. The Sanctuary Band did not even take a break! Anyone who wants to join one or more of our ensembles, please feel free to contact me now or the coordinators of each ensemble. Here is our **EXCITING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** and I hope **YOU** will be one of our dedicated members!

Monday

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Joyful Chimers (Handchime Choir for adults, starting on **September 12**) [**Coordinator: Leah Adams**]  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.: Jubilation Ringers (Handbell Choir for adults who read music well, starting on **August 28**)  
[**Coordinator: Ken Mullen**]

Wednesday

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.: FUMC Chamber Choir (auditioned choir singing at the 8:00 a.m. Worship Service, starting on **September 14**) [**Contact me for audition information**]  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir (adults singing at the Koinonia Service, starting on **August 17**)  
[**Coordinator: Judy Best**]

Thursday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Youth Worship Band for 7th-12th Graders [**Coordinator: Wendy Ostrem**] **Tentative!!!**  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.: Sanctuary Band (adults at the Sanctuary Service) [**Coordinator: Suzanne Smith**]  
[**Contact me for audition information**]

Sunday (starting on September 11)

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.: Wesley Chimes (Handchime Choir for 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders) [**Coordinator: Joyce Marner**]  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Children's Choir for K-6<sup>th</sup> Graders [**Coordinator: Denis Prybil**]

*Again there is a place for you and your family in our Music Ministries. May you have a fruitful new beginning!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## August 17

Jane Downer  
Gretchen Vauble  
Meghann Foster  
Skyler Moss  
Kinsey Cahoon

## August 19

Linda Watkins  
Shelby Craig  
Caleb Chak-Lam Kwok  
Thomas Kerns

## August 18

Roberta Swanson  
Mitch Overton  
Hannah Irwin  
Preston McIntyre

## August 20

Jody Cooper  
Kyra Zimmerman  
Kyra Carmichael-Rojo

## August 21

Reva Debruyne  
Linda Jordan  
Kellie Mulford  
Molly de Escalera

## August 22

Jennifer Herzog  
Aaron Wolfe

## August 23

Harold Adams  
Alison Webster  
Nick Ostrem  
Tyler Portwood  
Harper Driscoll

## August 24

Mary Lou Russell  
Julie Claus  
Dylan Walsh

## August 25

Molly Abraham  
Michele Fink-Shaffer  
Kennedy Brown  
Henry Smith

## August 26

Dick Mitchell  
Leah Adams  
Emily Carter-Walsh  
Lisa Frauenholtz

## August 27

Dan Summers  
Brenda Giddings

## August 28

Jack Grant  
Jerry Best  
Leora Houghton  
Tiffany Johnston-Hines  
Torri Metz  
Riley Hall

## August 29

Marilyn Cermak  
Susan McCurry  
Douglas Patrick  
Abigail Herlein  
Rachael Sadewasser

## August 30

Lisa Overton  
Jonas Zimmerman  
Luke Huisenga  
Scott Houghton



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