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Collegiate Bells performing during the 8:30 worship service on December 6.

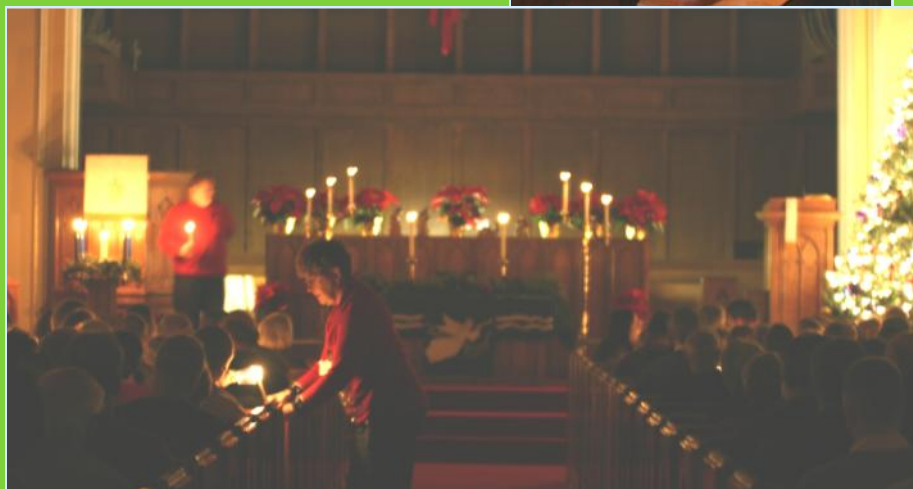
Pictured left to right are Lisa Putz, Jessica Tekippe, and Ben Hucker



Jam session during the high school lock-in on December 18



The lighting of the candles during the Carols and Candles Service on Christmas Eve. The candle lighter is Linda Church.



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About *The Communicator*

The Communicator is a monthly publication of Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation. The goal of *The Communicator* is to inform and involve people in the life and work of the church.

The Communicator is compiled and produced by Wil Ranney, the Coordinator of Discipleship, Technology, and Communications. It is reviewed by members of the church staff, and printed and distributed by the office staff and a team of dedicated office volunteers.

The deadline for *The Communicator* is the first Wednesday of every month.

For your convenience, *The Communicator* has its own email address: communicator@cwames.org. This is the preferred method for submissions to *The Communicator*.

Cover: The front page is called "The Forest" at Drew University School of Theology in Madison, NJ. Rev. Linda Butler took the picture in May of 1995.

Part two of Taking a Walk to Peace appeared in the October issue of The Communicator and dealt with walking with the “living stones”, the people in the land we call holy.

I love to walk. This hasn't always been the case. Yes, there was the time in the 80's that I would take daily “fast walks” to lose weight and stay in shape. And I would walk to the train station or walk from Port Authority to my office on Broadway in NYC.

Walking changed for me last May after I hiked 100 miles of the Appalachian Trail (AT) in the Shenandoah National Park with nine others. I had to prepare. I couldn't just arrive at the trailhead and begin the hike. I had to have all the right equipment to go on the hike - boots, backpack, tent, two sets of clothes, sleeping bag, socks, rain gear, a hat, hiking poles, and a gallon of water. I needed to practice walking with all the equipment on my back weeks before the hike. It took practice to get ready for the AT.

Once I was on the trail, the encouragement of the other hikers helped when the going got rough and my body was tired and sore. Their energy and commitment helped me to show up every morning and finish the hike every day. It took practice to hike with others.

Since the hike, walking has become a regular physical and spiritual practice. Walking offers me muscle tone and inner space. Walking offers me robust energy and time to think and pray. It takes practice.

I have come to believe and experience that my physical path and my spiritual path are not so different from one another. I didn't just slip into a satisfying spiritual life. I have had to practice it. I practice it again and again and again. We can grow enormously alone, but it also helps to have others show up to pay attention with us. It is a delight to share the motivation and inspiration of companions: to benefit from their experience, strength, and hope.

