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Looking Ahead in Worship...

July 10, 2011
4th Sunday After Pentecost
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Sow the Seed and Trust the Promise

Rev. Dr. Barrie Trittle

Conversations with the Pastors

Topic: At the Crossroads – Civility and Faith

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service &

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

Verset by Léon Boëllmann

Donneta Knarr, organist

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Blessed Be Your Name

Down to the River to Pray

3104 Amazing Grace

Ryan Cole, Jesse Helgerson, Wendy Ostrem,
Joel Wilcox

July 17, 2011
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon

The Things We Need

Rev. Jonathan Fell

Conversations with the Pastors

Topic: The balance of Military Use and Faith

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service

Bill Dickinson, guest organist

Good Shepherd by Beardsley Van de Water

John Marshall, vocal and Ronda Marshall, piano

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Step by Step

Ryan Cole, Jesse Helgerson, Suzanne Smith

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

Bill Dickinson, guest organist

Good Shepherd by Beardsley Van de Water

John Marshall, vocal and Ronda Marshall, piano

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God by Martin Luther

Jon Cryer, euphonium

July Crisis Center Food Donation Challenge

Pastor Barrie challenged us to put our faith into action and support the "Thanksgiving in July" food drive for the Iowa City Crisis Center Food Pantry. The Crisis Center is distributing around 3,000 bags of supplemental food each month to our neighbors in need. 50% of the individuals receiving food are children under the age of 18. 63% of all households have at least one member who is employed, but still struggle to have enough food.



More than 16,000 families in Johnson County sought help for food last year. The economy has affected all of us but none more than low-income families who were already struggling before lay-offs and work hour reductions hit our area. Local food pantries have experienced as much as a 30% increase in requests for assistance.

Our Goal is to have 300 people attending church each week, each bringing 2 food items, on each of the 4 Sundays, for a total of 2,400 food items. Please help us help our neighbors who are hungry. These items will be taken to the Crisis Center "Thanksgiving in July" drop off event on July 30.

9:15 am Conversational Worship



"Conversations with the Pastors"



The topics for our new conversational format will be:

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| July 10 | <i>At the Crossroads: Civility and Faith</i> |
| July 17 | <i>The balance of Military Use and Faith</i> |
| July 24 | <i>Homosexuality and Faith in Tension</i> |
| July 31 | <i>Spiritual Fitness and Sabbath Taking</i> |
| August 7 | <i>The Future of Youth and Children's Ministries at First UMC</i> |

Come take part in the dialogue with Pastors Barrie and Jonathan on these Sundays in the Sanctuary!

Liturgist Program and Jonathan's Role in Sunday School

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 to volunteer as a liturgist and contact Pastor Jonathan to volunteer with our children's Sunday school program.



Worshipful Music in July and August!

Many thanks to the **Soul Friends (Jon Cryer, Jim Hall, George Paterson, and Rich Paterson)**

and **Ethan Zierke** for presenting Jazz music last Sunday! I also want to say tremendous thanks to the dedicated members of our Sanctuary Band. We will be taking a few weeks off. Several of us will be leading us to sing the songs from our new hymnal *Worship & Song* during the *Conversations with the Pastors* at 9:15 a.m. I hope you will be here!



Our special guest, **Toby Waldowski**, will be leading both Cornerstone and Koinonia worship services on **July 31**. You will find a press release on the next page. I highly encourage you to invite your family and friends to worship with us!

Many of our church members and friends will be presenting a variety of different styles of music in the coming Sundays! This Sunday, **July 10**, **Donetta Knarr** will be playing "Verset" by Léon Boëllmann on organ at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. On **July 17**, **Jon Cryer** will be playing euphonium at 10:30 a.m. **John Marshall** will be singing "Good Shepherd" and accompanied by **Ronda Marshall** at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. On **July 24**, **Rufus Kuhn and Kathy Marshall-Kuhn** will be singing "One Day at a Time." **Joan Felkner** will be singing "Lord, Here Am I" by John Ness Beck in both Cornerstone and Koinonia services on **August 7**. **Joel Wilcox** will be leading the ASP Team on **August 14** presenting in all 3 worship services. Our friends **Michael and Nancy Bell** will be singing on **August 21**.

