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Connecting People

Main Entrance



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Susan Grotewold & Trish Johnson at the All Church Summer Picnic at Moore Park on 6/22.

Ted & Marian Solomon and Doug Provow at the All Church Picnic.



Volunteer 4H students helped do cleanup on 6/29.



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About *The Communicator*

and deadline submission dates.

Please take note of the summer schedule.

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“What Makes for a Main Entrance?”

By Rev. Scott Grotewold

Do you remember the sign that used to be on the southbound side of I-35 about seven miles north of Ames? It enticed us by promising a “Scenic Overlook,” but if you took the bait and turned off, you were greeted with a view of a fairly typical Iowa cornfield, albeit from a 60 or 70 foot height. “Friends” from Minnesota, looking for a way to poke fun at their neighbors to the south, took great delight in joking about how Iowa’s idea of a noteworthy vista was to look at a cornfield from the top of a small hill. Eventually, the “Scenic Overlook” sign was replaced with one that now



reads “Prairie Area”. It doesn’t cause the heart to race with anticipation, but neither does it draw snickers.

I’m one of those who actually loves the sight of Iowa’s rolling hills covered with growing fields of corn. But until I moved to Ames, I didn’t know “The Rest of the Story” about that scenic overlook. Then one day I was visiting with Harold Dolling, a member of Collegiate/Wesley. Harold, who died in 2009, had worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation. He told me that at one time the Corps of Engineers had intended to put a dam in the South Skunk River that would have flooded the area and created a truly scenic overlook. The dam never happened. Harold, who had lobbied for the turn-out and the sign, was pretty disappointed, and he took a lot of ribbing from colleagues for the installation of a sign that was put in place too soon. It never grew into its potential.

I know that there are those who ask similar questions about the sign on the door near the southwest corner of the church building. It reads “Main Entrance,” when it’s clearly debatable whether there’s anything “main” about it. It IS the closest door to the great majority of church parking spaces, and there’s good access from that entrance to the lower level and everything on the ground floor.

However, it doesn’t look anything like a main entrance. The hopes of the 2007 Building Committee to install a double door at that southwest entrance were dashed because of the prohibitive cost of moving an existing heating vent. The hallway was widened; the door couldn’t be.

And so the sign seems like a joke, I know.

But here's the point: the sign isn't for our benefit. We already know how to get into the church. Each of us has a preferred, "Main" entrance, and no one is going to change our mind. As with most signs at Collegiate/Wesley, this one is intended to help those who might not be familiar with us, so that we can be as helpful and welcoming as possible. We want persons who are visiting us to stay with us and become a part of our family.

So put yourself in the place of a new family arriving in the parking lot at C/W for the first time. They pull the car into one of those many parking spaces to the south and west of the church – maybe even closer to the Annex than the church building. Let's say it's a cold and blustery day, with pelting rain, ice, or snow. They get out of the car, look at the building, and wonder, "Where should we go in?" They spy the closest door – there on the southwest corner – and think, "Well, there's an entrance, but it doesn't look like a very important one. It's a big building; if we go in there, will we be able to find our way around?"

Then they see a sign that identifies that door as "Main Entrance." (OK, perhaps it could say, "A Main Entrance.") I think such a sign is an invitation, telling people, "It's OK to enter here. You're going to be able to find your way around if you come in this door."



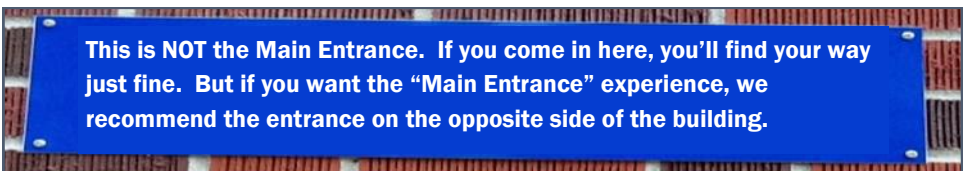
We have designed interior signage and even floor tiling to make sure that's true.

Personally, I think that if one wants the grandest entrance possible, one should make her or his way around the church onto Lincoln Way and come up the stairs and enter through the newly-replaced doors into the narthex, where the very first thing they'll see is our beautiful sanctuary. It's not handicap accessible, but it's impressive.



But that's a lot to put on a sign. And it's a long way to walk in a cold, hard rain.