I have been practicing several of the classical Christian spiritual practices with 48 companions in the Upper Room's Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation. With only two more 5-day sessions remaining, that experience will be ending soon. One of the goals of the academy is to share what we have learned with our faith community.

I am planning to offer a series of seven, one-day retreats called “Practicing Your Path.”

These seven retreats will explore seven pivotal components of classical Christian spirituality: the practice of Sabbath, the

practice of intercessory prayer, the practice of fasting, the practice of stewardship, the practice of living into your call, and the practice of accountability. While I will be planning and facilitating these retreats, I intend to be a practicing companion.

The first retreat will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Soul of the Prairie Retreat Center

(www.souloftheprairie.com) in nearby Hubbard. Our first topic will be **Practicing Sabbath: Transforming Human Doing into Human Being**. This retreat is about Sabbath-keeping: learning what Sabbath is, exploring why it is vital to your spiritual life, and discovering creative and sustaining ways to observe it. The cost of the first retreat is \$15 which includes all materials and lunch.

Please let me know by February 6, if you plan on attending, by emailing me at Linda@cwames.org or call the church office, 292-6936.

One week before the retreat, read Exodus 20:8-11. Ponder the

When we are capable of stopping, we begin to see and, if we begin to see and, if we can see, we understand...We should master the art of stopping in order to really be...

~Thick Nhat Hanh,
Peace is Every Step

following questions for reflection and let them simmer as you go about your daily activities:

- What does Sabbath mean to you?
- How do you observe Sabbath?
- What happens when you take Sabbath time?

Please bring with you your favorite bible and a journal.

The second retreat will be held on Saturday, June 12

at Soul of the Prairie from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The topic is **Practicing Hospitality: Creating Welcome Space for God, for Self, for Others**. This retreat will help you take a fresh look at the grace-filled and respectful practice of hospitality as you ask yourself: How can I be more hospitable to God, to myself, to others? One week before the retreat, write your own definition of hospitality. Ask yourself the question, How has God been

hospitable to me? Make a list and let these ideas simmer as you go about your daily activities.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

~ Hebrews 13:2

The third retreat will be held on Saturday, August 21. I am hoping that this retreat will take place at Mustard Seed Farm. The topic will be **Practicing Prayer and Action: Living a Life of Intercession.**

I am excited about sharing these practices with you on these retreats.

I will also be providing an opportunity for practicing prayer. Prayer is a vital spiritual practice, but I have often heard people say they don't know how to pray. If you are one of those, you may appreciate as much as I do a new study called **"Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God"** (See Artwork on p. 4). When several friends and family members faced scary health situations, Sybil MacBeth (author of "Praying in Color") found herself exhausted by the words of her prayers and stymied by her lack of focus. One day, she retreated to her back porch for a session of mindless doodling. She drew a shape, put the name of a friend inside, and added lines and color. When she was finished covering the page with doodling, she realized she had prayed for her friend.

If you are word-weary, stillness-challenged, easily distracted, or just in a need for a new way to pray, please join me in this prayer practice at our next "Come for Supper, Stay for Study" spiritual formation time on Tuesday

evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room February 16- March 30, 2010. The book cost \$15 and the journal cost \$15. Please RSVP by February 9.

My door is always open if you would like to talk about your path.

Blessings to you as you practice your path!

Linda



The Vine



The Vine

2010 brings us a new name for the announcements section of the Communicator, "The Vine." This is where you can expect to find short descriptions of important events and messages from our ministry partners in the congregation and in the larger community. In other words, The Vine is the place where news about the essential aspects of our ministry flows. The more people that take note, the more fruit our discipleship will bare.

