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# Life at CUMC/WF



Left—3-4 year old Sunday School class doing art on the Terrace.

Below—Middle School Youth at the end of the year picnic!



Right—Tobias Link shares his gift of music at worship on May 8.



Hope Blanket group members—Laura Shanks, Valinda Parsons, Sherry Davidson, Bev Shirbroun, Sally Wilson, Debby Wilson, Sandy Stevenson, Barbara Munson

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Front cover—50th Class Reunion of Wesley Foundation on May 13.

Front row: Jimmy Anderson, Janice Anderson, Marilyn Benson, Lynn Benson,  
Bev Kruempel

Second: Lynne Rapp

Third row: Mary Ellen Shaughan, Judith Heffernan, Bill Heffernan, Joan Voltmer,  
Carol Wheelock, Ken Kruempel

Fourth row: Edy Hill, Sylvia Banes, (there's a space here) Dave Voltmer,  
Gerald Wheelock

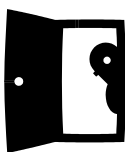
Fifth row: Art Hill, Gary Putnam, Bion Pierson, Jean Lee, and Ronald Lee

## About *The Communicator*

and deadline submission dates.

### Please take note of the summer schedule.

*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 May 26** (covering material from 6/5–6/19). **June 9** (covering span of 6/19–7/17), and **July 7** (covering span of 7/17–8/14).



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# “The Economics of Midnight Breakfast”

By Rev. Jim Shirbroun

*faithspring* is Collegiate/Wesley’s weekly, alternative worship experience. Students are central in the planning and leadership of *faithspring* and it seemed appropriate to invite graduating students to share the message at our last worship experience of the semester.



Many wonderful things were shared but one comment seemed particularly thought provoking. A student who’s been a part of our community of faith for six years talked about how inviting and welcoming he has found the Wesley Foundation, but his time here has left

him with one big rhetorical question...”I wish someone would explain to me the economics of “Free Midnight Breakfasts”!

He probably knows the answer, but we “get” why he and others might ask the question. It probably doesn’t make much sense to many people why a campus ministry would throw open its doors once a month or why dozens of Wesley Foundation students would sacrifice their own free time to break eggs, serve orange juice, cook pancakes, wash dishes, scrub tables and clean gooey waffle-makers until 2:00 a.m. just so a bunch of “strangers”,



hundreds of Iowa State students we may never have seen before (and may never see again), can enjoy a free meal very late at night. But the “economics of a Free Midnight Breakfast” make sense to us and, we believe, it makes sense to the one we’re called to follow, Jesus Christ.

Someday, somewhere, one of our guests may find themselves experiencing a “dark night of the soul” or feeling a great emptiness inside. They may be faced with a decision about making a small (or large!) sacrifice so others may find comfort or support. They may be filled with joy and wondering about the ultimate source of that joy. They may decide it’s time to connect, to make a difference, to seek understanding.



When they do, they may remember a wonderfully welcoming, joyously enthusiastic place and people who’d invited them in once before. When they do, the “economics of a Free Midnight Breakfast” has moved us one step closer to transforming the world.

## Sunday Year Ends With Pentecost Cupcakes

**May 29th** is our last day of Sunday School. The children and youth classes will have cupcakes to celebrate. They will be talking about Pentecost being the birthday of the church. (It won't actually be Pentecost, which is June 12th this year, so we are celebrating early.) I am looking for cupcake contributions for this special Sunday. If you can help, please contact Kathy Harrington-Taber. Sunday School will resume on September 11th.

## High School Mission Trip Meeting

On Tuesday **May 31st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, there will be a meeting for parents and youth about our Sierra Service Project Trip to Fort Hall, Idaho. Required forms can be turned in at that time. We will go over trip details, what to pack, expectations, and cultural sensitivity. Questions? Contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at [Kathy@cwames.org](mailto:Kathy@cwames.org).

## June 1st is Valentino's Fundraiser

Please join our Middle School Youth at Valentino's on Wednesday **June 1st** from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Valentino's is located at 823 Wheeler Street, Suite 1 in Ames. The proceeds will help fund their service trip to Minnesota June 22nd -25th. The youth will be earning 10% of the proceeds plus the tips for the evening. The youth will be doing a variety of activities for individuals, agencies that serve the community, and possibly churches. We still have a couple spots open for participants. Questions? Contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at (515)292-6936.

