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Looking Ahead in Worship...

August 7, 2011

8th Sunday After Pentecost
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

The Discipleship (Im)probability

Rev. Jonathan Fell

Conversations with the Pastors

The Future of Youth and Children's
Ministries at First UMC

Music Ministry

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

Lord, Here Am I by John Ness Beck
Joan Felkner, vocal;
Michael Davidson, piano

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

What a Mighty God We Serve
Kyrie
Love Lifted Me
Ryan Cole, Jesse Helgerson,
Wendy Ostrem, Suzanne Smith

August 14, 2011

ASP Sunday

Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture & Sermon

Appalachia Service Project Team,
Sharing in Song and Witness

Music Ministry

Joel Wilcox, guitar and vocal
and the ASP TEAM

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 that looks at dreams, self-esteem, disappointment, and new beginnings.

Sunday, August 21, will be about *Dreams* as we do a Backpack Blessing and rethink about taking God with us.

Sunday, August 28, Rally Sunday, will be about *Self-esteem* as we rethink about fitting in or becoming fit.

Sunday, September 4, will be about *Disappointments* as we rethink how we deal with them.

Sunday, September 11, will be about *New Beginnings* as we rethink about 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.

THANK YOU: THANKSGIVING IN JULY FOOD DRIVE CRISIS CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Pastor Barrie encouraged us to reach beyond ourselves and help feed the hungry in our city. Our goal was to support the Thanksgiving in July Crisis Food Pantry drive by collecting 2,400 items. We are very pleased that we have to date received 1,733 actual food items and also financial donations of \$431.55. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Many who are hungry in our community will be fed because of your response. We celebrate God's work being done through our church members.



“Church Members in the News” Bulletin Board



Stop by the bulletin board in the Alley entryway and read the newspaper clippings featuring members of First United Methodist Church. Learn about Ally Disterhoff and the West High Basketball team’s journey to the state tournament in Des Moines, Mark Ahrens’s awesome IT skills (and love of BBQ), Ken

Brown’s selection to deliver advice to UI graduating seniors as part of the Last Lecture series, Delores Madden’s dedication to the children of Hoover Elementary as librarian, Molly Collins’s being named a state winner as a Promising Young Writers, and many more.

If you have a newspaper clipping featuring a member of FUMC, please send it to the church office and we will post it on the bulletin board.

Let’s celebrate our families’ achievements and involvement in the Iowa City/Coralville community!



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.

Look forward to more information and dates to come!

Pastor Jonathan

COMMON FUND IS EMPTY

It is your past generosity that has kept this “fund of last resort” available to folks in crisis in our community. This is a hard time; many children who have meals at school do not in the summer, etc.

In studying the last two years’ contributions, the committee concluded that almost all money donated came from Consultation of Religious Communities member congregations. This generosity has enabled many families to get through times of crisis. Thank you for believing and helping.

Last year, we did not have a “lean time” in early summer as we had other years. This year, Common Fund has been very low in June; there have been two Mondays when there were no funds to allocate.

NEIGHBORHOOD



OUTREACH

If there is any way you can help a little more now, it would be appreciated. PO Box 2025, Iowa City, Iowa,

9:15 am Conversational Worship

“Conversations with the Pastors”

The last topic for our summer conversational format will be:

August 7 *The Future of Youth and Children’s Ministries at First UMC*

Come take part in the dialogue with Pastor Jonathan this Sunday in the Sanctuary!

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

Youth Drop-in Around Town

Join your Youth Leaders around town for a couple hours of "catching up" this summer!

Thursdays 2-4pm



Aug 11
Frisbee on the Pentecrest



Aug 18
Java House on Mormom Trek



Save the Date:

Rally Sunday

August 28

Have fun!

Meet your teachers!

