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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2011

Feeding the Multitude

Inter Faith Forum Meal Served by 1st UMC, August 27, 2011

It's called "Saturday Night Dinner Out", a meal served to our neighbors who have run low on food by the end of the month. Our church building is in a central location so 11 churches each host one of the monthly meals using our kitchen and dining room. August 27th was 1st United Methodist's turn.

The Saturday Night Dinner Out is not to be confused with the Beacon of Hope Men's shelter meal for which our church has offered out kitchen facilities on Monday nights, though some of the men attending Saturday Night Dinner Out may be living at the Beacon.

After each Saturday Night Dinner Out, Bingo is played and useful prizes are won. This annual event is one of First United Methodist Church's rewarding opportunities to serve the neighborhood surrounding our building, as well as a good way to enjoy our church friends by getting to know one another as we work together, prepare, serve and share a common meal. This year the need was greater than ever, so we prepared for one hundred big appetites. In preparation, thirteen families donated main dish casseroles each large enough to feed 12 people, and 11 pans of various dessert bars were furnished for the dessert. Many more of you gave practical prize gifts of paper products, laundry soap, shaving cream, razors, school supplies, deodorant and body soap. Others generously contributed money for the salad ingredients,

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From the Pastor

BEWARE – CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Thomas Troeger has written a remarkable book for preachers (and for people who listen to preaching) entitled: Preaching While the Church Is Under Reconstruction – The Visionary Role of Preachers in a Fragmented World (Abingdon Press – 1999). It is an excellent book that takes seriously the role of preaching in a world of transition.

When I first saw the book it was the title that caught my eye. I was the preacher in a congregation involved in a sanctuary reconstruction project that was quite extensive. The reason I purchased the book was because of the realization that church reconstruction and building reconstruction are not the same thing.

The church, if we are true to our heritage and our mission is always under reconstruction (and reformation). People are growing in faith, with the help of others. We are praying that God will transform us – make us new – heal us. Some ideas or practices are outgrown, while others are grown into. Prayers are lifted up that God will renew us, transform us, and use us to help others grow. The

church reconstructing looks at the world and at people in new ways as God removes blinders from our hearts, and minds, and eyes.

When buildings are reconstructed we take risks and step out in faith, because we believe great things are possible with God. When the church is reconstructed we also take risks and step out in faith – again, because we believe great things are possible in God. In both cases yesterday’s model may not completely fit tomorrow’s challenges. Hence – reconstruction.

As persons involved in reconstruction it is important to be open through the disciplines of prayer, study, charity, and service to the inspiring, reforming, and empowering presence of God’s Spirit. Be warned, however, that God does not intend to leave you the way God finds you. Words of a hymn (prayer put to music) by Daniel Iverson come to mind: “Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.” God is not through with us yet. When we are “melted, molded, filled, used” we do not come out the same. God is in the business of reconstructing people. So is the church.

Pastor Gary Armstrong

On Sunday, October 25th a New Member Reception was held at First United Methodist Church. On that Sunday we welcomed Gerald Beck into our church family. Please be sure to welcome Jerry to 1st UMC when you meet him. Jerry has already been involved with the Beacon of Hope Monday Night Dinner, the Saturday Night Dinner Out and is anxious to become involved in all aspects of FUMC. Welcome, Jerry!

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

**Monthly Financial
Information**

August Budgeted Income
\$18,600

August Actual Income
\$12,501

August Actual Expenses
\$29,378

Year to Date Budgeted Income
\$171,800

Actual Income Year to Date
\$166,365

Actual Expenses Year to Date
\$252,933

The Mission's Committee is putting together a trip to the Women at the Well ministry at the Mitchellville Prison (one of the ministries supported by our Mission's committee). Your name will have to go on a list sent to Mitchellville for approval. The date of the trip is tentatively set for January 19th. If you are interested in joining in with this group to attend a service at the prison, or have questions regarding the trip, please contact Meredith Berryhill.

