



A Message from Doug

I hope I'm not giving anything away but later this fall we will have a Sunday when you will be asked to bring a friend with you to worship, someone who is not connected with any church. You will be asked to share some of your enthusiasm for Walnut Hills with someone who would like to feel a connection with the kind of church we are. We have 1,100 members here, not counting friends of the church and children who have yet to become members. Those kinds of numbers can get me to thinking about where we would put everybody, you know, if 2,000 or 2,500 people were to show up on some Sunday. Well, you will tell me, those numbers are way too high. You might remind me that some of our members rarely come to worship themselves.

But stick with me here a minute. Why wouldn't all 1,100 of our members show up and why wouldn't they bring a friend, or two, or three? We have new people streaming through our doors every Sunday. There is excitement in this place. We have a message of loving compassion based in God's mercy and justice. What could be more hopeful than that in a world where fear seems to be a way of life? I want to ask you a question and I want you to answer me. Later when we have our "invite-a-friend" Sunday will you be there and will you invite a friend? In an e-mail (doug@whumc.org), in a note (12321 Hickman Rd., Des Moines 50323) or in a phone call (270-9226) simply tell me "I will" or "I won't." And if you won't would you let me know why you won't? Because I want to know if there are ways your "I won't" could become an "I will." And by the way, just to have a little practice, why not bring a friend this Sunday? I'll wait for your answer.

-Doug

To the people of Walnut Hills,

Thank you for being such a caring congregation. A faith community is built on relationships, relationships that sustain us and support us through the good and the bad. Without a place called Walnut Hills, many people would be hurting and lonely, or would have no one to share their joys. Your generous gifts sustain a ministry that makes a difference in people's lives. In the Second Quarter 2005, we set a goal of \$118,500 in Pledged Income, we are grateful for your gifts in the amount of \$118,736. Our Non-Pledged Income Giving Goal was \$13,794, you generously gave \$14,604. During the summer months we appreciate your consistent gifts to Walnut Hills.

Sincerely,

Peg Rasmussen, Financial Secretary

Children's Programming Fall 2005 - Watch Your Mail

Registration for Walnut Hills' Children's Programming (Sunday school & CAP Wednesday evenings), will be arriving by mid August in the mail.

Walnut Hills Creative Arts Program (CAP) is working to provide an outstanding experience for children Kindergarten through sixth grade in the arts, spirituality and service to others.

- All parents whose children participate in the Wednesday night programming will be scheduled to help with pizza night, and as a small group helper at least twice during the months of September through May.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to sign up for dates of their choice, during this registration period.

Starting Day:

Wednesday, September 7- Pizza Night/CAP/Ringminors 3rd-6th graders
5:30-6:00 p.m. - Pizza/side-dish/cookie - \$2.50 per person or \$8 per Family
6:00-7:00 p.m. - CAP
7:00-7:45 p.m.- Ringminors

Walnut Hills Preschool Registration for 2006-2007

If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old as of September 15, 2006, this is the time to register your child for preschool. Since our preschool is a ministry of Walnut Hills, all members have priority to register between May 15 and September 30, 2005. On October 3 registration is open to the public. Call Sue Petersen, Director, 270-9126, to get the necessary form and information.

In the Spotlight...

Scholarships Awarded

Amy O'Leary Scholarship

This Sunday, July 31 the Amy O'Leary Scholarship will be presented to Zach Hollingsworth. Amy O'Leary was a leader in the Walnut Hills youth ministry before her death in a car accident in 1997. In celebration of her life, a scholarship is awarded annually to a Walnut Hills High School Senior pursuing a post-secondary education. Recipients are recognized for their leadership in the life of Walnut Hills and for outstanding character. Congratulations to Zach, who will be attending Truman State University this fall.

