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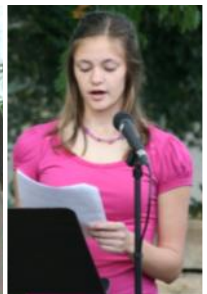
# Easter morning at CUMC/WF



Rev. Jim Shirbroun leads the Time with Children at the 8:30 service on Easter morning.



Rev. Melissa Warren helps Rev. Scott Grotewold with his dramatic entrance Easter morning!



HS & MS Youth help lead the two sunrise services on Easter morning at 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

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Front cover—The Easter procession with Bill Boon, Roger Volker, John Burns, Randy Compton, Steph Scherbart, Paul Anderson, Jonah DeGeest and Mark Davidson walking down the center aisle.

## 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 12** (covering material from 5/22–6/5) and **May 26** (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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## 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)

# “Thank You, Bishop Dyck ”

By Rev. Scott Grotewold

As we approach another Annual Conference — the every-June annual meeting of the people called Iowa United Methodist—there’s always a concern as the Conference sets its budget for the coming year, including how much money will be allotted to campus ministry. The Wesley Foundation at Iowa State is one of the recipients of such funds, and here at Collegiate/Wesley, we are thankful that for nearly 100 years, the Conference has seen the importance of investing in our ministry here. Since the expressed mission of the Conference is “to develop leaders who proclaim the gospel and transform the world,” it seems like a no-brainer that this ministry setting where so many grow their faith while being trained to be leaders at the adjacent university would be supported. Right?

But in this economic climate where budgets are slashed just because money is deemed more necessary or more immediately needed elsewhere, that can’t just be assumed anymore. The campus ministries in Iowa have seen their funds reduced in each of the last two years—and there is sentiment among some that campus ministry should not be funded by the larger church.

When I served as director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Northern Iowa in the late 1980s and early 1990s, I watched as other mainline denominations in Iowa (Presbyterians, UCC, Disciples of Christ, and others) reduced and nearly eliminated their funding to campus ministry. In other Conferences, The United Methodist Church was doing the same. I was thankful that Iowa United Methodists had the foresight to sustain its funding of Wesley Foundations and United Methodist colleges; perhaps we know what that axiom about “not eating your seed corn” means!



**Rev. Cody Nielsen and his spouse, Erin.**

In recent days, we have heard news about dramatic reductions in the funding of the Lutheran Church (ELCA) of its campus ministries. (University Lutheran Congregation & Student Center at 2126 Gable Lane here in Ames may have to close its doors.) In the face of this seeming “trend” comes the news from the Minnesota Annual Conference that after a two-generation absence at the University of Minnesota, a Wesley Foundation will be **opening** its doors again this summer. Bishop Sally Dyck of Minnesota will be appointing Rev. Cody Nielsen to be the Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Minnesota beginning in July.

(Cody is a provisional member of the Iowa Annual Conference, and Jim Shirbroun and I got to know Cody well while he was Campus Ministry Associate at the University of Northern Iowa for a few years.)

In her statement accompanying Cody’s appointment, Bishop Dyck said of the movement away from campus ministry support, *“The church, mostly through the annual conference connection, began to distance itself from these campus ministries across the country and that distancing—now several decades old—has resulted in what many people now realize to be a distancing of young adults from the church and fewer young adults who have had the context in which to discern their vocation within the church or beyond.”* Apparently, Bishop Dyck has seen the effects of Minnesota’s short-sighted approach and decided to do something about it!

I have to say, though, that the tone of Bishop Dyck’s message suggests that not everyone is agreeing with her. She sounds at times like she’s pitching a cause, knowing that there are still those who think investing in ministry to students is unwise.

But the cause she’s pitching here is one to which I’ve dedicated twenty-two years of my career! **You go**, Bishop Dyck!

