



A Message from Doug

THE NEXT BIG THING will occupy our attention on **Sunday, October 16**. I hope you have made plans to be with us on that Sunday morning. This is what we would like to ask of you: will you give us 2 ½ hours that morning for the purpose of determining our next 15 years? That morning will be unlike any other Sunday morning and will be immensely important in helping us determine where God is leading us next. Let me assure you that you will have a great time. Magician and comedian **Ben Ulin** will be an integral part of our morning. Many of you have seen him at Adventureland. He is familiar with Walnut Hills because his children have been part of our Preschool. He is working with our planning team to help us discover the next big thing for our church.

This is what the morning will look like:

9:00 a.m. - Worship for all.

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Adults, youth and older children in the Celebration Center.
– Discovering the next big thing and entertainment by Ben Ulin.

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Children 4th grade and younger will have special activities.
– They will also be entertained by Ben Ulin.

11:30 a.m. – Refreshments.

Watch for more information – you won't want to miss this day. -Doug

In the Spotlight...

Bring a Friend Sunday, October 2

We need your help. Walnut Hills' communication team has as one of their goals of spreading the word about what a great place Walnut Hills is. If you have a friend, neighbor, colleague who is looking for a spiritual home, perhaps Walnut Hills is the place for him/her/them.

While we hope you feel you can bring a friend to Walnut Hills any Sunday, we decided that perhaps designating a specific Sunday might be just what some of us need to make that special invitation. So, we've designated October 2nd as *Bring a Friend Sunday*. To welcome our guests, we will serve ice cream sundaes during fellowship time immediately following each service. If you and/or your family would like to help serve sundaes, we'd love your help. Just indicate your interest on the stub. We hope to "pack the house" on October 2nd. Who could you offer the community of Walnut Hills to?

Buy a Walnut Hills' T-Shirt this Sunday

Do you want a Walnut Hills' t-shirt or your old one needs to be replaced? We have a deal for you! This Sunday, September 25 Walnut Hills will have t-shirts from Walnut Hills' past that you can purchase for \$5 or a free will donation. All proceeds will go to Dulac, LA for Hurricane repairs.



Walnut Hills Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 16

4:00-6:00 p.m. at Walnut Hills.

Activities for all ages!

Here are a few of them:

Square Dancing with caller Chuck Young ✂ Flag Football ✂ Bob for Donuts
✂ Pie Eating Contest ✂ Cookie Walk ✂ Face Painting ✂ Horseshoes
✂ Sidewalk Chalk ✂ Food & Hot Cider ✂ Bring a pumpkin to carve

Join us for the fun! There are opportunities to help with this great day, either call Lori Gannon at 999-2464 or fill out the insert on Sunday.



Women of Walnut Hills 24 Hour Getaway

Come join the women of Walnut Hills for 24 hours of fellowship, relaxation, and rejuvenation, Friday-Saturday, October 21-22. We'll be at Wesley Woods again in the new Buxton Lodge. Our speakers will include Susan Guy, Mary Fraser, Peggy Palmer-Johnson, Sue Roberts and belly dancing with Mandi Arthur. Also we will be offering horseback riding, pontoon rides and wagon rides. The cost will be \$50. Sign up is this Sunday, September 25. Questions - contact Denise Gibson 987-0471 or Sandy Lorenzen 221-2999.

Hunger Hike - Attention All Youth and Adults

The Des Moines Area Hunger Hike is Sunday, October 9 beginning at 1:15 p.m. at the State Capitol. All youth and adults are invited to participate in this annual event. Packets and more information available from Julie Stone or Pam Deeds.

You are invited to Walnut Hills' 1st Munch and Learn

Those who have joined the church within the last year are invited Thursday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. for the first Munch and Learn at Walnut Hills. You will join in fellowship, fun and a chance to have dialogue with Doug. We will provide a light supper. Child care and peanut butter sandwiches will be provided for the children. We'd love to hear from you to estimate accurate numbers for the supper. RSVP to 270-9226.

This is the 1st in a monthly series of 6 Munch and Learns to which you will be invited. Each month we will provide a light supper, child care and a topic of interest about Walnut Hills. As new members join the church, they too will be invited. Also if you are a member and just want to see what Munch and Learn is about, you are invited too. We hope this is an opportunity to relax and eat out, meet new people and learn a bit more about your church. Just let us know who's coming, so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you October 13th!

Welcome Susan Guy

Be sure to join us for a time of reception for Susan and her family after each service this Sunday, September 25. We look forward to her leadership in helping us as we seek to serve others with compassion and justice. Come and welcome Susan, Eric, Tad and Jonah.

Simpson Intern to work with Children's Programming

Mandy Warren is a college freshman at Simpson College in Indianola, IA. Her goal is to work in the religion field after she graduates. She will be with us as an assistant to Pam on Sunday mornings, working with the Children's Church program and Sunday School program. On Wednesday evenings she will be participating as a children's leader, and help with planning and supplies for the evening. She will be introduced to the congregation Sunday, September 25 at both services. We are privileged to have her through the kind generosity of Betty Woodard's memorial funds and her husband, Paul Woodard.

Email List for Special Occasions, Emergencies and Cancellations

We would like to have an email list that we can use in case any special announcements, emergencies and cancellations should occur. This is a single email list that includes all of these areas. If you would like to be placed on this list please check the STUB and give us the email address you want us to use or email mandi@whumc.org This is a totally different list than newsletter and prayer.

