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Looking Ahead in Worship...

January 23, 2010
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany
Pulpit Exchange
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service
We Three Kings arr. D. Linda McKechnie

The Jubilation Ringers

Make Joyful Sound unto the Lord
by Heinrich Schuetz

FUMC Chamber Choir

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service
Everyday and Make Us One

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service
We Three Kings arr. D. Linda McKechnie

The Jubilation Ringers

Let There Be Peace on Earth
by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

The Children's Choir

O Sing Unto the Lord

by Hans Leo Hassler

Amen by Michael Eckert

The Chancel Choir

January 30, 2010
4th Sunday After the Epiphany
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12, Micah 6:1-8

Sermon

What Does God Require?

Rev. Jonathan Fell

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service

Patrick Budelier, guest organist

5th Sunday Hymn Sing @ 7:45 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

The Heart of Worship & All I Need Is You

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

Patrick Budelier, guest organist

5th Sunday Hymn Sing @ 10:15 a.m.

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. by Joyce Marner

The Wesley Chimes

Joyce Marner, conductor

Blessed Are You by Emma Lou Diemer

The Chancel Choir

Pulpit Exchange & Soup Lunch

On January 23, 2011, we will be sharing a pulpit exchange with St. Mary's next door! To celebrate this event, we at First UMC will be hosting a soup lunch to follow our morning services. This is a great way for us to meet the new Priests next door as well as build community with our neighbors at St. Mary's. Any goodwill donations collected for this event will go to the Common Fund. We hope you'll be able to join us!

We will need bakers and home chefs who can provide a pot of their favorite soup and/or a dessert (bars and cookies) for this event. If you can help please contact Diane Duncan Goldsmith at 354-7466 or email: ddgoldsmith.icia@gmail.com before Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011.

Thank you! --Interfaith Committee



Food for Thought

And the Lord said build it 1/3 cubit long, stack layer upon layer, and it shall fill my people. And they shall send forth a host of laborers to follow my word and transform the world.

See page 3.



2010 Christmas Offering

Thank you, everyone, for your generous contributions to our 2010 Christmas Offering. Together, we raised 7,342.52! This is an exceptional offering and with it we will be able to help several deserving agencies in our area and around the world.



The final total of the offering was:

2010 Christmas Offering	\$ 7,342.52
Designated Funds Christmas Balance	\$ 398.77
Xmas Advertising/Expenses	<\$ 830.52>

Distributions to be Issued	\$ 6,910.77
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This year the offering was distributed to the following ministries:

Through our Apportionment Check:

The English Speaking School of Lubumbashi	\$ 443.89
Cedar Rapids District Asking	\$ 2028.00
Hillcrest Family Services – Dubuque	\$ 443.89

By check directly to the organization:

Greater Iowa City Housing Fellowship	\$ 443.89
Crisis Center	\$ 443.89
Shelter House	\$ 443.89
Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention	\$ 443.89
Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity	\$ 443.89
Iowa City Hospice	\$ 443.89
Matthew 25 Ministry Hub	\$ 443.89
FUMC Friendship Fund	\$ 443.88
Common Fund	\$ 443.88

Again, thank you for your support. God bless you all.

The Witness & Outreach Coordinating Committee & Pastor Jonathan



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

In 2003 our FUMC Administrative Council passed a resolution stating that only fair trade coffee would be served at all church functions. On May 4, 2004 the United Methodist General Conference meeting in Pittsburgh, PA approved the Resolution Regarding Use of Fair Trade Coffee encouraging congregations to use the UMCOR Coffee Project through the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program. Our church's first order arrived in February, 2005 and the biblical justice response has increased with education and promotion.

During our recent Alternative Gift Market on December 5th & 12th the Fair Trade Products Table sales totaled \$654.60 and inventory was almost depleted. This is good news! The educational goal has prevailed! It is only through congregational support the past six years that UMCOR's small farmer economic development programs have benefited. **THANK YOU!**

I encourage you to use available Equal Exchange Outlets for personal purchases because my decision is to not restock an inventory.

