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Jane Boatwright Wood presents C/W representatives Gerry Kennedy and David Orth with the 2011 “Culture of the Call” Award from the Foundation for Evangelism during worship on June 5.

Rev. Scott Grotewold, West Steel, Bishop Trimble, Lisa Larson and Jane Boatwright Wood are pictured during the presentation of the 2011 “Culture of the Call” Award during Annual Conference in the afternoon of June 5.



Wil Ranney and his wife LeAnn Faidley Ranney during Wil’s Farewell on June 12 after worship.

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Summer Worship Hours

One worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
with Fellowship time following the
service.

Front Cover—Our Middle School Youth Group served at Valentino’s on June 1 to support their Mission trip Minnesota.

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. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Natalie in the office at 292-6936. **Next deadline dates are July 7 (covering span of 7/17–8/14) and August 4 (8/14–8/28) and August 18 (8/28–9/11).**

“The Dodo Experts”

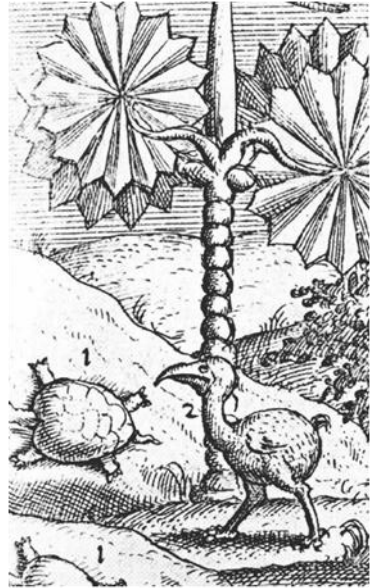
By Rev. Melissa Warren

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:18-19a

“I hate to say it, but the dodo looked as if it deserved extinction. What other fate could there have been for such a foolish-looking ground pigeon? A grotesque, tubby creature with huge nostrils and a ridiculous little poof of tail feathers, *Raphus cucullatus* had the air of a bird that stood still with a blank stare as the scythe of extinction lopped off its head.

But the dodo I have always known is not a true reflection of the bird. Notes, skeletal scraps, a disregard for soft-tissue anatomy, and a bit of artistic license created this symbol of extinction. The dodo looked so stupid because we made it so.”



(Brian Switek, *The Dodo is Dead, Long Live the Dodo!* February 10, 2011)

Detail of a dodo featured in the 1601 edition of "A True Report" about the expedition of Admiral Jacob Cornelis van Neck. Though lacking in detail, it is a more accurate representation of the dodo than many later paintings. From Hume, 2006.

Do you remember from your personal experience what a living, breathing, flourishing Dodo looks like? Of course you don't. The Dodo as a species has been extinct for over 300 years. Extinct. Dead to the point of no more. Kaput. And yet, when you read the word 'Dodo', you knew what I meant, didn't you?

Why do you suppose that is? I would like to think that it is because we as human beings do not want our experiences, our realities to be all there is. We want to choose to live in a state of community consciousness. We want to absorb the past of those who came before us, and desire to do things that will carry our legacies into the future. We want to not be content with the status quo, and we don't want what we have to be all that there is. We take the lessons of the past, and learn from them. That's what I'd like to think, anyway. And yet the reality is that we still live in a world in which the Dodo is extinct, but experts on them still exist.

Are we, the Church, in danger of becoming a bunch of Dodo experts? By the early 19th century Dodo 'experts' were already repeating scientific errors of previous generations because they had never seen a live Dodo. Established 'fact' that would

later be reputed by new scientific evidence was perpetuated. Had it not been for an influx of new passion and fresh data, the fate of the Dodo might never have been fully known and was likely to be repeated and made more distinct in future generations.

I recently returned from Annual Conference and find myself still asking if we are becoming Dodo experts. In reference to one issue specifically, rules and doctrines that have been in place since 1972 were discussed as “the tradition of the church” (the UMC came into being in 1968). Actions that were taken by our General Conference in 1984 and 1996 respectively were discussed as “the way things have been in our tradition”. Imagine how confused we have become about tenets of our faith and practice that have been in place longer than my lifetime!