## VBS Volunteer Meetings

There will be two meetings for Vacation Bible School Volunteers on Thursday, **June 2nd** which will both cover the same information. The meetings will be held 10:00–11:30 a.m. and 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Childcare will be provided if requested; contact Kathy if you might need it. Besides an overview of VBS, the meeting will also cover safety procedures including Safe Sanctuaries, childcare for volunteers, and classroom management.

## Fun Days at our United Methodist Camps

Camp Wesley Woods will be having its Family Fun Day on Saturday **June 4th** from 1:00–8:00 p.m. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, archery, inflatable games, zip-line, canoeing, wall climbing, face painting, and wagon tours. The event is free, but there will be a free will donation basket at the Pig in the Ground supper, which will be served from 4:30–7:00 p.m. There will be silent auction baskets with proceeds going towards camp scholarships. The camp is located at 10896 Nixon St., Indianola, IA 50125. [www.wesleywoodsia.org](http://www.wesleywoodsia.org).

On Friday, **June 10th** from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Okoboji United Methodist Camp is having a free Friends and Family Night. Activities include BBQ dinner, inflatable games, hayrides, camp tours, singing around the campfire, worship and s'mores. There is a work day the next day if you want to make it a longer visit. The camp is located at 21413 154th Place, Spirit Lake, IA 50360. [www.okobojicamp.com](http://www.okobojicamp.com).

### **Middle School Mission Trip Meeting**

On Tuesday **June 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, there will be a meeting about our Middle School Mission Trip to Minnesota. This meeting is for parents and chaperones, but students may attend. Besides being an excellent time to turn in health forms, we will go over our projects (although they may change), what to pack, what to leave home, expectations, and some of the challenges faced by the Minneapolis community. Questions? (Contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at [Kathy@cwames.org](mailto:Kathy@cwames.org).)

### **Shake-It-Up Café Vacation Bible School Needs You**

We are still looking for volunteers and students for our **June 13th–17th** Vacation Bible School which will meet from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. It can be as little as cutting out felt or as significant as volunteering the whole time. There is a special need for people to plan the decorating. All volunteers working with children will complete a background check in accordance with our Safe Sanctuaries procedures.

### **Are You Ready for Disciple Bible Study?**

We would to offer Disciple 1 and another Disciple Class next year. Disciple Bible Study was originally written to renew the United Methodist Church from the inside out, starting with Bible study. Many people believe that Disciple Bible Study deepened their spiritual lives. There a number of Short-Term Disciple Studies that last 8 to 11 weeks, but there are the original four long term ones lasting 28-34 weeks. Disciple studies involve a great deal of reading, plus a two hour class each week. This is huge time commitment, but you are worth it. It is strongly encouraged that people take Disciple 1 or a Short-Term Disciple Study before studying the more advance ones. Let Kathy Harrington-Taber know if you would like more information.

## **“Reclaiming Metaphors”**

**By Wil Ranney, Director of Discipleship**

Reclaiming Metaphors was a central theme at the Iowa Annual Conference's School for Ministry a few weeks back. For those of you not familiar with the IAUMC School for Ministry, it is a yearly convocation for pastors and lay people alike that is centered around a particular topic (or topics) of interest to the church. When I learned that using technology creatively in worship was one of this year's topics, I was excited to represent Collegiate/Wesley there.

The speakers for this topic were Len Wilson and Jason Moore, the cofounders of Midnight Oil Productions. Both Jason and Len cut their teeth at Ginghamburg UMC, one of the largest United Methodist Congregations in the country, located about an hour from where I started my career in ministry, so I was familiar with their work and excited to hear what they had to say.

