

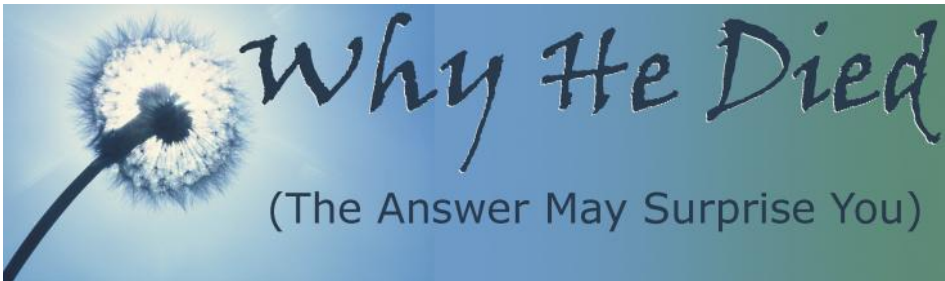
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# Communicator

Connecting People



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# Why He Died

(The Answer May Surprise You)

## **Maundy/Holy Thursday**

### **Holy Thursday**

April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Jim Shirbroun, preaching

A quiet and contemplative and will include a hand-washing service prior to Holy Communion.

## **“Voices at the Hill” A Chancel Drama**

### **Good Friday**

April 10, 8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Vignettes suggesting conversations held at the foot of the cross, coupled with the singing of familiar hymns.

## **“Be Surprised” An Easter Celebration**

### **Easter Sunday Sunrise**

April 12, 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

Reiman Gardens

These services use the many gifts of the middle school and high school youth amidst the beauty of the conservatory at Reiman Gardens.

## **“Why He Lives”**

### **Easter Sunday**

April 12, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

(Mark 16:1-8)

Rev. Scott Grotewold, preaching

At Ester, we celebrate Resurrection—no longer focusing on “why he died” but why he lives!

## **Easter Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Join us for this time of fellowship and respite. Our Reaching and Receiving Program Cluster will be providing egg casserole, baked goods, fruit, and drinks. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

*Holy Week 2009*

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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.

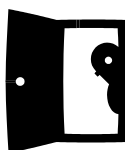
The Senior Minister of Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation is Rev. Scott Grotewold.

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Cover: Chancel Choir performing Mozart's Coronation Mass on Feb. 22 while Rev. Jim Shirbroun prepares communion.



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# Collegiate Brass Celebrates 25 Years



**T**wenty-five years ago, Rev. David Stout helped organize a brass ensemble to accompany a special service commemorating 200 years of Methodism in the United States. David Stephenson (1), Bion Pierson (2), and Paul Anderson (3) were joined by one of Bion's graduate students (David Stookesberry) to play brass music and hymn accompaniments at the service. Our group selected the name Collegiate Brass and has continued to play for nearly 600 church services and community events. Current members Stephani Scherbart (4) joined our group in 1986 and Max Morris (5) joined in 2001. Over the past 25 years, we've had nearly 60 brass musicians join us as substitutes or additional players.

Though most of the performances have been at CUMC/WF or ISU, Collegiate Brass has performed as far away as Pennsylvania (for a group member's wedding). On many occasions, we've played period brass music in costume at history festivals. For example, in each of

the past 14 years we've played for the July 4th celebration at Living History Farms in Urbandale. Other out-of-town events included the wedding of the former Miss Iowa at the Surf Ballroom, an outdoor renaissance-theme wedding in Backbone State Park, and a wedding in Younkers Tea Room (great chicken salad!). We've even played period music aboard a replica of the Lewis and Clark

keelboat on an oxbow lake next to the Missouri River.

In addition to playing in over 450 worship services at CUMC/WF, we've carried our music ministry to other congregations in Iowa. We've also

played a number of times for the Iowa Annual Conference in CY Stephens Auditorium and Hilton Coliseum.

During the past 25 years, we've had many opportunities to serve our church and community. On all these occasions, we expressed our faith through our music. We look forward to many more years of fellowship and music making.

Submitted by Paul Anderson



10 Year Anniversary

# The Stuff of Dreams

By Rev. Jim Shirbroun

I was in worship, standing at the communion table, preparing to begin the Invitation. Suddenly, I felt I needed to forgo those introductory words to the sacrament and say instead: "No one will receive until ALL are allowed to receive... No one will serve until all are allowed to serve."

