

*Collegiate United Methodist Church/Wesley Foundation*

**FALL 2011—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Preparing to Serve!*



Here at Collegiate/Wesley, we believe that “church” should be a verb. Towards that end, we offer Christian Education classes, groups, and events that help equip people of all ages to make a difference in our world. Service opportunities are a part of our children’s and youth’ programs. Christian Education can deepen our sense of how we can minister to the world as we explore our understanding of Jesus’ teachings. Our perspective on our relationship to God and to each other is fueled by our learning about the Bible and our traditions. Reason and experience shape our thinking. We do not look for simple answers. We may not know the “why’s” of the universe, but perhaps we will become wise as we utilize our faith learning to search for those answers. We want our children and youth to be aware of God’s presence in their lives as they reason about their faith.

We have many offerings at Collegiate/Wesley for all age groups. Beside Sunday morning options, we offer classes at other times to fit peoples’ schedules. If you need a different time, or have an idea for a new class, please speak to Kathye Harrington-Taber at [kathye@cwames.org](mailto:kathye@cwames.org) or (515)292-6936.

For updates and additional information, visit us on the web at [www.cwames.org](http://www.cwames.org)

## YOUNG CHILDREN

### **Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Classes for children ages 2 through Preschool use the “ROCK SOLID” curriculum in a traditional Sunday School format. “Age” is the child’s age as of 9/11/2011

- Two year olds meet in Room 210
- Three year and four year olds meet in Room 202

## ELEMENTARY CHILDREN (K-5)

### **Kindergarten - 5th grades: Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Children will study 9 primary stories this year, each for about a month. During the month they will explore the story in multiple ways “workshops”—through art, science, drama, video, games, cooking and computers. They rotate each week to a different workshop setting, along with their Shepherd, while the teachers for each workshop stay in the same classroom and teach the lesson to a different group of children. This year’s stories:

- Abraham’s Call
- A Son for Abraham and Sarah
- Samuel’s Call
- The Christmas Story
- The Parable of Sheep and Goats
- Jesus in the Synagogue
- Peter, the Rock...Jesus’ Solid Apostle
- Easter—Peter’s story
- The Great Commission

This fall our children will receive banks to save money for our Mission Fair on October 30th. They will then “purchase” supplies for school kits and baby kits for distribution throughout the world.

On September 18th our Third Graders will receive their Bibles at our 8:30 a.m. service. They will then begin their “Learn to Use Your Bible” unit.



## YOUTH (6TH-12TH)

### **Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 AM**

9th-12th graders meet in the High School Youth room in the Annex. They explore contemporary issues in addition to studies they select. Discussions are designed to help youth continue to grow in their faith journey and will focus on current events and spiritual formation.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7th and 8th grades meet in the Middle School Youth Room (215) on the second floor. This class uses "Live B.I.G.," a study that helps students live out what they believe and explore why they think that way.

### **Youth Groups**

Middle School Youth (6th-8th graders) meet in the Middle School Youth room 7-8:15 pm on Wednesdays. A combination of small and large group activities take place during the year. Friends are always welcome!

High School Youth (9th-12th graders) meet in the Senior High Youth Room at the Annex. From trips to service projects, special guests to conversations, each week is a unique experience and helps teens grow in faith and community. These youth will meet on Sundays.

#### **Other Activities:**

Each group goes on a service project each summer and has fun activities offsite. See the *Communicator* or the website for more details.



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

We encourage parents to study the stories and to continue talking about them as a family. We encourage parents to consider the following opportunities:

**Team Teach Young Children:** Using provided curriculum, help our youngest students experience church as a place full of God's love. We ask for at least a semester commitment to provide the continuity necessary for young children.

**Shepherd an Elementary-aged Group:** This semester or year long commitment to accompany children to their workshops involves no lesson planning, just your time and caring.

**Teach Rotation Sunday School:** Did you know you can be a Sunday school leader for as little as 3-4 weeks? We use a new team of teachers for each rotation. Teachers receive training and curriculum, and they only have to prepare one lesson per month.

**Attend an Adult Class:** Model a life of continual growth by attending a Sunday school class yourself. Take your child to your class and show them the room, and express your own belief that ongoing education is important as part of the life of faith.

**Contact Kathy Harrington-Taber (292-6936 x28) for additional details on volunteering.**

## NURSERY / CHILD CARE

The nursery is available on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. until about 10 minutes following the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents receive special pagers which we can use to contact them within the building if a need arises.

