

The
Communicator
Connecting People





WF does their 2nd annual Watermelon Drop for the ISU Marching band on 9/1. Thanks to Hy-Vee, Fareway & Chitty Garbage for the donations.



Donna Niday & Susan Long welcome the Rev. Kathy Harrington-Taber to Nurturing in the Faith



ISU students take advantage of the Welcome to Wesley Picnic following *faithspring*.



Denny Goodrich & Julie Schubert cook for the 1st soup supper of the year on 8/25.



On 8/15 Bishop Trimble greeted the CUMC/WF middle school youth that went on the summer mission trip.

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On the cover: Lisa Putz and Brian Halverson cutting Watermelons for the WF 2010 Watermelon Drop for the ISU Marching Band

About *The Communicator*

The Communicator is a monthly 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.

This *Communicator* was compiled and produced by Natalie Rekemeyer. It is reviewed by members of the church staff, and printed and distributed by the office staff and a team of dedicated office volunteers.

New Communicator Deadlines

We have recently transitioned the responsibilities of the Communicator from a program staff person to the office and we need to make a few changes in scheduling. The following is a list of deadline dates and the time frames those Communicators will cover. We will also be returning to two Communicators a month with the calendar of events as part of each issue. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Natalie in the office at 292-6936.

Upcoming deadline dates—8:00 a.m. on September 16 (Material to cover dates 9/26–10/10), September 30 (10/10–10/24), October 14 (10/24-11/7) Thank you for all of your cooperation in this transition!

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When We Are “Of More Than One Mind”

By Rev. Scott Grotewold

As I write this article, there's a big muddy pit in the front lawn of the church, thanks to another four inches of rain last night. By the time you read this article, I'm hoping that our new Gilgal – our rain garden/water retention pond – will be mostly complete and the front yard can begin to heal, and we can begin to enjoy the new addition to our campus. By next summer, flowers will bloom and it'll be quite a conversation piece.

Hopefully, most of the conversation will be good! As with just about any decision made in the church – or point-of-view expressed – there are people on all sides of the issue. Not everyone supported the installation of the Gilgal, or the columbarium, or the remodeling/new building, or becoming a part of AMOS, or becoming a reconciling congregation, or cutting holes in the carpet so we could put up the communion rail, or the color of that carpet when it was installed, or whether we are saved by faith or by works, or just about anything else I can think of in the history of the church. In committee and cluster meetings, we often have votes where there's no dissenting vote, but that doesn't mean that we're unanimous!

Someone once asked me, “Why didn't God make the Bible easier to understand?” If God is all powerful, and God has a will that we are to understand and follow, why didn't God just hard-wire that into us so that we all understand scripture and follow God's will perfectly?

Likewise, if God's truth is eternal and unchanging, then why do we have such varying opinions about things as we try to understand what is God's wish and desire for us? If God would implant that truth deep in our minds, then I would be able to preach perfect sermons, and no one would find anything to disagree about, and we'd **know** what color to paint that one wall. Not only would we eliminate the need for other denominations, we'd all be of the same religion, wouldn't we? (Of course, there would still be the problem of sin, since presumably we could still choose to stray from the single, obvious, well-demarkated path.)

But perhaps this give-and-take – the reality of disagreement or controversy – is exactly what God intends for us if we are going to be fully human. Not that we want to disagree just to be disagreeable, or to create controversy for the sake of controversy. But if the church is going to be on the cutting edge of life and faith (as I certainly think it should be) there are bound to be conflicts (both from within and without) because not everyone likes what may be needed if God's will is to prevail in us and on earth as it is in heaven.

It's been suggested that the church's job is to comfort the afflicted – and to afflict the comfortable. Now, I certainly think that it is God's intent for the world for its inhabitants to get along with one another, and that the church is to be an agent for reconciliation and peace. But getting to where God wants us takes some growth and change, and those things never take place at the comfortable center.

Growth takes place at the fringes – by moving away from what feels safe and

calm and secure to the outer edges, where things are always changing. We humans tend not to like change, but things are changing around us all the time, whether we want them to or not. As its said, "Change is inevitable; growth is an option."