Some other selected passages from her message, which we can easily translate to our situation here in the Iowa Conference and at Iowa State University:



**Bishop Sally Dyck of the Minnesota Area**

*“We need campus ministries where students can explore what it means to be a person of faith and a scientist, or to learn spiritual practices that are essential in coping with a stressful academic program, or to be part of a faith community where students can ask questions relevant to their academic life and focus and more.”*

*“Several church consultants (many of whom are not United Methodist) believe that our Wesleyan theology and traditions are ripe for attracting young people who want to balance the personal and social holiness that the gospel calls forth in us. Cooperation with other denominations and faiths on campus are important, but we have a unique gift to offer students and this is an opportunity to present it!”*

*“There are 67,364 students (in the U of M system) this year. . . . If there was a city in Minnesota with over 67,000 people in it without a United Methodist church, we’d be starting one there!*

Of interest to Collegiate/Wesley folk is that in her message, Bishop Dyck lists the others in the Minnesota Annual Conference who do campus ministry in their particular settings. One of the names is Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, who ministers at Minnesota State University, while pastoring at Hilltop UMC in Mankato. Fred was Campus Ministry Associate at Collegiate/Wesley from 1992-1994.

There’s a certain irony to the fact that while the idea of eliminating funding to campus ministry is once again rearing its ugly head in Iowa, a neighboring conference is expending the effort to recognize the repercussions of a similar decision 30 years ago and re-start something that’s already going strong here!

Let’s hope that we hear and learn this lesson from our neighbors to the north!

## Shake It Up Café

### Volunteer Needs

Adults and youth are invited to join us. Volunteer forms are available outside the Christian Education Office, in the Main Office, and in Room 202.

### Before VBS:

Pray for our VBS participants and their families and our volunteers

Publicity Team, Decorating Team, Pre-Registration

Provide supplies (see list), gather donations, prepare craft materials

Make phone calls, paint backdrops, plan final session

### During VBS:

Help with child care\*

Be a registrar

Provide transportation

Take photos

Greet participants

Set up rooms each day

Small group leader\*

Activity Leader\*

Activity Helper\*

Pray for the children

Floater\*

Actors\*

Prepare snacks

### After VBS:

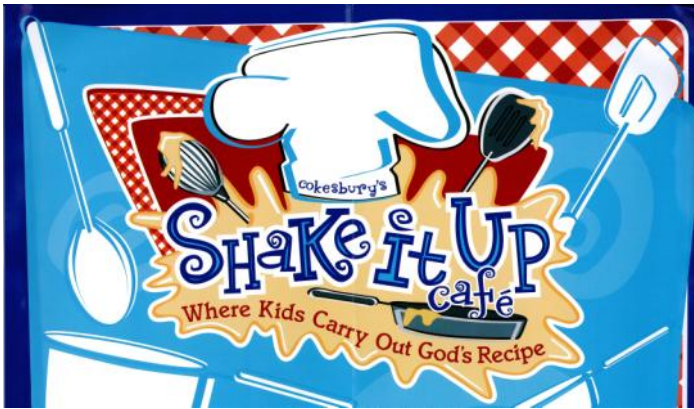
Send thank you cards

Take down decorations

Return donated items

\*All people working directly with children must complete our Safe Sanctuaries background check ahead of time.





## **Shake It Up Café VBS needs to borrow these decorating items:**

**Please label all items so we can return them to you promptly.**

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Clay chimenea           | Mortar and pestle             |
| Clay dishes             | plastic fruits and vegetables |
| Rolling pins            | large salad bowls             |
| Chef hats               | checkered tablecloths         |
| Intriguing aprons       | melon baller                  |
| Unusual kitchen gadgets | blenders/food processors      |
| Hand mirrors            | king size white sheets        |

**Shake It Up Café VBS needs donations of:**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10-inch bamboo skewers                                            | polyester fiberfill            |
| Funtac                                                            | glossy magazines               |
| Large appliance boxes                                             | paper towel tubes              |
| twine                                                             | contact paper                  |
| packing peanuts                                                   | plastic, checkered tablecloths |
| 9 oz. plastic or paper cups for craft                             | bendable straws                |
| 3 oz. paper cups                                                  | purple paper                   |
| Empty cereal boxes (at least 9"by 7")                             | 9" fabric squares              |
| small plastic tubs with lids (margarine, red pompoms or frosting) |                                |

**The food items we need donated will be posted later.**

May 5, 2011

# Collegiate/Wesley Events

## Calendar for May 8– May 22, 2011

### Sunday, May 8, 2011 Mother's Day

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	
Chapel bell choir rehearsal	6:00 PM	Music Room

### Monday, May 9, 2011

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Welcome Team meeting	7:00 PM	Library

### Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	44
Holy Tearers	9:00 AM	123
Contemporary Books	9:15 AM	Fireside Room
PFLAG Meeting@420 Kellogg-Paul Room	7:00 PM	
Wesley Hall Kitchen Team	7:00 PM	Wesley Hall

### Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Holy Club	12:00 PM	123
Crusaders bell choir rehearsal	5:30 PM	Music Room
Choristers choir rehearsal	5:30 PM	Fireside Room
MS Youth Group (last meeting)	7:00 PM	Terrace
HS Youth Group	7:00 PM	ANX 301 HS Yth Rm

### Thursday, May 12, 2011

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

Hope Fellowship	9:00 AM	Fireside Room
Roundtable	12:00 PM	Wesley Hall
Faith Fellowship	1:30 PM	Fireside Room
Trustees/Property Meeting	7:00 PM	Pine Room

### Saturday, May 14, 2011

Pre-marriage Workshop	9:00 AM	Fireside Room
Interfaith Power & Light Event	9:00 AM	Wesley Hall

### Sunday, May 15, 2011

Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	8:30 AM	
Sunday School Classes for all ages	9:45 AM	

Senior Breakfast	9:45 AM	Wesley Hall
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Financial Peace University Pilot Program	1:30 PM	Fireside Room
Koinonia Group hosted by Baker's	5:45 PM	Fireside Room
Chapel bell choir rehearsal	6:00 PM	Music Room
HS end of the year Bonfire @ Palensky's	6:00 PM	ANX-AUD

### **Monday, May 16, 2011**

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Faithful Families Loving LGBTQ kids	7:30 PM	

### **Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM	123

### **Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Noon Book Group	12:00 PM	ANX 202

### **Thursday, May 19, 2011**

Communicator Volunteers	8:30 AM	123
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### **Friday, May 20, 2011**

SOLOS	5:30 PM	Fireside Room
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### **Saturday, May 21, 2011**

Laity 2.0	10:00 AM	ANX-AUD
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### **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	



**Volunteer Appreciation  
Cupcake Party in Wesley  
Hall on May 1.**

# The Vine



## Interfaith Power & Light

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

## 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.

## Food at First

A huge thank you to the stalwart Food at First team for the month of April. We served a total of 67 individuals on April 22 and 29. Those contributing their time and effort on April 22: Betty Barton, Michele and Dale Farnham, Jane Jacobson, Karen Klaiber, Bev Kruempel, Teresa and Jim Palensky and family and Mary Stratton. On April 29 we had Sandy Baker, Betty Barton, Jane and Gerry Kennedy, Karen Klaiber, Kitty Lamont and Eleanor Ostendorf. If you would like to help feed the hungry in our community, please contact Karen Klaiber (292-7828).



**Shari Reilly, Katelyn Dahlke, Carli Johnson-Scott, West Steel and Marsha Accord at the 4/29 WF Midnight Breakfast.**

# Goodies and Game Night

## 20/30 Spirit

(Young Adults, Graduate Students and Recent Graduates Group) are meeting on **May 9**, at 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Student Lounge (Top floor, north-side). Bring your favorite game/s and a finger food to share.

## Laity 2.0 Event

**May 21** from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Annex Auditorium.

Laity 2.0 is a beginning of a conversation and ground level movement of people who feel as if God is calling them out. Calling them: From within the wall of the church and the old ways of doing things—To a new day and a new movement of the people of God who make an impact upon their communities, and their world! To reach new people in new places through new communities of faith for Jesus Christ!

The Rev. Shane Bishop from Christ UMC in Fairview Heights, Illinois will be the guest speaker and will conduct the afternoon sessions. **Registrations forms are on the table by the west door and are due to the Conference Center by May 13.**

## 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

## UMW Happenings

### Contemporary Books—May 10

at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the church, Jeannie Weber and Janet Netusil will co-host. Bring books to share for possible selection for the next year. Also bring a salad to share.

**Holy Tearers—May 10** at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in room 123.

### UMW Circle Meetings: **May 12**

**Hope Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Northcrest Social Room. Marian Heady and Mary Jane Hazen will co-host. This will be a Potluck lunch.

**Faith Circle** will meet at The Iowa Stater (at the Gateway Hotel) for lunch at 11:00 a.m.



## Sermon Series to Probe the Depths of Hell

National headlines and a *Time* magazine cover article called attention to a recent book denying the existence of hell. A United Methodist pastor in North Carolina was fired by his congregation for agreeing with the author.