It is our goal to make child care available for small groups, meetings, and special events when requested. To arrange child care, please

contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at least 10 days in advance. Please don't hesitate to ask for child care to be available for any church activity in which you'd like to take part!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

### Ongoing Sunday Morning Classes

9:45-10:45 AM

**Parenting** (Rm. 210, Upper Level) - Roger Coulson, retired ISU professor and counselor helps parents through the tough yet wonderful responsibility of parenting. Parents can get support for their specific challenges.

**Biblical Studies for Ministry** (Room 123, Main Floor) - This study equips people to integrate faith and management to serve others. All are welcome in this engaging class, led by Mary Jean Baker.

**Builders** (Room 44, Lower Level) - This class is an intellectually curious group of free minds and spirits. The class will be made up of fellowship time and discussion. This class is facilitated by Susan Grotewold.

**College Class** (Student Lounge, Upper Level) - As part of our Wesley Foundation programming, Jim Shirbourn and Lisa Larson facilitate discussions of contemporary issues over breakfast. See Wesley Foundation pp.8-9.

**Forum** (Norman Room, Lower Level) - Each week, a new speaker joins us to present a lecture on a topic related to their job, research, hobby, and so on. Also, individuals running for office are often invited to share their positions on issues.



Every week is different, and you'll always learn something new. Tim Garner is the facilitator.

**M&M** (Fireside Room, Main Level) - This class explores timely news items from a faith perspective, using a curriculum called Faithlink. The class is facilitated by Lynn Kaizer.

**Spiritual Formation** (North Pine Room, Lower Level) - Persons interested in deepening their personal and communal spiritual life are invited to explore various topics. This class is led by Janet Stephenson.

## SHORT-TERM & SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR ADULTS

### Short-term Sunday Morning Classes

We will occasionally offer some short-term classes that last from 1-8 weeks. Watch the bulletin, *Communicator*, or website for more details.

### Pastor Led Studies

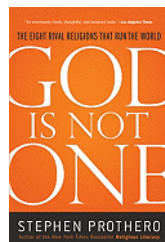
Our pastors regularly lead short term studies on a variety of topics. Some are seasonal, such as our Advent and Lenten studies. Some complement our Sermon Series. Watch for details in the *Communicator*, in the worship folder, and on our website [www.cwames.org](http://www.cwames.org).



### Roundtable

We will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting September 8 at noon in Wesley Hall. This group is facilitated by Rev. Scott Grotewold.

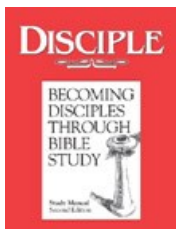
This fall, the group is studying God is Not One *The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World—And Why It Matters* by Stephen Prothero. Books are \$12 and are available in the church office. Come, enjoy lunch and great conversations about this thought provoking books. Dates: 9/8,10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10.



## SHORT-TERM & SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR ADULTS

### Disciple Bible Study

#### Disciple 1, Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study



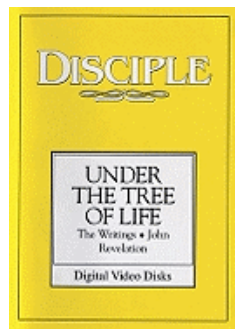
This study will meet on a weekday evening that works for the students. Disciple Bible Study is about learning the Bible in depth, starting from wherever one is at. It is about viewing the Bible as a whole instead of in isolated pieces. This fantastic study is a major investment in one's self. "Disciple One, Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" is a 34 week class. The study is divided

between Old and New Testaments and takes participants from Genesis through Revelation prompting them along the way to consider their human condition and become better disciples.

Childcare will be provided if needed. Please contact Kathy at 292-6936 ext. 28 to sign up and reserve your book.

#### Disciple 4, Under the Tree of Life

To take this class, people must have completed Disciple 1. Disciple 4 explores the Writings (the parts of the Old Testament that are not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. There is much emphasis on the Psalms. It will meet Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 44 beginning on September 12. This class meets for 32 weeks. West Steel is the facilitator. Please contact West Steel or Kathy Harrington-Taber to sign up. West can be reached at [west\\_steel@hotmail.com](mailto:west_steel@hotmail.com).



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY

Below are a few activities which will be happening in and through the Wesley Foundation this Fall.