They started out by reminding us that Jesus was a master of metaphor. He knew how to illustrate a topic by using examples that were relevant to the people he was talking to. For instance, most of Jesus' audience would have understood what a "winnowing fork" was and how it was used to separate "wheat from chaff" in Matthew 3:12. The problem is that in our modern-day, low-agrarian society, this metaphor would take a lot of explaining (as a side note, the only reason I know what a winnowing fork is, is because Rev. Grotewold did such a thorough explanation of it in one of his sermons). This



is where Len and Jason suggested that we "reclaim the metaphor." That we, like Jesus, use an example that is relevant to the people we are ministering to. At Ginghamburg, they decided to use "brewing coffee" as a replacement for separating the wheat and chaff. Drawing the goodness out of the beans through the brewing process was compared to our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The wonderful advantage of this approach is that very few of us will ever literally separate wheat from chaff, but many of us have a tasty brewed beverage (or four or five) every day. Thus, coffee would inexplicably be linked to our following of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, a master of metaphor, took advantage of these cultural relevancies; we would be wise to learn from his approach, which leads me to the point of technology in worship. As we shift from a "literate" to a "visual" society, the way we present worship is itself a metaphor that needs to be reclaimed. When Jesus took his message on the road to the gentiles, and away from the synagogue, he demonstrated a new way to present an old message about the glory of God. The metaphor in this case revealed that Jesus cared enough about the gentiles that he was willing to shake things up. Similarly, our use of technology in worship, when done well and appropriately, could send that same message.

Reclaiming metaphors is all about using a new example, a new way of doing things, to drive home an old truth. Jesus' life of radical teaching and culturally relevant examples should not be discounted. We too have the potential to reclaim those old truths in a new way.

# Collegiate/Wesley Events

## Calendar for May 22—June 5, 2011

### Sunday, May 22, 2011

Nursery	8:30 AM	
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes for all ages	9:45 AM	
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	

### Monday, May 23, 2011

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
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### Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Koinonia group hosted by Nelson's	7:30 PM	Fireside Room

### Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Holy Club	12:00 PM	123
Soup Supper	6:15 PM	Wesley Hall

### Thursday, May 26, 2011

Communicator Deadline 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday, May 28, 2011

UMW Saturday Circle	9:00 AM	Fireside Room
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### Sunday, May 29, 2011

Nursery	8:30 AM	
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes for all ages	9:45 AM	
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	

### Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day

Office closed

### Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Sierra Service Project Meeting	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Staff Parish Meeting	7:00 PM	123

### Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Valentino's Night	5:00 PM	
Divorce Recovery Workshop @ FUMC	6:30 PM	
BBQ Bible Studies	6:30 PM	Terrace
Nichols Scholarship Meeting	7:30 PM	123

### Thursday, June 2, 2011

Communicator Volunteers	8:30 AM	123
VBS Teacher Meeting	10:00 AM	Fireside Room
VBS Teacher Meeting	7:00 PM	Fireside Room

### Friday, June 3, 2011

Annual Conference Clergy Session		Des Moines
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### Saturday, June 4, 2011

Annual Conference		Des Moines
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### Sunday, June 5, 2011

Annual Conference		Des Moines
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace

## Senior Breakfast Celebration



### Hope Blanket Presentation

Left- VaLinda Parsons &  
Scott MacDonald



Right—Colin Ogilvie  
& Bev Shirbroun



Above—VaLinda Parsons  
& Maddie Schram

# The Vine



## Volunteers Needed for Campustown "Summerfest"

Summerfest is a new festival that's being organized by business leaders from the Campustown community to promote our neighborhood as a family friendly, safe, and fun place to hang out. As a member of this community, we have been asked to provide childcare (from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.) during a portion of the festival. Summerfest takes place on **June 11**. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the local community and bring exposure to the church. If you can help, please contact Jeanie McElvain at 292-4908 or jamcelvain@hotmail.com.

## After Care Program

The After Care Program could use the following items for the adult daughter and granddaughter of one of our After Care friends: twin bed and mattress, full bed and mattress, microwave, small dining room table and chairs, pots and pans, glasses, end tables, coffee table, lamps, sheets and towels, etc. Also, we could use someone who is willing to do minor plumbing in a trailer in Story City. Please contact Bev Kruempel, 292-5029 or kruempel@iastate.edu if you can help out. Thanks!

## THANKS AGAIN TO THE TRUSTY COOKIE BAKERS OF *faithspring*!

During the winter/spring semester, the cookie bakers of the church once again treated us to their baking skills, and we

*faithspring* worshippers enjoyed—and devoured—the treats each Sunday evening with our Sunday supper. Students are really appreciative of home-baked treats!

Here are the bakers who furnished cookies or bars: Teresa Larson, Jane Jacobson, Char Jamison, Barb Holt, Stephanie Hamilton, Janet Wilson, Bette Coulson, Deb DeWall, Laura Shanks, Janet Stephenson, Jackie Manatt, Donna Moorman, and Jamie Rabe.