On Sunday, October 9, we will be presenting the 3rd graders with their Bibles. This is a very important milestone in the lives of this group of our young in faith. Please make a special effort to be in worship on this Sunday to show your support.

Chimes Deadline
October 21, 2011

Homecoming in the Lot

Fort Dodge Senior High's homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 7. FUMC will be hosting a small party in our parking lot for middle school students to attend between the time they get out of school and the time the parade starts. We will have snacks and music.

We are in need of people to donate food (red and black pre-packaged treats) and for people to help man the truck and hand out candy.

Please contact Jennifer at the church office if you are willing to

To my entire FUMC family-

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship I received. It is greatly appreciated.

I have started my college career at Creighton University and am enjoying it very much. With the wonderful faith foundation taught to me by my family and FUMC family, I look forward to my future in school and in my faith journey

Sincerely,
Emily McGuire
Box 282 Kiewit Hall
Creighton University
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68278

help in any of the above areas. And, everyone pray for good weather! This was an incredible outreach last year that the youth are still talking about!

We are looking for volunteers to donate snacks for our middle school youth groups. Please contact Jennifer at the church office for details!

Thank You!

We would like to thank you for the use of your kitchen to serve the resident of Wakonsa and Biltwell and Beacon of Hope their dinner in July. We think it is a very good thing.

Board of Caring and Outreach,
First Baptist Church

The Sunday school year is up and running! Haven't been able to join us yet? Not a problem! You are always welcome to join us at any time. And feel free to bring a friend with you! We are still looking for people who may be interested in teaching in the rotation. This generally is just a 3-5 week commitment. Please contact Jennifer at the office if you are willing to volunteer or have any questions.

October Funeral Co-Chairs

Pat Bennett 712-297-8157
Roxanne Morris 576-0083



Organist to present Recital & Master Class at Fort Dodge, First

Dr. David Heller, Professor of Music and Organist at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas will provide an exciting afternoon and evening when he comes to First United Methodist Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Dr. Heller serves as organist at Margaret B. Parker Chapel at Trinity University where he plays the largest organ in South Texas – the Hoffman/ Ballard/Kegg four manual instrument containing over 6000 pipes and 112 ranks.



In addition to his teaching and performing duties at Trinity University, Dr. Heller was named in 2005 as Visiting Artist at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon. In 2006 he was named as Artist in Residence for North Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

He has been a featured recitalist both internationally and throughout the United States and received critical acclaim in such journals as *The American Organist*, *American Record Review* and *Choir and Organ*. He has appeared on both American Public Radio and National Public Radio.

His Saturday appearance in Fort Dodge will include a 1:30 pm class entitled "Communication, Sensitivity and Conviction: The Organist and Hymn Playing." It is geared to deal with the subject of hymn presentation for effective hymn playing in the church service. A \$10 registration fee will be charged for attendance at the workshop. Light refreshments will be served.

The 7:00 pm evening recital will be in the sanctuary of our church and will include works of Guilmant, Bach, Barber, Vidor and Vierne. He will be performing on our 2007 renovated Austin/Rodgers Church Organ. The merged winded/digital instrument was dedicated in the fall of 2007 following design study and a financial support program which granted the church opportunity to make the changes and revisions.

Our Austin/Rodgers contains 68 ranks with an additional 52 ranks available through

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use of the voice palette. The console consists of three manuals and pedal plus a floating solo division. It includes recording/playback capability and a MIDI system that provides hundreds of additional voices.

The concert is without charge and the public is invited; a free will offering will be asked. We encourage you to reserve that date. Invite your friends. Let's fill our worship center for this unique musical opportunity. Refreshments and an opportunity to meet Dr. Heller will follow the evening's performance in Wesley Parlor.

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milk, bread and butter needed for the meal and to purchase more prizes. Twenty-five contributed their labor in the kitchen and dining room by serving the food, supervising the nursery, calling out the Bingo letters and numbers, and clearing up after the meal.

