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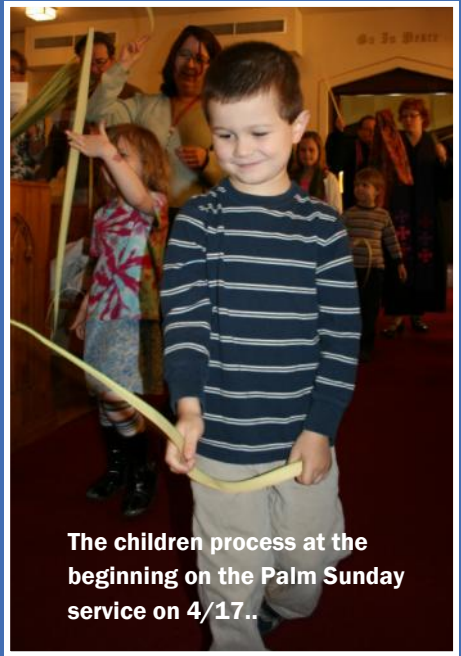


Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation

# Life at CUMC/WF



Laura Shanks and Doris Stukenberg prepare for the Faith Circle meeting on 4/14.



The children process at the beginning on the Palm Sunday service on 4/17..



Betty Bowman, Betty Barton and Donna Dale help to make Hope Blankets during the Grace Circle meeting on 4/14.



Choristers Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. service on 4/10.

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10:00 a.m.

Cover photo—Collegiate Brass played  
at the Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. service.  
Left to right—David Stephenson,  
Max Morris, Paul Anderson,  
Steph Scherbart, Bion Pierson.



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## Pictures

Please help us have pictures of the happenings here at C/W for the *Communicator*. If you would like to share what your group(s) is/are doing we would like to have the opportunity to put it in this newsletter. Email your pictures to [natalie@cwames.org](mailto:natalie@cwames.org)

## About *The Communicator* and deadline submission dates

*The Communicator* is a bi-weekly 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. To submit articles please email them to [natalie@cwames.org](mailto:natalie@cwames.org). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Natalie in the office at 292-6936. **Next deadline dates are 4/28** (covering material from 5/8 5/22)) and May 12 (5/22-6/5).

# “We Are the Body”

By Wil Ranney, Director of Discipleship

If you have the time, consider reading 1 Corinthians 12

“The Body” is a strange metaphor for Christianity, but that didn’t keep Paul from using it as his primary metaphor for the church in 1 Corinthians. We typically think of human bodies as starting and ending frail, as finite, and as unreliable; they get sick and are needy. What was Paul thinking? It’s also evident that he didn’t mean “heavenly” bodies when he extended his metaphor to include ears, eyes, hands, and feet, each of which come with their own frailties and limitations.

In Sunday School as children, we begin to learn about how each of us has our own unique, God given gifts. 20 such spiritual gifts are named in the Bible, most in 1 Corinthians. Here are some popular Sunday School examples: the gift of compassion represents the heart, while helping represents the hands, and tongues represent, well, the tongue.

Lately, through my position as the Director of Discipleship at Collegiate/Wesley, I have come to have a deeper understanding of this metaphor. I have started to see it as a challenge to the church, every church. In my mind, the body of Christ is a call to evangelism, to lay leadership, and to visionary ministry.

Call to Evangelism - “God activates all of [the spiritual gifts] in everyone.” Wesley considered these gifts part of the prevenient grace that was given freely to all people whether or not they had accepted Christ. They have what it takes to join the body, it’s our job to let them know this is a place they can put those gifts to use.

Call to Lay Leadership - “...the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor.” Contrary to popular belief, the pastor is not necessarily the most important person in the church, rather it’s the least of these that are called to take, and be given, a greater role in the church. Ankeny First UMC has a rule about this: if a small group is fulfilling its specific purpose, but it is not developing any new leaders, then it is considered a failure in the sense that it’s not meeting the church’s mission of giving more people a more substantial role in the body of Christ. Leadership becomes the vehicle by which more substantive relationships with God are developed.

Call to Visionary Ministry - A visionary ministry is not built just out of the needs of the world, but from our ability to meet those needs. This is where our body’s spiritual strengths and weaknesses come into play.