Even more volunteers were waiting in the wings, and I'll be sure to call on you in the fall when *faithspring* starts up again. Thanks to all for your willingness to volunteer! Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list. Email: amesmunson@gmail.com or phone: Barbara Munson, 232-5077

## AMOS Relational Meeting Campaign Kick Off

Thursday, **May 26th** 6:15—8:45 p.m.  
Plymouth Church, DSM: AMOS will have four professional IAF organizers in town on the 26th to train anyone who's interested in the art and practice of One to One Relational Meetings. The meeting will include a meal. This training would be excellent for:

- Outreach committees of congregations
- Visitation committees and staff from congregations
- Stephen Ministers
- Pastors and Rabbis
- Members of AMOS congregational leadership teams
- Social Justice/Social Action/  
Community Concerns Committees  
from congregations

## Going to the Hospital? In the Hospital?

Your pastors and your church want to know if you are in the hospital or know that you will be (for surgery, etc.) One of the pastors or someone else is at Mary Greeley Medical Center every day of the week to call on our members and friends in the name of the church. Because of privacy laws, however, it is not possible to learn from the hospital information desk who of our members have been admitted. We have to have that information in hand in order to be told your room number! Please help us by calling or having someone call on your behalf to tell us about you. (We also travel to Des Moines and other cities when we know of people hospitalized there.)

## Thanksgiving Ingathering— Then and Now!

Last fall's Thanksgiving Ingathering was very good; better than the previous year, which was better than the one before which was better than the year before, etc. We not only collected kits of various kinds and layettes, but we added \$860 collected from sales of "Holy Tearer's" comforters, purses by Jan Cummings, and mittens and caps by Bertlyn Johnston. How fortunate we are to have those talents and others.

So if you have talents to share, and we know you do as God gives us talents, think about collecting for kits, sewing layettes and or book bags, or contributing any handiwork to be sold or auctioned. We would also like to have woodworking items, bake sale items, etc. We are beginning now, to be ready for Nov. 1.

We have many donated fabrics and yarn just waiting for hands to transform them into items useful for others. Call or email Carolyn Cornette if you can or want to help in any way. We have a need for you!

Carolyn Cornette, 292-4344,  
carolyncornette@msn.com

## Wesley Hall Kitchen Renovation

Beginning **May 26** (the day after the last Soup Supper of the season), Wesley Hall Kitchen and much of Wesley Hall will be closed throughout the summer for repairs and remodeling.

## Disciple 3 Bible Study

We just had a group of 7 people complete Disciple 3: *Remember Who You Are*. Connie and Doug Bates, Michael King, John and Kay Thomson, and Susan and Ryan Vander Plas just finished the 32-week study. At our 8:30 a.m. Worship Service on May 22nd, they will receive their certificates and pins.



May is mission-giving month. The Sending to Serve cluster has chosen three of the missions CUMC-WF has committed to supporting this year to feature during this month's offerings to help reach our 2011 commitment. These include: Local--A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy or AMOS, National--Justice for our Neighbor, and International--Mission in Cambodia. Please consider supporting these missions during this month and throughout the year.

**A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS)** is composed of 30 member institutions in central Iowa. Eight churches make up the Ames Cluster. The five AMOS issue teams working in Ames include Ames Building Community, Economic Justice Team, Environmental Research Team, Mental Health Care Team, and Youth and Education Team. A recent success story includes providing pre-natal care for uninsured mothers here in Ames through the Mercy Mobile Clinic. For more information about AMOS, visit the website at [www.amosiowa.org](http://www.amosiowa.org) or contact the Bakers at 269-0481.

**Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)** is a faith-driven ministry welcoming newcomers into our communities by providing free, professional immigration legal services for low-income immigrants. Many immigrants are eligible for immigration benefits in the U. S., but they find it difficult to navigate our complex immigration system. For those who cannot afford to hire an attorney, Justice For Our Neighbors attorneys provide free consultation and continue with those cases which can benefit from their service. Volunteers serve as intake and hospitality workers, translators, case managers, volunteer attorneys and advocates at four JFON Sites in Iowa.