Maybe that sign was put up too early, but there's a plan to try to help it and its entrance to grow into their potential. Funds eventually realized from the "Raise the Roof!" campaign will enhance its viability. The retaining wall will be replaced and strengthened. A canopy will provide a covered entrance, and a turn-around will allow drivers to drop riders off and return to the lot to park their cars. Perhaps by then, the current sign won't seem quite so ridiculous even to those who know how to get into and around the building.



WANTED: Missions Donor

Last year, having the ability to promise a \$5 mission gift to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance for every “Journeys” (time and gifts commitment) form turned in resulted in 250 forms turned in – an all-time high – and \$1250 to Good Neighbor.

We’re looking for a donor who will give a gift to a mission (your choice!) for Journeys forms turned in this fall. The blessings are doubled: the gift is tax-deductible and you will help CUMC/WF motivate members to commit their time and talents in service to their church.

If you are interested in pursuing this, please contact Rev. Scott Grotewold.

“RAISE THE ROOF!” PROJECT UPDATES:

As of June 30, 2011, pledges to the campaign have topped \$937,000. In addition, \$20,000 has been pledged to the missional priority, Trinity UMC in Des Moines.

Actual income received is \$198,000 through June 30. That means that the top priority of paying off the debt from the 2007-8 building addition and remodeling has been accomplished and we are (at the moment) completely debt free!

Benchmark Consultants of Cedar Rapids, the premier roofing consultation company in the country, has been hired to oversee the replacement of the CUMC/WF roofs. Benchmark is in the process of drawing together options and recommendations for the C/W roof team to make decisions, after which Benchmark will draw biddable plans for the roof project. It is still hoped that the roof can be replaced in late 2011. (It is likely that roof expenditures will occur sooner than campaign pledge income, so there will be some debt incurred as this project is underway.)

The Wesley Hall Kitchen remodeling is underway, resulting in Wesley Hall being shut down from use during these summer months. The kitchen has been completely gutted and much time has been spent improving water drainage in the west walls of Wesley Hall and Kitchen as well as the courtyard. Electrical upgrades have been completed and the walls are being rebuilt. It is planned that the kitchen will be ready for use just in time for the fall semester and the start of fall’s increased activities.

Wesley Place repairs and renovation are happening slowly, as the team is limiting its work to available funding. The house has been electrically rewired. The restroom ruined by January flooding has been repaired. Damaged walls have been replaced with drywall, though the drywall has not yet been mudded or painted. Additional painting and floor refinishing is in the not-too-distant future.

The Board of Trustees and Property Committee is seeking persons who would be interested in leading or serving on teams to work toward the projects of garage replacement, west entrance improvements, and College Creek ravine landscaping. Contact Chair Jonathan Brand or Rev. Scott Grotewold for more information.

“Coffee Hour”

By Bev Shirbroun

From "Good Housekeeping", May 2011

"Studies show that religion and happiness are linked. But faithful church attendance may not be enough: In a large survey, those most likely to rate their life satisfaction as a perfect 10 went to services weekly and saw close friends there. Church regulars without pals in the pews didn't see the boost—they were less satisfied than infrequent attendees with friends, says study head Chaeyoon Lim, Ph.D., of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. So go to services, by all means—BUT DON'T SKIP THE COFFEE HOUR."

A big thank you to all who help make the coffee hour (fellowship time in the Gathering Space on Sundays) happen! It is a wonderful time of sharing and making connections. Your help is appreciated. We always have needs for donations of refreshments (cookies/bars, crackers, fruits), coffee makers, hosts to serve the coffee, or clean up. If you also have favorite teas that you want to donate or recommend that would be great also. Please contact Bev Shirbroun at bnerv1@yahoo.com, 233-3799(h), or 231-7530(c) to sign up.

“Position Available”

By Max Morris, Staff Parish Relations Chair

Director of Discipleship

Collegiate United Methodist Church/ Wesley Foundation, a progressive congregation, is seeking a Director of Discipleship. This is a one-half time professional staff position. The successful applicant will have a proven record of leadership in developing and organizing programs and an understanding of, or interest in learning, United Methodist doctrine.

This position responsibilities include:

Development and management of volunteer recruitment efforts

Development and implementation of a community outreach strategy

Development and maintenance of our online media presence.

Please indicate interest to Max Morris, Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee, in care of the church office.