We typically see the Dodo as a pathetic bird with huge nostrils. That is because most of the images we see were based on dead specimens. Add some life and soft tissue and the Dodo is transformed into “a lithe, active, smart Dodo superbly adapted to live and survive prosperously in the forests of its native Mauritius.” Imagine how we will be described when we’ve added the Holy Spirit and some heart to the body that is the Church!

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| 5 Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens
and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth
and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people
upon it and spirit to those
who walk in it: | 14 For a long time I have held my peace,
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman
in labour,
I will gasp and pant. |
| 6 I am the Lord, I have called you
in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and
kept you;
I have given you as a covenant
to the people,*
a light to the nations, | 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their herbage;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools. |
| 7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from
the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness. | 16 I will lead the blind
by a road they do not know,
by paths they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them
into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I will do,
and I will not forsake them. |
| 8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols. | |
| 9 See, the former things have
come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them. | |

Isaiah 42:5-9,14-16

“Report from Annual Conference”

By Rev. Scott Grotewold

Here are the Collegiate/Wesley highlights from the recent sessions of the Annual Conference, held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines, June 4-7, 2011:

(for items marked with an asterisk [*] the word "highlight" is debatable).

- We had two tables filled with Collegiate/Wesley members representing us: Doug Bates, Rev. Scott Grotewold, Rev. Kathye Harrington-Taber, Rev. Lester Moore, Barbara Munson, Stephani Scherbart, Rev. Jim Shirbroun, Rev. Melissa Warren, (church laity and clergy); Lisa Putz & Farrukh Bhatti (Wesley Foundation reps); Lisa Larson & West Steel (District lay equalization members); Janet Stephenson (Conf. Bd. of Higher Ed & Campus Ministry Chair); Patty King (Journal platform) and Wil Ranney (press). The tables were close to the main platform and offered great views and hearing from the main podium.
- On Saturday afternoon, the anniversaries of many clergy ordinations were recognized, including the 60th anniversary of Lester Moore's ordination as Deacon, and the 25th anniversary of Jim Shirbroun's ordination as Deacon.
- RaeAnna Rekemeyer, C/W member and sophomore at Cornell College, was named one of the four recipients of United Methodist Student Day Scholarships given by the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry at an awards event late Saturday afternoon.
- On Sunday afternoon, Collegiate/Wesley was recognized as being the national award winner for 2011 as the "Culture of the Church" congregation by the Foundation for Evangelism, an affiliate group of the Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.
- Early in the agenda, the budget for the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (including 2012 funding for Wesley Foundations) was passed on the consent calendar by the Conference. (*Funding for the Board for 2012 is \$15,000 less than in 2011, and about 11% less than in 2010.)
- On Sunday afternoon, those clergy and clergy spouses who died during the past year were recognized during a Memorial service. Included were Rev. Bob Phillips (father of Dean Phillips) and Ruth Dean (member of C/W and widow of the late Rev. Dwight Dean).
- On Monday, the election of Lisa Larson and West Steel as two of the fourteen lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference in July, 2012, in Akron, OH. (They are also alternates to the 2012 General Conference in April-May, 2012, in Tampa, FL.)

- *The decision was made to continue to hold Annual Conference at the Iowa Events Center for the next two years, 2012-2013.
- A time of "holy conferencing" around issues of human sexuality and whether to include the Iowa Conference's name as sponsoring petitions to General Conference. (*Two of the seven petitions were approved and five will go forward without Conference sponsorship. The two approved were to remove the language related to homosexuality as being "incompatible with Christian teaching" and the exclusion of GLBT clergy from ordained ministry. Among those not approved were a resolution about marriage equality and others about funding restrictions for events.)
- Inspiring worship and presentations were held, especially several led on Saturday by Michael Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg UMC in Tipp City, OH.

