



A Message from Doug

On Sunday, June 5, we were so pleased to welcome some new friends into our Walnut Hills membership. These folks represent a variety of backgrounds and spiritual journeys, and they have expressed to us their desire to be part of our church. Membership is a big deal in our church, not because the ceremony is a major ordeal, but rather because you trust that this community of faith will be a place where you can grow and through which you can serve others. We will not always agree, we will not always understand the whispers of God in exactly the same way. But we are a community, nevertheless, and through our community we experience a vital connection to God and to each other.

So please join me in welcoming our newest members:

Ryan Anderson
Eric and Shawna Beron
Brad and Susan Clark, Grant and Sydney
Rita Loraine

As I have mentioned in the past and will certainly mention in the future, our church is a brand new place each time someone new comes to us and adds his or her unique personality and vision. I am delighted to welcome you to Walnut Hills!

-Doug

In the Spotlight...

YAC - Youth Annual Conference

Walnut Hills will be well represented at this year's Youth Annual Conference at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Jim Brown, Emily Eastman, Kierra Baker and Matt Hiemstra will travel to Cornell College and participate in small groups, district caucuses, workshops and worship services. Please include them in your prayers for safe travel and meaningful experiences.

Men's Chorus to Sing Sunday, July 10th!

Open to all men interested (7th grade through adult). Come join the singing!

Rehearsals Begin this Sunday:

Sunday, June 19th 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, June 26th 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, July 3rd 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

*Rehearsals will be in the Music Room between church services.

Children's Garden - Phase I to begin soon!

We have a detailed plan for the soon-to-be-Children's Garden. Phase I will begin with outlining the plot, spraying with round-up, tilling and filling in with dirt. This is the most labor intensive phase but it will set the kids up for planting and developing. If you are willing to work on this phase, please contact Susan at 270-9226 or susan@whumc.org. Work will commence the last two weeks in June. Also, if anyone has an abundance of brick or edging material you would be willing to donate, please let Susan know.



Register This Sunday for Vacation Bible School

Children 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in Walnut Hills 2005 Vacation Bible School,

"Ranch House Kids: Adventures of the Open Door"

July 31st - August 4th at 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and is open now until June 30. Sign-up on Sunday!

Cost: \$10 per participant, Maximum \$30 for family.

Join the "Ranch House Kids" at the Circle G Ranch. Sunny, the Circle G Ranch pony and his side kick, Dusty invite you to enjoy a "rootin," "tootin" time with the Ranch House Kids!

Small Groups Web Page

If you have visited the Walnut Hills webpage at www.whumc.org and gone to "Our Ministries" page, you will notice that the Cyclepaths and Women of Walnut Hills have a web page all their own. If your Walnut Hills small group wants to have a web page, please send the information electronically to mandi@whumc.org. For more information, call Mandi Arthur at 270-9226 x 108 or email her at mandi@whumc.org.

Cookbook Fundraiser

The Women of Walnut Hills have decided to publish a cookbook filled to the brim with the best recipes. They need your favorite recipes and as soon as possible. Your name will even be printed in the cookbook with each of your recipes. Print carefully or type your recipe on the sheet provided in the East Gathering Area or visit our web page at www.whumc.org. Follow the link to "Our Ministries" for Women of Walnut Hills and submit it online. There are two forms available. One in PDF where you print and fill out at home and mail it back to us. The other is a Word version that you download, fill out electronically on your computer and email it back to us at mandi@whumc.org.

The more recipes from Walnut Hills, the better the price for the cookbooks. So get those recipes in as soon as you can!

Part-Time Person Needed

Walnut Hills is seeking a part-time (approximately 10 hours/week) accounting/bookkeeping administrator to assist in the basic analysis and review of church-related accounting and financial information. Duties include accounts receivable and payable, payroll, banking and report preparation and distribution. Associate degree in accounting or equivalent experience preferred as well as knowledge of PC, 10-key and software skills (Excel, Word, Shepherd's Staff). Salary negotiable. To apply, please contact Terri Paulson at 270-9226.

Adult Opportunities for Working with Our Youth

If you ever had a thought of spending some time with the great youth at Walnut Hills now is the time to put that thought into action. You are needed. Two of our **Jr. High Youth Leaders** and a **Sr. High leader** are moving on to other areas of service. Sunday morning **youth study leaders** would appreciate some additional help as well. If you can give some time to Youth Ministry, I'd like to talk with you. Call or email Julie Stone at 270-9226 x 103 or julie@whumc.org.

Mentors are still needed for confirmation youth. This is an opportunity to journey with 2 or 3 youth as they go through Bible study and confirmation. Additional **Confirmation Guidance Team** members are also wanted to carry out the confirmation program. Contact Doug Peters at 270-9226 or Doug@whumc.org.