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. I will find time to talk to you after my "study leave." I will be back on August 9!

Let's invite your friends and family members to worship our God here in FUMC! May you all have a blessed summer!

*Your brother in Christ,
Samuel*

NO YOUTH NEWS THIS MONTH

Though there is no YouthNews this month, it doesn't mean that there is nothing going on with the Youth Group! In June a few of us got together at Hodge's barn for Water Olympics (which was really nothing more than a giant water balloon and shaving cream fight!) and last week a group of us traveled to Cedar Rapids for Harry Potter Night at the Kernels! It was a great time! We met at church and had Cauldron Cakes and other treats inspired by the Harry Potter movies, and then headed out for a night of baseball! And that's not all we have planned for this summer; our last, and probably most exciting event, will be a trip to Six Flags Great America in Chicago! From August 3-5, the youth will be in Chicagoland for a weekend of fun at Six Flags!

Be sure to stay tuned next month for a whole bunch of new programs for the fall and pictures galore!

Thanks for supporting our youth and all they do!
Pastor Jonathan

SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA!

From August 3-5, the Youth Group will take a trip to Six Flags in Chicago! We'll be staying with Keegan's family! Cost is \$75 and includes meals (not snacks), your ticket, and gas. This will be our last summer event before fall! Start signing up today!



Sign-up by July 31

SixFlags
GREAT AMERICA

PRESS RELEASE FOR TOBY WALDOWSKI AND LOVE COMES SOFTLY

Toby Waldowski was born and raised in Webster, South Dakota. His mother was a piano teacher and forced him to practice the piano 30 minutes every morning before school. Toby became a Christian on August 14, 1971 while watching a Billy Graham Crusade on television. He was 17 years old at the time. In 1972 Toby graduated from Webster high school, and a few days later South Dakota had one of its most tragic days: the Rapid City flood. One of Webster's leading citizens was killed in the flood trying to save someone from drowning. The following Sunday morning Toby dedicated his solo in church to this man and his family. It was at that time that Toby received his call in music ministry.

In the fall of 1972, Toby attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. He was a music major with an emphasis in performance. He met his wife, Barb, at SDSU, and she became a Christian on their second date. Barb and Toby fell in love, and also began a singing ministry. They were married on August 9, 1975 in Hayti, South Dakota.

In 1976, after college graduation, Toby and Barb attended a music ministry conference at the Chrystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA. While at the conference they auditioned to sing for Dr. Robert Schuller and his wife Arvella. They were offered a position on the music staff at the Cathedral and they moved to Orange County, CA where they reside to this day. Toby and Barb were featured soloists on Dr Schuller's "Hour of Power," program for 20 years giving over 125 solo appearances on that program.

In 1977 Toby and Barb started a traveling ministry throughout North

Softball s c h e d u l e

FLAMES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

**Games at Coralville
Creekside Ballpark
Diamonds 1-3**

July 8 @ 7:00 pm & 8:00 pm

July 15 @ 6:00 pm

July 22 @ 8:00 pm

August 5 @ 6:00 pm

August 12 @ 6:00 pm

August 19 TBA

August 26 TBA



The First United Methodist Flames are our COED Softball team. If you would like to play on the team please contact Jane Driscoll at 333-2991; ages 14 and older eligible. And, the team always appreciates fans coming out to the games to cheer them on.

Go Flames!



MEDICAL MISSION GOING TO OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA



First United Methodist Church members,

Thank you all for your generous donations of supplies for the Issa Trust Foundation medical mission. We will be in Jamaica from Sept. 11-22, 2011. We will see approximately 1,000 kids in 6 days. These children are very poor and all will be treated for their ailments. They also will receive fluoride on their teeth, working pills, vitamins, iron, a toothbrush, and a Beanie Baby. Your donations are very much appreciated.



Thank you, Nicki Markovetz.

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.