TLC Scholarship

Kristin Van De Kreeke has been selected to receive the four year TLC scholarship. The TLC Scholarship was a dream of Walnut Hills members Ed and Pat Coover and daughters, Trisha and Tami. In 1999, the family approached the church about giving a scholarship to an outstanding member of Walnut Hills, beginning the pursuit of a secondary education. Subsequent to that discussion, Pat became seriously ill and died of cancer. Wanting to honor her and Ed's dream, the family funded the TLC scholarship, making the first presentation in 2001. Kristin will be presented with the scholarship this Sunday, July 31. Congratulations to Kristin, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Journalism.

Walnut Hills Invitational Fearsome Foursome XIV

Join us **August 21, 3 p.m.** at Woodland Hills Golf Course (Saylor Township) for WHIFF. Nine holes of golf with cookout following shotgun start at 3 p.m. This is a fun time for the whole family. Check the STUB on Sunday or call Brian McLean, Bill Warren, Ivan Lyddon, Mel Hollingsworth or Ron Roberts to sign up!

Women, Mark Your Calendars...

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Women's Retreat at Wesley Woods, Friday evening October 21 through Saturday, October 22, 2005.

This Sunday, July 31, 2005

DOUG'S MESSAGE: "What We Don't Remember"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21

MUSIC: Women's A Cappella Quartet

**11th Sunday After Pentecost
Scholarship Presentations**

With Our Children

Children's Church for 3 year olds: After children's time children 3 years old will go to their own classroom (room 103).

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

With Our Youth

On Sunday, August 14, the Sr. High youth will share their adventures from their work trip in Dulac, LA at both services. Mark your calendars and don't miss out!

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

July 31	Women's A Cappella Quartet
August 7	Andy Petersen
August 14	Youth-Led Work Trip Service
August 21	Jean Baker & Tom Caudron
August 28	Lynn Rankin

Summer Office Hours

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

With Our Adults

Adult Sunday classes begin Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

Church Life Planning Committee invites you to their first meeting, Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. They will meet in the office conference room to begin planning all church activities for the upcoming year. **All persons and ideas are welcome.**

Women of Walnut Hills Planning Committee invites you to their first meeting, Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. They will meet at the home of Sandy Lorenzen, 3504 Western Hills Dr. West Des Moines. For more information, call Sandy at 221-2999 or Denise Gibson at 987-0471. **All women and ideas are welcome.**

Broadlawns Foundation presentation to be given, Sunday, August 21, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. between first and second services.

Groups Gather

- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous:** Sunday, 5 p.m., Youth Room.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday, 7 p.m., Youth Room.
- ◆ **First Thursday Breakfast Club:** Thursday, August 4, 7 a.m. at West End Diner.
- ◆ **Senior Singles:** Friday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar, Johnston. RSVP to Lois Rowe by Thursday, August 11 at 254-9221.

Service to Others

Preparers and/or servers are needed for **Meals for the Homeless** (Churches United Shelter) Friday, August 5 and **CFUM Low Income Meal Program** (located at Trinity) Tuesday, August 16 Check the STUB.

In Our Prayers

- ✝ Dan Lepley, hospitalized at Lutheran.
- ✝ Denny Sherer, healing at home.
- ✝ Jackie Burbank, hospitalized at Methodist.
- ✝ Rob Cox's mother, Verna Cox, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ✝ Jana Warren's father, Ken Kitterman, recovering from surgery.
- ✝ Kay Augustine and her family in the death of her father, Frank Augustine last week.

Reminder: The webpage is updated weekly at www.whumc.org. You can download the weekly newsletter or view the available web pages for the most current information.

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

Beyond Walnut Hills

The Bernie Lorenz Recovery House is celebrating its 15 year anniversary with an open house, silent auction and program on Sunday August 7, 1:30-4 p.m. at 4014 Kingman Blvd. Tours and refreshments will be provided for anyone interested. BLR, Inc. has served 1000 women recovering from drug or alcohol addiction over the past 15 years. Lynn Rankin is on the Board of Directors and Steve Karlin will be introducing the speakers at the 3 p.m. program.

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