Then I woke up from my dream.

I typically forget my dreams immediately. This time, however, in that state before full consciousness hits and reality pushes aside the stuff of dreams, I grabbed hold of those words, carving them deep into my brain so I'd remember them.

For a few short moments, turning the phrases over and over in my still sleep-fogged brain, I contemplated making this dream a reality. I pondered what might happen if, at my next opportunity, instead of the Invitation I said, "There'll be no communion today. No one will receive until ALL are allowed to receive and no one will serve until all are allowed to serve." I talked myself out of disrupting

worship, but those words keep disrupting my thoughts and I knew I had to share them here.

I'm not completely certain what my dream means, but I have a few ideas. "No one will receive until ALL are allowed to receive". We might bristle at the implications of that statement. After all, at nearly every celebration of the sacrament of communion at Collegiate/Wesley (including weekly @ faithspring on Sunday nights) we remind ourselves that, "in the United Methodist Church we celebrate an open table," welcoming all. Our *Statement of Reconciliation* closes with the line, "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."



**Last years Reconciling Communion Service at Annual Conference where everyone was invited.**

I can't imagine any one of us would physically block the doors to our buildings or bar anyone from moving forward to receive the bread and cup ,

# Dreams

but are there barriers we're not aware of which belie our best intentions...barriers in the words we use, the attitudes we hold, the traditions we continue? Are we doing our best to live out what we SAY is true? If we indeed suspended holy communion until we knew EVERYONE felt welcomed here...to worship, to study, to serve and celebrate and share... how long would we go "hungry and thirsty" for the sacrament?

And what of our denomination? Are all truly allowed to receive? Are all truly welcomed? In 2005 a United Methodist pastor in Virginia denied membership to a gay man based on his sexual orientation. The pastor was, at first, placed on involuntary leave of absence but has since been reinstated.

At the 2008 General Conference of the United Methodist Church a constitutional amendment was made which will be presented to all Annual Conferences this year. If passed, the amendment will guarantee the right to membership for all persons and deny discrimination of any kind.

Turn to page 8 and you will find Deborah Blaedel's story "Living the Statement". In addition you find information about an upcoming workshop "All Means All." Your participation in that workshop, and your prayers for those who do, will help us make changes which guarantee NO one will be turned away from the table in our

family of faith or any other United Methodist congregation.

Like our communion table, my dream had two sides. The second "side" of my dream, "No one will serve until all are allowed to serve" speaks to the denominational restrictions which deny ordination to my Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered sisters and brothers. When will we speak out so ALL persons, regardless of sexual orientation, will be allowed to live out their call to ordained ministry? How long must we speak out before BOTH sides of the table are open? What actions might we take to make that happen?

Unfortunately, dreams of justice and cries for equality have been a part of humanity forever. Martin Luther King, Jr. is quoted as saying, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere". Our Wesley Foundation Social Justice team has adopted the slogan, "Until all are free, we are all imprisoned". I long for the day when God's justice is realized and such words become a distant memory of an unjust past rather than the stuff of dreams. But longing for that day has never been enough. We must faithfully speak out, consistently work to make it happen. In this season of Lent... a season of self-searching and forging deeper connections with God...I invite you to prayerfully consider how you and this family of faith might do just that.

# Alternative Gift Market 2008 Recap

By Dennis Byrne

Eight Ames congregations, including Collegiate/Wesley, joined in hosting giving opportunities in November and December at First UMC's Spiritual Growth Center (SGC) across the street from the main Ames post office. On these three days, several people purchased gifts for the world's less fortunate. This was an outreach effort to people who perhaps had never heard of Alternative Gift Market (AGM). Also, the eight sponsoring Ames congregations hosted mini-Markets at their respective locations on Sundays during the Holiday season to provide opportunities for their members to "give the world a present." A total



of about 10 orders were placed through these opportunities at the SGC and mini-Markets. Consequently, the total gift purchases, which also included donations, helped the Ames AGM cover costs and remain self-sufficient. The 2008 amount of \$22,058, which included \$456 in donations toward our expenses was a decrease of \$2,909 (11.7%) from 2007.

Of the 40 organizations/projects on the local, national and international levels that will receive the monetary gifts, the three receiving the most contributions were: Yaks for Youth in Tibet (\$1,209), Creole Pigs to Combat Poverty in Haiti (\$1,220) and Emergency Residence Project of Ames (\$1,560).