We can use more **adults for the Cubs concession stand** as well. Our stand is one of the largest in the stadium and the busiest. Nine or 10 adults is not too many because of the additional responsibilities we have this year including keeping track of the money and inventory. If you'd like to give this a try and are 18 or older, sign up on the sheets on the Ministry Board table and you will receive a reminder call. You do not need to have a youth involved in the program to volunteer. If you have questions, please call Barb Stagg at 221-9871 or Laurie Wolf at 279-4090.

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

This Sunday, June 19, 2005

DOUG'S MESSAGE: "Father Abraham"

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 21:8-21

MUSIC: Tom Caudron

**5th Sunday After Pentecost
Happy Father's Day!**

With Our Children

Children's Church for 3 year olds: After children's time with Chuck Rinkel, children 3 years old will go to their own classroom 103.

Children's Church is provided for 4 years old-1st graders: After Children's Time with Chuck Rinkel, during Sunday Service, children will go with leaders to Rooms 108 & 107. Parents, please pick your children up in those rooms after the service.

Vacation Bible School Center Leaders and Helpers Needed: If you are available to help us with Vacation Bible School this year, please check the STUB on Sunday. Stacy McDermott who is the VBS director this year will contact you in July.

With Our Youth

Sr. High Work Trippers:

Sr. High Youth attending the work trip to Dulac, LA are required to work as many Cubs games as possible. All adults (18 & older) are welcome and needed! We have a blast! Sign up on the Ministry Board Table or check the STUB. For more information, contact Barb Stagg, coordinator, 221-9871.

Cubs Games Schedule:

- Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4, 7 p.m.

Report time is 2 1/2 hours before start time of the game above.

Beyond Walnut Hills

June 25-26: Art Fest Midwest "The Other Art Show":

Volunteers needed. There are many areas you can help. Please contact Sue Stookey to volunteer, 278-6200.

With Our Adults

A New Parents of Young Teens group is forming. All persons who would be interested in participating in this new Group, check the stub on Sunday.

With Our Singles

Sunday, June 19: Lunch at El Rodeo in West Des Moines after the 10:45 service.

Thursday, June 23: Dinner at Macaroni Grill on University in West Des Moines. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. Email Kelli Cross at kellic@whumc.org so we will know how many to hold the table for.

Tuesday, June 28: Happy Hour at Jimmy's American Cafe. We can meet outside around 6:00 p.m.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

June 19 Tom Caudron
June 26 Cindy Sheriff
July 3 Martha Schut & Susan Waller

Service to Others

Preparers and/or servers are needed for **CFUM Low Income Meal Program** (located at Trinity) Tuesday, June 21 and **Meals for the Homeless** (Churches United Shelter) Tuesday, July 5. Check the STUB.

Walnut Hills is still collecting school and other items for Dominican Republic and Foundation For Peace. You can place your donations in the box that is located in the East Gathering Area.

How to Reach Our Ministers on the Phone

Church Office - (515) 270-9226
Doug Peters, Senior Minister
DM Home - (515) 457-7207
Iowa City Home - (319) 354-6353
Pam Deeds, Associate Minister
DM Home - (515) 246-9944

Groups Gather

- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous:** Sundays, 5 p.m., Youth Room.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Mondays, 7 p.m., Youth Room.
- ◆ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday, June 19, 1:30 p.m. meet at Sue & Ron Roberts house and ride to Big Creek over the Neal Smith Trail (Saylorville). Call Bob (515) 988-9909 for more information or visit "Our Ministries" at the Walnut Hills Web site, www.whumc.org.
- ◆ **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, June 19, noon at Red Lobster. Hostess: Marge Putney.
- ◆ **Summer Morning Parents:** Tuesday, June 21, 10 a.m., bring a picnic lunch and join them at the Prairie Learning Center. Call Amy Winkler at 276-0652 for information or directions.
- ◆ **Women's Night Out:** Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. at Paradise Pizza, 2025 Grand Ave, WDM. Check the STUB on Sunday.
- ◆ **Hilltoppers:** Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m. at Chuck and Maxine McCauley's house at 5448 Rosemead Street, Johnston, IA. RSVP to 278-6067. Ice Cream Social-home made ice cream, toppings, tableware, and drinks furnished. Feel free to bring a dessert that you enjoy with ice cream to share, and lawn chairs if have. Bring a friend also.

In Our Prayers

- † Charlene Reid (Charlie), diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- † Michelle Riesenbergh, upcoming surgery and recovery.
- † Gary LeFevre, tests and health.
- † John Thomas' mother, Bev Thomas, placed in hospice care for cancer.
- † Kara Krohn's 8 week old great nephew, Cash Cline, health issues.
- † Julie Clark's mother, having surgery this week.
- † Linda Sheriff's friend, Judy Richardson's, continued healing.

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Walnut Way

W – Worshiping Community
A – Acts of Service
L – Learning
N – Non-Judgmental Way of Life
U – Unfolding Spirit
T – Tithing

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