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Middle School Mission Trip

This summer, the Middle School Youth Traveled to Hazelton in Eastern Iowa to assist with storm recovery from the 2008 tornado.



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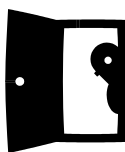
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About *The Communicator*

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Expecting Guests

By Rev. Scott Grotewold



As I write this, “we” (mostly my spouse, Susan) are busily preparing our home for weekend guests. Our sons will be home for about three days: Sam from New York City, and Ben from Lincoln, NE. But more than that, Sam will be bringing his fiancée, Sabrina Tillman, so that she can meet some family members she has not yet met prior to her marriage to Sam on November 21; she is a delightful and talented woman, and we couldn’t be happier for Sam. But more than even **that**, Sabrina’s mother (Irene), sister (Sarah), and niece (Shyla) are also coming to Ames for the weekend from

southern California, where they live – and we have not yet met any of them. So you can imagine that things are pretty hectic around the house as we try to put our best foot forward, show them all great Iowa hospitality (and a clean house and tidy yard), and be as fun, polite, open, and engaging as we can possibly be. In fact, by the time some of Sabrina’s friends from around the Midwest come to visit, there will be so many women in the house that my sons and I will take refuge elsewhere Friday and Saturday nights. We expect everything to go well this weekend, of course, and we are really looking forward to welcoming a



Becoming Family. Back Row: Rev. Scott Grotewold, flanked by sons Sam (l.) and Ben (r.). Front Row: (l. to r.) Sarah, Shyla, and Irene Tillman (Sabrina's sister, niece, and mother); Sabrina Tillman (Sam's fiancée), Dawn Bargfrede (Sabrina's cousin), Susan Grotewold, Doris Grotewold (Scott's mother)

house full of people as a step toward this expansion of our definition of “who is in our family.”

By the time you read this, Ben and Sam and Sabrina and Irene and Sarah and Shyla and others will all have been home again for nearly a week – and we will be looking forward to traveling to California in November for the ceremony and the next opportunity to deepening these important relationships in our lives.

By the time you read this, the community of Ames, and Iowa State, and Collegiate/Wesley will be within just a few days of having several **thousands** of people we haven't met before dropping by. They aren't visitors or guests; they're new residents. They won't be staying just for the weekend, but for a year or four; in fact, **some of them will never leave!** If you are willing, I would encourage you to consider them as persons who could expand our definition of “who is in our family.” Putting yourself in their shoes, you can expect that many of them have anxieties about being away from home for the first time, in a larger community than they've ever lived in before, attending a way bigger school. The entire church building many of them attended could fit in our church's courtyard. Coming across the street and into this building for a worship service for the first time can be daunting. We will want to show them great Iowa hospitality,

put our best foot forward, and be as fun, polite, open, and engaging as we can possibly be.

Putting yourself in your own shoes (where I expect you to be), you know how student presence and leadership blesses us and enhances our church programming and worship. In addition to students, the summer months will have found a number of non-student individuals, families, and households to have moved to Ames; they will begin looking for a church home. Past history has taught us that the first weeks of the new school year is also a time when families established in Ames may seek church involvement or be looking for a new place to worship. It would be wonderful to have them feel that they are welcome as a part of our family.

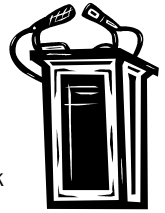
So for the next couple of months, I want to encourage you that every time you come to the church building, you do so with a spirit of expectation and hospitality. Come expecting that there will be new people in worship – and you will see them. Come with an attitude of hospitality – meaning that you're going to put the welcome and greeting of folks you don't know ahead of your own needs, and that helping them to feel at home is more important than whatever agenda you may have at the moment. Invite them to sit with you, to come back to be with you at some activity or event you

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enjoy, to go out for lunch so you can get to know them better. If you can't do that, at the very least introduce them to the building hosts and greeters who are stationed near the entrances throughout the building so that we can learn more about these people who have ventured to cross our threshold. When you have been in this expectation-and-hospitality mode for a couple of months, I think you'll find that you enjoy the rewards and benefits that broadening and deepening new relationships can bring – and you will continue to seek opportunities to grow our family.

Jesus may have risen from the dead, but tradition says he ascended fifty days later. We are the remaining presence of Christ today – and you may be the one whose greeting and welcome (or lack of it) speak the presence of God (or lack of it) to someone new in our midst.