The orders placed by C/W people were for a total contribution of \$2,304, which amounted to \$1,326 less than last year for a decrease of 36.5 percent. Of the sponsoring congregations, this amount ranked us in second place behind Collegiate Presbyterian that collected \$7,435 for a decrease of \$107 from last year.

I would like to thank our representative on the 8-member Ames AGM planning committee, for helping arrange the seventeenth Alternative Gift Market in Ames. Also, much thanks to Bob and Jean Humphrey, Marian Solomon, Patty King and Mike King who helped staff our in-church AGM table. Also, we especially thank all those who purchased gifts for those in need!



# Living the Statement

**By Deborah Blaedel**

A few years after my family joined Collegiate/Wesley, I heard from a friend of mine of a family that had been told by their pastor that their lesbian daughter's partner would not be welcome in worship. They subsequently left the church. I was shocked by this story, but confident and grateful that our clergy would never so demean and devalue a child of the church, a child of God.

Several years later, my husband and I were privileged to present for baptism the daughter of a lesbian couple who had been friends of our family for many years. My heart swelled with gratitude that this sacred event was taking place in our church. Another friend approached me afterwards with tears in her own eyes: also moved by the event, she only wished her own lesbian daughter could have experienced the church's acceptance of the sacred worth of ALL of God's children represented by this baby's baptism. I felt confidence and hope in the stand our church was taking that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people are no less deserving of God's love and grace than anyone else.

Last week, I ran into the mother of one of our daughter's high school friends

whom I hadn't seen in ten years. We caught up on what our daughters were doing and she shared with me that her daughter had been recently married. The marriage had taken place in one of the few states that recognize gay marriage, but the newlyweds have since moved to a state that doesn't recognize the legality of their union. She was thrilled for her daughter, loved the young woman her daughter had married and was touched that this young woman had chosen to legally take her daughter's name. She is sad, though, that there is no one in her church with whom she feels she can share the wedding photographs. Her church is fairly conservative, she explained, and she isn't sure how others would respond.

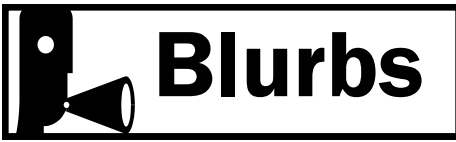
These incidents all provoke in me a deep gratitude that I am a member of a faith community that I believe is committed to the call of Jesus Christ that we love each other, that we are all created by God and have sacred worth. I am grateful for our Reconciling Ministries Team for its ongoing efforts to educate and affirm the importance of full inclusion of everyone in our church. I appreciate the sermons I hear that repeat this affirmation, and the presence of our ministers at meetings, workshops and prayer vigils that

support this important stance of Christian justice. I am grateful I can offer new acquaintances, without thought to their sexual orientation, a safe and welcoming place to worship. But as I learn of parents in our church who are not comfortable talking openly about the lives of their gay kids, parents who feel they must hide their children's sexual identity for fear of jeopardy of their careers, or individuals or couples who feel they must isolate and separate their social lives from their church life, I am aware that we all need to be making more effort every day, to LIVE the Reconciling Statement that we print in our bulletin every week: "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."

### **"All Means All" Workshop with Troy Plummer**

On March 28 Rev. Troy Plummer, Executive Director of the Reconciling Ministries Network will be in Ames leading a workshop entitled "All Means All." Participants will learn how to share our stories with those who will be voting on this and other important matters at this year's Iowa Annual Conference gathering. The training sessions run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in our Annex @ 130 S. Sheldon (check in at 9:30 a.m.) The \$15 cost includes materials, lunch and refreshments. For more information call or email Rev. Linda Butler, [linda@cwames.org](mailto:linda@cwames.org).

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



## Update From Katherine Parker

February is "rodou broamg" (dry season), which is also the wedding season since the rice harvest finished in January. So, in a country where the majority of people are under 30, you can imagine how busy (and joyful) this season is. I see at least 2 or 3 ceremonies taking place every day no matter what part of the country I am visiting.

Ken Cruz has made the most recent post to our blog <http://chad-cambodia.blogspot.com>. Check it out.