- Linda Watkins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 19
Thomas Rath

Jan 20
Phyllis Hicks
Julie Brown

Jan 21
Wyonna Hartwig

Jan 22
Doug Warner
Duane Nollisch
Cleo Studt
Pat Bowman
Linda Bywater
Mary Kay Hubbard
Allison Corlette

Jan 23
Amy Mulford
Bob Fox
Russ Bay
Justin Jones

Jan 24
John Dane
Jacob Feuerbach
Alexander Henderson
Angie Mullen
Emma Seydel

Jan 25
Diane Niebuhr
Skye Merkle-Carrasco

Jan 26
Nancy Dooley
Danette Frauenholtz
Marin Swesey
Timothy (Jr) Wildes

Jan 27
Bill Zinkula

Jan 28
Tim Putney
Alissa Capron
Zachary Capron
Emma Lenz

Jan 29
Deborah Gill
Ainsley Hogan
Lillian Prybil

Jan 30
Steven Miller
Janis Brezina
John Millsap
Mitch Beckman

Jan 31
Larry Rettig
Molly Tschantz

Feb 1
Jim Swanson
Margaret Rankin
Joan Felkner
Stevie Hardesty
Joey Huisenga



Adult Christian Education Opportunity
Begins January 18

Beginnings

an introduction to Christian faith

Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Room 204
Megan Petkewec, Facilitator

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Legacy Active Retirement is offering a support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer disease & dementia.

Second Tuesday and Third Thursday of each month:
Next one: Thursday, January 20th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Legacy Gardens Conference Room
15 Silvercrest Way, Iowa City

Support Group Leader is Lavon Yeggy R.N., BSN, BC. Please call Lavon for more information or questions at 330-0952

Blue Christmas Ornaments

This was our first year to have a *Blue Christmas Tree* and it seems like a good idea. The names of more than 30 people were written on ornaments and placed on the tree, in remembrance or honor of someone, by people in our congregation. Sue Mullins, architect of beautiful spaces, created a small and simple but lovely space on the third floor landing, right beside the elevator doors, with a small tree and baskets of ornaments for people to write names on and place upon the tree.

If you wrote someone's name(s) on an ornament and would like that back for a keepsake, they are in my office and you are welcome to have yours, if you want it. Stop by or let me know.

May peace be yours throughout the year,
Sage River
Parish Care Ministries
354-5484
sage-river@icfirstchurch.org



Food for Thought



Support our Appalachia Service Project work crews this summer as they share the love of Christ and make people's homes warmer, safer, and dryer.

6 inches (1/3 cubit) of chewy goodness, \$6

The "EVERYTHING" starts with Quiznos wheat or white bread and stacks on ham, turkey, cheese, lettuce, shredded carrots, and a sprinkle of onions. Leave off what you don't want. Add your own condiments.

Also available, the "VEGGIE"

Order on Sunday, or send your sandwich specifications to ken.mullen@mchsi.com

Pick up your subs right after church on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 6



Growing in Health & Wholeness:

The Arizona Tragedy and Mental Health Care Statement by Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

NAMI is an organization of individuals and families whose lives have been deeply affected by mental illness.

We share the sadness of others over the Tucson, Arizona tragedy and extend our sympathy to the families of the six individuals who died. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and everyone who is affected by these horrific events. We pray for the recovery of U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the other persons who were wounded.

Representative Giffords is a NAMI friend who has served as co-chair of the NAMIWalk in Southeast Arizona and has supported its missions of education, support and advocacy.

When tragedies involving mental illness occur, it is essential to understand the nature of mental illness—and to find out what went wrong.

It must first be emphasized that people with mental health conditions are no more likely to be violent than the rest of the population. And we have science-based methods to successfully treat persons with even the most severe mental illnesses. A very small group of individuals with a specific type of mental health symptoms are at greater risk for violence if their symptoms are untreated. The U.S. Surgeon General has reported that the likelihood of violence from people with mental illness is low. In fact, “the overall contribution of mental disorders to the total level of violence in society is exceptionally small.” Acts of violence are exceptional. They are a sign that something has gone terribly wrong, usually in the mental healthcare system.

At the same time, we must recognize that the nation’s mental health system is drastically under-funded and fails to provide Americans living with mental health conditions with effective community-based mental health services they need. Sadly, in the current environment of strained state budgets, mental health services have been cut drastically just as demand for these critical services has risen dramatically. In specific cases such as this, authorities and the news media should seek to objectively determine every factor that may have contributed to the tragedy—so that we can act on lessons learned.