In conjunction with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, our church supports missionary **Katherine Parker in Cambodia**. Katherine is working with the Community Health and Agricultural Development (CHAD), one of several programs of the Methodist mission in Cambodia. The goal of CHAD is to "improve the health, well-being, food and economic security of individuals, families, and rural communities." Since 80% of Cambodians live in a rural setting the group ministers to the rural poor through Methodist congregations by improving agricultural practices and access to health care, and by providing work opportunities that will increase incomes.

## **“Raise the Roof!” Campaign Update**

At the Sunday service on May 15, Rev. Jim Shirbroun announced that 155 households had made commitments or gifts to the campaign totaling just over \$900,000. In addition, pledges to the special mission emphasis (Trinity UMC & Children & Family Urban Ministries in Des Moines) total \$18,520. The funds are expected to be received over a three-year span between now and the middle of 2014.

The funds are enough to underwrite the expenses of nine projects: (1) The debt remaining on the 2007 building/remodeling project [estimated \$110,000]; (2) Roof Replacement and Sanctuary Repainting [\$351,420]; (3) Water Drainage and Flood Prevention [\$50,000]; (4) Wesley Hall Kitchen Renovation [\$80,000]; (5) Garage Replacement [\$80,000]; (6) West Entrance Enhancement [\$60,000]; (7) Worship Technology [\$30,000]; (8) Wesley Place Renovation [\$40,000]; and (9) College Creek Ravine Landscaping [\$15,000]. Additional funds received will be held in a Major Maintenance Fund for those inevitable future projects that arise, so that another capital campaign may be deferred. There’s still time to turn in commitments for those households that have not done so.

As funds begin to come in, a bulletin board in the west hallway will be dedicated to the receipt of the campaign funds and the progress of the projects.

## **Sermon Series Continues Next Two Weeks**

National headlines and a Time magazine cover article called attention to a recent book denying the existence of hell.

So is there a hell — or not? Rev. Scott Grotewold and Rev. Jim Shirbroun will give responses to the subject in the last two weeks of this “mini sermon series”.

May 22: “Hell? Yes!”

Rev. Scott Grotewold preaching

May 29: “Hell? No!”

Rev. Jim Shirbroun preaching



## Glasses Needed

The Elementary Sunday School children are collecting gently used eyeglasses 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.

## 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 Lester Moore's 85th birthday on May 9.

For Roger Coulson's 90th birthday celebration on May 7 and being with their extended family.

For seeing Orville and Seth Berbano's pictures in the Tribune receiving their degrees from ISU.

For Moms and graduations.

Blessings and good wishes to all ISU graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

For Jennifer Compton who is a Fulbright Scholarship Recipient. She will be teaching English in the country of Jordan starting in September.

For Helen and Bob Farr's niece, Mindy who is receiving her Masters degree in Psychology in California.

## Prayers of Concern

For Steven Schroder's aunt, who is back on the transplant list, and for a friend of his who is going through marital troubles.

For the Christian community in Pakistan as they are facing a lot of persecution as a retaliation against US operations and Osama's killing. Please pray for the protection and comfort of the church there.

For Marian Heady, who has shingles.

Pray that in the variety of responses that the people feel at the death of Osama Bin Laden, we will remain respectful of one another without questioning or challenging one another's patriotism or humanity.

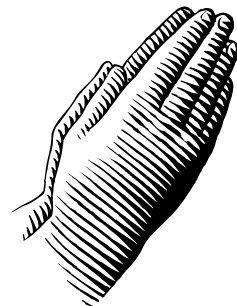
Prayers for patience for the couples preparing for marriage.

For all the graduates as they embark on new paths. May they continue to grow in their understanding and in their contribution to the lives of others.

For Paul Harrington-Taber's father, who is recovering from shingles.

For our service people in harm's way while overseas.

For the people of the US and Canada whose homes and properties are being flooded by the opening of the emergency flood gates in order to protect areas farther downstream.





**Above—People coming forth at "Raise the Roof" commitment Sunday, May 8.**



**Our HS graduates sharing what their future plans are for next year! We wish them well.**

**Right—Scott MacDonald, Maddie Schram, and Colin Ogilvie at the Senior Recognition Breakfast**



**Below—The Chapel bell choir (Senior High) in worship on May 15.**



# 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: Worship on May 8



Pastor Melissa at the May 8 worship leading the benediction.