Here in the Community Health & Agricultural Development (CHAD) program, we continue on! We have almost finished the Theology of Development training for the pastors in Battambang. Good Samaritan Health Training is going in the Kandal district, and Local Social Concerns Committees are being organized in Svay Reine and Kompong Thom districts. The recent result of all of these trainings is two new rice banks, a savings and credit group, and a water distribution system for an arsenic-contamination prone region. You can support this work with your donation at <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/advance/donate.cfm?code=14916A>

with love & gratitude,

Katherine

## "When two or three are gathered in My name..."

On Wednesday, February 18, a cold, chilly night, hearts were warmed around Ames when our Senior and Middle School Youth went as groups of two and three with an adult to the homes of a dozen of our Collegiate UMC/WF members who are 70-90 years old. Some of the comments heard afterwards from all those who participated.

"They read in the evenings by kerosene lamps when they were younger."

"His relative was the inspiration behind the 4-H shamrock symbol."

"Her husband knew everything about roses."

"This couple has traveled everywhere."

"We wish they could have stayed longer."

"The youths' exuberance and interest in everything was so stimulating and enjoyable."

Bringing the two age groups together to discuss such topics as faith, WWII, death of loved ones, marriage and so much more helps our youth to know life goes on even after struggles happen to you and it helps our older persons realize the future is in good hands because of the enthusiasm and sincerity of our youth.

Bev Shirbroun

## **Faithful Families: Parents Loving LGBTQ Kids**

A group of parents at Collegiate/Wesley is planning to meet monthly for fellowship and to share the stories of their LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning) kids. There will not be an organized curriculum, but the meeting will be faith-based and will provide parents the opportunity to share and celebrate with each other their LGBTQ kids' joys and successes, as well as support each other in their frustrations and disappointments. Confidentiality will be respected and the names of group members will not be made public. Meetings will take place in a member's home the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M., starting April 7. It is not necessary to be a member of Collegiate: all parents of LGBTQ children are invited. Please call Dianna Nelson, 292-7223; 296-1576; or Natalie Rekemeyer in the church office, 292-6936, with questions or for directions to the meeting location.

## **Peace With Justice Scholarship Essay Contest**

The Peace with Justice Scholarship Essay Contest is open to students who are high school juniors and seniors during the current school year and who live in Iowa or attend an Iowa high school. They need not be members of a United Methodist Church nor any other religious body.

Announced each year in January, the essay contest will be publicized through the Iowa Conference Communications Ministry office and eight district offices, and in an email to all the high school principals and/or guidance counselors in Iowa.

Completed essays must be typewritten (not handwritten) and should be sent to the Iowa Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, Marian Solomon, 1801 20th Street, Ames, IA 50010, postmarked no later than April 15, 2009.

It is preferred that essays be sent via email by the same date to [msolomon@mchsi.com](mailto:msolomon@mchsi.com).

## **New Member Coffee**

Are you interested in joining the membership of Collegiate/Wesley—or, at least, learning more about this place, its history and programs? Come to our next New Member Coffee, April 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room (Main Floor, West Hallway). You don't have to drink coffee, nor are you obligated to become a member, it is simply an opportunity to meet with pastors and other staff members and ask any questions you may have. No appointment needed, simply show up.

## **Update on EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)**

Beginning in January of 2009, Collegiate/Wesley began offering the option of automatic withdrawal of funds from members' and friends' accounts toward fulfillment of their Estimates of Giving to the CUMC/WF budget. To date, 33 households are using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to have an amount withdrawn on the 15th of each month and deposited in the church/foundation's account. This amounts to over \$10,000 per month. The benefit to CUMC/WF is that this method of giving ensures consistent cash flow throughout the year, while the benefit to givers is that it keeps giving current and removes one more thing to have to think about. If you wish to be included in the EFT program, please contact Administrative Coordinator Joyce Rasmussen in the church office.

## **Pages are needed for Annual Conference**

June 4-7: A Page is a high school youth who runs errands, carries messages, distributes materials and waits upon members of a legislative or decision making body. Since the Iowa United Methodist Conference is a decision making body as it receives reports, acts upon recommendations and develops programs and policies for the future, pages are needed to assist in its operation and to serve the 1800+ members who attend. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2009! Applications are located on the bulletin board across from Nichols Chapel.