The chart on page 5 represents the gifts identified by C/W members through the 2010 Journeys catalogue. As you can see, servanthood and helping are our two greatest spiritual gifts, while tongues, apostleship, and evangelism are our weakest spiritual gifts. We can use this information to develop or vision for the future. One way to look

at is we have the gifts it takes to help those in need. Another way to look at is that we need help to nurture and supplement our evangelism gifts.

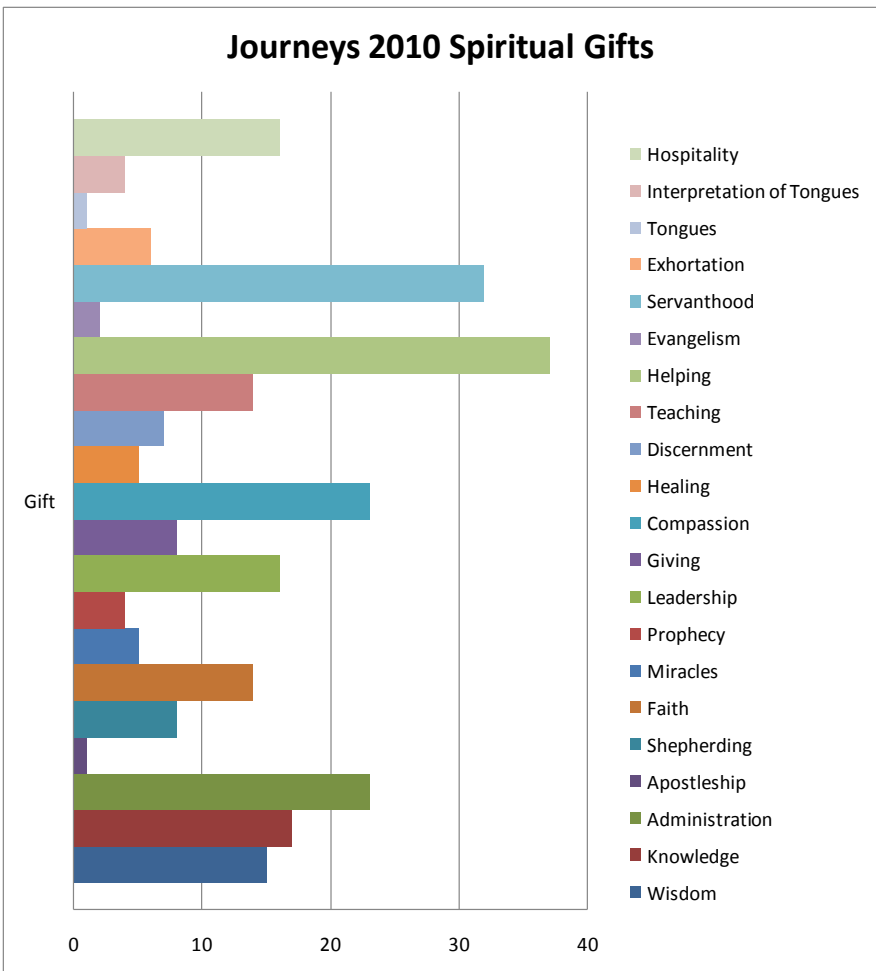
The challenge of these metaphor has also lead me to believe that we need to celebrate the body of Christ—to celebrate our gifts and the offering up of those gifts. That is why I am pleased to announce our:

**Volunteer Appreciation Cupcake Party**  
**Sunday, May 1st at 12:15 p.m. in Wesley Hall**

The cupcakes will be provided by the Cupcake Emporium downtown and there will be other options for those with dietary restrictions. If you have volunteered your time at the church last year, please join us for this special time of fellowship. Be sure to greet the new confirmands in the Gathering Space before you come down.

Peace and God Bless,

Wil Ranney, Director of Discipleship



# “Christian Education & Youth Happenings”

By Rev. Kathy Harrington-Taber

## Sunday School News

Our Preschool School and Kindergarten Classes are now studying the life of the early church. Our Elementary Students are studying the Road to Emmaus and Pentecost. Our Middle School students are using Live B.I.G. to study about the early church. Our high school students are using LINC to learn about current events.

## Youth Happenings

The High School Youth had a rousing send off for Brian Housholder. They also enjoyed Laser Tag and a busy night of “Bigger and Better.” They are nearly to their fundraising goal for their Mission Trip with the Sierra Service Project to repair houses on the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation in Fort Hall, Idaho. Thank you to everyone for their generous support of our Stock Sales! During our trip, we will be sending post-cards to the people who purchased our “stock”.

