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This Week in Worship...

4th Sunday of Lent ~ Last Supper Drama April 3, 2011

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and we will continue our theme *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. Our 8:00 Cornerstone Service will focus on *Sight* and Pastor Jonathan Fell will preach on John 9:1-41. Our 9:15 Sanctuary Service will be held in the Wesley Foundation Fireside Room on the main level with Pastor Jonathan preaching.

The Last Supper Drama will be presented by the United Methodist Men of West Des Moines United Methodist Church at the 10:30 Koinonia Service. This Drama is written by Rev. Ernest K. Emurian based upon the Last Supper Painting by Leonardo Da Vinci.



Da Vinci chose for his painting what he considered the most dramatic moment of the Last Supper – that moment just after Jesus had said, “One of you will betray me.” Immediately the apostles became men of 12 different moods. Peter drew his knife. Judas overturned a container of salt. The others stared at the Lord, and at each other, in stark disbelief. The only composed person was Jesus himself.

In this living dramatization, the 12 apostles each speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to the Lord, in light of the tragic words they have just heard Jesus speak, “One of you will betray me.”

Come and bring your family and friends to this special service and be inspired. As you reflect on the Disciples and their experience that night ask yourself, “Am I faithful to Jesus and his call upon my life?” or “Have I turned my back at times and betrayed him also?” Lord please forgive us and lead us to be faithful witnesses to your love and grace in our lives. Read Matthew 26:17-29 as you prepare for this service.

Our **Music Ministry** for the day will include:

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service

Andante from Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003 by J.S. Bach

Michael Wright, violin

The Lord's Prayer by Albert Hay Malotte

Joan Felkner, vocal; Michael Davidson, piano

Agnus Dei by Jim Stanton

FUMC Chamber Choir

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service @ Wesley Foundation

Open the Eyes of My Heart & Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

The Lord's Prayer by Albert Hay Malotte

Joan Felkner, vocal; Michael Davidson, piano

Andante from Sonata No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 1003 by J.S. Bach

Michael Wright, violin



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Next Sunday, April 10, Pastor Barrie's Sermon for the *Fifth Sunday of Lent* will be on "Tears" and will be based on the story of Lazarus found in John 11:1-45.

Our **Music Ministry** for the day will include:

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service
Siyahamba arr. by Robert J. Ward
The Jubilation Ringers
Lento in G Minor by Vladislav Blazhevich
Ethan Zierke, trombone

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service
I Believe in Jesus & Mighty to Save
The Sanctuary Band

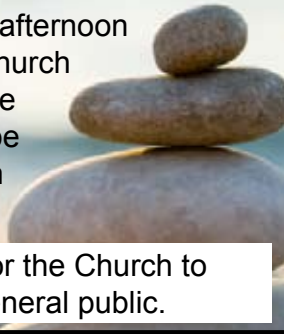
@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service
Siyahamba arr. by Robert J. Ward
The Jubilation Ringers
Lento in G Minor by Vladislav Blazhevich
Ethan Zierke, trombone
Drop, Drop, Slow Tears by Gordon Young
The Chancel Choir

Join us each Sunday as we wrestle with the questions of faith and as we encounter God's Word. Invite a friend or a neighbor to share with us.

Spiritual Renewal

Please join the United Methodist Women for an afternoon of Spiritual Renewal at First United Methodist Church Sanctuary **Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 P.M.** Patte Henderson will be our guest speaker. She will be speaking about Haiti. There will be an reception in the Gathering Space after the program.

You do not need to be a member of UMW or the Church to attend. We welcome all men and the general public.



EASTER LILY ORDERS



One Week left to place your Easter Lily order. Each lily ordered is \$15.00. Please

remember to indicate on the ordering form/envelope if you will be taking your lily home after the Easter worship services. Those not taken will be delivered to our home-bound and nursing home members.