“Collegiate/Wesley Participates in Faith Shared”

Christian clergy at churches across the country will host readings from the Qur’an and other sacred religious texts as they welcome their Muslim and Jewish colleagues on **Sunday, June 26, 2011** for Faith Shared: Uniting in Prayer and Understanding. Faith Shared is a project of Interfaith

Alliance and Human Rights, which seeks to send a message both here at home and to the Arab and Muslim



world about our respect for Islam. The National Cathedral in Washington, DC, along with 50 churches in 26 states have committed to participating in this effort.

Collegiate/Wesley is one of three churches in Iowa and the only church in Ames participating.

Faith Shared is designed to reflect the mutual respect shared among so many Muslims, Christians, Jews and other Americans, as they stand together to oppose the negative images that have dominated domestic and international news. Learn more at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Collegiate/Wesley Events

Calendar for June 19—July 17, 2011

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Father's Day

Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace

Monday, June 20, 2011

Watershed Team Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Church Council	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Faithful Families Loving LGBTQ kids	7:30 PM	

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
Volunteer Center	10:00 AM	123

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
All Church Summer Picnic @ Moore Park	6:00 PM	
BBQ Bible Studies	6:30 PM	Terrace

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace

Monday, June 27, 2011

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
AMOS ERT Meeting	7:00 PM	123

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
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Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
BBQ Bible Studies	6:30 PM	Terrace

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace



Monday, July 4, 2011
Office closed

4th of July

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

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

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
BBQ Bible Studies	6:30 PM	Terrace

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Communicator Deadline 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace

Monday, July 11, 2011

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Youth Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch	5:00 PM	

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
PFLAG Meeting@420 Kellogg-Paul Room	7:00 PM	

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Summer Picnic with FUMC	6:00 PM	
BBQ Bible Studies	6:30 PM	Terrace

Emma McCarthy Lee—Butternut Shelter

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Trustees/Property Meeting	7:00 PM	Pine Room
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Friday, July 15, 2011

SOLOS	5:30 PM	Fireside Room
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Sunday, July 17, 2011

Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace

The Vine



Help Needed

Farrukh Bhatti is a new member of Collegiate/Wesley—a young man who has been granted religious/political asylum in the United States and who will be enrolling at Garrett/Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois later this month en route toward the ministry. Farrukh is in need of a computer and an automobile. If you might be able to be of assistance to him in either of these areas, please be in contact with Rev. Scott Grotewold.

New Aftercare Team

More volunteers are needed for an After-care Team to work with a young woman soon to be released from prison. The Team will help her adjust to life outside prison, support her emotionally, and help her find housing and a job – all with a goal of reducing recidivism. A volunteer application form will need to be filled out for a background check and training will be provided. It is a very worthwhile service for the church to be involved in this ministry. For more information and the application form, contact Bev Kruempel, 292-5029 , kruempel@msn.com, or Gerry Kennedy, geraldken@gmail.com, 233-5528, .

Wesley Hall Entrance

The entrance into Wesley Hall is only open for construction purposes. There is no regular admittance during the week or for

Sunday mornings. Please use one of our many other entrances during this time of remodeling. Thank you!

Coming Sustainability Opportunities

Watch for an article in the next *Communicator* and free conservation kits in the Gathering Space after the service on **July 17**.

All Church Summer Picnic

On **Wednesday, June 22**, at 6:00 p.m. come to the Summer Picnic! We'll meet at the shelter in Moore Memorial Park (3050 Northridge Parkway in northwest Ames) rain or shine. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring your own place setting(s) as well as a potluck dish if you can; if not, there will be plenty of food, so come anyway. Plan to spend some time in fellowship and recreation with friends old and new. There are two playgrounds and a basketball hoop as well as walking paths and space for soccer, frisbee, and lawn games (equipment provided.) The shelter and restrooms are also handicapped accessible. All--members, visitors, and community members--are welcome, so spread the word and bring friends!