It is also important that, as a community, we assist persons with signs and symptoms of mental illnesses to seek treatment. Although rare, when a person becomes so ill that he/she is a danger to themselves or others state laws provide a way to get them help even if they don’t believe that they need it. The best strategy, however, is to have an accessible system of care that is easy to use.

We do not know if the mental health system failed in this situation or if there were missed opportunities or if effective treatment might have averted this tragedy.

We do hope that we can find answers and create solutions that prevent this from ever happening again.”

*May we be people who contribute to peace, tolerance, harmony and support to those needing our help,
Sage River, Parish Care Ministries*

ANNUAL FUMC SLEDDING DAY!



January 30

2:00 p.m.

Happy Hollow Park

EVERYONE welcome!



Children’s Church School
February Story: *Jesus Calls Disciples*
Matthew 10:1-31

FUMC Youth Worship Band

The Youth Worship Band will be starting their **FIRST rehearsal** this **Sunday, January 23, at 2:30 pm**, in our sanctuary. We will be leading worship on February 20. We invite Junior and High School singers and players joining us. Interested students please feel free to contact Wendy Ostrem or Samuel Kwok for more information.



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	Sage River (sage-river@icfirstchurch.org or 354-5484)
Bicycling Affinity Group	Jan and Jim Down (jdownic@mchsi.com or 354-1820)
Bluegrass	Maynard Smith (maynards@q.com or 337-9901)
Books And Bagels	Betty Mitchell (354-1225) or Nancy Johns (njohns27@mchsi.com)
Doers of the Word	Sue Mullins (339-0984) or Linda Fink (338-2860)
Dorcas Group	Bernie Mulford (337-6680)
Environmental Action	Mark Madsen (mark-madsen@uiowa.edu)
Families with Children	Tricia Ross (351-0823)
Films For Fun 'N Faith	Lou Crist (338-5014)
Flames Softball Team	Jane Driscoll (JDRISCOL@aol.com)
Hiking Affinity Group	Bruce Tarwater (bruce-tarwater@uiowa.edu or 325-7595)



**DIRECTOR
of WORSHIP
& MUSIC**

Let There Be Peace on Earth!

Thanks to Joan Felkner and Suzanne Smith for their beautiful music last Sunday. This Sunday, the Jubilation Ringers will be playing *We Three Kings* during the 8 and 10:30 services. I am so excited to let you know we have a few more new singers in the Children's Choir! Thanks to all the parents for their support of the Music Ministry!

As I shared with you on Christmas Eve, we can bring peace to the earth and we can also bring a friend to church to know Jesus! Our children will be singing *Let There Be Peace on Earth* during the 10:30 worship service this Sunday. I hope you can bring a friend to hear our beautiful young voices here in FUMC!

Our next FUMC Fine Arts Series: FUMC Family & Friends Concert will be at 1 p.m., February 13, 2011.

This concert will showcase the talents of our church members and friends. Everyone is welcome to participate; regardless if you are a singer or instrumentalist, playing solo or ensemble, you are invited to join us! Many people enjoyed this special concert last time. This special event is NOT only a musical performance. You can dance, share a story, and even perform martial arts. **It's a FAMILY event for us and the community!** Please fill the registration form and return it to me by **Sunday, February 6**. I look forward to hearing from you!

Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin with Us!

Your brother in Christ,

Samuel

FUMC FINE ARTS SERIES

FUMC Family & Friends Concert, 1 p.m., February 14, 2011

Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
 Tel. no.: _____ Email address: _____
 Address: _____

Performance: Please in the box

Solo Duet Trio Quartet Ensemble: _____ people
 Instrument(s) that you are going to perform: Piano Voice String Instrument: _____
 Wind Instrument: _____ Other: _____
 Name of the piece: _____
 Composer: _____ Length: _____
 Non-musical performance: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011

Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Celebrate With:

- The family of Isaac James Provenzale, who was baptized last Sunday; Isaac is the son of Emily & James Provenzale, and grandson of Al & Kathy Rebal.
- Emily Hodge & Zachary Hammes who were united in marriage Saturday afternoon in our Sanctuary. We pray God's blessings on this couple as they begin their married life together.

