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Looking Ahead in Worship...

May 29, 2011
Memorial Sunday
Services at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Scripture

John 14:15-21

Sermon

Faith of the Saints

Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service &
5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden
The Jubilation Ringers

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

As We Gather, Your Grace Is Enough,

There Is None Like You,

Surely the Presence of the Lord,

Amazing Love, Give Thanks

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

The Jubilation Ringers

You Are My All in All by Dennis Jernigan

The Chancel Choir

June 5, 2011

Ascension Sunday

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

Scripture

John 17:1-11

Sermon

Invited to Partnership

Rev. Ken Royar

Music Ministry

@ 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Service

I Surrender All arr. Samuel Kwok

Samuel Kwok, piano

@ 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Blessed Be Your Name,

He Has Made Me Glad, Forever Hallowed,

Let Us Be Bread, Everyday

The Sanctuary Band

@ 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Service

The Prayers I Make by Jane M. Marshall

The Chancel Choir

I Surrender All arr. Samuel Kwok

Samuel Kwok, piano

Pentecost Sunday, June 12

"Ashes to Fire" is the journey we travel from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday. This is at the heart of our Christian Faith in which we take up the journey by participating in the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ and then celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus must go to the Father so that the Counselor, the Spirit of Truth, may abide with those who believe and love. The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of Lent, Easter, and the Ascension where we confess as it states in the Apostles Creed: "He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."

Jesus promises not to leave his followers comfortless; this promise is fulfilled. The Holy Spirit comes to teach the church all truth and to enliven our common remembrance of all that Jesus was, and is for us, and for the whole world. The Holy Spirit illuminates what is yet to come.

To celebrate this wonderful gift and birthday of the church we ask that everyone **wear red, pink, yellow, or orange on June 12.** Our congregation will then be a picture of flames recalling how the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples as a flame to enliven them. Acts 2:3: "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

We celebrate from ashes to fire, from repentance to rebirth, from sin and death, to resurrection and eternal life. This is the heart of our existence before God. May God be glorified in our Worship: see you on Sunday!

Pastor Barrie Tritle

When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in
one place.



Acts 2:



Worship & Song

Thanks to the Children's Choir and Wesley Chimes for sharing their musical gifts with us! They will be starting again in August. Many thanks to the Wesley Chimes teachers: Joan Felkner, Joyce Marner, Ken Mullen, and Mark Sadewasser for teaching them for the past few years!

Thanks to your enthusiastic voices when you sang "The Church's One Foundation" with the Chancel Choir and Michael Wright's beautiful violin solo when we sang "In Christ Alone" last Sunday! Special thanks to Pastor Barrie for introducing a beautiful hymn "Ware Heritage" on our Heritage Sunday! It was composed by his parents Beverly and Duane Tritle in 1959. I hope we can sing it again in the near future. Special thanks to Jon Cryer for engraving the music for us! As part of our Heritage Sunday Celebration last Sunday, we introduced a new hymnal to be used as a supplement to the United Methodist Hymnal. *Worship & Song* includes familiar and recently written hymns with a variety of styles that were not in *The United Methodist Hymnal* or in *The Faith We Sing*.

We as United Methodists are a singing people, and I hope we can continue this great tradition! If you missed last Sunday's Heritage Celebration, you can sing praises with us again during our **5th Sunday Hymn Sing** this Sunday! You can also sing six Contemporary Christian Songs in the Sanctuary Service every Sunday!

May God's peace be always with you!
Samuel

Past & Present Pastor Gallery

In case you missed it, last Sunday was Heritage Sunday at First United Methodist Church. A day for us to remember John Wesley's "heart warming experience" at a religious society meeting on Aldersgate Street in 1738. To honor our rich heritage of renewal, revival, and conversion, our History Committee created several historical displays for you to see, including a **Past & Present Pastor Gallery** on the 2nd floor alley entryway bulletin board. This display of the lead and associate pastors of First United Methodist Church – Rev. Dr. L. L. Dunnington, 1942, through Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle, 2011 – will be up for the next few weeks. Please stop by and remember all the pastors who have so faithfully served our community.



THANK YOU BRUCE!

Thank you to **Bruce Tarwater**, who has been the leader of the **Hiking Affinity Group** since its inception. Bruce is leaving the group and is hiking off to follow other trails for a while, but his leadership and genuine love of nature have helped people in the group to get outside and get together and walk, and learn of some of the beautiful walking trails in the area. And for that we are grateful and appreciative. Thanks for getting us outside, Bruce.



Thanks So Much!

Summer Fundraisers

Volunteers Needed!

The Finance Committee is sponsoring a food booth at the **Iowa Arts Festival on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5.** Under the leadership of David Fink, we need volunteers to work 3 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday or to provide dessert bars. Please sign-up in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who has already done so.