## **Peace Conference**

Friday & Saturday, April 17-18, 2009 at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center in Indianola, Iowa -

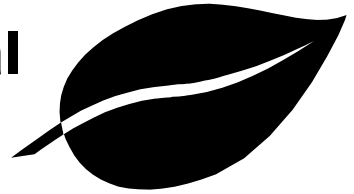
Why a Peace Conference? Primarily, a peace conference is held to facilitate discussion about what we as individuals and members of churches and other voluntary associations can do to promote peace in our world.

Secondly, to foster supportive relationships and enjoy the beauty of Camp Wesley Woods in the Spring.

Brochures are located on the information table by the west door Main Entrance. Registrations due by April 10.



# AMOS Environmental Discussions



## Toward Sustainability

Sponsored by A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy and Ames Public Library

### Solar Decathlon House

Wednesday, March 25

7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

Members of the Iowa State Solar Decathlon Team will talk about their design for the Interlock House, which showcases new construction practices that use less energy and create less waste.



### Green Buildings, Green Communities, Green Living

Monday, March 30

7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

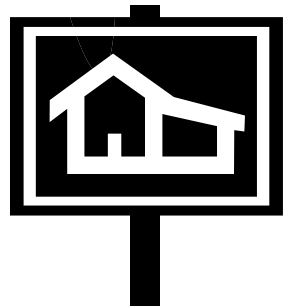
Lynnae Hentzen, Executive Director/ Co-Founder of the Center on Sustainable Communities, will talk about sustainable ways to improve your home or build new.

### Community Discussion

Monday, April 6

7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

Come join a discussion on sustainability and innovative ideas from other communities. We will explore the question, "How can our community become a leader in green living?"





## Looking Long-Term

**By Jeremy Galvin and Dean Phillips**

Each day we are surrounded by so many blessings which impact our family, friends, neighbors and even those whom we pass walking down the street that we do not know. It is up to each of us to care for these blessing so that others continue to be the beneficiary of our many fortunes.

Recently, the Endowment Board sponsored two programs designed to promote good stewardship of our personal assets through planning and preparation. While we hope that you will consider supporting the endowment fund as you plan and prepare, we know that you have many wishes and interests that you hope to fulfill.

Jim Garnett from Consumer Credit of Des Moines provided some amazing statistics related to debt in our society. Credit management is one way to steward your assets and with today's challenging economy we need to be aware of the pitfalls that many people are getting into as a result of poor money management.

Kevin Gowdy, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation spoke about the importance of stewarding our

personal assets to ensure that our beneficiaries receive the portion of the estate intended for them, whether that is family, school, community organizations, church or any other entity or person. Make sure that you take inventory of your assets, take time to properly execute all documents such as your will, living will, medical power of attorney and ethical wills. And finally, Kevin shared the importance of letting people know, especially a trustee or loved one, about your estate plans in order to avoid difficult times for family members when they are dealing with the loss of a loved one.

The Endowment Board would like to extend our thanks to those who attended these educational sessions. We welcome any feedback on these sessions and would like to hear from you on topics that we should consider for our programs in 2010. You can contact Jeremy Galvin, Endowment Board Chair at [jdgalvin@iastate.edu](mailto:jdgalvin@iastate.edu) and (515) 292-2053 or the church office at (515) 292-6936 and your ideas will be forwarded to board members confidentially.

The endowment fund is a long-term investment in the church. Our goal is to

# Easter blooms



We will be decorating the chancel area with blooming plants on Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Decoration Team is giving you the opportunity to order white lilies wrapped in white foil at a cost of \$9.75 each. Arrangements have been made with Hohlubs Greenhouse to deliver the flowers to the church. If you would like to purchase a plant, please complete the form below and leave it in the church office or put it in the offering plate. **YOUR CASH/CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER.** The deadline for orders is April 3. Flowers will be here on Sunday, April 12. You may pick up your plant after the 11:00 a.m. service, Easter Sunday.

NAME

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TELEPHONE

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Please indicate how many you are ordering: white lilies (\$9.75) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will deliver my flower to a homebound member after the 11 a.m. service on April 12, but I would like the name of a recipient.

I would like my flower delivered to a homebound member by a Chancel Flowers Team member after the 11 a.m. service.

I will pick up my flower after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 12.