Forum Class Schedule



Forum class starts a week before the rest of our Sunday School classes this year. For those of you not familiar with Forum Class, it is our adult Sunday school class that uses a guest speaker format. Each week speakers talk about an issue that our community of faith would be interested in and usually field questions from the participants. For more information contact Tim Garner at tim.garner@ankenyschools.org or 233-4977. Here is the schedule for there first few class sessions:

Sept. 6 (Labor Day weekend): School board candidates' forum.

Sept. 13: Speaker: Gerald Klonglan
Topic: The Early Years of ISU

Sept. 27: Speaker: Dean Sampson
Topic: Friendship Ark

October 4: Speaker: Martin Clark
Topic: Impressions on Central and Easter Europe

October 11: Speaker: Arianna Benitez
of Zeta Phi Beta sorority
Topic: Girls' Youth Groups

October 18: Speaker: Ann Arbuckle
Topic: Camp Courageous

October 25: Ames city council
candidates' forum



Blurbs

Serve Communion to the Homebound

On **Thursday, September 17, 2009**, the Communion for the Homebound Team will meet at **5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.** We will share communion in Nichols Chapel 5:30 P.M. and discuss Communion for the Homebound. This will be followed by a simple meal. We are looking for new people to participate in this ministry. Generally, a person will give communion to a homebound person every three months. This may be a one hour time commitment and give you the opportunity to get to know other people in our church family. Please let Fran Berger, 233-3492 know if you may be interested in this committee prior to the September meeting.

Do You Like to Sew?

We are looking for individuals to sew layettes for The Thanksgiving Ingathering. If you are interested contact Donna Butler at 233-2168.

Kudos (and an appeal) to *faithspring* Cookie Bakers!

Can you believe it's almost time to gear up for fall activities, including *faithspring*?

So I'm looking for volunteers to make cookies to be used in the students' Sunday evening worship and the supper following. Please call Barbara Munson (232-5077) or send an email to amesmunson@aol.com to let me know when you'd like to bake for *faithspring*.

Last spring semester we enjoyed some wonderful baked goods from these great and valued cookie bakers: Avis Andre, Glenn Beavers, Pat Behm, Fran Berger, Deborah Blaedel, Amy Bleyle, Bette Coulson, Jan Cummings, Helen Farr, Pat Girton, Stephanie Hamilton, Char Jamison, Mary Ann Lundy, Jackie Manatt, Jeanie McElvain, Kris Meinhard, Carol Ossian, Janet Stephenson, Lisa Taylor, and Sally Wilson. Next time you see any of these bakers, thank them for their part in CUMC's ministry to Wesley Foundation students! And if you've been left off this list and would like to help out in the future, please call. Thanks!

~Barbara Munson

Become A Worship Recorder

We need new team members to record the 8:30 a.m. worship service and duplicate recordings after the service for delivery to those who are unable to attend. We are making the transition from audio taping to digital recording. Training in both will be provided. Contact Allan Baker at 296-0481 or bakerae@aol.com.

Share Your C/W Memories

The Church History Committee is looking for anecdotes about members' personal experiences at Collegiate/Wesley Foundation. Do you have a special memory of the first time you attended Collegiate, your involvement in different church activities, or your memories of special services within the church? The committee wants the new history to include material of a personal nature as well as the traditional, institutional history of Collegiate/Wesley foundation. Please share your memories with us whether they're inspirational, humorous, serious or just plain fun. Send them to Dorothy Schwieder, e-mail: dschwied@iastate.edu or to 2000 Pinehurst Drive, 50010.

Roundtable Study Books Are In

The study books for the 2009-2010 Roundtable Study are in the church office and available for purchase. Roundtable meets on the second Thursday of the month (September-May) at noon in Wesley Hall. A light lunch provided by several participants is followed by discussion of the chapter/s read for the month. All are invited to participate.

"Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality" by Donald Miller is the book for the fall semester. The cost is \$10, payable in the church office. The book for second semester is "The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible" costs \$12, payable in the church office.

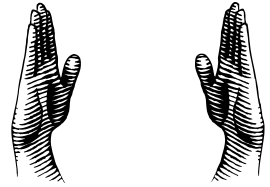


Personals

(Personal Announcements)

The family of Don & Marilyn Loupee would like to invite the church family to come and celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary and Don's 80th birthday. Don was born on Sept. 5th, 1929 and married Marilyn Higdon on Sept. 5th, 1954. A come and go reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 2212 Ironwood Ct. between the hours of 2-4 pm. Cards only please.

