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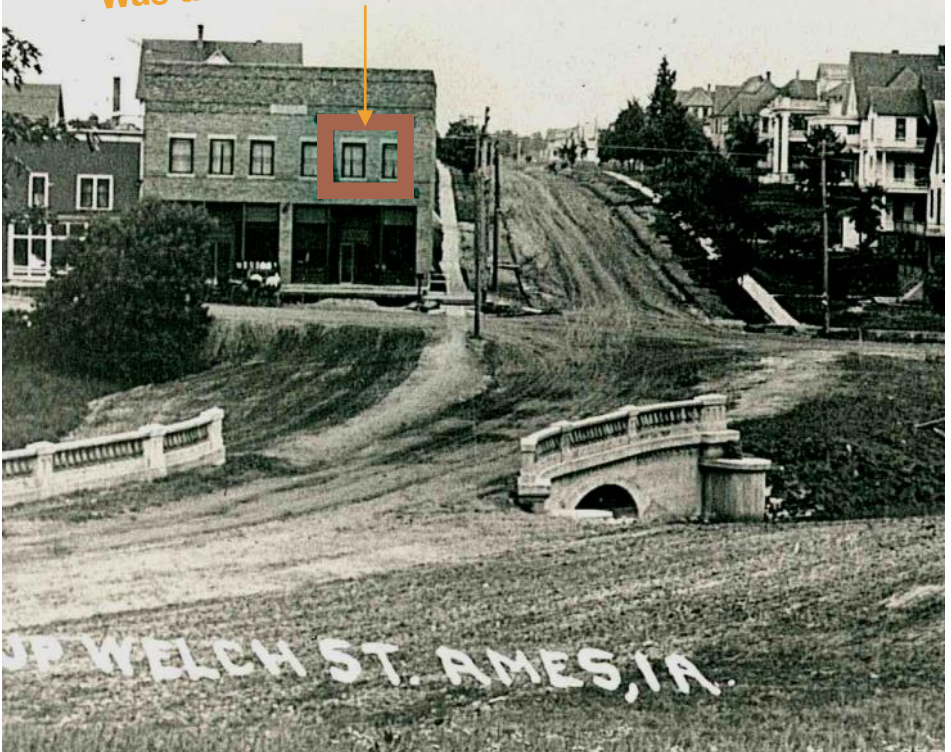
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Was this Our First Meeting Space?





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Family Fun Night



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1. Jackson Griffith (left) has a successful flight in the Paper Airplane Competition. Other pictured competitors include (left to right) Ethan Holtman, Jim Shirbroun, John Shriver Judge Bruce Munson (hidden) and Jacob Lauber.

2. Don Loupee is doing his best Santa Impersonation with Cheri Thieleke's baby, William.



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3. Deborah Blaedel's gingerbread house leads to a Godzilla reenactment by several sugar starved participants, including (left to right) Shaela Holtman, Jonah DeGeest, Ethan Holtman, and Andrea Holtman.



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4. Lindsey Shanks (center left) Doesn't need advice about how to sink the eight ball and is joined by (left to right) Mariah Griffith, Jackson Griffith, Jacob Lauber, and Claire Nagle.

For more information about Family Fun night, see p. 9.

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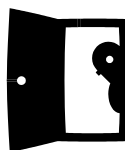
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About *The Communicator*

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.

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Cover: 1908 picture of the intersection of Welch and Lincoln Way, looking south.

100 Years of History

By Rev. Scott Grotewold

It's probably a little early to start celebrating, but all the information I've ever seen tells me that we are beginning to enter our centennial era here at Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation.

It seems that it was a hundred years ago this year – back in 1909 – that Don J. Handy, an Iowa State College student from Grinnell, told his father Elias (then the pastor of the Methodist Church in Grinnell), that it sure was a long way to have to go to downtown Ames to church on Sunday morning and for church activities. After all, even in the dead of winter, you had to board the Dinkeytown trolley as it made its way across the swamp for the three-mile trek. “What we really need,” I imagine Don saying, “is a pastor for students at the college itself –

maybe even a church congregation right in the area!”

Thus was the seed planted that led to what is today Collegiate/Wesley.



Elias Handy took his son's idea to his superiors. Now at that time, the Methodist Church in Iowa was divided into several different conferences, yet here was a project that needed to serve all Iowa Methodist students. It was decided in January, 1910, to establish an Inter-Conference Commission to discuss the matter and make recommendations. (Are you heartened to know that – even then – church bureaucracy ruled the day?)

