



The CHIMES



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2011

August 9th Men's Club IOWA CUBS Trip

The men's club has planned a trip to Ames and Des Moines for Tuesday August 9th. The church bus has been reserved and has room for 15 people. Any church member is eligible to go. A \$7.00 fee is required at the time of sign up to pay for the gas. Sign up will be at the church office and is on a first come first serve basis. The itinerary includes:

- 9:00 a.m. Leave church parking lot
- 10:00—1 p.m. Reiman Gardens—bring a sack lunch and drink to eat on the grounds.
- 1:30-5 p.m. Science Center of Iowa featuring BODY WORLD traveling exhibit.
- 5-6:30 p.m. Meal at Des Moines restaurant of group's choice
- 6:30 p.m. Iowa Cubs game featuring famous Sand Diego CHICKEN night

People will be responsible for paying individually. Fees are as listed below:

Reiman Gardens: Adults \$8; Seniors 65 & above \$7; Youth 4-17 \$4

Science Center: Regular admission \$8; Seniors 65 & above \$7; Youth 2-12 \$6; IMAX \$3. Combination adult & IMAX \$11; Combination Senior & IMAX \$10

Iowa Cubs: Cost to be determine by seating choice. Probably about \$10



Discount coupons will be available from the brochure "Greater Des Moines 2011 Coupons & Discounts" which will be available at the church office at time of reserving your space on the bus. Discounts include: **\$2 OFF** adult or senior admission to Reiman Gardens; **FREE GENERAL ADMISSION** to Science Center with purchase of IMAX ticket; **2-for 1 ticket** for reserved grandstand seating at the Iowa Cubs game.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact Drew Sieben.



From the Pastor

Friends,

I will soon begin service in your midst as an interim pastor for the next few months. By way of introduction (and reintroduction for some) I want to share some information about myself, my family, and my hopes as we move forward in the name of Jesus Christ.

I am a native of Montana, and was nurtured into ministry through First United Methodist Church in Billings, Montana. Following graduation from high school I enrolled at Morningside College in Sioux City (where I met my wife, Laurel). We were married during our senior year at Morningside. Following graduation from Morningside we moved to Denver, Colorado in September, 1970, where I was a student at the Iliff School of Theology. I graduated from Iliff with a Master of Divinity Degree in 1974. Later I received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri.

We began our service in the Iowa Conference in 1974, and have had the privilege of serving in a number of congregations in Iowa – both large and small. Our journey together included time in Fort Dodge where I was appointed as District Superintendent for the Fort Dodge District of the United Methodist Church

from 2002 to 2007. During our time in Fort Dodge my wife Laurel and our daughter Andrea were members at Fort Dodge First UMC. They are currently members at Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines.

Laurel is also a graduate of Morningside College and holds a Masters Degree in Administrative Studies from the University of South Dakota. Her working experience has included time with the FDIC, Firststar Bank, the Cherokee Mental Health Institute, and Northwoods Living in Fort Dodge. She has also been an Adjunct Instructor for Buena Vista University in Fort Dodge.

I retired from full-time ministry in 2009, and we settled in Clive, Iowa. Our daughter Andrea works at Link Associates (a work-activity center) in Des Moines. Much of our time is spent in active grand-parenting – a role we dearly cherish. Our son Ryan (also a graduate of Morningside College) is a police officer for the city of Des Moines. Ryan and his wife Connie and their children Calid, Reece, and Trenton live in Johnston.

In retirement I have been privileged to provide interim service as pastor in several area churches who were, for a variety of reasons, going through times of transition.

As I look forward to service in Fort Dodge I anticipate spending at least two days a week in Fort Dodge – in addition to Sunday. The days might vary from week to week depending on the church schedule and family commitments. Though my time in your midst will be as an interim pastor, the

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Monthly Financial Information

June Budgeted Income
\$19,600

June Actual Income
\$24,163

June Actual Expenses
\$30,725

Year to Date Budgeted Income
\$135,600

Actual Income Year to Date
\$139,427

Actual Expenses Year to Date
\$201,232

*Chimes Deadline
August 25, 2011*

Rev. Linda Bibb's father passed away on Tuesday, July 5th. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 8th, at the First United Methodist Church in Boone, Iowa. Please keep Rev. Linda and Rev. Steve in your thoughts and prayers in this time of great loss. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around them and their family and offer them his grace and peace. If you would like to send a card to the Bibb's, their new address is 626 Elm Street, Webster City, Iowa, 50595.



Sunday School Registration

Please note that Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 18. For children and youth we offer Sunday School from ages 2 through graduation from high school. Ages 2 through 4 will learn different Bible stories each week with their teachers.