Middle School Mission Trip Results

Thank you to everyone who supported our Middle School Mission Trip to Minneapolis! I am so proud of our students! Many thanks to our wonderful chaperones who make such trips possible! Our youth packaged meals for “Feed My Starving Children”, did yard work for the widow of a United Methodist minister, sorted clothes at a thrift store, did yard work for a nursing home, and visited residents of the nursing home’s Memory Care unit. The youth represented us well as they made a difference in the lives of others. They also had fun on the high ropes course, sitting around the campfire, and checking out the Mall of America. They will be reporting on their trip in the August 7th worship service.

High School Mission Trip

Please keep our high school mission trip in your prayers July 22nd- July 31st. We are going to repair homes on the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation in Fort Hall, Idaho. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the trip. On Sunday, August 7th we will be talking about our trip in worship and holding our Stockholder Brunch.

Sunday School Starts September 11th

Sunday School is fast approaching and we have a place for you! In addition to needing quality to people to teach and assist with our 2 year old—high school classes, we will have many learning opportunities for adults. What have you done to nurture yourself lately?

If you enjoy children and youth and would like to invest your time and talents in ministry with them, please contact Kathy Harrington-Taber at kathy@cwames.org or (515)292-6936 ext. 28. We supply excellent curriculum resources and training. All those volunteering with children and youth must pass a background screening.

Shake It Up Café VBS Mission Project

During our June Vacation Bible School, the children collected over \$107 for Heifer Project for the purchase of farm animals for disadvantaged families from around the world. Our VBS children decided to purchase one group of bunnies, one flock of chicks, and one flock of ducklings.

Disciple Bible Study

Invest in yourself by participating in Disciple Bible Study: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, now known as Disciple 1. Using a good study Bible, the Disciple manual, video clips of well known progressive Bible scholars, and the discussion of your group, Disciple Bible Study can help you feel closer to God and closer to yourself. Disciple Bible Study shouldn't work. It's too much reading (over 60% of the Bible), it takes too much time each week, and it is a 34 week class. Yet it has been so successful that there is now Disciple 2, Disciple 3, Disciple 4, short term Disciple Classes, and Jesus in the Gospels. We would like to offer a Disciple 1 class, a Jesus in the Gospels class, and possibly another Disciple Class this fall. We need to know what times you can make work.

I am interested in Disciple Bible Study

Name: _____

I can attend (check all that work for you):

Week day: morning afternoon evening (what days _____)

Saturday: morning afternoon

Sunday: morning (if we can find leaders from 8:30-10:30) afternoon

Challenges I need to work around: Childcare Dinner Other _____



Betty Bowman leads the science unit in our "Shake It Up" Café Vacation Bible School

“Collegiate/Wesley and Environmental Holiness”

By Mary Jean Baker

In its pastoral letter titled God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action, the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has called us to move in three ways.

“First, let us orient our lives toward God's holy vision.

Second, let us practice social and environmental holiness.

Third, let us live and act in hope.”

Social and environmental holiness go together. Degradation of the environment and climate change affect the poorest first, both in this country and abroad. Following are some ways members of C/W are working toward environmental holiness. We welcome you to join us.

C/W belongs to AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). AMOS teams realize the need to address economic, social, and environmental concerns as interrelated needs. Currently AMOS needs more help from C/W members to work on specific problems felt in the community, to help with special projects, or to communicate to the church what AMOS is doing.

The Ames City Council directed the mayor to form the Ames Sustainability Task Force to conserve electricity. Of the 38 houses of worship owned by Ames congregations, ours is the fifth largest user of electricity. The goal of the religious sector is to reduce electric use and demand among all of the congregations. There will be opportunities to share with other congregations concerning many ways to care for creation.

Within C/W three teams accountable to the Property/Trustees Committee target environmental concerns. The Energy Team is working to use energy more efficiently in our main building. The Western Property Team has made improvements in the Annex. The Watershed Team is preparing to lead work on a comprehensive plan for all of the C/W grounds.

In May the church hosted a Cool Congregations workshop to introduce leaders from various congregations to the concept of energy stewardship in our homes and daily lives. C/W needs to form a Green Team to help guide environmental stewardship within the congregation.

Sunday, July 17 after the service, free Conservation Kits from the City of Ames will be available in the Gathering Space. Be sure to pick one up if you don't already have one.

Please prayerfully consider your journey toward environmental holiness. If you would like information about serving with any of the above groups, please contact the office at 292- 6936 or Mary Jean Baker at 296-0481 or bakerae@aol.com.