Later, significant dates regarding the establishment of the student center and congregation are these:



- November, 1912 – the commission declares that “university pastors” ought to be placed in Ames and Iowa City.
- January, 1913 – Rev. William Hints starts work as the university pastor of the Methodist Church for Ames. (His office is at First Methodist Church downtown, though he spends much of his time on campus; no word yet on a congregation near campus.)
- October, 1913 – the first “Wesley Foundation” in Methodism is officially established at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. When established, the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State College would be the second.
- April, 1914 – Rev. Hints reports to the Inter-Conference Commission that a congregation in the area of the college is definitely needed. The commission appoints a church location committee.
- October, 1914 – It’s decided that property in the 2600 block of Lincoln Way is to be purchased. It seems it takes nearly another five years to gain clear title to the property.
- 1915 – Rev. William Hints leaves, and Rev. William S. Handy is appointed as university pastor for the Methodists
- February, 1916 – the Inter-Conference Commission rents space above Champlin Hall (SE corner of Welch and Lincoln Way – still standing) for Bible studies and other events of campus ministry.
- September 24, 1916 – Campus

Methodist Church is organized; church and campus ministry activities take place in the pastor’s home at 2624 Lincoln Way (now where Wesley Place stands, though I’m not certain that it’s the same house).

- April, 1917 – the Wesley Foundation of Iowa is formally incorporated, taking over some of the responsibilities of the Inter-Conference Commission.
- 1917 – Rev. L.A. Bradford is first pastor appointed to the joint position of Director of the Wesley Foundation at Ames and Pastor of the Campus Methodist Church.
- January, 1918 – Though a building program has been discussed and initial planning has been done, this is the first formal decision to proceed. It will take until January, 1921 for the building – officially designated “Wesley Hall” but generally referred to as “The Shack” – to open.

So when should we officially celebrate our “Centennial”? What came first, the chicken or the egg? The campus ministry or the congregation? Campus Methodist Church or the Wesley Foundation?

As with much of history, things don’t fall neatly into clearly-defined answers. And the only thing that seems clear to me is that the campus ministry and the congregation were conceived, planned, and grew together – intended to be inextricably united in ministry together – sharing building, staff, and program. And now – somewhere between 93 and 100 years later – we still do.

We have many reasons – and will have many opportunities – to celebrate.



Relating People To God

Gen X/Y Spirituality

By Chris Hockley

I was recently given the opportunity to attend the Earl Lectures and Leadership Conference at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. This year's conference focused around the theme "Behold a New Thing: emerging expressions of faith." Much of the conference focused on the spiritual lives of Generation X and Generation Y and how they have had a hard time feeling comfortable within the church.

As a person who falls on the border of Generation X and Generation Y it struck me how true the things that were talked about at this conference were to my faith life and what a great

opportunity we have here at CUMC/WF to be a part of the spiritual formation of Gen X and Y.

One of the striking things about Collegiate is that we are way above average when it comes to the numbers of people within these generations that are a part of our congregation. I am not only talking about the college students but also the young adults, young couples and young families that worship with us on a regular basis. This speaks about our congregation and is something that we should be proud of.

I think, however, we need to take some time to think about these generations because with the great opportunity we have we can help to not only guide

these generations spiritually but to allow these generations to bring new life into our community here.

The most striking thing about the Gen X/Y experience with organized religion is that these generations see faith as a life style not just a system of beliefs. Gen X and Y long to have a faith that is relevant not only to us but also to the community around us. Essentially these generations long for an opportunity to walk the walk of faith and not just talk

the talk. Often times Generation X and Y will only go to a church that they have actively been seeing living out its faith.

Because they do not separate faith and the rest of their lives they

may feel like they are asked to leave essential pieces of themselves behind when they come to church. This leads to true frustration with the concept of organized religion, Gen X/Y are greatly spiritual generations but when they go to traditional places to live that spirituality out, they feel they cannot be themselves and they cannot be accepted for who they are.

The fact is that Gen X and Gen Y both have a great deal to offer to the life of all congregations. More specifically they are already offering life to this congregation. As I have said we have a great opportunity to help these generations grow as they challenge the church as a whole to grow. It is greatly worth listening to what Gen X/Y have to

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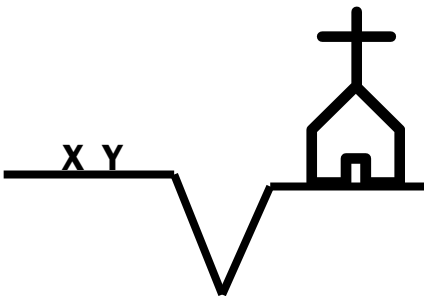
Ministry Matters

tell us because not only are they the future of the church but they are already breathing excitement and enthusiasm to the parts of the church with which they are involved.