I will pick up my flower on Monday, April 13.

grow the endowment through additional gifts and interest earnings which will guarantee funds to meet the needs of the church in perpetuity. Although our endowment investments are widely diversified, the significant market declines have affected our endowment balance. After reaching a high of \$530,762 on September 18, 2007 we have seen a decline of approximately 32% since this date with an endowment balance of \$364,413 as of December 31, 2008.

The Endowment Board remains extremely optimistic that our endowment fund will once again return to the value that it was 17 months ago. We continue to remind ourselves that the purpose of the endowment fund is for the long-term well being of the church. We welcome any questions that you may have and want to thank you for your personal investments in the CUMC/WF Endowment fund. Thank you!

Nuts and Bolts is our monthly article featuring an administrative function of the church.



# Welcome New Members



## **Nate and Lisa Anderson**

Nate and Lisa both graduated from Simpson College. They enjoy being in the outdoors and have made careers out of that passion. Nate is a Park Ranger and Lisa an Environmental Education Coordinator. On Feb. 17, their first child, Parker William (pictured) was born. Nate and Lisa are transferring their membership from Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer, IA.



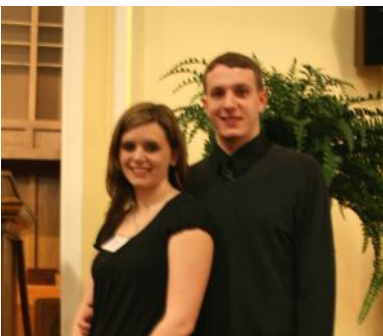
## **Chris and Tammy Hockley**

Chris grew up in Laramie, Wyoming and got his degree in religion/philosophy at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, which is also where he met Tammy, who was studying music education. Tammy and Chris most recently lived in Bahrain teaching elementary school. Chris is our Campus Ministry Associate.



## **Janice Canny**

Jan joined the church with her son Matthew Peterson and his fiancé Nicole Haberkorn (below). Jan has two other children, daughter Carrie and son Mike. She is married and is a program coordinator at ISU for the Office of Research Assurances. She enjoys babysitting her grandchildren and traveling.



## **Matthew Peterson and Nicole Haberkorn**

Matthew and Nicole have been engaged since May of 2007. They are both studying at DMACC, Matthew is studying fire science while Nicole is studying nursing. Nicole is employed by Story County Hospitals and Matthew works for Krysiliis. Nicole is originally from Story City. They have two daughters, Madison and Malori.

### **Merle and Elsie Prater**

Merle and Elsie moved to Ames in 1984. Merle worked as an engineer for IBM for 25 years in New York State. He has a PhD. in Education from Gonzaga. Elsie taught for two years then became a homemaker caring for their 4 children. Elsie is now involved with the Songbirds at the Senior Center. Merle and Elsie join two of their sons (Jeff Prater and Steve Prater) as members of CUMC/WF.



### **Doug and Connie Bates**

Connie and Doug moved back to Ames in 2006. Doug has worked in the Office of Right of Way at the Iowa DOT since 1986. He presently manages the Acquisition/Relocation Section. They both golf (although admittedly not very well) and love to travel. They enjoy the combination of the friendly welcome they received here, along with the congregation's commitment to acceptance and tolerance.



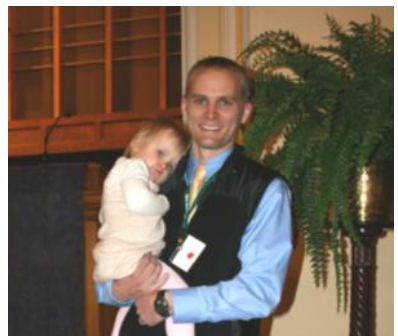
### **Doug & Susan Johnston**

Doug and Susan are transferring their membership from First United Methodist Church in Champaign, IL where they lived for 21 years. They have two children: Kristine is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, and Andrew is a freshman at DePaul University. Doug is Chair of the Department of Community and Regional Planning and the Department of Landscape Architecture at ISU. Susan worked for many years as a dietitian and food service manager.



### **Ryan Risdal**

Ryan is transferring his membership from Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland to join wife Jodi Smith Risdal as a member of CUMC/WF. They have one daughter Lauren, who is 18 months old. Ryan is a crop consultant for the Heart of Iowa Co-op in Nevada. He enjoys gardening and working with Habitat for Humanity.