FILMS FOR FUN 'N FAITH

The Films for Fun 'n Faith Affinity Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, to discuss the movie "Get Low" starring Bill Murray and Robert DuVall. DVD's of the film may be obtained through NetFlix or at Blockbuster and the Iowa City Public Library. The Akins live at 2060 Sherman Drive, Iowa City. Driving instructions to their home or further information may be obtained by calling 337.4463 or emailing paulakin13@yahoo.com. All are welcome to attend to share in the group fellowship and the discussion of this thought-provoking film.



SENIOR AFFINITY GROUP

The next meeting of the Senior Affinity Group is Wednesday, July 13th from 2 to 4 at Walden Place. Even though we are past Independence Day, we've had a couple of requests that we have some time to talk about people's military experiences. Another request was to share stories of what we did to celebrate the 4th of July when we were kids. So we'll chat about both those topics for the first hour, and then adjourn to the dining room (actually, we'll push the tables together), and enjoy snacks while continuing old conversations or beginning new ones.



If you would like more information, please contact Sage at 354-5484 or sage-river@icfirstchurch.org. I hope you can come.

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 (jjdownic@mchsi.com or 354-1820)
Bluegrass	Maynard Smith (maynards@q.com or 337-9901)
Books And Bagels	Betty Mitchell (354-1225) or Nancy Johns (njohns@q.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)



Iowa City Hospice Grief Support Services

WRITING WITH ILLNESS

Saturday, July 9, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Writing with Illness is a three-hour seminar designed for those who are living with a life limiting health condition. The seminar uses writing exercises, short readings and poetry to honor and record our experiences of living with illness. Patrick Dolan, PhD, lecturer, The University of Iowa Department of Rhetoric and local writer Jennifer New will co-facilitate this innovative program. The location will be Iowa City Hospice, 1025 Wade Street in Iowa City. Refreshments will be provided.

There is no fee but registration is required. Register online or call 319-688-4217, 800-897-3052 or email Keila Naparstek.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF

Tuesdays, June 21 & 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

Understanding Your Grief is a six-week, professionally led, grief education and support group series for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This group provides a safe setting to help you understand the grieving process, learn ways to manage your grief, and share with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Each program is held at Iowa City Hospice, 1025 Wade Street in Iowa City.

There is no fee but registration is required. Register online or call 319-688-4217, 800-897-3052 or email Keila Naparstek.

This program is generously supported by Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Services.

TEAR SOUP

Tear Soup is a one hour program designed to support individuals through grief, loss, and life transition. Iowa City Hospice grief support staff will lead a viewing and discussion of the DVD presentation, *Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing after Loss*. Emphasis is placed on how each of us grieves in our own way and in our own time when we face the loss of a loved one, a life limiting health diagnosis, a move away from home, or any major life change. This unique program developed for the entire family will be offered at community centers, long term care facilities and neighborhood associations through out the summer.

There is no fee but registration is required. To register, call 319-688-4217, 800-897-3052 or email Keila Naparstek.

You may go to: <http://www.iowacityhospice.org/calendar/calendar.html> to see the entire calendar.



Toby Waldowski

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America. That ministry lasted 26 years. During those years Toby and Barb recorded 11 albums, gave over 4,000 concerts and were guests soloists in two Billy Graham Crusades, one of which took place in Toby and Barb's home state of South Dakota. Toby's song "South Dakota My Home," was sung at the 50th anniversary of the Mt. Rushmore Memorial in 1992.

In 1991 Toby read the book, "Love Comes Softly," by Janette Oke. Janette Oke has sold 23,000,000 books, and this novel along with several others have been made into feature films for the Hallmark channel by Michael Landon Jr. The film has since been made into a DVD and has sold over 3,000,000 copies. After reading the book Toby felt compelled to write a theater musical to the story which he completed in the summer of 1992. The musical did not reach the stage until the summer of 2003, and since then Toby has done nine productions and 139 performances of the musical in 31 cities throughout America and Canada. In March of 2006, Toby traveled to Didsbury, Alberta to co-produce the musical at Janette Oke's home church in Didsbury. Mrs. Oke was in attendance for every performance. Over 17,000 people have now seen the musical on stage.



Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Celebrate With:

- Abigail Cress and Nathan Brown who were united in marriage in our sanctuary on June 25. We pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their lives together.
- Courtney Strang and Jim Kovacs who were married in our sanctuary on July 2. We pray God's blessings upon this couple as they begin their lives together.

We Pray For:

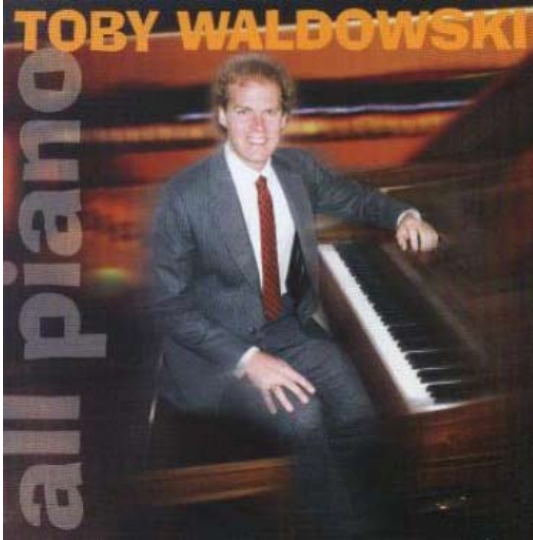
- Those recently discharged: Ann Bagford
- All those in need of continued healing including:
 - The family and friends of Carolyn Kirkman; Carolyn died on June 27, and we hold all who knew and loved her in our prayers,
 - The family and friends of Carol Horton, friend to many in our congregation, who died June 18 at her 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,
 - 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,
 - 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,
 - Eleanor Trummel at Oaknoll, 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 the Matthew 25 Ministry Hub and Clint Twedt-Ball and Staff.
- 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.

6/26/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	63
9:15	61
<u>10:30</u>	<u>199</u>
Total	383

7/3/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	67
9:15	78
<u>10:30</u>	<u>174</u>
Total	319



Toby Waldowski

A MINISTRY OF MUSIC & TESTIMONY IN SERVICES



Sunday, July 31

8:00 & 10:30 AM

First United Methodist Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 6

Kenneth Royar
Patrick Ford
Molly Larkin
Kirk Perreau
Bailey Banks

July 9

Al Rebal
Michael Roth
Elayne Sexsmith
Scott Storck

July 13

Clarence Carlson
Jennifer Skarda
Judy Madsen
Tammy Bay
Jake Sommer

July 15

Robert Downer

July 16

Karl Warner
Brad Langguth
Jodi Ford

Brad Storck

Jennifer Niemiec
JP Marshall
Alexander Kinlein

July 17

Nancy Pratt
LaVern Vauble
Carol Neel
Benjamin Stammeyer
Andrea Sommer

July 10

Jeffrey Fleming

July 14

Deanna Richardson

July 18

Jerry Weir
Greg Miller
Evan VanDusseldorp

July 7

Marlee Lovetinsky
Daniel Greenwald
Joel Wilcox
Nate Platz
Tyler Mulford

July 11

Gary Hanes

July 12

Thomas Shires
Pat Jirsa
Mike McKay
Carolyn VanDell
Jenny Ruyle
Finn Jordan

July 8

George Dane
Steve Drobot



July 19

Manford Rice
Kyong Ross
Peter Hubbard
Lisa Trewet

Coffee Fellowship Host Opportunity

We hope you have been enjoying coffee and fellowship after each service in the Upper Room and Gathering Space. It is wonderful to see so many people staying to visit after each service. But the Coffee Coordinators need your help! Affinity groups, small groups, Sunday School groups, even families are asked to consider hosting fellowship time. You would have the opportunity to recruit and encourage more participation in your group, as well as share the duties for serving coffee and treats for a month at a time, or even for a single Sunday. Coffee and store bought cookies will be provided. Groups are encouraged to treat congregants to homemade treats & juice.



For more information on how to share in hosting coffee fellowship time, please contact:

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