Communion Mission Offerings

Communion Mission offerings are back in 2010. Every Communion Sunday there will be a special envelope in the bulletin. Each check box on the envelope represents a mission Collegiate/Wesley has made a covenant with to support in 2010. This year we added two more options. The first is long-time mission partner Emergency Residence Project. The second is a Collegiate/Wesley Global relief fund. The Sending to Serve Program Cluster will use this fund to support global disaster relief as need arises during the year.

Personal Finance Workshops

February 7th - Kevin Gowdy, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation will present information on the basics everyone needs to know about estate planning. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the Norman Room (South Pine Room)

February 14th - Dr. Tahira Hira, Professor of personal finance and consumer economics and Executive Assistant to the President at Iowa State University will discuss her deep breadth of research and knowledge on personal financial management. In addition to her work at Iowa State University she also serves on the U.S. President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

Although we hope you attend both workshops, attendance at the Feb. 7th workshop is not required to attend the Feb. 14th workshop. This program will help each of us to be good stewards of the many blessings God has given us. For more information contact Jeremy Galvin at jdgalvin@iastate.edu

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Spiritual Formations Class

After three months of discussing basic questions, such as: "What makes you think (feel, know, etc.) that there is a God?" and, "What kind of God do you believe in?" and, "How can you be in relationship with a divine presence?", the Spiritual Formation class was glad for the arrival of Advent and "God with us in the birth of Christ." As the new year begins we will be considering how this "God present with us in human form" person tried to teach us about what it would be like to be in relationship with God.

To do this task the class began a study of parables on Jan. 3, when Mike King shared with us the power of story-telling. Continuing on Jan. 17, and for the succeeding several Sundays, we will talk about why Jesus used stories rather than just handing us another list of rules. We will be discussing specific parables with the aid of material on DVD.

All are welcome to the Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m. class no matter where you are on your faith journey.

Janet Stephenson (jdsteph@isunet.net)

Spud Lunch Dates

Mark your calendars for the following spud lunch dates. Proceeds from these meals will help fund the youth summer service trips. High school youth will be participating in the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and middle school youth will be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska.

January 31, February 28, March 28

Good Neighbor Representative Needed

Collegiate/Wesley is currently in need of an individual to represent us on the GNEA (Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance) Board of Directors, and to serve as the liaison between GNEA and the Church. Collegiate/Wesley is a founding member and long-time supporter of GNEA. If you would like more information about this important role in the life of the church, contact Wil Ranney at wil@cwames.org or 292-6936 ext. 35.



Privacy of Minors and Pictures

You may have noticed that we have stopped publishing the names of minors who appear in pictures. The decision to exclude the names of minors came after a thoughtful discussion between myself, Youth Specialist Nan Geske, Children's Specialist Dianna Nelson, and Director of Christian Education, Julie Wehner. We agree wholeheartedly that identifying people in pictures is a great way for people to learn about their brothers and sisters in the congregation, but we are also concerned about protecting the privacy of minors.

Every single one of our publications ends up on the internet, which is a great way to distribute information about the church, but it also makes our publications "googleable." In other words, if someone did an internet search for the name of someone who appears in one of our publications, it would be easy for them to find those publications and any accompanying information. We will continue to publish the names of adults. Thanks for your understanding, and let me know if you have any questions.

Wil Ranney (Coordinator of Communications)

January is Youth Month in Worship

Middle School and High School youth will serve as volunteers during worship every Sunday in January.

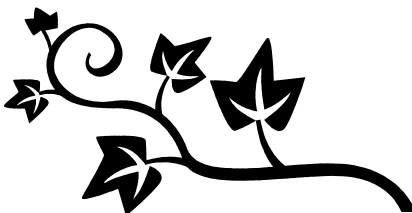
All Church Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers

Suppers are held every week at 6:15 p.m. in Wesley Hall offered by members as a fellowship opportunity. Everyone is welcome; please join us! A contribution of a dish to share is optional; table service is provided. Everyone is invited to come for supper! Simply come to the table and be fed.

faithspring is back

faithspring is our Alternative worship experience that happens every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. while ISU is in session.