When it comes to Gen X/Y, truly a new thing is happening and that new thing—that new spirit—that new way of seeing faith—may be exactly the thing that is needed.

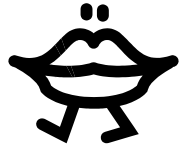
Chris Hockley is the Campus Ministry Associate at Collegiate/Wesley and can be reached at chris@cwames.org.

The Relating People to God Program Cluster has recently started a group to vision about how we do worship. One of the issues at hand is how we keep worship relevant for Generation X/Y. The Chair of The Relating People to God Program Cluster is Amanda Heeren. If you would like to be more involved in matters of worship, contact her at aheeren@iastate.edu.



Ministry Matters is our monthly article featuring the work of a Program Cluster of the Church.

Personals



Personal Announcements

I wish to thank the staff and members of CUMC/WF for the kind visits, prayers, and other considerations during my recent hospitalization. Your thoughtfulness and concern was very appreciated.


Jerry Jarnagin

Janelle Crist, my daughter, is back in the work force.

She accepted a position as Director of Christian Ministries at Dogwood United Methodist Church in Germantown, Tennessee

Charlotte Jamison

If you have announcement of a personal nature that you would like to share, send it share@cwames.org or leave it for Wil Ranney in the



Blurbs

World Day of Prayer Celebration

The community is invited to join Christians around the world at the World Day of Prayer celebration Friday, March 6 at 12:10 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20th Street.

A conch shell and kundu drums will open the worship planned by members of Papua, New Guinea Christian community. Refreshments will follow the worship.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christians of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. This year the theme is "In Christ there are many members, yet one body".

Scouting Recognition Sunday

Collegiate/Wesley will observe Scouting Recognition Sunday on March 8. Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub and Boy Scouts, Campfire, members of other scouting organizations and their leaders are invited to dress in their uniforms that Sunday morning. They will be invited to stand to be during the time of announcements.

Energy Task Team

We are looking for volunteers to help to help monitor our energy usage and suggest changes to help Collegiate/Wesley be more energy efficient. If you are interested contact Mary Jean Baker at bakerae@aol.com or 296-0481.

Good Neighbor Annual Fundraising Dinner

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Inc. will hold a fundraising dinner at Lucullan's Italian Grill, 400 Main St., on Thursday, March 5. The agency provides emergency rental and utility assistance to needy individuals, along with supplying them with nutritious food through its Healthy Food Vouchers program.

Dinner tickets are available from the Good Neighbor office at 508 Kellogg Ave., across from the main post office, or from local faith groups belonging to Good Neighbor. The cost is \$30 per person, of which \$25 is tax deductible. (Gratuity is not included.) Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and cash bar followed by a family-style meal at 6:30. The evening will take place on the upper level of the restaurant, which is not handicapped accessible.

Good Neighbor is a consortium of more than 25 Story County faith groups that have joined together to prevent homelessness and the disruption of essential services for people in difficult financial circumstances. For more information, call Good Neighbor at 296-1449.

Spud Lunch

Join us on Sun, March 8 for a "build your own baked potato" spud lunch. The proceeds will benefit Youth Mission Trips. The High School youth group is planning on going to a Crow Reservation in SW Montana and the Middle School group is planning on going to Eastern Iowa to help with flood recovery.

Fun Family Fun Night

On January 23rd from 6-10pm, the Annex was rocking with God's spirit of hospitality, fun, and fellowship. Over 65 people attended our Winter Family Fun Night. The intergenerational event brought all ages, from 2 weeks old to 80 years old. The night was frigid outside but the atmosphere in the Annex was full of warmth and joy as people visited and had refreshments. It was a night of games, the longest domino game I have seen, wild and high flying ping pong, foosball, Catch Phrase, paper airplane contests, and more. In the coming year keep alerted to our next Family Fun Night and please plan to join. We'd love to double that number, so bring a friend! For pictures check out p. 2.

Bev Shirbroun

“Blessed”

A Lenten Study on Tuesday Nights, starting March 3, Rev. Linda Butler will be leading a Lenten study aimed at cultivating a “spiritual encounter” with Lent using “stunning” works of art. The sessions will take place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Supper is provided.

Donate Food and Time to CFUM

We are asking for donations of food and time to help feed those less fortunate than us. Every other month the Sending to Serve cluster has made a commitment to prepare and serve a meal to the hungry at the Trinity Methodist Church in Des Moines as part of Children and Family Urban Ministries.