“Church Council Commentary”

By Gerald Kennedy, Church Council Chair

I wanted to take this opportunity to present to you a couple of Church Council items of shared interest. In the first one, we need your help.

In early April we discovered an interesting situation. Apparently at one time CUMC/WF had an account with Fidelity Investments. There was, in April, over \$7500 in the account. No one currently on staff or responsible for CUMC/WF finances knew about this account and was not authorized to take any actions on the account. In speaking with Fidelity, we were told that there was a resolution that needed to be passed to have this money become available with our signatures. The resolution was acted upon by the Council on April 18th and the money is now in a CUMC/WF savings account.

Joyce Rasmussen then investigated the history of the Fidelity Account. Joyce's predecessor was not aware of the account so had no information on its source or purpose. Current and former church treasurers were not aware of its existence. The current and former treasurers of the Endowment Board also had no record or awareness of it. It was suggested that perhaps someone purchased the stock and then had the account transferred to CUMC in 2000, and no one in CUMC/WF was ever notified of the transaction. This would have been during the time of the Together We Grow campaign.

If you have any information about the source or intended purpose of this account we would really appreciate if you would contact Joyce Rasmussen at 292-6936 or joyce@cwames.org or Lori Kappmeyer at lorikapp@q.com. Our primary concern is that the money be spent for the use intended by its donor if that intention can be determined.

The second item of shared interest is; it's my pleasure to inform you of name changes for two of the church clusters. The Relating People to God and Nurturing in the Faith clusters requested to change their names to make it clearer to people what those clusters do. The Council approved the name changes. The Relating People to God Cluster is now the Worship Ministries Cluster and the Nurturing in the Faith Cluster is now the Christian Education Cluster. We trust that the name changes will make clearer the great work being accomplished by these Clusters.

Collegiate/Wesley Events

Calendar for July 17–August 14, 2011

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

Monday, July 18, 2011

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
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Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room
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Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Endowment Board Meeting	12:00 PM	123
BBQ Bible Studies	6:00 PM	Terrace

Saturday, July 23, 2011

High School Mission Trip
RAGBRAII Team

Sunday, July 24, 2011

High School Mission Trip		
RAGBRAII Team		
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Nursery	9:30 AM	Nursery
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Fellowship Time	10:30 AM	Terrace
All Church Picnic @ Lake Panorama	12:00 PM	

Monday, July 25, 2011

High School Mission Trip		
RAGBRAII Team		
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

High School Mission Trip		
RAGBRAII Team		
Staff Meeting	8:30 AM	Fireside Room

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

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

Thursday, July 28, 2011

High School Mission Trip
RAGBRAII Team

Friday, July 29, 2011

High School Mission Trip

RAGBRAII Team

Saturday, July 30, 2011

High School Mission Trip

RAGBRAII Team

Sunday, July 31, 2011

High School Mission Trip

Worship Service 9:30 AM Sanctuary

Nursery 9:30 AM Nursery

Kids Korner 9:45 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Terrace

Monday, August 1, 2011

High School Mission Trip

Office Volunteers 9:00 AM 123

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Staff Meeting 8:30 AM Fireside Room

Staff Parish Meeting 7:00 PM 123

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Library Team 9:00 AM Library

UM Men's Coffee 9:30 AM Fireside Room

BBQ Bible Studies 6:00 PM Terrace

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Communicator Deadline 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Worship Service 9:30 AM Sanctuary

Nursery 9:30 AM Nursery

Kids Korner 9:45 AM

Stock Holders Brunch 10:30 AM Gathering Space

Monday, August 8, 2011

Office Volunteers 9:00 AM 123

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Multiple Staff Church Training session 10:00 AM ANX-AUD

PFLAG Meeting 7:00 PM 420 Kellogg-Paul

Room

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Library Team 9:00 AM Library

UM Men's Coffee 9:30 AM Fireside Room

Multiple Staff Church Training session 9:30 AM ANX-AUD

Conference Training - Lead Pastors only 1:00 PM Fireside Room

BBQ Bible Studies 6:00 PM Terrace

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Communicator Volunteers 8:30 AM 123

Conference Training Lead Pastors only 9:00 AM Fireside Room

Trustees/Property Meeting 7:00 PM Pine Room

Reaching & Receiving Cluster Meeting 7:00 PM Library

Sunday, August 14, 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



Summer Jam on the Terrace

Summer Jam on the Terrace—We are planning our **July 20** Summer Jam on the Terrace. It's going to be a Jamfest with Roger Volker, Jason Janssen, and others. Anyone who wants to join in the jam is welcome to bring their instrument. There will be refreshments, good conversations, and lots of great music.