It takes a village to raise a child, and it took the church to serve our community meal. Servers ranged in age from 8 to 82 years! We had fun and fellowship together! We served eight-one guests and twenty-five warm hearted volunteers. And, as in the story of the loaves and fishes, we had enough left over to share and \$20.93 surplus in cash which was given to the Lord's Cupboard.

Another Mission opportunity is coming! The 1st UMC fall rummage sale will be October 6, 7, and 8. Our rummage sales are another good chance to do good, get rid of useable things you don't want any more but are still useful to others, buy some reasonably priced items you like, work hard, laugh a lot, and enjoy your fellow United Methodists. Our bargain prices help others in their shopping, and all the money we receive is divided between the two missionary families we support at African University in Zimbabwe, and Red Bird, Kentucky, one of the seven poorest counties in the U.S.A.



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*

10-1	Jeff Larson Nicole DenHartog	10-15	Darcy Becker Jan Messerly Kevin Thompson Jeff Conrad Jr. Aspen Stephan	10-24	Eric Pearson
10-2	Doris Porter Bart Waddell Melissa Church	10-16	Judy Waddell Kelsey Lunn Chad Remsburg	10-25	Chad Daniel Allix Black
10-3	Curt Johnson Ronald Jones Nicolle DeLong	10-17	Tyler Rasmuson	10-27	Dorothy Ellsworth Todd Stephan Heather Kientoff Mason Bahr
10-4	David Lohff Mike Littzen Kris Paul	10-18	Donald Wakeman Julie Hambleton Cindy Carey Stephanie Den Hartog	10-28	Mark Steck Madeline Smith
10-5	Dawn Wolfe Brooke Carlson	10-19	John Enke Marta Kramer Carol Lennon Jay Johnson MacKenzie Lennon	10-29	Thomas Woodruff Baylie Stephan Zachary Popp
10-6	Andrea Hanson	10-20	Larry Boyd Kaylee Newton	10-30	Barbra Kondarth Kathryn Cochrane
10-7	Roland Johnson	10-21	Marilyn Peterson Kathy Daniel Kati Paul	10-31	Doris Fletchall Phyllis Wilson (Jan) Stacey Jamieson Candida Christopherson Nicole Trimble
10-8	Laura Gilpin	10-23	Michael Scacci Paula Gawtry Haley Dillon		
10-9	Joyce Hay Bobbi Dallman				
10-10	Jean Curran Amanda Gray				
10-11	Donald Moenck Nancy Bolton Sharon Moore Cindy Walstrom				
10-12	Thomas Schmoker Todd Bergstrom Dyann Peterson				

Happy Anniversary



10-2	Doug & Harriet Adams		
10-5	Merlen & Doris Baker		
10-15	Richard & Audrey Metier	10-20	Wyman & Cynthia Kjolsing
	Harold & Bonnie Messerly	10-23	Mike & Cindy Moore
10-17	Rex & Marilyn Raine	10-26	Brent & Sara Meyer
	Jon & Bridgett Setterdahl		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 1-2 — Bring items for Fall Rummage Sale
- Oct 2—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 6 - Fall Rummage Sale, 4-6:00 p.m.
- Oct 7 - Fall Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Oct 7— Homecoming Party in Parking Lot, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct 8 –Fall Rummage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Oct 13– Missions Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 14 –Kid’s Night Out, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 15 –Hymnology Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct 15 –Dr. David Heller Organ Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 17 –Finance Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 17 –Roadmap to Renewal Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 17 –Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 20 –SPPRC Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 24 –Memorial Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 26 –Julia-Lydia Circle, 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 26 –Ruth Circle, 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 26 –Priscilla Circle, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct 26 –Vashti Circle, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 27 –Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 30 –Charge Conference at First UMC, 6:30 p.m.

Teens for Tomorrow Game Night

This month begins our time of having a special Friday night activity once a month for our youth grades 5-8. This will usually fall on the 3rd Friday of the month, however, due to a Senior High home football game, this month it will be on the fourth Friday. This month we will be having a game night from 7-9 PM on Friday, October 28. Bring a flashlight! Feel free to bring a friend! Call Jen at the office if you have any questions.