Please let us know if you would be able to provide food items, help serve the meal, or both on Saturday, February 28th. We will need approximately 12 pots of chili, 6 boxes of saltine crackers, 6 bags of prepared carrots, 6 bags of prepared celery, 5 loaves of sandwich bread, approximately 150 cheese slices and 12 dozen cookies. We would ask that if you can provide chili, you prepare it according to recipe below as we will be mixing them all in one or two pots to serve.

Minimalist Chili Recipe

1 med onion chopped
1/2 med. green pepper chopped
1 lbs. hamburger
2 heaping tbls. chili powder
16 oz. chili beans
16 Oz. canned diced tomatoes
46 oz. tomato juice

Thank you for considering this worthy cause as your part in sharing with others.

Don & Helen Drake



Leading by Not Doing: A Reflection on Wesley's Instruction to "Do No Harm"

Adapted by Rev. Linda Butler from an article written by Dan R. Dick

So you were asked to be in a leadership role for 2009 and you said, "Yes!"

Now what? My experience is that everyone wants to do a good job, desires to be an effective leader, and to help others grow in their relationship with God, self, other, and the earth. But what does it mean to be a good leader?

Good leadership is commonly defined by the things we do — by our skills and abilities and accomplishments. Rarely do we reflect on what not to do as leaders. Although it is important to engage in good activities, it may be even more important to refrain from negative actions.

I am a great fan of Dan R. Dick, a former staff member of the General Board of Discipleship and author of several books including "Revolutionizing Stewardship for the 21st Century." Dan has done a great job in applying John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules" as it applies to leadership.

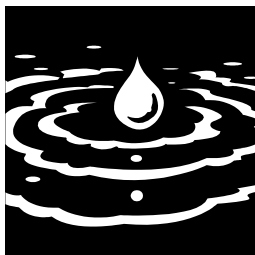
John Wesley, in his instructions to all those who desired wholeness and a deep relationship with God in Jesus

Christ, explained that the evidence of their sincerity was "First, by doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced . . ." (*Book of Discipline 2004*, ¶103) Even before listing good things to do, Wesley began by listing harmful things to avoid doing. There is a powerful lesson leaders of all types in this instruction — as valuable as good works may be, it is even more valuable to avoid those things that might harm others or destroy the foundation of trust of committees, clusters, and congregation.

So what does it mean for leaders in the congregation to "do no harm"? What are the negative actions "most generally practiced"? For our purposes, I want to focus on five important ways to "do no harm": (1) refuse to gossip, (2) avoid unfair criticism, (3) rely on fact

rather than rumor, (4) be respectful, (5) deal with disagreement openly and honestly.

Ultimately, the work of "doing no harm" is about "doing something" — modeling a way of being Christian in the world. Our behaviors carry as much impact as our words, if not more. How we treat one another is a significant act of



Leading from The Center


leadership.

We wish our world to be a better place — a kinder, gentler world where decency, kindness, and consideration are the norm. Building such a reality is not simply about doing good things, but also about refraining from those things that harm, that reduce, that destroy. Nothing is lost to us when we refrain from gossip. We are not made better by putting other people down. We are not made stronger when we react to rumor as if it were true. Being disrespectful doesn't make us superior to anyone. And hiding our true feelings and allowing resentment to build cannot help but hurt us as well as others.

The less we engage in activities with the potential to do harm, the more we will be freed to engage in activities that build up. As leaders, we have the opportunity to point the way to a better way of living, of sharing, and of being the body of Christ.

Rev. Linda Butler is the Chairperson for the Committee on Leadership Development. If you are interested in leadership at Collegiate/Wesley, contact her at linda@cwames.org.

**Turn the page for a listing of
Your 2009 Administrative
Council Members**



Committee on Leadership Development

Meeting Schedule for 2009

March 12
April 16
May 14
June 11
July 23
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

Resources

FaithQuest, Dan Dick, Board of Discipleship of the UMC

Equipped for Every Good Work: Building a Gifts-Based Church, Dan Dick and Barbara Miller, Board of Discipleship of the UMC

Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What, Peter L. Steinke, Alban Institute

Leading Change in the Congregation: Spiritual and Organizational Tools, Gil Rendle, Alban Institute

Guidelines, Board of Discipleship of the UMC

Please keep all of our leaders in your daily prayers.