So join with me in experiencing some growth and change – which will inevitably result in different opinions, controversy, and occasional misunderstanding. I'm convinced we can disagree with one another without the church blowing up or people leaving in a huff – and we can move closer to God's vision for us at the same time. In order for this to happen, we have to be more of what it means to be the body of Christ. Jesus' ministry and teachings evoked anger and controversy during his life, but his ministry was also a ministry of service and reconciliation. If we are his body, can we not be the same, do the same? We may need to speak the truth in love to one another – which may mean challenging conventional ideas and motives if they keep us from moving to be more the person Jesus calls us to be. And at the same time, we can be the body of Christ that offers reconciliation to all we meet, even those with whom we disagree or have a "controversy."

Thanks be to God! And God be with us!

Endowment Distribution Approved

At the August Endowment Board meeting, the Board voted and approved the 2010 Endowment spending allocation to be applied towards The Gilgal project. These funds will be coupled with remaining balances of unspent Endowment allocations from projects in 2008 and 2009. In total, nearly \$10,400 will be provided by the Endowment Fund for the project - which broke ground in late August. In addition to the Endowment gift, the Gilgal has also received support from memorials and individual donors.

The Gilgal will provide a rain garden to help deal with the watershed in an environmentally-friendly way. It will also give us a beautiful and composed location for individual and small group worship, reflection and stewardship. This project, first approved by Trustees in August, will be coordinated by Bill Boon. If you have questions or thoughts on the project, please contact Bill, project creator and coordinator, at becre8v@mchsi.com.

Since 2004, the Endowment Board has utilized annual gifts of 1% of the fund's principal to benefit Collegiate/Wesley. Endowment Fund by-laws identify a number of possible uses and over the years has funded building and grounds repair or improvement (church apartment windows and courtyard landscaping), new C/W programs (financial education seminars), publicity of existing programs (color bulletin covers), and benevolence missions (Good Neighbor). Most recently, the Endowment Board has chosen to invest in projects where the annual gift will complete or nearly complete a project. The Endowment Board wishes to thank all those who provide annual gifts and estate commitments to ensure the advancement of CUMC/WF. Should you have questions or have interest in learning the many ways to make charitable gifts to the Endowment, please contact Board Chair, Shane Jacobson, at shanej@iastate.edu.

CUMC/WF to Attend

“Next Step Conference” – And You’re Invited!

Collegiate/Wesley hopes to be well-represented at Ankeny UMC’s second annual “Next Step Conference” for church leaders on October 22-23. It is a great opportunity for us to have a quality leadership training workshop as close as this one, and we hope you’ll consider attending.

By “church leader,” we mean you – anyone who is interested in learning more and getting better at working to develop their skills or improve programming for the church/foundation. There will be workshops about music ministry, Christian Education, starting a sports ministry, sharpening the cluster/team system, adult mission trips, youth ministry, young adult ministry, worship technology, mid-week programming, evangelism, puppets, community outreach, ministry of caring, small groups, and finances among others. Complete information about the conference can be found at www.nextstepankeny.com

The Leadership Development Committee will pay \$25 toward your registration, which includes Friday BBQ dinner, Saturday lunch, keynote address and all Conference materials and programs. Your registration cost will be \$35 if you register by October 1, and \$75 if you register after Oct. 1.

Carpooling will be organized at a date closer to the conference. A pre-conference sampler of seminars begins Friday afternoon, with the Dinner and Keynote on Friday evening (6 – 9 p.m.). Saturday’s events (worship, plenary and workshops) run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The CUMC/WF church office will register for you. Please contact the church office if you wish to attend. Contact Rev. Scott Grotewold (scott@cwames.org or 292-6936) if you have any questions.

Journey Into Faith Festival



Sunday, September 26

9:45-10:45 a.m. and Noon-1:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Please join us for our 3rd annual JIFF. This is our yearly opportunity to witness the wonderful ministry happening in and around the church, and to see how we can get involved. Last year over 400 people attended JIFF, and there were 34 exhibitors representing ministries inside the church, and our mission partners in the community. Applications to be an exhibitor can be found online at www.cwames.org/JIFF.cfm or in the west hallway. Be sure to pick up your 2011

Journeys catalog at the festival.