The Middle Schoolers enjoyed three weeks of Improv with Mike King. Then they enjoyed yoga with Ruthann Hadish. Thank you to Mike, Ruthann, and all our parent volunteers! We are getting ready for our Valentino’s Fundraiser on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Volunteer in Mission Presentation

By Bev Kruempel

What can we learn from the United Methodist churches in the Philippines? Come on Sunday, **May 1** at 7:00 p.m. to hear a report about the experiences that three of our members had with the Volunteer in Mission Program in the Philippines. Gerry Kennedy, Jane Kennedy and Bev Kruempel will show photos and give their impressions of working along side church members to remodel a building for the Bishop as well as their visits to several United Methodist churches and institutions. The presentation will be in the Fireside Room – all are invited.



# Collegiate/Wesley Events

## Calendar for April 24–May 8, 2011

### Sunday, April 24, 2011

Sunrise Service @ Reiman Gardens  
 Easter Breakfast  
 Sunrise Service @ Reiman Gardens  
 Worship Service  
 Nursery  
 Sunday School Classes for all ages  
 WF FaithLink  
 Worship Service  
 Kids Korner  
 WF Lunch on the Landing  
*faithspring* band rehearsal  
 "24 Hrs. That Changed the World" Study  
*faithspring*  
 Chapel bell choir rehearsal  
 Sunday Supper  
 Collegiate bell choir rehearsal

### Easter Sunday

6:30 AM  
 7:30 AM Wesley Hall  
 7:30 AM  
 8:30 AM Sanctuary  
 8:30 AM  
 9:45 AM  
 9:45 AM Student Lounge  
 11:00 AM Sanctuary  
 11:15 AM  
 12:15 PM Student Lounge  
 3:00 PM Annex Auditorium  
 4:00 PM Fireside Room  
 5:30 PM Annex Auditorium  
 6:00 PM Music Room  
 6:30 PM Annex Auditorium  
 7:15 PM Music Room

### Monday, April 25, 2011

Office Volunteers 9:00 AM 123  
 UMW Conference Officer Meeting 10:00 AM Fireside Room  
 Caroliers Choir bell rehearsal 4:30 PM Music Room  
 Disciple Bible Study III 6:00 PM 44  
 Welcome Team meeting 7:00 PM Library  
 AMOS ERT Meeting 7:00 PM 123  
 Wesley Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 PM Fireside Room

### Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Staff Meeting 8:30 AM Fireside Room  
 Worship Ministries Cluster 7:00 PM 123

### Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Library Team 9:00 AM Library  
 UM Men's Coffee 9:30 AM Fireside Room  
 WF Lunch @ the Union 11:30 AM  
 Holy Club 12:00 PM 123  
 WF midweek chapel @ Mem. Union 12:15 PM  
 Crusaders bell choir rehearsal 5:30 PM Music Room  
 Choristers choir rehearsal 5:30 PM Fireside Room  
 Soup Supper 6:15 PM Wesley Hall  
 MS Youth Group 7:00 PM MS Youth Room

Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 PM	Music Room
HS Youth Group	7:00 PM	Annex 301
Gracious Hospitality Bible Study	7:30 PM	Norman Room
Chancel bell choir rehearsal	8:30 PM	Music Room

### Thursday, April 28, 2011

### Communicator Deadline 8:00 a.m.

WF Devotional & Exercise	8:00 AM	Student Lounge
WF <i>faithspring</i> planning	5:30 PM	Student Lounge
Mauddy Thursday Service	7:00 PM	Sanctuary

### Friday, April 29, 2011

WF Midnight Breakfast	11:30 PM	Wesley Hall
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### Saturday, April 30, 2011

UMW Spring Brunch	10:00 AM	Wesley Hall
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### Sunday, May 1, 2011 Confirmation Sunday & Volunteer Appreciation Day

Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	8:30 AM	
Sunday School Classes for all ages	9:45 AM	
WF FaithLink	9:45 AM	Student Lounge
Confirmand breakfast	9:45 AM	Wesley Hall
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Confirmation Reception	12:00 PM	Gathering Space
Volunteer Appreciation Cupcake Party	12:15 PM	Wesley Hall
Financial Peace University Pilot Program	1:30 PM	Fireside Room
<i>faithspring</i> band rehearsal	3:00 PM	Annex Auditorium
<i>faithspring</i>	5:30 PM	Annex Auditorium
Chapel bell choir rehearsal	6:00 PM	Music Room
Sunday Supper	6:30 PM	Annex Auditorium
Volunteer in Mission Program	6:30 PM	Fireside Room
Collegiate bell choir rehearsal	7:15 PM	Music Room

### Monday, May 2, 2011

WF Finals Week Breakfast	6:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Caroliers Choir bell rehearsal	4:30 PM	Music Room
Disciple Bible Study III	6:00 PM	44
Welcome Team meeting	7:00 PM	Library
Wesley Foundation Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Wesley Hall Kitchen Team	7:00 PM	Wesley Hall

### Tuesday, May 3, 2011

WF Finals Week Breakfast	6:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Staff Parish Meeting	7:00 PM	123



Rev. Jim Shirbroun baptizes  
Clint and Jamie Rabe's  
infant daughter on 4/17.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

WF Finals Week Breakfast	6:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
WF midweek chapel @ Mem. Union	12:15 PM	
Hope Blankets	1:30 PM	Wesley Hall
Crusaders bell choir rehearsal	5:30 PM	Music Room
Choristers choir rehearsal	5:30 PM	Fireside Room
Soup Supper	6:15 PM	Wesley Hall
MS Youth Group	7:00 PM	MS Youth Room
Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 PM	Music Room
HS Youth Group	7:00 PM	Annex 301
Gracious Hospitality Bible Study	7:30 PM	Norman Room
Chancel bell choir rehearsal	8:30 PM	Music Room

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**

WF Finals Week Breakfast	6:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Communicator Volunteers	8:30 AM	123

**Friday, May 6, 2011**

WF Finals Week Breakfast	6:30 AM	Wesley Hall
World Friendship Day @ Collegiate Presby.	9:00 AM	

**Sunday, May 8, 2011**

Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	8:30 AM	
Sunday School Classes for all ages	9:45 AM	
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Financial Peace University Pilot Program	1:30 PM	Fireside Room
Chapel bell choir rehearsal	6:00 PM	Music Room

**Mother's Day**

# The Vine



## Shake-It Up Café VBS

3 yr olds—completed 5th grade

Please save **June 13th – 17th** for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms will be available in Sunday School, online, and outside the Christian Education Office. Vacation Bible School is a whole church effort – we need you! There are simple jobs, quick jobs, ahead of time jobs, during VBS jobs, and we always need prayer. A week of Vacation Bible School can have the same impact as a whole year of Sunday School. There is a list of items we need donated, a list of items we need to borrow, and a list of volunteer opportunities are posted in the display case across from the Main Office.

## Thanks for Raising some Friends

Friend Raising Sunday (March 27th) was successful. We had 438 people attend service that day, as compared to our 2010 average of 348. The Welcome Team had many new people to send greetings to, and Kathy Harrington-Taber reported that we had four new children in Sunday School. If you missed out on your chance to invite a friend, don't fret; we hope to have a Friend-Raising Sunday once a quarter.

## UMW Spring Brunch

You are invited to the fun and fantastic UMW Spring Brunch on **April 30** from 10:00 a.m.-noon in Wesley Hall. Come and enjoy this yearly event with our speaker and a time of fellowship! Bring a friend.

## Progressive Dinner Thanks!

Thanks to the following people for helping to make the WF Progressive Dinner a complete success. Cathy Halverson, Michael King, Ruth Provow and West Steel, for providing appetizers. Thanks to Rev. Scott & Susan Grotewold, Jane & John Jacobson, and Ken & Bev Kruempel for serving as host homes for the main course. Thanks to Karen Dohrmann, Amanda Heeren, Lindsey Pepper, Lisa Putz, Megan & Steven Schroder, and Janet Stephenson for providing desserts.