So what's the scoop? Is there a hell — or not? Rev. Scott Grotewold will give his response to the subject in a two-part “mini sermon series” on Sundays, May 15 and May 22.

May 15: “Hell? No!”

May 22: “Hell? Yes!”

## Early Bird Deposits Due for 2011 Broadway Trip

“Finding Jesus on Broadway,” the theater weekend to New York City to be led by Scott and Susan Grotewold, will be held October 28-31, 2011.

An early bird deposit of \$350 before **May 15** will make cost of the trip \$1400 — a \$100/person price break. Cost to those signing up between May 15 and June 15, the price is \$1500; between June 15 and August 1, \$1600, and 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 group size is expected to be limited to twenty-five.

For more information on the schedule, see the April 21, 2011 issue of *The Communicator*, or speak to 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](mailto:scott@cwames.org), subject line: ebay donation). Donations will be sold and liquidated into cash for “Raise the Roof!” over the coming months.

## “Raise the Roof!” Sunday is May 8!

Commitment cards for the “Raise the Roof!” campaign were mailed to all member and friend households on April 27. The cards will be received during a special time during both worship services on Sunday, **May 8**, the Festival of the Christian Home.

In an announcement on Easter Sunday, April 24, Rev. Scott Grotewold shared that 57 households that made early commitments to the campaign had pledged a total of \$671,400 to be given over the next three years—over two-thirds of the campaign goal. An additional \$15,000 was pledged to a special mission project: Trinity UMC in Des Moines, home of a number of urban ministries, including Children & Family Urban Ministries, with whom Collegiate/Wesley has established a special bond.



Money from the campaign will be used to accomplish a number of needed projects, including reroofing the entire church building, remodeling the church kitchen, and paying off \$100k in debt.

## 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)

### You Are Invited!

The congregation is invited to celebrate Colin Ogilvie's high school graduation at an Open House on Saturday **May 14**, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at 3226 Bayberry Rd. Everyone is welcome!

Scott MacDonald will perform his senior recital in the sanctuary on Friday, **May 20** at 7:00 pm. Scott will play selections on the piano and double bass. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A reception with cake and punch will follow the performance in the Gathering Space.

## 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 Anna Ogilvie's grandfather, who is now cancer free. Thank you so much for all who held our family in prayer.

Peter Lundeen is at home and resting as comfortable as possible. He is appreciative of your continual hospitality.

For the college graduates. May they stay connected to a congregation to sustain them throughout life.

For all of our new confirmands.

For this vibrant, active community of faith where in just 12 hours from midnight Friday to noon on Saturday, we had a midnight breakfast, which we served over 250 students followed by the UMW Spring Brunch, followed by a baby shower, which brought together four generations of one family, followed by a premiere screening of a documentary film by a graduating senior, who has been widely active here during his ISU years—just 12 hours!

## Prayers of Concern

Doris Stukenberg's niece's husband, who died suddenly on Saturday morning.

For Paul Harrington-Taber's father who had fluid removed from around his heart.

For healing and health for those who mourn and others, who suffer with mental illness.

For Sicily Canny's aunt as she enters the last stages of her life.

For the 389th Engineering Company, who were deployed to Iraq on April 24. We pray for their safety.

For Megan Schroder's co-worker, who is battling cancer.

For Phyllis and Bill Boon's brother-in-law & his family, he just entered hospice.

For all who were affected by recent tornadoes in the South.





**WF Badgers Broomball team (in gold) at their final game on April 18.**



**At faithspring on April 10 Bev Kruempel with Rev. Arnette Pint, who is the pastor at the Women at the Well Mitchellville Women's correctional facility.**



**Allan Baker is helping with the Communicator mailing on April 21.**



**Rosalie Amos and George Ladd at the Holy Club lunch on April 27.**



**Lisa Larson, Mat Wymore, Kevin Foster, Jim Shirbroun, Ben Hucker, Leigh Lihs, Evan Schnabel, Cathy Cooney, WF staff with the graduating ISU seniors.**



**WF students Megan Wood, Kate Harvey and Kevin Foster enjoying their Easter egg hunt.**

## 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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