### **Living Faith**



Wednesdays  
7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Student Lounge

Each of us is unique:

- in the way we first connected with God
- in the way our journey of faith has continued
- in the way we live out our faith

“Living Faith” is a new panel sharing/discussion group sponsored by the Wesley Foundation.

Each week a panel of three will briefly share their journey of faith with an emphasis on how their faith has shaped and continues to shape their life and vice versa.



After each has shared there'll be a time for general discussion among the entire group.

We'll hear from students, ISU faculty and staff, a wide variety of professionals, retired folks, home-makers and many more.

We hope you will join us as we learn more about each other, about God, about ourselves and about how to be faithful Christians.

“Living Faith” will happen Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:30 in the Student Lounge beginning Aug. 31.



**Christ Clips** Come watch a movie (most, if not all of which, have been in national distribution) and discuss where you see God in the story, implications for your faith journey and much more. Christ Clips meets in our Student Lounge on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

**Mission Insight** will be Thursday, Sept. 22, Oct. 20 and Dec. 1 from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Join us once for three special evenings this semester as we learn and share how we have and might live out God's call to be in mission. Each evening will consist of three parts: First we'll spend approximately 20 minutes studying scripture. Next we'll explore a specific mission opportunity. The last 30 minutes will be spent planning our Spring Break Mission Trip to the Heifer Project Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. Participants in "Mission Insight" are not required to go on the Mission Trip...but Mission Trip participants ARE expected to take part in "Mission Insight".

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Food & Faith** will take place on Thursday nights from 7-8:15 p.m. in our Student Lounge (and Wesley Hall kitchen!) on September 1, 8 & 15. We hope you'll join us to share your insights and listen to those of others as we enjoy some good food and contemplate some personal/individual reflections as well as global perspectives around food and faith.

### *Week One (Sept. 1) : Bread*

As we dine on (and prepare!) some delicious bread (and meat, cheese, butter and jam!) we'll discuss our own memories and experiences around "the staff of life" along with the many appearances of bread in scripture and how, kneaded together, they might inform our faith journey.



### *Week Two (Sept. 8) : Rice and Beans*

So very many people around the world live on a diet consisting primarily of rice and beans. Several variations on this theme will be our menu for the night as we briefly look at poverty here in the US and around the world along with how we might respond, individually and together, to the scriptural mandate to feed the hungry.

### *Week Three (Sept. 15) : Spiritual Potluck*

Participants will be invited to bring, as they are able, either one or more foods/dishes which are particularly near and dear to their hearts and souls or (if food preparation is not possible) a story (or two) to share about those food/dishes.



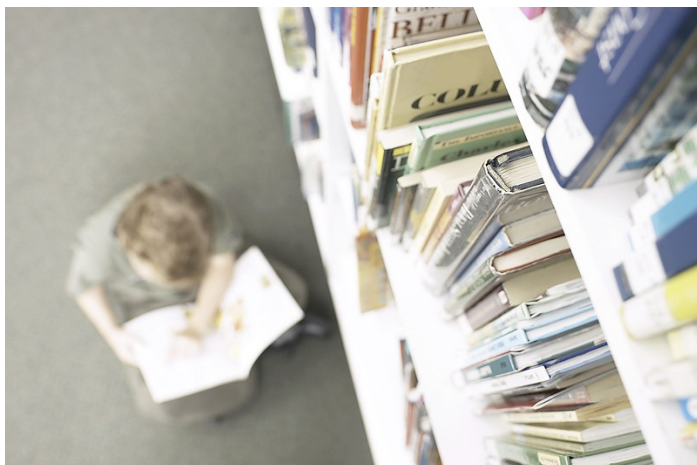
**Wesleypedia** will be on Thursday nights from 7-8:15 p.m. in our Student Lounge on September 29, October 6 and 13. You may know John Wesley started the movement which grew into what is now the United Methodist Church, but just who **WAS** he really? How and why did he break away from the church he grew up in? What was his vision? Would he recognize the denomination today? Why should we care?

Whether you aced Confirmation or don't even know what that is...whether you grew up as a United Methodist (or don't even know what that is!), "Wesleypedia" will have something for you as together we do some detective work on a fascinating historical character (and he **WAS** a "character"! ) to discover how his life of faith might influence ours. We'll keep things lively with video clips, mini-trivia contests and much more so don't miss out!