This Sunday, September 25, 2005
SUSAN GUY'S MESSAGE: "Is That a Trick Question?"
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:23-32
MUSIC: Carl Johnson & Bob Start, Sax Duet

19th Sunday After Pentecost

With Our Children

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

Wednesday Night Alive for Children

6:00-7:00 p.m.: Creative Arts Program Kindergarten—2nd graders & 3rd—6th Graders.
7:00-7:30 p.m.: Ringminors, Child Chimes 3rd-6th graders.

Pizza Night: Due to necessity, Pizza Night prices will be raised to \$3.50 per person or \$10.00 per family. **Next Pizza Night** is October 5. If you are going to join us for pizza check the STUB Sunday.

With Our Youth

Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Two Important Dates: Sunday, Oct. 2nd is Bring a Friend Sunday - so bring one to Sunday School too! Stay for ice cream sundaes following worship.

Sunday, Oct. 16: Youth will be an important part of this day - plan on being a part of the Next Big Thing! (no 9:30 Sunday School today)

Sunday School for 7th Graders meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in room 003 - lower level.

8th Grade Confirmation Bible Study - room 007-008.

Freshman Club for all 9th Graders meets in the Koth Library

10-12th Grade meets in the Sr. High youth room - lower level

Jr. High Youth Group: Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 28: Mini Golfing at West Grand Golf.
Wed., Oct. 5: Fun & Fellowship in youth room - Pizza/beverage available for \$3.00 tonight.

Wed., Oct. 12: Service Project to Goodwill - meet in the Jr. High room to car pool.

Sr. High Youth Group: Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 25: 11:45 a.m. following 2nd service - YLT (Youth Leadership Team) meet by the kitchen to go together to the Machine Shed.

Wed., Sept. 28: Fun & Fellowship.

Wed., Oct. 5: **IMPORTANT** - Youth and Parent Meeting for 2006 work trip - registration and information about Red Bird Mission will be discussed as well as fundraising opportunities and sign up.

Special Invitation from Immanuel UMC to all Youth and Youth Leaders: Sunday, September 25 from 6-7:30 p.m., we are invited to their youth group for food, fellowship and music provided by their band "Divine Intervention." Location is the church parking lot (weather permitting) or the new fellowship hall. Contact Julie if interested at julie@whumc.org.

With Our Adults

Adult Learning Opportunities: Sunday Studies 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Issues: Room 102.

Faith & Life: Exploring Your Spirituality in Every day life, Room 101.

Dramas From the Book of John: 3 week video/discussion of the book of John through September 25, West Gathering Area.

Disciple Bible Study III: Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., in Conference Room, church office, Doug Peters facilitating.

Disciple Bible Study I: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Kitchen Annex. Peggy Gaulter and Pam Deeds are facilitators.

Short-term Disciple Bible Study: 8 week study of the New Testament:

Beginning Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Conference Room, led by Pam Deeds. Check the stub if you are planning to attend.

Fellowship Groups' Opportunity to help welcome new members:

The Newcomer Team has designed a special ministry of education for new members. It is called Munch and Learn (see front for more details).

The Team is inviting all fellowship groups to be a part of this activity. We are asking fellowship groups to help provide a light meal, also set up (food items), serve, and clean up (after meal) for one get together during the year. **Hill Toppers have graciously signed up to provide the meal for the first evening, October 13th.** Other dates scheduled at this time are November 10 and December 1. Call or email Pam at 270-9226 or pam@whumc.org to pick a date to help.

We invite you to teach Children's Sunday School. We need one teacher for 1st & 3rd grade. Call Pam at 270-9226.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

September 25 Carl Johnson & Bob Start, Sax Duet

October 2 Adult Choir

October 9 CAP Kids (8:30) Songs piration (10:45)

October 16 16th Anniversary Adult Choir

October 23 Soul Singers

Check out the Children's Garden

....It's unfolding....

With Our Singles

Sunday, September 25: Family lunch after the 10:45 service. We can meet at Machine Shed and let the kids get caught up with each other about school.

Groups Gather

◆ **Narcotics Anonymous:** Sunday, 5 p.m., Youth Room.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday, 7 p.m., Youth Room.

◆ **Women's Night Out:** Monday, September 26, 6:30 p.m. at Cool Basil, located at 8801 University, Suite 22 (near JoAnn's Fabric) in Clive. Check the STUB.

◆ **Men's Roundtable:** Wednesday, September 28, 11:50 a.m. at Walnut Hills. Host is Ed Butler.

◆ **First Thursday Breakfast Bunch:** Thursday, October 6, 7:00 a.m. at West End Diner.

◆ **Young Couples:** Saturday, October 29, 4:30 p.m., family outing to Night Eyes at the Blank Park Zoo (have the kids dress-up). We will meet at the zoo. Afterwards, all are welcome for pizza and games at the Billingsleys. Call Steve & Susie (274-9401) with any questions.

Service to Others

Preparers and/or servers are needed for and **Meals for the Homeless** (Churches United Shelter) Wednesday, October 5 and **CFUM Low Income Meal Program** (located at Trinity) Tuesday, October 18. Check the STUB.

Bob Crandall of Bidwell-Riverside Community Center, a United Methodist Agency in Southeast Des Moines, reports that they are within 30,000 Campbell Soup labels of their 1,500,000 goal for a new van. Keep those Campbell Soup labels comin' in!

In Our Prayers

- ✠ Hurricane Katrina victims.
- ✠ Dan Lepley, home recovering.
- ✠ Rob Cox and his family in the death of his mother, Verna Cox.

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Walnut Hills Office Hours

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

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8:30 & 10:45 a.m. services

9:30 a.m.

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