~Deadline April 10~

Sorority Mentor Requested

Phi Beta Chi Sorority is a national sorority that stands on the values of Church, Chapter and Community. The colony in Iowa City is 2 years old and is in need of a faculty advisor to mentor and support the group as they grow. If someone is interested in helping the girls, they can email Amy Johnson at amypbc@aol.com. Thank you

2011 Basic and Advanced Lay Speaker Training

Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at
Pictured Rocks UM Camp & Retreat Center, 12004 190th St, Monticello IA 52310.
Cost is \$35.00-includes lodging, meals, and material

The basic course is the foundational course for other leadership training courses. It is designed to equip new leaders and renew current leaders. The course covers these topics: servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, basic communications skills, sharing your faith, and leading meetings.

The advanced course topic is domestic violence. Domestic violence is a crime. It is defined as a pattern of abusive tactics that can include psychological, emotional, social, financial, physical, and sexual abuse, perpetrated by a family or household member, spouse, partner, or significant other, with the goal of establishing or maintaining power and control over the victim. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any age, but experts have concluded that women are statistically more likely to be victims of domestic violence. We will look at how the church has dealt with domestic violence in the past and how it can help now. There is no "typical" victim and no "typical" response. It is a fact that victims and perpetrators of domestic violence are sitting in most churches in the United States most Sunday mornings. We will answer the important question: What are victims hearing from their church and how can we help?

The Registration form for these events can be found at: http://www.iaumc.org/console/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/2011_April_1,_training_flyer_YYNWKWUE.pdf

FUMC
Fine Arts Series
All are invited to this
FREE concert!

Minji Kwon Piano Recital

April 10, 2011
1:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
214 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City, IA

Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, Minji Kwon trained in distinguished arts institutions for teenagers in Seoul. She earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees at Ewha Women's University. She won the third prize of The Korea Piano Society Competition and performed a recital in Ewon Culture Center, Seoul. In 2006, Minji was granted the Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Rotary Foundation, and the Iowa Performance Fellowship from the University of Iowa. Minji won the University of Iowa Concerto/Aria competition in 2007. She has appeared in numerous places such as Iowa City, Des Moines, Vermont, New York City, London, Seoul, and Prague. Minji will be performing works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin, Felix Mendelssohn, and a living Korean composer Dong-il Sheen.

This concert is open to the public, free will offering will be collected. Invite your family members and friends to enjoy this concert!



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& MUSIC

Open the Eyes of Our Hearts, Lord!

Many thanks to Joel Wilcox, Wendy Ostrem, and Jesse Helgerson for presenting Joel's song in all three worship services last Sunday. On this coming Sunday, we will hear scripture about how our Lord Jesus cured a blind man. I still remember how I first heard of this "nasty" miracle when I was in Sunday School in Hong Kong. How could this man allow a stranger to put the mud with saliva on his eyes? I praise the Lord for His marvelous and special way to save this man and I admire the faith of this blind man. We must trust in the Lord our God!

The Sanctuary Band will be singing "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, I want to see You" in the Sanctuary Service at Wesley Foundation. The FUMC Chamber Choir will be singing a very expressive work "Agnus De" in Latin during Holy Communion. The English translation of this ancient text is "Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy. Grant us peace." Joan Felkner will be singing "The Lord's Prayer" after *The Last Supper Drama*. I hope all of us can open our eyes and see what He prepares for our lives and how we should serve Him!

Love in Christ,
Samuel



EASTER USHERS NEEDED

Easter will be celebrated on April 24. If you would like to usher at either the 8 AM, 9:15 AM or 10:30 AM worship services that day call either the church office (337-2857) or Samuel Kwok (338-7655). Please consider taking this opportunity to serve both our congregation and all those who will be our guests on Easter as an usher.

Birthday Celebration

Calvin Lavelly's 80th birthday was March 19, 2011. An open house will commemorate this special event on April 10, 2011 at the Hills Community Center located at 110 E. Main St. in Hills, IA. The celebration is from 1 to 4 pm. For directions or questions please contact Judy Houghton at 351-9216 or jlhoughton@mchsi.com.