Grades kindergarten through 6th will once again be spending 3-5 weeks learning a story using the rotation model of Sunday School. This model involves the children attending a different learning center each week. Some of these learning centers include Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Games, Science, and Storytelling. This age group meets in Fellowship Hall for a

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If you, a member of your family, or a member of the First United Methodist Church family would like a visit and/or Holy Communion from a member of The Visitation Team, please contact the church office (576-7586). The Visitation Team would also like to know when a FUMC member has moved to a nursing home. Help us keep in touch!

Thanks,
Donna Esmay

ANOTHER SEASON OF SSS NEARING END!

This summer sure has flown by!! We are nearing the conclusion of our eighth season of Sidewalk Sunday School, and what a season it has been!!! We have talked about God's love for us, and that God and Jesus can use us for ministry, no matter what our age!



2011 Mission Offering

Jan	\$ 173.30	Transient Fund
Feb	\$ 835.77	Lord's Cupboard
March	\$200.77 \$1308.00	Heifer Project Earthquake/ Japan
April	\$ 169.00	UMCOR
May	\$ 732.15	Sidewalk Sunday School
June	\$0	Lord's Cupboard
July	\$	Upper Des Moines

Thanks for supporting these
worthy missions!

*"Bear ye one another's burdens, and
so fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

Calling All Sunday School Teachers!!!

Sunday School is quickly approaching! To make our Sunday School program the most effective and transformational, we need a lot of adult volunteers. These volunteers range from teaching the lessons, to being a helper in the rooms. Please prayerfully consider where you can best fit in our Christian Education ministry.



August Funeral Co-Chairs



Joan LeValley 576-4797
Deanna Rhiner 573-4770



Look Who Is Having a Birthday!

**"My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you,
Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you."**

*My Life Is in You, Lord—words and
music by Daniel Gardner*

8-1	Tim Clark Steven Paul		
8-2	Adam Kent	8-13	Kathy Black
8-3	Evon Martinson Pat Chalstrom Maeleena Meyer Keirstyn Swanson		Ann Jones Hayley Walstrom Marissa Anderson
8-4	Logan Jarvis	8-15	Pat Coffey Harold Messerly Joseph Li
8-5	Lucile Dellit Heather Grossnickle	8-16	Maryls Heidi Jeffrey Trunnell Heather Cochrane
8-6	Lindy Good Brandy Beggerly	8-17	Scott Hannah Beth Sullivant Cory Braunschweig
8-7	Imalda Lile Jesse Johnson	8-18	Connie Boyd
8-8	Gale McKinney Cassidy Walstrom	8-19	Diane Jones Teresa Newman Lyndsey Bennett
8-9	Haley Rustvold	8-20	Anita Johnson Doug Spear
8-10	Will McKibban		
8-11	Laurel Mors Cynthia Kjolsing Bret Steck		
8-12	Marv Hulse Ray Winner Madison Garst		
		8-21	James Hay Laura Underberg Adam Moore
		8-23	Ryan Rustvold
		8-24	Vicki DeLong Julie Andresen
		8-25	Genevieve Mason Elaine Carlson Robert VanderMaten Matthew Metier
		8-27	Robert Skophammer Courtney Thrams
		8-30	Sindy Stiles Nancy Niles
		8-31	Doris Woods Stephanie Wakeman

Sunday School Movie Night!!

On Friday, August 5th, we will be having a Sunday School Movie Night. We will meet from 6-8 PM. We will watch the movie Toy Story. There will be a discussion following the movie. This event is for those that have finished kindergarten through those that have completed 6th grade. Feel free to invite friends!!!!

Happy Anniversary



8-5	Barry & Susie Walsh	8-22	Jeff & Julie Larson
8-6	Will & Nancy McKibban		Bart & Monica Waddell
8-11	Erland & Elaine Carlson	8-23	Mike & Beth Sullivant
	R. Lee & Sonja Rogers	8-24	Patrick & Sharon Moore
8-15	Jeff & Jodi Johnson	8-26	William & Lori Kinkner
	Clayton & Pat Chalstrom	8-27	Jon & Dawn Thrams
	Gale & Audra McKinney	8-28	Dick & Deanna Rhiner
8-18	Lee & Meredith Berryhill	8-30	Pat & Carol Lennon
8-19	Brian & Darcy Becker		Kory & Deanne Finke
8-20	John Sjoblom & Nancy Niles		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 30-Aug. 7—High School Mission Trip to West Virginia
Aug 4-5—Joe –Vacation
Aug 5—Sunday School Movie Night
Aug 7—United Methodist Men—8:00 a.m.
Aug 9—United Methodist Men trip to Iowa Cubs Game
Aug 11—Missions Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 12—Kid’s Night Out, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 14—Sidewalk Sunday School Special Music
Aug 15—Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 15—Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 18—SPPRC, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 21—FDSH Band Ice Cream Social, 3:00 p.m.
Aug 24—Priscilla Circle, 1:00 p.m.
Aug 25—Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 27—Saturday Night Dinner Out, 4:00 p.m.
Sept 11—Sunday School Kick Off
Sept 18—First Day of Sunday School