Toward Sustainability II



A series sponsored by
AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)
and Ames Public Library
in the Library's Farwell T. Brown Auditorium, 515 Douglas Avenue

Addressing Global Climate Change

Monday, September 20 at 7 PM

How can we avoid the unmanageable and manage the unavoidable changes in climate? Professor Gene Takle, Director of ISU's Climate Science Program, will discuss these challenges to society.

Sustainable Design – Building with the Environment

Monday, September 27 at 7 PM

Kevin Nordmeyer, architect and Director of the Iowa Energy Center, will look at the process of design. Methods and examples will help us learn how to improve our spaces.

Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters

Monday, October 4 at 7 PM

Explore the soil-to-health connection with Angie Tagtow, registered dietitian and food activist. This interactive session will help you support a healthy, green, and fair food system.

Workshop on Planning for Sustainable Communities

Saturday, October 23, 9 AM – 12 PM

What is sustainability? What does it look like in other communities? What can we do? Join leaders of active sustainability programs for an interactive morning of learning.



The Vine

Faithful Families

In October of 2000, Collegiate United Methodist Church/Wesley Foundation voted nearly unanimously to adopt a Statement of Reconciliation that we will affirm and welcome all persons, including those of different gender or sexual orientation than our own. It came to the attention of a group of CUMC/WF parents that some of our gay children are still "in the closet," either to this church, in their workplace or even in their personal lives. This, and other societal pressures, has kept some of US "in the closet" about our gay kids. Wanting a forum within the church where we could share openly the same joys, concerns and stories that all parents have, as well as those struggles and challenges imposed on our kids by the way others may perceive their sexual identity, we formed a fellowship group that meets monthly in members' homes.

This group, Parents of Faith Loving Their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning Kids (also known as "Faithful Families") will be meeting this year on the second Monday of the month, starting in October. If you have an LGBTQ child of any age, we would love to have you join us. Please contact any clergy member or Natalie in the church office for details and location of the next meeting.



faithspring

The Gospel according to Dr. Seuss

Starting September 12 at *faithspring*, we will be doing a five week sermon series entitled "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss". We will be looking at how The Gospel is found in the stories of Dr. Seuss. There might even be a special guest appearance by the Cat in the Hat. On September 19th we will even have a special guest preaching. We will be Skyping the former Campus Ministry Associate, Chris Hockley since he is currently in California. *faithspring* is our alternative worship service at 5:30 p.m. in the Annex 130 S. Sheldon. All are welcome to this fun sermon series.

Wesley Foundation Opportunities

Lunch on the Landing—On Sundays after the 11 a.m. church service the Wesley Foundation will be having Lunch on the Landing starting **September 12**. This will be located at the top of the stairs on the second floor (the area just west of the Student Lounge). We are in need of help to make this happen. All you need to do is buy a loaf of bread and some sandwich meat (we will have everything else that is needed at the church), set it up on Sunday, and join us for lunch. A sign up sheet will be located in the Gathering Space or email Lisa at lisa@cwames.org to sign up.

Midnight Breakfast—Egg Casseroles needed for Midnight Breakfasts. On Friday, August 27, we had our biggest Midnight Breakfast ever with over 460 people in attendance. For our next midnight breakfast which is Friday, September 24, we are in need of some egg casseroles. We would like to have at least 20 egg casseroles. If you would be able to help us with that please contact Jim at jjim@cwames.org.