## Wil Ranney

Wil (me) has been the Coordinator of Discipleship, Technology, and Communications at Collegiate/Wesley since the beginning of last year, and is transferring his membership from *Summit on 16th* in Columbus, OH, where he is from. Wil is married to LeAnn Faidley, an ISU engineering professor, who herself recently became a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Wil enjoys playing games of all types.

Be sure to introduce yourself to all the new members of the church. Let them know that they are welcome, and invite them to participate in the life of the church.

# 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

For Patty and Lad Grove as they celebrate 33 years of wedded bliss and for Patty's Mom's 88th Birthday

For the birth of Michele Abel's new baby girl Alexia on 3/9, granddaughter of Kelly Abel

For the joy of Cliff Dolbeare's family that was visiting and safe travel as they return

## Prayers of Concerns

For the family of Walter Lovely, friend of Thamon and Mary Jane Hazen who died last week

For David and Roger Dolling, sons of Harold Dolling. Harold's funeral services were here at CUMC/WF on March 7.

For Matt, Melissa, Brooke & Bailey Smith,

Matt's father died suddenly on 3/1

For Shirley, friend of Sally Wilson whose husband died on 3/7 from Lou Gehrig's Disease

For Mary, sister of a church member, who continues to struggle with medication issues

For Steve Lynn, brother of Vicki Lynn who had surgery last week

For Connie Bates' co-worker, whose sister is struggling with depression

For a classmate, whose grandmother has asked to be taken off dialysis

For the family of Evelyn Twogood, great aunt of Jason Janssen, who passed away on 2/27 after a long battle with cancer

For Evelyn Farnham, mother of Dale Farnham, who is back in the hospital in Fort Dodge

For the family of Tim Gossett for the failing health of his grandmother

For Inda Butler, mother of Rev. Linda Butler as she undergoes treatment for lung cancer.

# One Great Hour of Sharing

## A United Methodist Special Sunday Coming on March 22

Necessities of life include food, shelter, and clothing. However, many people around the world lack these basic necessities a reality by sharing the goodness of life with those who hurt.

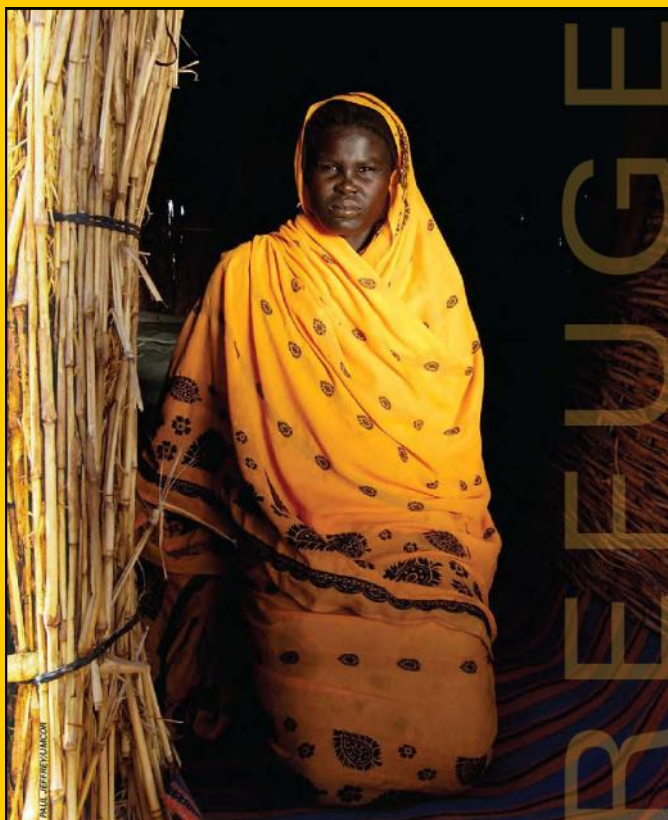
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You can continue to share God's love with those in need by your gift on March 22. Please make your check out to Collegiate/ Wesley and indicate in the memo section "One Great Hour." Thank you! Your gift makes a world of difference.

Rev. Linda M. Butler



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## Discipleship in Focus: Better Late than Never

Congratulations to Martha Ryan who was officially confirmed on Sunday, March 8. Martha left before finishing confirmation last year to spend a semester in New Zealand with her family, but has since returned and finished her confirmation journey.