Growing in Health & Wholeness:

Lent: A Time for Renewal and Restoration

Lent is usually a time of spiritual reflection, a time to focus upon our relationship with God and to walk with Jesus in preparation for Easter. Within our secularized society this is often hard to do, especially a society that idolizes “busy-ness”. It seems that the more busy we are, the more important we are.

What we have forgotten in our ‘busy-ness’ is God’s instruction to observe the rhythm of Sabbath rest: *“The practice of Sabbath is designed specifically to restore us, a gift of time in which we allow the cares and concerns of our work to fall away.”*

(W. Muller, Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest)

Practicing Sabbath doesn’t mean surrendering to a list of “can’t’s” or restrictive activities. Sabbath is meant to create time and space for rest, relaxation, prayer, song, and fellowship. We need time from our work to restore our souls, relationships, and minds so that we feel a renewal of mental clarity and a restoration of physical energy that allows us to continue our work effectively and joyfully. Sabbath practices are often connected with Jewish traditions. In reality, you can develop your own activities of Sabbath. The essential element is that this time is set apart for renewal and relaxation.

Intentionality is a key component. Sabbath doesn’t have to be a whole day; it could be a specific meal or just a section of the day. What is important is that the Sabbath activity allows you time to slow down, gives you space from the ‘busy activities’ and permission to connect with your inner self, significant people, and God. Think of Sabbath as “pampering your soul”

“Get away with me and you’ll recover your life”

(Matt. 11:29 The Message)

This Lent, I invite you to explore how you may create Sabbath time for yourself or your family. Give yourself permission to “waste” some time with God.

Written by District Wellness Coordinator, Kae Tritle, and used here with her permission.

Peace, blessings, and wellness to you,

Sage River

Parish Care Ministries



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.

Children’s Church School April Story: Jesus’ Death and Resurrection



Help support Red Cross work in Japan!

The Iowa City Japanese Association is taking orders for t-shirts to raise money for the Red Cross work going on in Japan due to the earthquakes, tsunami, and nuclear plant problems.

Shirts are available for \$10.00 in Youth sizes small, medium and large; Adult sizes small, medium and large; and \$12.00 for adult X-large and XX-large.

See the table in the narthex for shirt samples and order sheets.



Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Pray For:

- The family of Dorothy Theobald. Dorothy passed away on March 11 and her service was held in our Sanctuary March 15. We ask God to comfort her husband, Dick, their family and friends as we lift Dorothy to God in our prayers.
- The family of Herb Nelson, especially his wife Carol. Herb died March 18. As we lift him to God in our prayers, we pray also for Carol, their family, and his many friends.
- The family of Dwane Noser. Dwane passed away on February 21 and his service was held on March 25. We ask God to comfort his family and friends as we lift Dwane to God in our prayers.
- Those from our congregation whom we know to be hospitalized:
- Those recently discharged: Don Marner
- All those in need of continued healing including:
 - Joyce Stoddard, who is at home, awaiting surgery,
 - Brad & Nancy Langguth & family, on the sudden death of Nancy's mother in Arizona March 9,
 - Joyce Paul, as she recovers from shoulder surgery,
 - Fred Cheney, as he continues to recover from surgery to repair a broken ankle,
 - Marilyn Neely, as she recovers from a broken elbow 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,
 - Melissa Olsen, granddaughter of Darlene Hoskinson, who is hospitalized with an eating disorder,
 - 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 CO 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,
 - 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,
 - 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,
 - Martha Johnston 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, 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 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 Preston-Sabula United Methodist Church and Pastors Thomas and Sandra Berryman.
- 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.

3/20/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	61
9:15	54
<u>10:30</u>	<u>186</u>
Total	301

3/27/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	64
9:15	73
<u>10:30</u>	<u>275</u>
Total	412



2011 NAMI* Walk April 24 Lower City Park

9:00 a.m. Sign-in

10:00 a.m. Walk starts

Join FUMC's TEAM:

THE WESLEY WALKERS @ www.nami.org/walks
or contact Pastor Patte

*National Alliance on Mental Illness: Striving to take the stigma out of mental illness through education and support.