We Pray For:

- The family of Helen Miller, who died on January 11 at her home; Services for Helen were held in our Sanctuary on Jan 18.
- Deb & Eric Casebolt, and their daughter, Olivia; Deb's father, Wayne Wilson, died Sunday, January 8.
- Those from our congregation whom we know to be hospitalized:
 Mercy: Rachel Ireland, Jack Yanaush, and Margaret Morgan
 UHC: Martha Symons
- Those recently discharged: Carol Pinkham, Gloria Kelley, Evelyn Price, Bea Walters, Ruth Klemmens, and Dorothy Theobald, who was discharged back to Lantern Park.
- All those in need of continued healing including:
 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,
 Melissa Olsen, granddaughter of Darlene Hoskinson, who is hospitalized with an eating disorder,
 Martha Roesch as she continues to recover at the Solon Care Center, from a fall at home,
 Helen Looper, as she deals with some health concerns in the Oaknoll Health Center,
 Harold Giddings, brother-in-law of Brenda, who has a recurrence of prostate cancer,
 LaVonne Kirkpatrick, sister of Florence Millsap and aunt of Janice Rayner, as she recovers from back surgery on December 15th in Houston, TX,
 Skyler Moss, son of Sonya & Steve, undergoing testing to rule out further cancer,
 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 4 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,
 Chris Clarke & Jennifer Parrish, friends of Kirk & Ann Perreau, as Chris recovers from a recent stroke,
 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,
 Mitch Beckman's father Ray, who is receiving treatment for Stage IV lung 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,
 Elma Honn at Greenwood Manor, and all those in our congregation who are at home or residing in nursing homes or extended care facilities.
- Those serving in our military:
 Joshua Klinzman, grandson of Derrill & Irene, deployed to Afghanistan,
 Martin Roerman, serving in Afghanistan; Martin is the husband of Angie, & father of Kaitlyn, Dan, Meredith, & Anna,
 Chris Rew, son of Terry & Sue Rew, deployed to the National Guard,
 Jeremy Hahn, nephew of Judi and Jeff Barta, who is serving in Afghanistan,
 Nathan Platz, son of Bob & Kristy Walker, who is now in Virginia,
 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 with 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 the Christ United Methodist Church and Pastor James Campbell.
- All those who have been impacted by earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, oil spills, hurricanes and other natural disasters in Iowa, the United States and throughout the world,
- Peace with justice for the world.

1/9/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	71
9:15	80
<u>10:30</u>	<u>205</u>
Total	356

1/16/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	69
9:15	50
<u>10:30</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	319

Finance Report Summary/Comparison
YTD Thru December 2010

2010 Annual Budget Income	\$838,611
Budget Income Received Thru December	\$834,164
% Of 2010 Annual Budget Income Received	99.47%
3 Year Average Annual Budget Income Received Thru December	96.72%

2010 Annual Budget Expenditures	\$845,970
Budget Expenditures Thru December	\$822,097
% Of 2010 Annual Budget Expenditures	97.18%
3 Year Average Annual Budget Expenditures Thru December	99.14%

2010 Apportionments	\$164,181
Paid To Date	\$164,181

2010 Renew-Rededicate-Rejoice Pledges Received:
\$270,119

3rd & 4th Quarter Special Offerings Received:

Christmas	\$7,342
Christian Education Sunday	\$ 204
Student Day	\$ 263
World Wide Communion	\$ 125

First Friday Live!



A monthly program for elementary and preschool age children and their families.

**First Time: Friday, February 4
5:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m.**



Dinner and a Movie
for FAMILIES

Prepared together

"Finding Nemo"



Souper Bowl of Caring

On **January 23, at 7pm**, First UMC will be hosting a Fine Arts Performance sponsored by the youth-lead organization called the **Souper Bowl of Caring** to support the Crisis Center of Iowa City. The Souper Bowl of Caring was started twenty years ago by a youth group who believed that they could help fight hunger and poverty. One of our youth members, Ethan Zierke, along with other youth in the Iowa City area, have worked to bring the Souper Bowl of Caring to Iowa City and have chosen First UMC as the venue for their event! Please come out **January 23, at 7pm** for a night of great performances for a great cause!



Shelter House 13th Annual Book Sale

at Hope United Methodist Church
Saturday, February 26
10 am – 3 pm



Donations Requested

Please bring books, CDs, DVDs to the collection boxes located around First United Methodist Church by Sunday, January 30. We are not accepting magazines, textbooks, puzzles, or games.

Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks.

For more information, contact Patte at 338-9514 or Shelter House at 351-0326.

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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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