## Gifts of stock to Collegiate United Methodist Church/Wesley Foundation

The name of the financial investment firm that handles the Collegiate UMC account has changed. It is now Stifel Nicolaus Investment Services, Inc. The location hasn't changed – the street address is still 515 Grand Avenue, Ames. The phone number is 515-233-4064. If you plan to give stock to CUMC/WF for either your annual estimate of giving, or your estimate of giving for the "Raise the Roof" Capital Campaign; please ask your broker to transfer the stock to Stifel Nicolaus, in care of Karla. Then please notify Joyce Rasmussen, in the church office, of this stock gift and transfer. Privacy laws prevent the investment firm from telling us who donated the stock. If you have any questions please contact Joyce, at [joyce@cwames.org](mailto:joyce@cwames.org) or 515-292-6936, or Jim Dohrmann (CUMC treasurer) at [jdohrmann@mcfarlandclinic.com](mailto:jdohrmann@mcfarlandclinic.com).

## Cool Congregations

People of faith across Iowa are caring for God's creation by solving climate change in their own homes and saving money in the process. The Cool Congregations stewardship program will provide you with the tools you need to make a difference in your home, congregation, and community. This program brings hope and renewal to your community and contributes to global poverty solutions, for the poor of the world are suffering the most from climate change. Be a good steward of God's creation. Be a Cool Congregation!

Participating members: Invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, save money on bills, prevent climate change pollution

Cool Congregations participants attend a series of small groups led by a trained leader to: Measure their carbon footprint.

Explore ways to reduce their footprint. Make a faith-based pledge to reduce their footprint. Meet to celebrate their successes and build community!

**Upcoming Workshops—Saturday, May 14,**  
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. here at CUMC/WF.  
See the table at the west entrance for brochures and registration information.

Co-Sponsored by The Iowa United Methodist Conference Board of Church and Society—  
"Cool Congregations is a beautiful way to use your passion and reason to change your own life and help others change theirs in big and small ways that may better the health of your children's children." - Kate Dunning, CC Participant



## MFSA / RMN Conference Meets in Ohio in August

"Sing a New Song" is the theme of the joint conference to be held between the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) and the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). The conference is to be held at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, from **August 25-28, 2011.**

A group from CUMC/WF will be attending. The base cost for the trip is \$600, including transportation, room for 4 nights (based on double occupancy), two meals and all conference events. (Cost variables include room size, meal packages, and arranging one's own transportation.) ISU students can attend for \$150 less, and children/youth ages 3-17 for \$200 less.

The group will leave early in the morning on Wed., **August 24** via church bus and/or carpool, arriving at the resort late that evening. Workshops begin on Thursday morning and continue until Sunday noon. The group will return to Ames late Sunday evening, August 28.

For over 100 years, MFSA has worked to bring United Methodists together around issues of peace and justice in the church and the world. The RMN was established in 1982 and mobilizes United Methodists to work for the full inclusion of all persons in the life and ministry of the church.

Time is short! The deadline for early registration is **April 26.** (Fees go up after that date.) Space on the bus is limited! For more information, contact Rev. Scott Grotewold.

## E-Bay Team Formed for “Raise the Roof!” Campaign

As a result of Kevin Gowdy’s presentation at the “Raise the Roof!” informational meetings, an E-Bay team is being formed for those wishing to donate items to the church to be sold on the popular website. Gowdy, the Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, made a presentation about “Out-of-the-Box Ways to Give to a Campaign.” In



addition to traditional gifts of cash, CDs, stocks, bonds, insurance policies, and the like, Gowdy suggested that persons with items of value could donate them to be sold. Antiques, cars, boats, and other no-longer-needed tangible property can be donated, with the amount of the sale to be donated to the campaign. (Added bonus: the value of the items can be deducted from one’s income tax as a charitable donation.)

Church members and friends are encouraged to consider donating used (but still good) property to help the congregation reach its campaign goals. To discuss this further, contact Rev. Scott Grotewold (scott@cwames.org, subject line: ebay donation). Though it is unlikely that any donations will be sold and liquidated into cash by “Raise the Roof!” Sunday on May 8, it’s hoped that tangible property donations made by that date will be estimated and included in the total to be announced that day.

## “Finding Jesus on Broadway” (version 2.0)

Back for a second consecutive year, “Finding Jesus on Broadway” is the theme for a theater weekend in New York City to be led by Scott and Susan Grotewold. The dates of this year’s trip are October 28-31, 2011. CUMC/WF members and friends are invited; it is expected that the group will be limited to 25 participants.