CUMC/WF All Church Picnic

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). Join us for swimming, games, boating and FUN!! Hot dogs and drinks provided, please bring a dish to share if you can. If you wish to carpool, meet in the Gathering Space after church.

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!



Last summer picnic opportunity

We are invited to join our friends from First UMC for an opportunity to gather together for a few summer potluck picnics. 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. Bring tableware (including serving utensils) and a dish to share. There will be hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks.

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!

Disaster Team

Within CUMC/WF, we have established a Disaster Response Team, a group of caring individuals whose primary mission is to provide assistance to disaster victims locally and regionally. Inherent in this mission is the team's commitment to help members of our own church community who are in difficult straits due to a natural disaster or personal crisis. If an emergency situation arises where you need a group of willing workers to address an immediate need (for example, a flooded basement or an unexpected medical need to move into an assisted living arrangement), please call the church office or one of the clergy. They can, in turn, contact the team if the need is one that the team can address.

AMOS

The Ames AMOS Youth & Education Research Team is recruiting representatives from each AMOS member congregation. We seek individuals who are passionate about collaborating to form solutions in meeting the transportation needs of youth who are at risk. For more information, please visit the AMOS website: www.amosiowa.org (under Issue Teams – Youth and Education) and contact Linda Voit: lindavoit@gmail.com.

July 14, 2011

Service Opportunity Little Dresses for Africa

The Workspace at the Iowa State Memorial Union is hosting a work weekend for the non-profit organization “Little Dresses for Africa.” On Saturday and Sunday, **July 16 & 17** from 1:00–4:00 p.m., volunteers can assist with making dresses from pillow cases, providing relief and hope for children in Africa. From cutting fabric and ironing to sewing, there is a place for anyone that has an hour or two to spare. The Workspace will provide the supplies, however if you would like to donate new or gently used pillowcases or notions you may bring them that day.

“Over one million children in Malawi alone have been orphaned to HIV/AIDS. Because girl orphans are among the most devalued and abused in their culture, and face such oppression, it is the mission of Little Dresses for Africa to plant in the hearts of these little girls that they are worthy. We’re not just sending little dresses – we’re sending HOPE!” - www.littledressesforafrica.org

There is no charge to participate and no pre-registration is necessary. Find the Workspace at 2229 Lincoln Way on the ISU campus in Ames. For more information contact Letitia Kenemer at 515.294.0971 or visit www.littledressesforafrica.org.



“Four Hundred Years”

By Rev. Bob Farr

For a long time we English speaking people have longed for the Bible in our own language. It began in 732 when the scribe writing the life of Bede states that the Saint completed his translation of the Gospel of John with the last line as he was dying. Sadly that Old English text has been lost.

Very few complete Bibles existed, but there were several portions, especially of the Psalms and the Gospels. The only version of the Scriptures available then and for the next eight hundred years was the Latin. Around 900 King Alfred the Great put the first fifty Psalms into Old English prose. That with a later metric setting of the remainder of the Psalms is in a manuscript in Paris. In the next hundred years copies of Psalters and the Gospels were given word for word glosses into Old English to help the monastic brothers understand them. These handwritten copies were almost only in monasteries. Also around 1000, Abbot Aelfric translated the first part of Genesis into Old English on request. Several copies of this have survived.



Around 1380 so much of Europe had been killed off by plague. The authority of the Church was shaken. John Wickliffe was teaching that the voice of Scripture was the authority, not that of the Church. His followers made manuscript copies of the Bible in Middle English, word for word and not always easy to understand. They did this even though so doing and owning a copy were punishable by death.

By 1526 England was restless under the Roman Church, as also was King Henry VIII. However, any Scripture other than the Latin was still outlawed. Erasmus in 1516 had published the New Testament in the original Greek, and that stirred things up. William Tyndale learned Greek and had a keen appreciation of the English language of his home. Abroad he translated the New Testament into beautiful and understandable English, and that was printed. Copies of his work had to be smuggled into England, and London merchants were glad to do so. He also learned Hebrew and started on the Old Testament. However, in 1536 the Church authorities caught him and burned him at the stake.