The Stories That Shape Us



The Sunday morning sermon series for the six weeks beginning August 30 and continuing through October 6 is called “The Stories That Shape Us,” and is based on the foundational narratives of the Hebrew Bible.

The Old Testament contains hundreds of stories in a variety of forms relating the history of the Hebrew people. But within this broad narrative there are a few core themes that tell the story of how God was active in this history. These understandings shaped the people of the Bible, but also shape us, as we become able to recognize God’s presence and call in our lives today.

The stories to be covered in the sermon series are:

Aug. 30 – Creation Genesis 1:1-2:3
(Rev. Scott Grotewold preaching)

What is the truth in the creation story that grounds our practice of faith as community and as individuals?

Sept. 6 – God’s Call Genesis 12:1-9,
17 (Rev. Linda Butler preaching)

How do we discern in our own lives God’s call to a relationship grounded in trust?

Sept. 13 – The Exodus Exodus 3:1-15;
Exodus 7-11; Exodus 12-15 (Rev.
Grotewold)

How can the ancient traditions help us to hear a fresh call to community and continue God’s work of liberation?

Sept. 20 – The Sinai Covenant Exodus
19:1-6; 20:1-17; 24:3-8; Deuteronomy
6:1-9 (Rev. Grotewold)

How do God’s words at Sinai shape an ethic of covenant that honors community?

Sept. 27 – The Promised Land
Numbers 21:4-9; Deuteronomy 8:1-20;
Joshua 6:1-25; 24:1-24 (Rev. Butler)

In Israel’s ancient traditions of land – promised and possessed – what is revealed about the character of God and of our own sense of “place”?

Oct. 6 – The Davidic Rule 2 Samuel
7:4-16; 2 Kings 17; 25; Zechariah 8:3-
13 (Rev. Jim Shirbroun preaching)

How do stories of the Davidic dynasty create hope for leadership and community that can endure experiences of disappointment and exile?

Rev. Linda Butler will be leading a 10-week “Come for Supper, Stay for Study” for those who wish to experience these core stories in more detail prior to their Sunday morning presentation. For more information see page 16.

AMOS 2009 House Meetings



What's A House Meeting? A house meeting is a small-group meeting where we share our stories of what helps and hurts in our lives, what pressures we and our families feel, what worries us, and what would be better if it could be changed. These can be things that affect us personally or things that we know are hurting other people.

Why Have House Meetings? Concerns we share at house meetings will be combined with those from the 7 other congregations in the Ames Cluster of AMOS. This will help us identify issues, form research teams, and take action at the local level to bring about positive change.

What Is AMOS? AMOS: A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy is an interfaith, non-partisan community organization consisting of 28 religious congregations in Mid-Iowa. AMOS seeks to build a community where all can succeed. At CUMC/WF, we see participating in AMOS as one way we can help advance the Kingdom of God.

Attend the House Meeting of Your Choice. House meetings will be held **August 23 and 30, at church, between services, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the church.** Later meetings, some at people's homes, will also be planned.

Contact Carolyn Cornette, carolyncornette@msn.com or 292-4344, if you have questions about these meetings.

Topics for the New Church History Recording



The Church History Committee is asking for your help. Would you please read through the following list of topics that the committee has identified to be included in the new church history. As you can see, most of the topics are organized according to clusters. A few topics will be treated separately. If you think of topics that should be included but are not listed, would you please contact Dorothy Schwieder, e-mail: dschwied@iastate.edu or phone: 515-292-9238. Thanks for your help.