News from Joe

The weather is certainly feeling more like fall everyday! Where did our summer go?

The last week or so I have been busy trying to get some painting done outside. The Choice Printing wall is now primed and painted. I have finished the trim work outside of the church, as well.

The elevator door now has a new hinge and stop for the door. Just in time for all the use during the Fall Rummage Sale!

The church and parsonage lawn have been fertilized and are now ready for winter.

I have begun painting the upper level Sunday School rooms. I hope to be done with this project in the next couple of weeks. The Nursery carpet has been ordered and should be in by the end of October.

A projects has been brought to my attention—the handrails are loose, so I will get those tighten up immediately. I appreciate it when people come to me with something they see that needs to be fixed or repaired. So please be sure to let me know if you know of something that needs to be taken care of.

Sound Assistance

We continue to have a need to create a team of volunteers to operate the sound system for the Sunday morning worship. Optimally, if four or five people were willing to help, each person would only have to serve once a month or so. Since the primary need is to be able to push the “record” and “playback” buttons on the recorder for our delayed broadcast over KVFD, if a team cannot be formed, we may have to re-evaluate our ability to provide this radio ministry to the community.

Scott Johnston

A man dies and now wants to be nowhere but in Heaven.

Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. He tells the man "Here's how it works. You need 100 point to make it into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done in your lifetime and I give you a certain number of points for each thing, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I was married to the same women for 50 years and never cheated on her even in my heart."

"That's wonderful" says St. Peter, "that's worth 3 points."

"Three point?!!" says the man. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific" says St. Peter, "that certainly is worth a point."

"One point??!! I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for 2 more points" says St. Peter.

"Two points???!!!" Exasperated, the man cries "At this rate the only way I'll get to Heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

Kid's Night Out

Kid's Night Out will be held on Friday, October 14th 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!



It's Fall and that means it is time for the Fall Mission Sale -
Are **YOU** Ready to **Reduce/Reuse/Recycle** and **Rejoice**?

Fall has arrived and the cooler weather “encourages” us to clean out closets and cupboards. We hope you will donate your no longer wanted/needed items to the fall rummage sale for missions. You may **bring your donated items to church between September 26 and October 6**. We would appreciate it if you would bring your donated items to the church basement by Tuesday, October 5, as we need to sort and price the items. If you need help carrying items into the church, you may bring them on Wednesday, October 6, and we will help you.

We will set out items on Wednesday, October 5 (8-4) and will mark items on Thursday, October 7 (8-4). We also need volunteers for the Friday and Saturday sale times and for Saturday afternoon to pack up any leftover items. You will **REJOICE** in the spirit of friendly good-fellowship of working with many members of the church and raising money for missions.

Like last year, we will offer a “sneak peek” event. For a \$2.00 donation per person, you may come **Thursday evening, October 6 from 4:00 – 6:00**, and purchase items before the regular sale day on Friday. Church members are welcome to invite their friends to this special event. **Friday, October 7 from 8-4:30** will be our regular sale day, and **Saturday, October 8 from 8-12** will be our \$2.00 per bag sale. Some specially priced items will be half-price on Saturday.

In the past five years, we have raised almost \$30,000 for mission support. We hope that you will plan to “shop” our fall sale! You will find some new-to-you items and benefit the mission work being done.

The week of the sale gives volunteers a chance to meet and work with other people in our church. If you wish to volunteer and/or have questions, please call Phyllis Wilson 515-576-0296 or Deanna Rhiner 515-573-4770 or 515-570-3235.

The Lord's Cupboard

October

The most urgent needs are:

**Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Pudding
Macaroni & Cheese**

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.