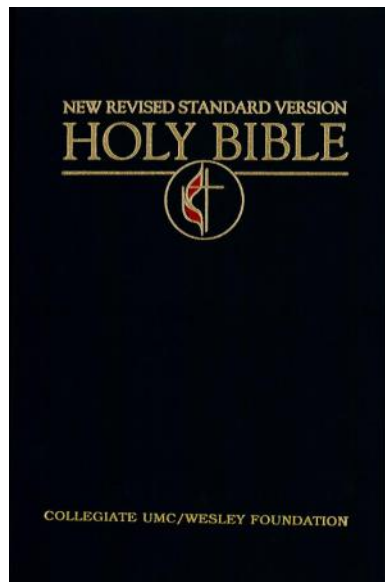
That didn't end the story. Miles Coverdale worked from that and uneventually translated the rest of the Old Testament, which Tyndale had not lived to do. John Rogers sharpened that up and under the name of Thomas Matthews secured authority to publish the Bible in England in 1537. The Anglican bishops wanted to run the show; so they adapted this to the Great Bible, with orders that every church possess a copy.

Along came Queen Mary to try the impossible of rolling back time, and Protestants got out of England to a friendly Geneva. Scholars there published a Bible in Roman type and verse numbers, first time, with notes giving their extreme interpretation. With the death of Mary they could safely return to England. Elizabeth's bishops were quite conservative; so they took the text and restored some of the Latin flavor in the Bishops' Bible. However, the Geneva Bible outsold all until the 1640s.

King James succeeded Elizabeth, and he wanted to bring the various sides of the Church together. He named a committee to revise all that had gone before to come up with a text for every one, including the Puritans, even if they had to be forced to accept it. The revision committee naturally took Tyndale's work as their basis. In 1611 they presented their complete work to King James with a flowery 'Dedicatorie to the High and Mightie Prince' and a lengthy introduction to the reader. Anymore the introduction is left out, though often that antique dedicatory uselessly remains.

Still today through four hundred years of adapting the words, the King James remains, quaint sounding as some of its phrases may be. In the past hundred years a storm of new translations has burst upon us, seeking to bring the message more alive as the translators consider it.

Robert Alter in his introduction to his recent translation and commentary observes that King James' committee had frail understanding of Hebrew and Greek but great appreciation for English. Most modern translating committees have so much better understanding of the original languages but seemingly a poor feeling for the rhythm of English.



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 Mary Buck's rose that won the traveling trophy at the Iowa Rose Society and the roses that were in the sanctuary.

For the flowers on the communion table that were given by the children of JT Scott.

For William Rekemeyer as he traveled to cycling Junior Nationals in Augusta, GA.

In celebration of Steve's employment and prayers for all those that are searching for work.

For the birth of Gavin Anderson, the son of Mark & Kristin Anderson, grandson of Paul & Paula Anderson, and great grandson of John & Pat Burns. He was born on June 16.

For the teachings and influence of fathers who enriched our lives.

For the birth of Ben Galvin on June 15 and his family which includes Jeremy, Jen, Annie & Lillie.

The Berbano family is thankful for family coming from Canada to help celebrate the 4th of July.

For living in a nation, which is blessed with freedom.

For Susan & Kevin O'Neill, who celebrated their 1st anniversary on 7/10.

Prayers of Concern

For Jason Keen, son-in-law of Paul & Paula Anderson who left June 20th for a 6-month deployment in Monrovia, Liberia with the Air Force. He left on his wedding anniversary.

For the UMC as it conducts a trial to consider revoking the ordination of Rev. Amy DeLong for being in a committed, loving, monogamous 15 year relationship with her partner.

For Verallynn Schilling, who after serious back surgery and being in the hospital for several days due to complications is home and slowly getting better.

For Megan Schroder's former piano teacher's husband, who was killed in a car accident. Prayers for her and her family.





Discussion group gathered in the Fireside Room after the service on Faith Shared Sunday.

Right—Rev. Scott Grotewold, Sal Syed, Rev. Kathye Harrington-Taber, Rev. Jim Shirbroun, Beth Serment, Rev. Melissa Warren.



Will Franke from Boy Scout Troop 140 in Ames, is raising organ donor awareness as part of his Eagle Scout service project.



Jason Janssen sings during the service on 6/19.



Rev. Scott Grotewold and Rev. Robert Gossett (grandfather) baptize the son of Kathryn & Tim Gossett.

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