For those having made a \$350 deposit by May 15, the cost of the trip will be \$1400 – a \$100/person price break from the previously-announced \$1500 cost. For those making deposits between May 15 and June 15, the price is \$1500; between June 15 and August 1, \$1600. Registrants after August 1 will be added at the actual cost adjustments for

plane fare, hotel room, and show tickets. The balance of the trip cost is due by August 1.

The price includes round-trip airfare from Des Moines, three nights in a Times Square area hotel (based on double occupancy), public transportation while in New York City, tickets to three Broadway or off-Broadway shows, and two group meals. (Not included in the cost of the trip are transportation to/from Des Moines, other meals, taxi transportation if needed, and admission to other shows, activities, and attractions.)

The intent of the trip is to attend several relevant plays and to discuss them as a group following, seeking the ways in which the Gospel is revealed within them. There will be time for touring the city, with help and guidance from the Grotewolds, who have spent much time in New York. The plays have not yet been selected; the early-registering traveling group will have input as the roster of plays running becomes clearer nearer the travel date.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, Oct. 28: Early morning departure from Des Moines, with arrival in NYC in early afternoon. After check-in at hotel, group gathers for dinner and play attendance that night, with discussion following.

Saturday, Oct. 29: Group members choose from several itineraries including touring of the city, visiting a museum, shopping, visiting an intriguing neighborhood, and/or a matinee. The group will attend a play that evening, followed by discussion.

Sunday, Oct. 30: Morning options include a worship experience one is unlikely to have in Ames. The afternoon includes more touring (of course, resting at the hotel is always an option) with a play and discussion that evening (although it may have to be a matinee, as there are few Sunday evening shows).

Monday, Oct. 31: Monday morning will be spent helping those in the group to accomplish those last-minute things for which there hasn't been time during the weekend. A group farewell lunch will be held, with transportation to the airport following for the flight home and late-evening arrival back in Des Moines.

Anyone with questions, wanting to express an interest or reserve a spot should contact Rev. Scott Grotewold via e-mail (subject line: NYC) at [scott@cwames.org](mailto:scott@cwames.org), or call his cell phone at 515-291-3911.

## Glasses Needed

The Elementary Sunday School children are collecting gently used glasses to send to the Philippines with our VIM team next winter. Dr. Leigh Juan, an optometrist in the Philippines who is also the bishop's wife, will distribute them to those who need them. The collection box will be in the Main Office.



## Personals

(Personal Announcements)

### 90th Birthday Celebration

The family of Roger Coulson invites you to join us at an Open House celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday, **May 7, 2011** from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex Auditorium. We respectfully request no gifts—your presence is your present.

## 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 Thankgiving

Doris Stukenberg's family shares the joy of her 90th birthday and the blessings of having her friends and church family share her day.

For Betty Dykema, who is rid of a large amount of her cancer. She has had four treatments and has responded well. Thanks for all the prayers and continued prayers as treatment continues.

## Prayers of Concern

For the family of Ashley Okland, the young realtor from WDM, who was shot and killed on 4/8.

For the Lutheran Campus Ministries nationwide, whose budget was cut in half last week.

For the family and friends of Jim Christy, former mayor of Nevada, whose funeral was 4/10.

The altar flowers last week were from the funeral of Pat Hockett, a long time member and member of Faith Circle.

For the citizens of the tornado stricken Mapleton, hometown of former pastor Gary Putnam.

For Rev. Melissa Warren's grandmother, who has been hospitalized at Mary Greeley.

For those millions of Japanese homeless without food or power.

For the people of Libya and other Arab countries fighting for freedom.

For Peter Lundeen, who feel and broke his kneecap. Her is recuperating from surgery at home.





Here are 18 of the 21 attendees at the WF Progressive Dinner on April 8.



WF faithspring band performs during VEISHEA weekend at the Annex. Mat Wymore, Ben Linn, Aaron Hewitt, Jason Janssen, Julia Lihs, Jonathan Brand, Carli Johnson-Scott.



Left—WF participates in the VEISHEA parade, Lisa Larson, Julia Lihs, Katelynd Stenzel, Cari Johnson-Scott, Kate Harvey, Jim Shirbroun, Jason Janssen. Right—Rev. Jim Shirbroun stirs up the crowd at the VEISHEA parade on 4/16.

## 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: Roundtable Gathering



Bev Kruempel, Janet Netusil, Bion Pierson, Deborah Blaedel, Gary & Barbara Willett.