Sundays, January 10 - 31, the theme for *faithspring* will be "God as Seen on the Silver Screen." Expect to hear a message every week about the different ways God is portrayed in film.



Collegiate/Wesley “Church” Council

By Roy Zingg

Roy Zingg is the current chairperson for our Church Council. The secretary for Church Council is Lori Schippers, and they are joined this year by Vice Chairperson Gerry Kennedy. Church Council generally meets about once a month in the Fireside Room. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church says the following about the Church Council (formerly known as Administrative Council and renamed to “Church Council” at the 2000 General Conference) of local churches:

Purpose – The church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources for the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.

The activities of Church Council at Collegiate/Wesley are consistent with the purpose stated above. Church Council members include the Chairpersons of our committees, clusters and boards, our Lay Leader, Lay Members to Annual Conference, our clergy, our program staff

members, a chairperson and a vice chairperson. We meet seven or eight times each year, typically on the third Monday of the month.

At our meetings we hear reports from the cluster and committee chairpersons, the clergy and staff. Frequently, the council is required to act on motions from a cluster or a committee. Many of the motions we act on involve raising or spending money.

As Church Council Chairperson I can tell you that:

- Collegiate/Wesley has many active program areas supported by many dedicated lay persons. I am repeatedly astounded by the range of activities reported at our meetings.
- Collegiate/Wesley is also a million dollar a year “business” with payroll to meet and a physical plant to keep in good repair.
- What we see at Sunday Worship Services is an important part, but only a part of the activities that keep our pastors very busy. At each Church Council meeting they report on not only their involvement in Collegiate/Wesley program and committee activities, but on district and conference responsibilities.

Our pastors are well supported by dedicated staff persons who clearly work lots of hours beyond the hours they are paid to work.



Katherine Parker in Cambodia - Update

By Martha Parker

Katherine Parker is our missionary in Cambodia. This story comes via Martha Parker, an Individual Volunteer in Mission, and Katherine Parker's mother.

I don't know how this really happened. I only know that when I prayed with a young girl in Cambodia, the prayer was answered. I would like to tell the story from my point of view.

My daughter Katherine Parker is a missionary in Cambodia working to improve the lives of the poor. I am a community health nurse in California, serving the elementary schools of Mill Valley, my home community. The schools have a long break during the summer and I volunteered through the UVMIM program of our church ("United Methodist Volunteers in Mission"). I raised money for my expenses and to provide funds to carry out the work of the CHAD program within which Katherine works. "CHAD" stands for community health and agricultural development.

While in Cambodia, Katherine and I visited a newly formed congregation in rural Kompong Chhang province. At the end of the Sunday worship service, the pastor told us that one of the families that was present that day had lost all hope of finding help for a 12-year-old daughter who had a heart that was not healthy. The mother said she had been

to many doctors in Phnom Penh and that the girl needed to have surgery, but the family had used up all its money. In fact, she said she had sold all her land to try to get help for her daughter. She said her husband had deserted her and that she and her three children were destitute.

What I had learned from Irene Mparutsa, the nurse with the CHAD program, was that the government hospital in Phnom Penh would care for the very poor if they had documentation from their village chiefs. I also knew that CHAD had pastors who were trained to assist families with the process of going through this system. I asked the mother if we could pray about this, and the congregation and the family prayed together. I asked the mother to prepare her documentation and gather what she needed and that we would contact her. Then, I talked directly to the young girl through an interpreter. The girl said she wanted her heart to be healed, and we prayed together.

Being a nurse, I knew she probably had lived with the condition her entire life. The mother said the doctors just told her not to drink coconut milk; they did not say anything else she could do. I could feel a murmur when I placed my hand on her chest, probably something that would have been corrected as a young child in the US. It was like looking at medical

books that were 50 years old about children who had murmurs that kept them from activities, and that meant they always would be tired and weak. This girl had difficulty breathing and her muscles were not well developed, because she had to rest so much.