Kid’s Night Out

Kid’s Night Out will be held on Friday, August 12 from 6 to 8 PM. This is a great time for parents to get a little quiet time while the kids come to the church and eat a light supper, play some games, and learn a short lesson!! Please call Jennifer at the church office to sign up!



News from Joe

Since Pastor Bibb left in June, the pastor's office has a fresh coat of paint and cleaned carpets, along with the rest of the church office.

Changes and improvements continue in the church building itself, also. A handrail has now been installed in the choir loft which will help in the safety of our choir members entering and exiting the choir loft. The History Room is now completed new baseboards and some new paint. It is now ready to have everything put back in place.

The nursery will soon have new carpet—hopefully before school starts, and the bell tower now has new ceiling tiles and looks very nice!

The parsonage is now empty so it has been a good time to do some upkeep work. The carpets there have been clean, the down spouts have been secured and cleaned along with the gutters, and bushes and plants have been trimmed. A special thank you goes to Dick and Deanna Rhiner for their help with getting the bushes and trees trimmed at the parsonage.

As usual, if you have any questions about things that have been done or are to be done, or see something that needs to be done, please feel free to contact me.

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short gathering time before breaking into age groups to head to the learning center of the day.

Grades 7 through 12 will be learning to apply the Bible stories and Christian principles they have been learning through the years in their daily lives. This is an important element of growing in Christ, and often proves helpful in the daily lives of teenagers.

You will find in the Chimes a registration sheet. Please fill out and return to Jennifer either by dropping it off in the office, or by returning it in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

Please give Jennifer a call at the church office if you have any questions.

The Lord's Cupboard

August

The most urgent needs are:

**Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Tuna
Cereal**

Plastic grocery bags are always needed.

As always, there is a great need for paper products. Items may be placed in the shopping cart in Wesley Parlor or brought to the church office. The Lord's Cupboard deeply appreciates all the donations you give.



August Circle News



Julia-Lydia Circle

No Meeting

Ruth Circle

No Meeting

Priscilla Circle

August 24—1:00 pm
Rose Legler Room

Vashti Circle

No Meeting

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 7

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37: 12-28

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 14

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

August 21

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

August 28

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

There will be a lock-in for those who were in Discovery Gang and Teens for Tomorrow last year sometime during the month of August. Please watch your mail for details.



Thank You!

I would like to extend a very sincere **thank you** to everyone who supported my brother (Captain Seth Platt of the US Air Force) during his recent deployment to Afghanistan, especially to Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne for organizing, collecting, and mailing eight care packages! I am happy to report that Seth returned safely to his family in Dayton, Ohio last week! As with all soldiers, his year away was challenging, so the support and prayers from FUMC made a big difference. Seth said that the kindness shown to him by FUMC was "overwhelming" and everything sent was appreciated and put to good use by his unit. They were amazed by the sheer number of packages our congregation sent! The school supplies donated were given to the local community when their new school was completed by Seth's unit and Afghan children will be using them this fall when the school year begins. Thank you for blessing my family and our troops with Christ's love- it truly made a difference for so many. You can read an article about the school his unit helped build and see a photo of Seth at <http://www.rc-east.com/en/regional-command-east-news-mainmenu-401/4553-education-takes-one-step-forward-in-kapisa.html>.

Security System in Office Building

For those of you who have had issues with the security system in the church office, we have good news. The system has been set to come on and off automatically each day as it does in the church building itself. You will still need a key to get into the office but do not need to worry about doing anything with the alarm system itself. If you have any questions about this change, please contact Becky at the church office and she will explain how the system will work.

Your Staff:

*The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb, Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assistant
Diane Logan, Organist
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Mike Richardson, Choirs Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
Children's Choirs Director
Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Linda Wakeman & Iris Jones, Nursery Assist.
Joe Egdorf, Supervisor of Buildings &
Grounds
Linda Wakeman, Assistant Custodian*

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Our mission is to provide the people
of the Fort Dodge area opportunities
for spiritual growth, real friendships,
and giving of themselves.

**Worship Service
10:00 am**

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