Food at First Team

Warm appreciation to the fun-loving Food at First team who served 31 individuals on May 27, the Friday night before Memorial Day weekend. We are grateful to team members: Betty Barton, Lynell Dougherty, Marti and Scott Elston, Karen Halloum, Karen Klaiber, Loretta Maloy and Dave Matulac.

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.)

Other summer picnic opportunities

We are invited to join our friends from First UMC for an opportunity to gather together for a few summer potluck picnics. The next one is on **July 13** at 6:00 p.m. at the Butternut Shelter, Emma McCarthy Lee Park, (3400 Ross Road). Bring tableware (including serving utensils) and a dish to share. There will be hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. The last gathering will be on **August 10** at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Bluestem Shelter at Moore Memorial Park, 3050 Northridge Parkway.



June 16, 2011

2nd CUMC/WF All Church Picnic

Join our Collegiate/Wesley church family for our second All Church picnic on **July 24** at noon at the Lake Panorama main beach (maps will be made available closer to the time).

Help needed with Lunch on the Landing for this Fall

We need your help with Lunch on the Landing! The purpose of Lunch on the Landing is to increase interaction between students and the congregation and provide a time of fellowship. Lunch on the Landing takes place on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. church service (at approximately noon) during the school year in the Student Lounge. We are in need of people that are willing to help us welcome the students when they return or join us for the first time. All you need to do is provide a loaf of bread or two and some sandwich meat (we will have everything else that is needed at the church including a vegetarian option, salads, desserts, and beverages). If you would like to, you may bring some veggies (that is optional). Most importantly, we want you to join us for lunch! If you could help us set up that would also be appreciated. Please contact Lisa at 292-6936 or lisa@cwames.org if you are able to help with this ministry. Available Sundays for this fall include: August 21, August 28, September 11, September 18, September 25, October 2, October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13, December 4, & December 11. We will send you a reminder email! Thanks for your help with this ministry!

“Marian Solomon Receives Social Action Award”

By Deborah Blaedel

This was the introduction that Deborah Blaedel made for Marian Solomon at the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) Banquet on June 4 for the award that Marian received.

George Eliot had this to say about justice: "Justice is like the kingdom of God—it is not without us as a fact; it is within us as a great yearning."

My friend Marian Solomon has justice within her, running through the blood in her veins and deep in the very marrow of her bones. She first learned social activism at the knee of her suffragette grandmother. She was further nurtured in her school years by her United Methodist Church and its youth group. From that point, there was no stopping Marian.

From working with the Ghandians in India shortly after earning a nursing degree in college, she became involved in the civil rights movement while raising her three children and participating in the work of her United Methodist Pastor husband, Ted. She was part of the first Iowa delegation to Nicaragua as part of Witness for Peace. She was a member of a Restorative Justice task force in Ames in the 90's, as well as teaching health skills to women prisoners in Mitchelville for several years. She lived in Comer, Georgia, at Jubilee Partners for five months in 1998, helping Serbian and Bosnian refugees acclimate to this country. She has made several trips to the middle East, first on a trip with the Iowa United Methodist Bishop and then returning as part of the Christian Peacemaker Team. She has taken part in innumerable demonstrations protesting war over many decades, including traveling to Washington, D.C. Over the course of all of these events, she has been jailed four or five times for her always NON-violent protests.

Now 80 years old, Marian hasn't slowed down a bit. She lives in a retirement community in Ames and takes every opportunity to educate her friends and neighbors about the evils of war and other injustice. She is active in her local churches, straddling membership in both Collegiate United Methodist Church and the Ames Friends Meetings. She writes letters to the editor of newspapers as well as to elected representatives in government office and the President of the United States. She is an advocate and friend to literally anyone who needs her help, providing rides to church and doctors' appointments and any personal assistance required.



Over the years, Marian has experienced falls that resulted in broken bones and lengthy rehabilitations. In 2008 she endured the death of her beloved son, Robert, from melanoma. Nothing, though, has ever diminished her passion for justice and her willingness to commit her whole being to its cause.