The following week, I started my volunteer teaching of the nurses at a hospital in Phnom Penh. I found out from CHAD's Irene Mparutsa that a team of Methodist missionary heart surgeons from Korea were coming the following week. All was very vague and we had no easy way to communicate directly with the woman and her daughter other than by going to the village that was a three-hour drive for us.

We reported to the pastor and made plans on our end to help the girl come for the heart clinic, but were disturbed to hear back a few days later that the girl's condition had worsened, that the mother was also sick, and that they had set out from their rural village for Phnom Penh with their letter from the village chief, but *without* the information from us as to the specific hospital to which they should go.

I was so upset! I had so hoped to connect the girl with the heart surgeons from Korea, who I had learned were doing their surgeries at Phnom Penh's large public hospital. All I could do was continue to pray, and I asked my home

congregation and healing prayer group in Mill Valley also to pray.

Another week went by, and still no one had word of the woman and her daughter. The surgeons had come and gone. Katherine and I visited the village again and we all continued to pray together.

Two more weeks passed and, one day, the pastor called Katherine and me with the joyful report that the girl had returned to the village! She had had open heart surgery and was better! We drove the three hours to the church that Sunday and, who was there? The girl herself and her mother arrived by bike at the small bamboo-stilt church, beaming and praising God for the miracle of the surgery.

We asked where she had the surgery and it was at the hospital where the missionary team of Korean heart surgeons had been, and it happened the week that they were there. Did they do it? No one knew, except that the girl now had a heart to provide her a normal life.

If I have ever seen a miraculous answer to prayer, this is my witness.

Prayers

Thank you for sharing your prayers of joy and concern on the blue prayer cards each Sunday.

Here are some joys and concerns you shared with us since the last issue of *The Communicator*.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Bette Coulson shares the joy and thanks to the young lady who shoveled outside to help them enter the church.

Shirley Snell shares the joy of Laura Snell, who graduated from the University of Nebraska with honors on Sat., Dec. 19.

A prayer of Celebration that three young United Methodist Pastors, all of whom grew up at Collegiate/Wesley, worshipped with us on 12/27.

Celebration of the wedding of Afton McGreer and Ben Blakely, held at CUMC/WF on January 2.

Steve & Dot Prater express joy and relief at son David Prater's graduation from ISU with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and German.

Congratulations to Kelly Abul for getting "off paper" with the Dept. of Corrections. She has completed all the requirements of parole, paid all of her fines, fees and restitution.

Prayers of Concerns

For Shawna Murphy's co-worker's husband, who is hospitalized with liver and kidney failure.

For Theresa Gibson's sister, Lee Gibson, who has lupus.

For Anne Martin & her family, Anne has

been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

For a friend of many, just diagnosed with lymphoma, who is now in hospice.

For Dot Prater's cousin Bill, who is in his second round of chemotherapy.

For the family of Gracie Larson, who passed away on Saturday. Gracie was a friend of many in our congregation.

For Steph Scherbart's friends, Richard and Dee, on the death of Richard's father on Dec. 19.

For Joyce Rasmussen, our Financial Administrator, as she grieves the death of her mother-in-law on Dec. 18, and prayers for her mother who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

For those who have been affected by the storms, from simple interruption of travel plans to the death of friends and loved ones.

For all persons affected by war, by other forms of violence, by illness and so many other difficulties and tragedies in life.

For Paul Isaacs, Dot and Steve Prater's former choir director in Minneapolis. Paul is undergoing chemotherapy.

For the family of Charles Cramer, who died on Jan 6 due to complications from kidney failure. Charles is the grandfather of Lisa Larson, our Communications Intern.

Concern for the grandson-in-law of Rosemary Moore, hospitalized in Roselle, NJ, with pneumonia and H1N1.