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.

Thank you to all of our wonderful church school teachers for all their hard work and dedication:

- Stacey Abel
- Jennifer Ballard
- Steve Ballard
- Rachel Bender
- Deb Casebolt
- Lorna Cress
- Eddie Crise
- Matt Downen
- Ann Drobot
- Steve Drobot
- Keegan Koehlinger
- Joyce Marnier
- Leigh McDonald
- Meredith Parsons
- Michele Pellinen
- Tricia Ross
- Thalia Sadewasser
- Mark Sadewasser
- Laura Schafbuch
- Jennifer Skarda
- Robert Weir
- Becca Wright



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



MAY 30 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

On Monday, May 30, the Church Offices and the Little Angels Learning Center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) will resume on Tuesday, May 31.

Acolytes for our Koinonia Service

We are inviting young disciples to be our acolytes for the Koinonia (10:30) Worship Service. Please contact Samuel Kwok at 338-7653 if anyone wants to join this ministry.



Wedding Coordinators Needed!

The wedding season is upon us and here at FUMC, with our gorgeous Sanctuary, almost every weekend this summer is booked! With that in mind, it has been difficult for the wedding coordinators we have now to keep up with the demand. If you are interested in becoming a **paid** wedding coordinator or in finding out more information about what it means to be a wedding coordinator, please contact the church office at 337-2857 or email Claire Bartleson at claire-bartleson@icfirstchurch.org.



“BUCK BUCKETS” MINISTRY

THE BUCK BUCKETS will be passed around again next Sunday, June 5, providing all in attendance at worship with an opportunity to drop their loose change or folding bills into the boxes in support of the Iowa City Common Fund and our church's Friendship Fund, both of which are used in meeting the emergency needs of persons in our community. The demand on both funds is extraordinarily high at this time and support is desperately needed. Thank you for your generous support in helping to meet the needs of others.



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, May 8th from 2-4 at Walden Place. All who consider themselves 'senior' are warmly invited to come. We will have coffee and snacks, lots of good visiting, and more. 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

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

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 Tricia Ross (351-0823)
 Lou Crist (338-5014)
 Jane Driscoll (JDRISCOL@aol.com)



FLAMES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Games at Coralville
 Creekside Ballpark
 Diamonds 1-3

- June 3 @ 7:00 pm
- June 10 @ 6:00 pm
- June 17 @ 8:00 pm
- June 24 @ 6:00 pm
- July 8 @ 7:00 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 337-4902; ages 14 and older eligible. And, the team always appreciates fans coming out to the games to cheer them on. Go Flames!



Growing in Health & Wholeness:

Bits and Pieces (or Baptism Bags & Sock Monkeys, part 2)

I want to take just a minute to share my joy in the response I have received from my request in the last newsletter for Baptism Bags and sock monkeys! Last Sunday, several people asked what the bags should be like, and Lorna Cress took the time to explain to (uncrafty) me what it takes to make a sock monkey. And, she brought some lovely fabric bags and cute little stuffed guys (Beanie Babies, I think they are called) to put in the bags. And then, one of our newer members, Megan Petkewec, reminded me of one of her areas of expertise: she designs costumes for the University Theater Department, so she's done a bit of sewing, and told me she could not only help, but would provide patterns for an easy to make, less expensive sock monkey, and also for the bags. And Rebecca Ahrens already makes these really lovely little bags, so she is going to help. And Mary Cheney is going to help..... and I know I'm forgetting people, but you get the idea. Here is what I have concluded:



1. People like to help.
2. People like babies.
3. People like being part of a baby's Baptism.

Hallelujah! And thank you to all who have offered their efforts and talents to help with this project! I am warmed to the very cockles of my being. If anyone reading this would like to help, too, please let me know. I'll be getting the patterns from Megan soon, so you may use a pattern if you like. And you may certainly make the 'original' sock monkey, if you choose. And for the Baptism Bags, which are really meant more for the parents than the baby, since it is where the Baptismal candle and certificate can be kept, feel free to wait for a pattern if you like, or create your own. The bag needs to be able to contain the candle and certificate from the Baptism, a stuffie or sock monkey, and for now, two smallish books. Crochet, knit, or sew a bag with one or two handles – whatever works best for you will be lovely. And there will never be too many, because there will always be babies and there will always be Baptisms.