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

Youth News Summer Blurb



Though we continue to gear up for Fall, we have tried not to miss out on all that Iowa City (and the surrounding area) has to offer for the summer! We have had several weeks of "Drop-In" our weekly Thursday afternoon event where we meet up just for fun at a local park or coffee shop. We've had a steady group of runners at our weekly Running Club, and some of our youth (who weren't on ASP) even braved the intense Iowa summer heat to help one



of our youth leaders, Keegan, move into her new apartment! And, on top of all that, several of us spent an evening dressed in our Hogwart's House colors at Harry Potter Night at the Kernels watching some baseball. Summer has been great, but has certainly gone by too quickly!

Be on the look out for more pictures, and information in the next newsletter as we move into full gear for Fall!

Pastor Jonathan

ChAOS

a new faith community for tweens grades 5-6

coming this fall sundays 5-7pm

Wellness & Caring Ministry

During the seven years I've been working at FUMC, my job has undergone some changes, including a change in the name of this Ministry in our church. It is now **Wellness & Caring Ministry**, and my title is *Wellness & Caring Coordinator*. But you can still call me Sage. Did you know that the word 'wellness' has its roots in the words 'salvation,' as in wholeness, and 'shalom'? (Thanks to Pastor Barrie for sharing that information with me.) I think it's a fitting and appropriate name for the many and varied things this ministry encompasses.

I also want to let you know that we have some new energy and enthusiasm now flowing into Wellness & Caring Ministries: Sherry McKay, long-time member of FUMC, is offering her energy and expertise to expand what we are currently doing. Sherry is a nurse practitioner at UI College of Nursing where she is an Assistant Professor and directs the Faculty Practice and HouseCalls, for patients from pediatric through geriatric. She has a wealth of wonderful ideas for our church and some wellness visions which include infant through aged.

At some point, we will be offering a Wellness Fair on a Sunday morning, which will include activities and information for all ages. Also down the road a bit, Pastor Jonathan, Sherry, and I will be working together on some health topics with the youth and children, including issues like bullying and how to handle it. On September 11, when Sunday School classes begin for children, youth, and adults, Kae Tritle, RN, will be offering a class called "*Seeking Your Healthy Balance.*" And coming right up, on Wednesday, August 10, we have a speaker coming to Senior Group to give an overview of a brand new program in our community called "*Sure Steps Fall Prevention.*"

I'll update you more as things continue to unfold, but for now blessings and thank you to Sherry for stepping up with a passion for health ministries, and enough energy and resources to help make things happen. Your suggestions and ideas are most welcome as we proceed!

*Peace, blessings, and wellness to all,
Sage River
Wellness & Caring Ministries Coordinator*



Prison Hospice Program

Some folks involved with IMCC, Oakdale Prison, want to know if there are any people in local congregations who might be interested in volunteering with a Prison Hospice at the prison. It would take some time to organize; she is just checking to see if there are possible volunteers. Those of you who read about Dr. Mary Cohen's prison choir and song writing workshops out there have seen the power of these programs.



If you have any interest, please call or email Sally Jablonski, 354-4002, driftwooda@junocom.

Thank you.

Softball

s c h e d u l e

FLAMES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Games at Coralville
Creekside Ballpark
Diamonds 1-3

August 5 @ 6:00 pm
August 12 @ 6:00 pm
August 19 TBA
August 26 TBA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 3

Ashley Cahoon

August 4

Al Wendler
Beth Hasselman

August 5

Gladys Ott
Dorothy Brown
Stephen Cree
Courtney Hogan

August 6

Jill Morriss
Robert Warner
Patrick Gordon

August 7

Richard Johns

August 8

Janice Kappes
Ronda Marshall

August 9

Bayard Bosserman

August 10

Virginia Yanaush
Mary Ann
Hendrickson
Barb Patrick
Lindsay Best

August 11

Jan Down
Mary Ann Snyder
Randy Herlein



August 12

Lou Bringman
Rebecca Kendall
Greg Hall

August 13

Betty Jo Wilcox

August 14

Sharon Herlein
Steve Marnar
Ken Mullen
Gregg Niemiec
Leah Best

August 15

Diane Fickel

August 16

Janet Driscoll
Eric Morarie
Bryanne Jacobson
Benjamin Faden
Charles Faden

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

The next meeting of the Senior Affinity Group will be on Wednesday, August 10th from 2 to 4 at Walden Place. We have a special guest coming to talk with us: Mary Willie, who is Project Coordinator for the brand new Sure Steps Fall Prevention Project.