Prayers for family of Glen Dorr, Rosemary Moore's brother-in-law, who passed away Dec. 27. (Memorial services to be held at a later time.)



Personals

(Personal Announcements)

Concern for Isaac, classmate of Sarah Howell, who broke his arm the week before Christmas.

Prayers for safety for Shawn O'Hare, brother of Eryn Shriver, who will be deployed to Iraq on Jan. 16 for a year with the Minnesota Army Reserve.

Prayers for family of former C/W member Ida Belle Powers, who died on Dec. 30. Services held 1-4-10. (Jerry Knox is a nephew.)

For John MacDonald, Ted MacDonald's father, who is hospitalized in St. Cloud, MN.

For Steve Wilson, who had a successful hip replacement surgery and is recovering at home.

For Jesse, son of Mike and Jilly Brand, who suffered from burns. He was released from the hospital and is receiving daily treatments.

For Evan Schnabel on the death of his grandmother.

For the family of Beulah O'Neal, her funeral was in Boone on 1/9, prayers for Shari Williams, her daughter and Kayla, her granddaughter.

For the family of Pat Kain, whose funeral was here on 1/9; prayers for Janelle, Rob, Laura and Jim.

Prayers for Phyllis Long, she is moving from Story County Medical Center Skilled Nursing unit to Iowa City this Wednesday, Her hip is not healing well and Phyllis has not been home since September. She is also still grieving the death of her husband, Dale, who was killed in a car accident in November.

Matthew John Clute was born to Kirstin (CUMC/WF member) and Khyle Clute on December 30th 2009. CUMC /WF members Bill and Barb Holt are the proud grandparents.

On Sunday, January 4, Debbie Wilson gave me a beautiful black-watch with royal blue patterned Hope lap blanket from the group that makes these for people undergoing chemotherapy or having health problems. It came in its own earth friendly tote bag which makes it handy to carry when going for treatments. It's also perfect for sitting or napping under during these super cold days we're currently having.

Snuggled under this lovely cover, I feel the good-hearted, loving intentions of the individuals who made this gift. God's healing care is in the warmth it provides. Your kind thoughtfulness is much appreciated and I give many thanks to each and everyone of you. You have a compassionate mission.

Steve Maloy

If you have an announcement of a personal nature to share with the church, please send it to communicator@cwames.org

Studying Forgiveness

By Nathaniel Wade

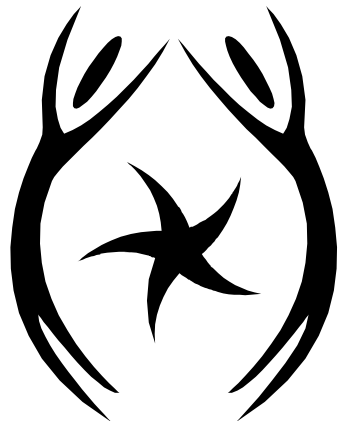
Dr. Nathaniel Wade is a member of the church and is the primary investigator on an ISU study researching group processes and interventions that are most effective for helping people overcome past interpersonal hurts.

Forgiveness is a word often heard and spoken in Christian circles. Some would say it is the very foundation of our faith. Despite the central role that forgiveness has in both the teaching and practice of our faith, there are times when forgiving another person can be extremely difficult. This difficulty can be plainly seen and understood in examples of physical abuse, marital infidelity, or violent crimes. However, difficulty forgiving can also occur in less dramatic situations where the offense is ongoing, repetitive, or committed with no remorse. In all these cases forgiving the offending person can be one of the most difficult things to do, despite the most earnest of intentions to “forgive those who transgress against us.”

Recent research has shown that counseling and psychotherapy can be very effective for helping people to overcome significant injuries and forgive those who have hurt them. Several different methods have been developed by psychologists to help people struggling with past hurts ranging from sexual abuse to marital infidelity to more

common hurts, such as betrayals or neglect. These different treatments appear to help people to move past anger and resentment, to move toward forgiveness, and to feel better about themselves and life in general.