October Circle News



Julia-Lydia Circle

October 26—9:30 a.m.
Program: Lucile Dellit
Hostess: Beth McCabe

Ruth Circle

October 26—9:30 a.m.
North Building—Skylight Room

Priscilla Circle

October 26—1:00 pm
Rose Legler Room

Vashti Circle

October 26—7:00 p.m.
Program/Hostess: Jane Gibb

Endowment Fund

Is there something the Church could use but feel, with the current economic conditions, that we can not afford?

Maybe not! The Endowment fund has some money available for projects that are not the normal budgetary needs of the Church.

Requests should come from a Church Committee in order to get support, but any member of FUMC can submit, in writing, details of how the Endowment Committee can apply unused funds.

Please give your request to Becky before October 20th, so we can act on them.

Cliff Burke,
Chairman
Endowment Committee

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
And do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And sustain in me a willing spirit.*

Psalm 51: 10-12

<u>2011 Mission Offering</u>		
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	\$139.91	Upper Des Moines
August	\$128.00	Operation Christmas
September	\$119.75	In-Gathering

Thanks for supporting these
worthy missions!

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

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 2

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

October 9

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32: 1-14

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4: 1-0

Matthew 22: 1-14

October 116

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

October 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46

October 30

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12



Youth News

NEWS

Children's Page

Sunday Mornings—8:45 AM—
Sunday School for all ages!

October 5, 19—1:30-5 PM—
Teens for Tomorrow—An after
school youth group for those in

grades 5-8. Youth will be picked up from Fair Oaks and the youth from Phillips will walk to the church.

October 12, 26—3:30-5 PM—Discovery Gang—An after school youth group for those in grades 5-8. Youth will be picked up from Fair Oaks and the youth from Phillips will walk to the church.

October 5, 12, 19, 26—4:45-5:30 PM—Joyful Noise Choir—This choir is for youth in grades 5-8. Joyful Noise will perform on Sunday, October 9 in worship.

October 5, 12, 19, 26—5:30-6 PM—King's Kids Choir—This choir is for children in kindergarten through 4th grade. King's Kids will perform on Sunday, October 2 in worship.

October 7—2:00-?—Homecoming in the Lot—This is a gathering for middle school youth. There will be music and snacks in the parking lot between the time the youth get out of school and when the Homecoming parade starts.

October 9—We will be handing out Bibles during worship.

October 14—6-8 PM—Kid's Night Out—This is a great chance to allow the kids to come and spend some time in the church while the parents have a little time to do their own thing as well. This is offered for children ages

birth through 12 years. Please email or call Jennifer at the church office to sign-up. *A light meal is served and there will be activities for children who attend.*

October 28—7-9 PM—Teens for Tomorrow Game Night—This is a night for our 5th through 8th grade youth. Come and spend a Friday night playing games in the church! Bring a flashlight. Feel free to bring a friend!!!

October 30—Rockin' Ringers (children/youth bell choir) will perform in worship on this day.

November 4-5—Ingathering Lock-in—Time to be given later—This event is for youth grades 6-12. We will head over to Webster City for a lock-in with other youth from around our district. We will then stay around on Saturday and help load boxes in to the truck. More details will come later. But mark the day on your calendar!!!



Sunday Mornings—8:45 AM—Sunday School for all ages!! Matt Moore and Audra McKinney have some AWESOME lessons planned for you! Come and join us!!!

October 2—5:45-8 PM—Study Group—Come for some lessons and fun!! We will lay out what is to come in the next month!

October 9—5:45-8 PM—Youth Group

October 16—5:45-8 PM—Study Group

October 23—5:45-8 PM—Youth Group

October 30—5:45-8 PM—Youth Group—This year we are trying something new! Anytime there is a fifth Sunday in a month we will be doing a combined youth group with Trinity UMC. In October we will be meeting at Trinity UMC and then heading out for our activity! Details to come in the mail!

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Pastor Armstrong is also looking for some youth who are interested in helping in the worship service reading scriptures. Let Jen know if you are interested!

Your Staff:
The Congregation, The Ministers
Gary Armstrong, 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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