As long as she has breath, Marian Solomon will have a great yearning for social justice within her and will be living toward that kingdom of God with all her being.

“Christian Education”

By Rev. Kathy Harrington-Taber

Youth Happenings

Thank you to everyone who supported our Middle School Fundraiser at Valentino’s! We got over \$400 in tips and we will receive a share of the profits. We will be in Minnesota repairing homes **June 22–25**.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Because of rising gas prices, the Senior High Youth are raising more money for their Sierra Service Project. We will be repairing homes on the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation in Fort Hall, Idaho. On Monday, **July 11** from 5:00–9:00 p.m., we will be assisting at Pizza Ranch for a “Share the Tips Night”. If people turn in Fundraiser Coupons with our name on them, we will receive a portion of the profits. A coupon is included in this Communicator. We can copy the coupon to give to friends, but we are not allowed to pass them out at the restaurant.

Shake It Up Café Vacation Bible School

Thanks to everyone who helped make our VBS a hit! We have 31 children participating, not counting the little ones in the nursery. From the Trustees who made sure we had a kitchen to use, to the volunteers working with our children, to our office staff and custodial staff, and, of course, our children and their parents—we are Church for these children this week. It just thrills me to see children so excited to be at church. To quote Bev Bos, “We are making memories which will sustain them throughout their lives.”

Sunday School returns September 11!

Sunday School for all ages starts up again on the 2nd Sunday of September. It’s already time to line up teachers, helpers, and support people. With our Rotation Sunday School, people can teach what they are most comfortable with for a month at a time. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact Kathy Harrington-Taber.

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

Ben Hucker thanks everyone at C/W, who made his years at college memorable. Ben moved to Muscatine on June 9 to begin a new job.

For Ted MacDonald's parents, who celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 2 and for Ruth MacDonald's mother, who celebrated her 80th birthday on June 8.

For the final legal step that was completed for Finn Gossett's adoption and for all of the support we have received from our terrific church family over the last months and years.

For Lisa Larson was elected as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

For the 62nd wedding anniversaries of Janet & Craig Beer and Bette & Roger Coulson.

For Stacey & Ryan Beeman Weiland and son Jonathan, who will be moving back to the Midwest. Ryan will be the pastor at Country Chapel UMC in Dowling, Michigan. Stacey will be on faculty at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo. Ryan is the son of Jane & Gerry Kennedy and grandson of Bette & Roger Coulson.

It's a wonderful joy having Cathy & Jennifer Compton back in Ames before they leave again for their respective assignments.

Bill Boon's great niece, Shannon Wright, who is leaving for Africa for a week of missionary work.

For Farrukh Bhati will be heading to seminary at Garrett Evangelical Seminary.

For Will Ranney as we celebrate his time working here at C/W and for he and LeAnn as they move to Waverly, Iowa.

Prayers of Concern

For Bill & Phyllis Boon's former son-in-law Todd, who has cancer.

For baby Avery Heckle, born on June 4 and is in the NICU. Prayers for her to be stabilized.

For Oren Vern, son of Dan & Krysten Reid, who was born on Tuesday, May 31 at 2 lbs. 2 oz. and will be in the NICU in Iowa City until September.

For the deliberations and decisions to be made at Annual Conference.

For Jon Holtman's brother, Steve, who was recently "downsized" after 23 years of service to his employer.

For Veralyn Schilling, who had extensive back surgery on June 3. She is recovering at Mary Greeley. She is not ready for visitors yet, but appreciates your thoughts & prayers.





Above—Deborah Blaedel introduces Marian Solomon (right), who was the recipient for the Social Action Award from the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) for Marian’s dedication to peace and justice throughout her life at Annual Conference on June 4.



Bishop Trimble spoke at the Peace Rally hosted by MFSA at Annual Conference.



Janet Stephenson, Doug Bates, Lisa Putz, Steph Scherbart & Lester Moore share a table at Annual Conference.

You are Welcome!

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