This is a community-based effort to inform Johnson County residents about the costs (not just the monetary ones) and risk factors associated with falls, and about prevention strategies and services available for seniors. The program focuses on proven steps to reduce the risk of falling, including exercise, medication reviews, vision exams, and home safety.

We will share in a potluck of snacks and visiting for the second hour, and I heartily and warmly invite any and all seniors to come! If you would like more information, please contact Sage at 354-5484 or sage-river@icfirstchurch.org.

Please consider joining one of these Affinity Groups.

Group Theme

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

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Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Celebrate With:

- We share the joy of Holly Sterner and Brian Crowley who were married in our Sanctuary on July 23 and we pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their lives together.
- We celebrate with Ashley Gaeth and Ryan Fell who were united in marriage in our Sanctuary on July 30 and we pray God's blessings on this couple as they begin their lives together.
- We celebrate with Rachel Dennis on her 96th birthday, August 9! Now living at Maplewood Good Samaritan, 550 Roselawn Ave. # 110A, Maplewood MN 55117 to be nearer her children, she would love to receive cards from her long-time church family.

We Pray For:

- Recently discharged: Karl Warner, Jean Kendall, Gladys Ott, all at home.
- All those in need of continued healing including:
 - 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,
 - Manford Rice at Melrose Meadows, 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 Hospital Chaplains Nick Longworth and Dave Pacholke.
- 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.

7/24/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	65
9:15	61
<u>10:30</u>	<u>188</u>
Total	311

7/31/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	61
9:15	50
<u>10:30</u>	<u>191</u>
Total	302



Please consider donating to either of the following school supplies collections.

Thanksgiving Ingathering 32 years of giving

As families prepare their children for the school year and back to school supplies go on sale, may you consider purchasing extra items needed for School Kits for the Thanksgiving Ingathering to be held in Mt. Pleasant on November 5, 2011. These items may be placed in the Narthax in the blue tub below the easel displaying the poster before October 3.

We are in need of:

- Wide Ruled 8 ½ x 11 notebooks (at least 70 pages)
- 30 cm metric ruler (plastic or wood)
- Box of 24 crayons
- 2 ½ inch pink erasers
- Blunt, small scissors
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Unsharpened pencils with erasers (no advertising or logs please)



May we continue to share our time and generous offerings to those less fortunate and provide tools for these deserving children.

Thank you for your help and generosity in this major event in our church.

As always, God bless you,
Sandy Willingham
Coordinator for Mission Education & Interp.
337-7549

ToGather Together

- ToGather Together is a faith
- community project that helps
- provide school supplies
- for children who cannot
- afford it. The Consultation of
- Religious Communities (CRC)
- is sponsoring this much needed
- event and will be distributing
- the supplies to children in need
- all over the district. **We are**
- **in urgent need of monetary**
- **donations for this to be**
- **successful.**
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- Please consider helping with this
- effort. Checks can be mailed
- directly to ToGather Together, PO
- Box 2025, Iowa City, IA 52244-
- 2025 or to FUMC with ToGather
- Together on the memo line.
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- Thank you for your help!
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- *Witness and Outreach Ministry*

Toby Waldowski



**Sunday, July 31
8:00 & 10:30 AM**

First United Methodist Church

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 Koinonia Service is broadcast on Public Television Channel 18 on Wednesdays @ 2:00 p.m. and on Sundays @ 7:00 p.m.

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