Congregational Care Program Cluster:

- Audio tape delivery
- Communion to homebound
- Alter flowers
- Special meals
- Stephen Ministry
- Koinonia groups
- Solos

Nurturing in the Faith Program Cluster

- Adult fall spiritual retreat
- Children’s ministry team
- Library/Media resource team
- Roundtable
- Special studies

Reaching and Receiving Program Cluster

- Soup supper
- Softball team
- Summer picnic
- Greeter team
- Easter breakfast
- Childcare ministry
- Rainbow visioning team
- Welcome team

Relating People to God Program Cluster

- Liturgical/seasonal sanctuary decorations
- Communion stewards
- Ushers team leader
- Audio tape service
- Prayer chain leaders
- Acolytes team
- Manger gifts service
- Music coordinator

Sending to Serve Program Cluster

- Project Home Mission
- Nothing but Nets & Crop Walk
- Emergency Residence Project
- Alternative Gift Market & Mission in Cambodia
- Women at the Well & Reentry after Care
- Children and family Urban Ministries
- Ingathering & Mission Store
- Good Neighbor
- Ames Ecumenical Council Housing, Inc.
- Story County Community Housing corp.
- Interfaith Council
- MICA Food Pantry
- Ames Free Medical Clinic
- Justice for Our Neighbors
- Results
- AMOS
- Suited for Work

The following topics will be treated separately:

- Soup Supper
- Music groups and programs
- Wesley Foundation
- Building work and decisions
- Art acquisitions
- UMW history
- History introduction

Making Connections

By Jann Howell

Do you remember the first time you visited Collegiate/Wesley and what motivated you to do so? While some of you grew up in the church, the majority of us made a conscious choice to enter its doors. When I first visited Collegiate/Wesley thirteen years ago, my family was new to Ames. At the time, I would have described the motivation as seeking connections—connections to my faith heritage and connections to my new community. Underlying that motivation was a hope that I would have scarcely dared to voice—a hope that my family and I would find friends through participation in Collegiate/Wesley’s community of faith.

Like most people who visit a church, we first attended a Sunday morning service. The irony of Sunday morning service as an entry point for those seeking connections is that in essence it is not a very interactive experience. Furthermore, when a visitor doesn’t know anyone and sees others warmly greeting friends and sharing conversations, it can feel very lonely. Recognizing this, the Reaching and Receiving cluster initiated its Welcome Ministry in 2008 with the goal of every visitor being individually welcomed both during the service and through a follow-up contact. Recent visitors also receive

invitations to other types of all-church gatherings.

Those initiatives can help the church seem friendlier to a visitor and perhaps make a return visit more likely, but they may do little to help the visitor begin to feel like it is possible to build connections. Periodically we are reminded that to fully benefit from association with Collegiate/Wesley as a community of faith, we need to get involved in one or more small groups within the church. Doing so can be easier said than done for many people who really would like to do just that. Before small group involvement can happen, individuals need to be informed about the whole range of opportunities that exist, and existing groups must be encouraged to stay open to new participants.

To help persons become more fully part of the Collegiate/Wesley community, Reaching and Receiving is undertaking a new Connections ministry. Utilizing a buddy system, frequent visitors will be assigned a congregational partner who will get to know them better and help them find and integrate into small groups and ministries in the church that fit their interests and gifts.

Resources will be available to provide the congregational partners with information about existing groups and

Reaching and Receiving

Interested in Connections?

contacts within them. Ideas for new groups may also be generated as the partners develop an understanding of the talents, interests, and needs of newcomers. Congregational partners will be people with a gift for making connections, for finding people within Collegiate/Wesley's community of faith who are likely to share interests, and for helping newcomers feel like they are becoming a part of the community.

As this ministry develops, the possibilities to further connect those of us already committed to Collegiate/Wesley with both each other and with newcomers are exciting. As the bulletin reminds us weekly, we are all ministers who share the love of Christ when we greet others and help each other make connections. In so doing, we can make new friends no matter how long we have been associated with Collegiate/Wesley.

We need you! The Reaching and Receiving Cluster is starting a new team, the Connections Team. Connection *buddies* will help our regular visitors transition to feeling at home and involved at Collegiate UMC/WF. Buddies, placed with individuals or families, will act as guides to knowing more about our church and also may be spiritual companions.

Responsibilities of a buddy:

- Make initial contact with a visitor after being assigned by Welcome Team.
- Meet in person with the visitor, for coffee or at a church service or event.
- Make a monthly contact with the visitor.
- Invite visitor to different types of events/discipleship activities.

For more information, please call Bev Shirbroun (233-3799 or 231-7530) or e-mail (bnerv1@yahoo.com) to participate in this exciting new ministry. You will be glad you did!