*Peace and joy be with you,
Sage River
Parish Care Ministries
354-5484*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 25

Pat Clemens
Andy Hosseini
Jason Millsap

May 26

Eric Mullen
Olivia Casebolt

May 27

Jim Wyllie
Casey Miller

May 28

Mary Lee Tarwater
Betty Libby
Jim Niebuhr
Justin Mulford
Audrey Voss

May 29

Timothy Herzog
Shay Hudachek

May 30

Bill Brashier
Steve Murphy
Deborah Casebolt
Peter Schmeiser

May 31

Jaro Lepic
Joanne Herrick
Anna Olson
Travis Johnson
Jesus Escalera-Rew

June 1

Jan Herman
Betty Ann Kinlein
Sean Roth
Joshua Nichols
Emma Stammeyer

June 3

Neil Webster
Michael Petkewec
Karl Fleener

June 4

Gabe de la Garza
Ellie Brown

June 5

Mervin Yoder
Susan Dane
Nancy Foster
Hayley Ross

June 6

Mary Hensley
Mary Paterson
Alexander Geasland
Natalie Wildes

June 7

Gail Emmert



Take time to pray - Our Church Family

We Celebrate With:

- Katie Dunbar & Scott Flaherty on their marriage in our Sanctuary on Saturday, May 21st. We pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their lives together.
- Our high school and college graduates as they begin the next step of their journey; may God guide and watch over them.

We Pray For:

- Dick & Joyce Oberman's granddaughter, Miranda, as she travels to China with a group of 7 to witness for Christ.
- Those from our congregation whom we know to be hospitalized:
Mercy: Irene Klinzman, Ferne Higdon, Bob Libby
- All those in need of continued healing including:
Betty Irwin, whose daughter, Gail Irwin Petersen, died May 15th in Madison, Wisconsin. Our prayers are with the entire family,
Allen & Danette Frauenholtz's niece, Adrienne Smith, who is being treated for Hodgkin's Lymphoma,
Carol Horton friend of Vona Robertson, who has been admitted to Hospice care,
Tim Harrington-Tabor's brother, John, who is suffering from bi-polar disorder,
John Lennarson, husband of Sherri, and son-in-law of Lorna Cress, as he continues to recover from brain surgery,
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,
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 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,
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,
Ferne Higdon at Briarwood (formerly Greenwood) Manor, 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 Center Point United Methodist Church and Pastor Mike Ellison.
- 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.

5/15/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	63
9:15	72
<u>10:30</u>	<u>253</u>
Total	388

5/22/2011 PRESENCE

8:00	60
9:15	63
<u>10:30</u>	<u>235</u>
Total	358

Calling all Iowa State Fair Fans! Non-Stop Fun! August 11-21 2011



The Iowa State Fair will be here before we know it and once again the Iowa United Methodist Church will have a presence in the air-conditioned Varied Industries Building.

We need volunteers to staff the booth from 9am to 9pm on a daily basis, and have divided those 12 hours into three 4-hour shifts, with

a need for 4 people to work in the booth for each shift. Groups – we love you! Can you send 12 people for the day and take turns volunteering or just come yourself?

Shift times are:

- 9 am – 1 pm
- 1 pm - 5 pm
- 5 pm – 9 pm



In return for your time volunteering, we will provide free admission into the Iowa State Fair for the day you work!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Harris at carol.harris@iaumc.org and provide the information requested below:

- Name, Address, City, State, and Zip Code
- Telephone number where you can be reached during the day
- The date you are interested in volunteering
- The shift you are interested in working (morning, afternoon, or evening)



Please consider volunteering and sharing the love of Jesus Christ in a fun atmosphere!

The Crisis Center Food Bank

Please consider, while shopping for groceries, purchasing extra food items for those in need and drop them off at the Crisis Center Food Bank or the church. Community members are also encouraged to make a monetary donation to the Crisis Center, to assist in providing the most basic items to families in need. The top 10 needed donations are:

- Monetary Donations**
- Canned Fruit & Juice**
- Canned Meat**
- Hearty Soups & Stews**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Toilet Paper**
- Baby Formula**
- Diapers (all sizes)**
- Laundry Detergent**
- Pasta & Rice**



The Crisis Center is located at 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City. Donations can be taken from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Or, you can leave your donation here at church this Sunday in one of the Food Bank barrels located in the Narthex or on the Dubuque Street entrance landing.

Thank you.

Together Together -- School Supplies Distribution

ToGather Together (TGTg) provides free school supplies for 3,000 children & youth in need in Johnson County. TGTg is a project started by the Consultation of Religious Communities and involves approximately 30 different faith communities, many businesses, Johnson County social services groups, and many, many individuals.

As the need continues to grow in our area we are seeing an increase in requests -- what started as an effort to provide supplies for 200 children from the years 2000-2007 has now grown to over 3,000 children & youth.

TGTg is seeking funds to purchase school supplies to support children and youth in Johnson County. If you are interested in providing monetary donations please send a check to "ToGather Together" at P.O. Box 2025, Iowa City, IA 52244.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up, sorting, and delivery on August 3rd-5th.

To learn more about getting involved, please contact a co-director: Karrie Craig, thecraigfamily@mchsi.com or Marsha Lowe, marshalowe@gmail.com.



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