LOOK FOR THE "BUCK BUCKETS"

Because this Sunday is the "First Sunday of the Month" the Buck Buckets will again be passed around to receive your loose change or folding bills in support of the Common Fund of Iowa City and our church's Friendship Fund, both of which are used to meet the emergency needs of members of our community. Thank you for contributing to these important ministries of local outreach.

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

Phil and Joyce Leff, our hosts for the upcoming April meeting of our film group, have selected the 2008 film, Departures, for discussion. This film follows a newly unemployed cellist as he takes a job preparing the dead for funerals. His is a profound and sometimes humorous journey with death as he uncovers the wonders, joy, and meaning of life and living. We will meet **Sunday, April 10, at 7 p.m.** The Leffs live at 12 Lakeview Drive NE in north Iowa City. Their phone number is 351-8220.

Senior Affinity Group

The next meeting of the Senior Affinity Group is **Wednesday, April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.** at Walden Place. All who consider themselves a senior are warmly invited to come. For more information, please call Sage at 354-5484 or sage-river@icfirstchurch.org. We will continue the 'pot-luck' snack format, so feel free to come whether or not you are bringing anything, because there is always a great plenty.

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
Snowshoe/X-C Ski Group

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Jane Driscoll (JDRISCOL@aol.com)
Bruce Tarwater (bruce-tarwater@uiowa.edu or 325-7595)



ASP Smorgasbord

ANOTHER DELICIOUS A.S.P. SMORGASBORD will be served next Sunday, April 10, in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 11:30 a.m. You are invited to share the fun, the fellowship and the food ("You price it; you eat it") while supporting an important Outreach Ministry of our church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAR 30

Dan Fellows
Kerry Bowen
Jim Mulford
Janice Cohenour
Matt Henderson
Janet Crigger

APR 5

Robert Lee
Kaylynn Palechek

APR 6

Fredine Branson

MAR 31

Marty Eicher
Marilyn Neely
Betty Cahoon
Linda Jones

APR 8

Sandy Richter
Amy Brown
Sarah Banks

APR 9

Gary Kellogg

APR 1

Jack Bagford
Lee Alward
Lexie Hudachek

APR 11

Naomi Lee
Mark Ahrens
Nicholas Haddy

APR 2

Carol Barker

APR 3

Don Marner
Addison Cribbs
Moses Jirsa

APR 12

Clair Powers
Lois Friday
Eric Hendrickson
Janan Rustan
Heather Craig
Caley Larkin

APR 4

Shirley Stephens
Russ Husted
Gary Fickel
Cassandra Hanes
Renee Shaffer



DeVotchka at First United Methodist Church

SCOPE Productions and The Mission Creek Festival have the pleasure of announcing DeVotchKa will headline the Mission Creek festival at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday April 2, 2011.

Describing DeVotchKa's upcoming performance as intimate would be an extreme understatement. The final show of their Spring tour will take place inside of The First United Methodist Church located on 214 East Jefferson Street; it is a picturesque and hallowed ground of rich acoustics that are sure to resonate with the haunting melodies of lead singer Nick Urata's ethereal voice.

Tickets went on sale February 11 at the IMU Box Office, where students can UBILL up to 8 tickets, and all Ticketmaster locations.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to call (319) 335-3041 for special seating accommodations.



Easter Lily Order Form



If you would like to place an order for an Easter Lily to be placed in the Chancel area in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the season, please indicate your order and place the form and payment in the collection plate or call the church office at 337-2857. **The deadline for ordering an Easter Lily is April 10.**

Cost: \$15.00 Quantity: _____

In Memory/Celebration (please circle) of: _____

Given By: _____

Will Claim Plant(s) After the Season: Yes ___ No ___

(Plants left after Easter services will be donated to Care Facilities/Shut-Ins)

ALL CHURCH FAMILY SPRING CLEANING DAY



Saturday, April 16 from 9am-Noon

Everyone Welcome!

*We will be outdoors raking, pruning, and picking up.
Please bring your own work gloves and rakes, if you can.*

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Teresa Schulte

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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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