Calendar (August 16–30)



Sunday, August 16	Mission Sunday		
	<i>WF Vision Action Team Retreat</i>		
	<i>WF Sunday School Class</i>	8:30 AM	Student Lounge
	Worship Services	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Nursery	9:30 AM	
	Kids' Korner	9:45 AM	Library
	Mission Breakfast	10:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Monday, August 17	<i>WF Faces of Jesus Exhibit starts</i>		Student Lounge
	Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
	Aftercare Team Meeting	7:00 PM	123
	Welcome Team	7:00 PM	Library
	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Tuesday, August 18	Sign-Up deadline for Crossings Study		
	Staff meeting	8:30 AM	44
Wed, August 19	UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
	Endowment Board	12:00 PM	123
Thursday, August 20	Communicator Volunteers	8:00 AM	123
	<i>faithspring planning</i>	5:30 PM	Student Lounge
Friday, August 21	SOLOS	5:00 PM	Terrace
Saturday, August 22	Wesley Day at the State Fair	10:00 AM	
Sunday, August 23	Start of Two Services		
	Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Nursery	8:30 AM	
	Confirmation Meeting	9:45 AM	Fireside Room
	AMOS House Meetings	9:45 AM	123 & 44
	Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Kids Korner	11:15 AM	Library
	<i>faithspring band reh.</i>	4:30 PM	ANX-AUD
	<i>faithspring</i>	5:30 PM	ANX-AUD
<i>WF Welcome to Wesley picnic</i>	6:30 PM	Terrace	

Mark Your Calendars

The start of two services (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) in on August 23. Sunday school starts back on September 13. This years discipleship fair is on September 20.

Monday, August 24	Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
	<i>WF</i> Spread Workshop	5:00 PM	Student Lounge
	Aftercare Team Meeting	7:00 PM	123
	Welcome Team	7:00 PM	Library
Tuesday, August 25	Adult Crossings Study	5:30 PM	Fireside Room
	<i>WF</i> Spread Workshop	7:00 PM	Student Lounge
Wed, August 26	UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
	<i>WF</i> midweek chapel	11:15 AM	Mem. Union
	Soup Supper	6:15 PM	Wesley Hall
	<i>WF</i> Spread Workshop	7:00 PM	Student Lounge
Thursday, August 27	Staff meeting	8:30 AM	44
	<i>faithspring planning</i>	5:30 PM	Student Lounge
Friday, August 28	<i>WF</i> Friday Night Praise	8:30 PM	Student Lounge
	<i>WF</i> Midnight Breakfast	11:00 PM	Wesley Hall
Sunday, August 30	"Stories that Shape Us" Sermon Series begins, see p. 9		
	Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Nursery	8:30 AM	
	AMOS House Meetings	9:45 AM	123, 44
	Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Kids Korner	11:15 AM	Library
	New Member Coffee	2:00 PM	Fireside Room
	<i>faithspring band reh.</i>	4:30 PM	ANX-AUD
	<i>faithspring</i>	5:30 PM	ANX-AUD
	Sunday Supper	6:30 PM	ANX-AUD

WF = Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry events

The Calendar Editions of *The Communicator* will return in September.

“Come for Supper...

...Stay for Study”

The second series in the spiritual formation study “Come for Supper, Stay for Study” will begin on Tuesday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. The study topic for this second series is called **“Crossings: God’s Journey with Us.”**

From the time we enter into the world until the moment we take our last breath, we make our way as life unfolds before us. So it is with faith. It too is a lifelong journey. Along the way we encounter others, and at these crossing points we encounter the living God.

“Crossings” is a spiritual encounter that uses stunning photography, journaling, DVD presentations, and faith practices*, to engage the heart and open the mind. We will explore eight core stories of the Bible. While the Bible contains hundreds of stories in a variety of forms, some see within this broad narrative a limited number of core themes that tell the basic story of how God has been active in times past. Through these stories we are able to



recognize God’s presence and call in our lives today.

These eight core stories are described by theologian Walter Brueggemann as the “primal narrative” of biblical faith. The biblical stories reveal

people who, like us, are wise and weak, willing and wavering. It is holy and human. It tells their story while it connects to our story.

The “Crossings” series will meet Tuesday nights in the Fireside Room from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for ten weeks.

Please RSVP to Rev. Linda Butler (Linda@cwames.org or 292-6936,ext.16) by Tuesday, August 18.

Please read Genesis 1:1-2:3,3-11 before the first session.