Thank you Reception volunteers

We send special thanks to those members who helped at several recent summer receptions, assisting with serving, clean up, providing salads, baking cookies and providing flowers. We appreciate all of the following people: Lucy Futrell, Deb Shafer, Janet Stephenson, Helen Farr, Sally Wilson, Dee Dreeszen, Kitty Lamont, Maureen Wilt, Dennis Byrne, Lynell Dougherty, Fran Berger, Pat Burns, Paula Anderson, Dolores Brown, Jeannie McElvain, Laura Shanks, Pat Benson, Teresa Simpson, Mary Stratton, Fran Theile, Jane Kennedy, Pat Girton, Barbara Munson, Dianna Nelson, Ruth Larson, Susan Grotewold, Betty Bowman, Laura Cook, Jan Netusil, Natalie Rekemeyer, Joyce Rasmussen, Phyllis Boon, Deb Wilson, Karen Klaiber, Shirley Snell, Mary Ann Lundy, Janie Lohnes, Charlotte Jamison, Mary Buck, Bruce Munson, Loretta Maloy, Deborah & Mark Blaedel, Elaine Johnson, Kris Meinhard, Donna Butler,

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Roger Lawrence, Larry Stevenson. Thanks for your time and dedication to making each reception successful, unique and meaningful for the families!

Food at First

Our Food at First team served over 60 people (twice the number from last year) on Aug. 27. Hard working team members were Pat Girton, Laurie Gottschalk, Darra Johnson, Karen Klaiber, Bev Kruempel, Ruth Larson, Janie Lohnes, Loretta Maloy, Dave Matulac and Barbara Munson.



Personals

(Personal Announcements)

Dear C/W Friends,

Thank you for your kind words, for your cards, your prayers and concerns when my father Richard Manson passed away. Your kindness and support was appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,
Annie Arbuckle and Family

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

Bill & Phyllis Boon celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on 8/15.

Renate Dellman celebrates her mother, Hedwig's birthday on 8/15 and prayers of thanks for all the love she gave in her life.

Helen & Bob Farr have thanks for deliverance from the flood, for family help for saving their basement and the return of water.

Celebrating the wedding of Kimberly Ferguson & Sam Cotter on 8/14 here at C/W. The couple and some of their family members were in service on 8/15. The Unity Tree from their wedding will be planted in the front of the church to give shade to the terrace.

Celebrate the beginning of the school year for students, faculty & staff from pre-school through higher education.

Celebrate Scott MacDonald's gift of music and his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on 8/15.

Thanks to the people of C/W who have opened the doors of this building temporarily to house the University Childcare, after their facility was flooded.

For the experience of the Wesley Foundation to have served over 460 people at their first midnight breakfast on 8/29.

For Wes Buchele's daughter Mary Beth, who was visiting last week from Menominee, WI.

For Janet & Dick Shoenhair, who celebrated 60 years of marriage on 8/27. They met here at the Wesley Foundation 62 years ago!

Ken & Marjy Howe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 9/1. They met here at CUMC/WF.

The Prince of Peace UMC in Elk Grove Village, IL, will celebrate their 50th anniversary. This is where Karen & Ted Huiatt were married and their children baptized.

Prayers of Concerns

For Ruth Provov and family on the death of her niece, Maxine Shipway. She thanks all who prayed for Maxine while she was serving as a missionary in India.

For all those affected by the flood, but especially the volunteers, city employees & community members who have worked hard to help those affected by the water.

For Ruthann Hadish, whose father Glen O'Brien, died on 8/19, services were in Cedar Rapids on 8/24.

For the family of Dean Harms, whose funeral was here on 8/18.

For all members of our armed forces—all persons affected by war & other forms of violence and for all persons who work for peace & understanding & hope.

For all people both here in Ames and around Iowa who have been & are involved with flood recovery, including millions in Pakistan.

For Ben Hucker's grandfather, who has entered hospice care.

For the people on the east coast on the impending weather.

For Rick & Tracy who lost their father unexpectedly last week.

For everyone whose heart is breaking because of divorce.

For strength & comfort for the Hubert family as the father is hospitalized in critical condition.

Rev. Arley Ellingson, UMC pastor in Agency, IA, was burned in an accident and taken to Iowa City on 9/4, his spouse Peggy broke her ankle in the process of helping him.

For Theresa Gibson, who is having some testing at the hospital.

The Gilgal in process



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: WF Midnight Breakfast



Wesley Foundation welcomed over 460 ISU students for the first Midnight Breakfast of the fall semester on 8/29. See page 9 for more details and how you can help!