**FaithLink** is our Sunday morning discussion group for college-aged folks. We use a wonderful curriculum which applies scripture, tradition, experience and reason to help participants better understand a tremendous range of issues facing us each day and how we might respond in faith. It looks at contemporary issues through a lens of faith. You'll find the group up in the Student Lounge from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday.

**Faithlink** Connecting Faith and Life

## LIBRARY AND COMPUTER LAB



### **Library**

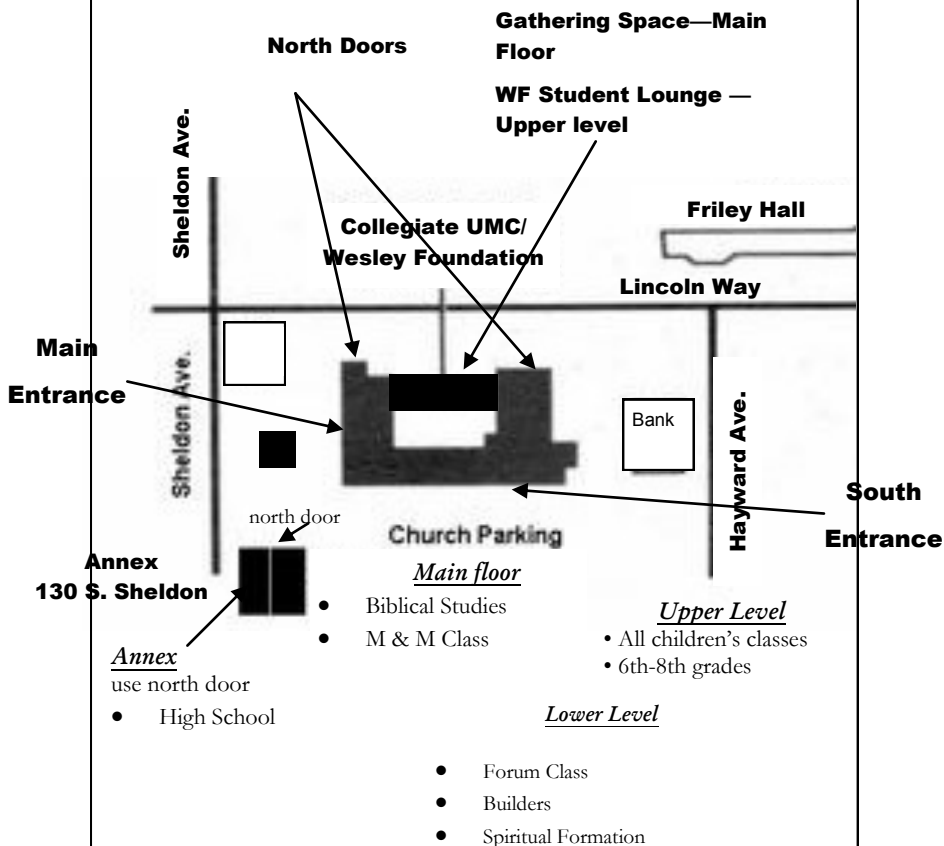
Located on the Lower Level, between Wesley Hall and Lower Level classrooms, the Library has books for all ages. It offers many books on faith and justice matters that are not available in our public libraries. There is a simple computer system for checkout. Our United Methodist Women reading books are located in the Library.

### **Computer Lab**

The Computer Lab is located across from the Main Entrance. Eight computers and a printer are available to the public for homework, research, Internet access, and games.

## WHERE ARE MY CLASSES

We have Sunday School Guides who help newcomers find their way to a class. (We need more volunteers to welcome our visitors. It's easy, only requires about 20 minutes of your time once or twice a month, and it really helps us to be a welcoming congregation. To volunteer, contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at [kathy@cwames.org](mailto:kathy@cwames.org) or 292-6936 ext. 28.)





Collegiate United Methodist Church welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, economic condition, or anything else which threatens to divide God's family. In our quest to follow the example of Christ, we will employ no circles of exclusion and we commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and reconciliation, providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception.

## 2011-2012 Sunday School Calendar

September 11	9:45 a.m. Sunday School Starts
September 18	8:30 a.m. Third Graders receive their Bibles
October 30	9:45 a.m. Mission Fair as part of Sunday School
November 13	9:30 a.m. Worship, No Sunday School
December 25	9:30 a.m. Worship, No Sunday School
January 1, 2012	9:30 a.m. Worship, No Sunday School
May 21	9:45 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School



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