**By practice, I mean all the things that Christians do together and individually as a way of paying attention to God. They include being part of a Christian community, a church, and taking part in its life together as community. They include worship, Christian formation, collective deeds of hospitality and compassion, and being nourished by Christian community. They include devotional disciplines, especially prayer and spending time with the Bible. And they include loving what God loves through the practice of compassion and justice in the world.*

~ Marcus Borg

The primal narrative is that most simple, elemental, and non-negotiable story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith. This is the consistently believed-in and recited root story that a community relies on in crisis and the one by which the truth or falseness of every other story is judged.

~ Walter Brueggemann

McKee Bequest Will Fund Building Projects



A gift from the estate of Eleanor McKee, a 50-year member of Collegiate/Wesley, will help the congregation and student center to accomplish several of its building needs over the next several months. From 1958 until her retirement in 1990, Miss McKee worked for the ISU Library in various capacities, serving as reference librarian, assistant professor, and head of the search unit/order department. During that time and beyond she was an active member of Collegiate/Wesley, serving on many boards and committees. Suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, she moved to the Evangelical Free Church Home in Boone in 2001; she died in June, 2008.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brother, and there were no descendants in the entire branch of the family. She considered Collegiate United Methodist Church members – and especially her Koinonia group – as her family. Fred & Darlene Walker and Bill & Laura Cook were especially helpful to Eleanor in her last years and in liquidating her estate following her death. The Koinonia group has designated several projects of the CUMC/WF Board of Trustees and Property Committee as suitable memorials for Eleanor's gift; these include the replacement of the step and the refinishing of the doors at the west front entrance to the building and the replacement of the doors at the east front entrance. Any remaining funds will go toward the purchase of furnishings in the Fireside Room.

Replacement of the east front sidewalk and steps have been funded by a gift from the estate of Deb Adams. The replacement work on the east sidewalk/stairs and the west sidewalk/stairs will be completed in two separate stages by early October. Trustees/Property is grateful to the memory of Eleanor McKee for the lasting impact her gift will have on present and future generations of Collegiate/Wesley worshippers.



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 the joys of family visiting Connie Dunham, her sister Mary, daughter Nancy and grandchildren, Nathan and Nathalie

Gratitude for Carl's beautiful organ music every Sunday – a joy always

Safe travels for Wes Buchele and Gene Olson and others who are traveling to Washington D.C. on the Honor Flight to visit the World War II Memorial on 8/11

For Nan Geske, youth and leaders on their Mission Trip to SE Montana

For Verallynn and Kevin Schilling who celebrated their 40th anniversary on July 19. They were married the day before man first stepped on the moon

Prayers of Concerns

For Rosemary Moore's sister, who had back surgery on 8/4 in Harlingen, Texas and is recovering at home in Weslaco, TX.

For Kelly Abel's mother, who is seriously ill in Kansas City, Kelly is a member of our Aftercare Team

For Lois Gruber, who has been hospitalized

For calming of angry spirits whipped up in this time of economic trouble, restoring civility & respect between persons

For safe travels as people visit in the U.S. and abroad

For Marian Solomon who broke her arm

For Vicky Lewis, who has been in the hospital

For Marian Heady who has been in the hospital

For Bill Boon and family; his sister Carol Martin died in Kansas two weeks ago

For Jerry, family friend of Lisa and Gary Taylor, who is in the hospital recovering from a bleeding ulcer

For those who died an untimely and/or tragic death this past week and for their families

For Stephanie Hamilton's mother, Carole Carter, who had surgery on July 20

For Esther Buttrey who broke her hip on July 18

For Gene Pace who was hospitalized and was discharged on July 18

For Jonah DeGeest who suffered a

The Faces of Jesus



A display of dozens of images of Jesus...some old, some new, some traditional, some very NON-traditional. Observers are asked to leave “sticky note” comments sharing their thoughts, feelings and insights about the images. You’ll find the interactive gallery on Wesley’s Landing and our Student Lounge (second floor of the new “North Wing”). Admission is, of course, FREE. Everyone is welcome during building hours (roughly 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.) when there are no groups meeting in the Student Lounge. The exhibit runs from Aug. 17 to Oct. 1.

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:

What Happened to the American Dream

Several Collegiate/Wesley folks participated in a seminar entitled, "What Happened to the American Dream," sponsored by AMOS and led by Jim Guant (left). This particular demonstration points out the extremely uneven distribution of wealth in our society. Each person represents a quintile of our population by income, with the far right representing the richest in our society. Learn more about or upcoming AMOS house meetings on page 10.