As an associate professor at ISU, I am continuing this research. I am currently directing a study on the effectiveness of counseling groups to help people overcome past interpersonal injuries. The study is interested in what types of treatments are most helpful for which types of people, so that the most helpful interventions can be used for the right clients. We are recruiting participants for this study. To learn more, you can contact myself or my staff at 294-1898 or info@isugroupstudy.com. You can also visit the study’s webpage: www.isugroupstudy.com.



UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity Book Study



The next book study from the Nurturing in the Faith Cluster will go along with our sermon series "When Christians Get it Wrong." The book study and the sermon series are based on ground breaking work by The Barna Group, who researches and studies trends among Christian churches and organizations. The book is written by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, and is entitled "UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity." The research and contents of this book give us a fresh look at what a younger generation of people perceive happening in the Church as a whole, and analyzes a certain amount of skepticism about the Church. For instance, the authors see that *"Christians are best known for what they are against. They are perceived as being judgmental, anti-homosexual, and too political. And young people are quick to point out that they believe Christianity is no longer as Jesus intended. It is 'UnChristian' (as quoted from the book's jacket)."* Lest you find your blood pressure rising or your feathers being ruffled, you are called to a time of self examination as an individual, and as a church body, that we might hear and reflect upon what these authors bring to us in order to move forward, to see if there is more that our congregation can be doing to become all that God intended for us to be. We as United Methodists are called to "make disciples of Jesus Christ" and "the local churches provide the most significant arena (for that task)," according to the Book of Discipline. Perhaps this study, along with the sermon series, can provide us with information that can give us a further sense of direction and a vision for where to go next in our ministries as a local church.

The study will be led by me, Julie Wehner, Director of Christian Education and Adult Ministries, beginning on **Monday, January 11th through Monday, February 8th** from 6:30 to 7:45 in the Middle School Youth Room. Books will be available as soon as possible in the Church office. Please contact Julie at julie@cwames.org or 292-6936 Ext 33 to sign up for the class or for further info.

WHEN CHRISTIAN GET IT WRONG

A recent study of The Barna Group reveals that young Americans today are more skeptical and resistant to Christianity than were people of the same age just a decade ago. One researcher noted that today's young adults "like Jesus, they're just not fond of his followers." Common negative perceptions among non-Christians is that present-day Christianity is judgmental (87%), hypocritical (85%), old-fashioned (78%), and too involved in politics (75%).

As a congregation and campus ministry sitting next to a major university – one that participated in the Barna study – we need to hear these concerns and find how we might respond. This sermon series will explore some of the questions raised by the study about the Christian faith. The preacher will offer thoughtful answers aimed at addressing the questions of young adults while helping Christians to be more like Christ.

January 17

**"When Christians Are
Unchristian"**

January 24

**"When Bad Things
Happen"**

January 31

**"When Dealing With the
Issue of Homosexuality"**

February 7

**"When Talking With, or About,
Persons of Other Faiths"**

February 14

**"When Christians Get
It Right "**

Sermon Series: January 17 – February 14, 2010

Manger Gifts Service Dec 13, 2009



The Baker Family playing Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. At their feet lay all the manger gifts that were sent on to Emergency Residence Project, ACCESS Shelter, and MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Assistance).

“Grandpa” telling stories to his grandchildren around the Christmas tree.



Sue Griffith directing the Krystal Bells, Tana Tesdall directed the singing, and the entire program was directed by Tammy Hockley



You are Welcome!

Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation 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.

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Discipleship In Focus: Christmas Caroling

On December 16, Carolers of all ages banded together to bring the joy of song and fellowship to homebound congregants and their neighbors in care centers around town. Around 35 carolers participated, including both youth groups. Pictured adults include Jon Holtman and Deborah Blaedel.