Your 2009 Administrative Council Members

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Relating People to God Program Cluster Chairperson	Amanda Heeren
Nurturing in the Faith Program Cluster Advisor	Julie Wehner
Sending to Serve Program Cluster Chairperson	Carolyn Cornette
Congregational Care Program Cluster Chairperson	Teresa Simpson

Be watching for more committee and program cluster member listings in future issues of The Communicators.

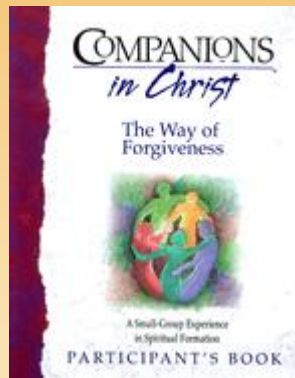
The Way of Forgiveness

A Lenten Study

It seems we just get done preparing for and celebrating the joyous season of Advent, with all of its brightness, joy, and giving, and Lent is upon us. Lent, in contrast to Advent, can *seem* dark and ominous as we look at what Jesus went through in order for us to understand how forgiving and merciful God is. Forgiveness, after all, is what Lent, Easter and the resurrection are all about. All is washed away. No hands are left bloodstained. Our sins and sinful natures are forgiven. Done deal. Some of us have trouble with this notion. "How can this be?", you may ask. You may also wonder how to get forgiven or wonder how to be more forgiving yourself. It is often said "I can forgive but not forget." Well, how do you get to the point of even forgiving? What would it look like to live a life full of forgiveness for your family, your friends and even those that you perceive to be your enemies?

That is what we are going to explore in the 8-week Companions in Christ series "The Way of Forgiveness." Topics covered include:

- **Living in God's Blessings**
- **Releasing Shame and Guilt**
- **Facing Our Anger**
- **Transforming Our Anger**
- **Receiving God's Forgiveness**
- **Forgiving Others**
- **Seeking Reconciliation**
- **Becoming the Beloved Community**



The series will begin on Monday, February 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. and end on March 13th. Meeting place TBA. Watch the bulletin for more info. A preparatory session will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, from 1:30-3 p.m. to orient the group to the Companions in Christ process as well as hand out books to those who have not picked them up. Please sign up for this group by Sunday, February 15th by contacting Julie Wehner, Dir. of Christian Education and Adult Ministries at 292-6936 x33."

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 Concerns

For Steve Maloy, Recuperating from a collapsed lung

For people who are without jobs

For Doris Stukenberg in the loss of her sister, Eloise Rogers

For the family of Eryn Shriver's friend, the Hylands, whose mother is critically ill

For Dale Farnham's mother, who has been sick with pneumonia. She just turned 81.

For Sarah Nusser's sister, who is recovering after a bad reaction to medication

For the family of Darwin Graham who passed away. Darwin is Rosemary Moore's brother-in-law

For peace for the people of Gaza, Palestine, and Israel

For the family of Erma Holtman who died on December 17; Erma is the mother of Jon Holtman, Grandmother of Stephanie, Ethan, and Andrea; Jon's father, Lyle, who has Alzheimer's is at the Calvin Community Center

For Steven Schroder's Aunt Gayle who was diagnosed with cancer

For Stewart Jackson to find work soon

For Art Johnson, father-in-law of Emily Blaedel Johnson, who is hospitalized with

advanced lung cancer

For the family of Hector Burgor who died on 1/27/09, (Uncle of Lorena & Jackson Moeller)

For Megan Harvey's friend Jared who had surgery for a tumor and is still battling cancer

Continue to hold in our prayers our recently hospitalized: Thamon Hazen, Jerry Jarnagin, Howard Shanks, and Allan Sieck

For the family of Curt Nelson who died on 1/24. Curt is father of Angie Ackerman, and grandfather of Clay and Nikki Ackerman, services were in Waterloo on 1/28

Prayers of Joy

For blessings for President Obama and all the people of this nation

For the cardinals that are singing their mating songs and that spring is in the air

For the training the office staff received on 1/29 & 1/30 to learn the database



Ash Wednesday Service

**The Ashes
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Wednesday

February 25

7:30 pm

Sanctuary

You are Welcome!

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Discipleship in Focus: Reaching and Receiving

This picture was taken at the last meeting of the Reaching and Receiving Program Cluster and represents many of the people who serve the church through participation in that cluster. Left to Right, Karen Huiatt, Bruce Munson, Kris Meinhard, Deborah Blaedel, Wil Ranney, Chairperson Bev Shirbroun, Jenn Plagman-Galvin, Jen Rapp, Debby Wilson, LeAnn Meehan

