



A Message from Doug

Have you ever experienced something wonderful – a particular spot in nature, a movie that touched you deeply, a song that moved you, the birth of a child – and no matter how much you tried to explain the event you simply couldn't transfer your experience to someone else? You pour out your heart as others nod kindly. But you know they have still not seen, or heard, or felt the same thing. Finally you say, "You just had to be there."

This Sunday is Easter. Something special will happen. It won't be because of an elaborate stage production. You can find bigger choirs and more spectacular effects elsewhere. That something special will be because something new is taking place. All over the world people who follow Jesus will be reminded that renewal is happening, that the earth and the people in it are being transformed. Somehow, from the largest cathedrals to the tiniest chapels, the word will go out that hope is being lavished upon the world for free. In the midst of war, destruction, arrogance, imperialism, disregard for the planet, ignorance, bigotry – in the midst of all the ills we inflict upon ourselves all is not lost. Hope comes gushing forth like clear waters over parched ground. It's hard to explain . . . you'll just have to be there. See you Sunday.
~ Doug

Workshop at Grace United Methodist Church

Grace United Methodist Church will be hosting a workshop entitled "Working on Reconciliation: Full Welcome for All God's Children" on Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This workshop is sponsored by the Reconciling Ministries Network, which exists to enable full participation of people of all sexual identities in the life of the United Methodist Church. Brochures available in East Gathering Area. The event is free, but a reservation is appreciated for meal planning purposes. Grace UMC is located at 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines.

Food Pantry Sunday April 23

Food Pantry Sunday in April has been moved to Sunday, April 23rd, and our focus in April is Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, etc.) Thank you for the 125 items delivered in March to the Des Moines Area Religious Council!

Senior High Cubs Concessions Scheduled

The final push for fundraising for the Sr. High work trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky begins April 23rd. The youth along with parents and volunteers from the congregation will be working the concession stands at eight Iowa Cubs games this year. If you or a group you're involved in would like to help, please sign up on the ministry board table or contact Barb Stagg, Betty Van Woert or Julie Stone. The youth receive 10-15% of the profit from each concession which requires a minimum of 8 adults (18 & older) to help run. Dates and game times are (workers need to report to the stadium 2 1/2 hours prior): April 23 - 1:05, May 12 - 7:05, May 16 - 12:05, June 9 - 7:05, June 16 - 7:05, June 17 - 7:05, July 7 - 7:05 and July 8 - 7:05.

Confirmation Spring Retreat

Sunday, April 30 from 2-4 p.m., here at the church, will be the Confirmation retreat for all students, mentor and parents in the current Confirmation class AND 7th graders and older students who have not started the first year of confirmation and their parents/guardians. We want to recognize those students concluding their Bible study year, explain our confirmation program and the role of mentors and answer any questions you have. Watch for a letter with details and let us know whether or not you are coming by emailing either Julie Stone (julie@whumc.org) or Doug Peters (doug@whumc.org) or by calling either of them at 270-9226.

Junior High Work Trip

It's time to register for the Jr. High work trip to Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center, June 3-5. Youth in grades 7 & 8 are invited to participate in three days of *work* (may include carpentry, fence removal, clearing brush, etc.), *fun* (a low ropes course, swimming, fishing, wagon ride) and *spiritual growth* (building relationships, worship and devotion time). We'll depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and return by 5:00 p.m. Monday. Fee of \$55.00 includes all meals and activities. Lodging is free in exchange for our work. Pick up a packet from the ministry board table or contact Julie Stone - julie@whumc.org or 270-9226 ext. 103.

Walnut Hills Justice Ministry Team Presents...

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, May 21, when the Walnut Hills Justice Ministry Team presents "One Earth, One Future...A continuing conversation." The focus of our day will be on the environment, and what you can do as an individual or a family to be good to the earth. Look for more information soon!

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 16. They will resume on Sunday, April 23 at regular time of 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday, April 16, 2006

DOUG'S MESSAGE: "It's All New"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

MUSIC: Adult Choir with Libby Geistkemper

Easter Sunday

April 16

Come and celebrate
Easter with us this
Sunday, April 16
at 8:30 and 10:45
a.m. services.



Easter Offering

This year the Walnut Hills Easter Offering will be going to two organizations:

- ◆ Bidwell Riverside Center.
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity.

Our goal for the Easter Offering is \$5,000, and will be collected through this Sunday, April 16. Please give generously!

In the Spotlight...

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Walnut Hills will host families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of May 14 – May 21. The Interfaith Hospitality Network is an organization dedicated to helping homeless families with children transition from homelessness into jobs and housing. Our church building will function as their temporary home during the evenings of May 14 – May 20th. As their hosts, it is our responsibility to provide evening meals at the church, breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Many volunteers are needed during the week to function as evening hosts, overnight hosts, provide meals and transportation. Please take a look at the bulletin insert in this Sunday's bulletin and check the volunteer opportunities you would be most interested in. You will be contacted prior to host week. If you have questions, please call Sheryl Start at 999-2121.

AMOS Training

We will be having an AMOS training at Walnut Hills on Sunday, April 23 from noon until 2:00 p.m. Paul Turner will be with us to provide training on one-to-one conversations and house meetings. A light lunch will be provided, so please check the STUB if you plan to attend.

Women of Walnut Hills Lunch

The committee for the Women of Walnut Hills would like to invite all women to lunch on Saturday, April 29, at The General Store in Valley Junction at 11:00 a.m. Even if you are not participating in Secret Pals you are invited to join us. Please check the STUB on Sunday.

PdP Report Postponed

Joe Farley, Eric Guy, Aaron Koethe, Dan Lewis, M'hamed Kouidmi, and Anthony Terronez have returned from their visit to our sister church, Principe de Paz in San Antonio, and are anxious to share their stories with you. Join us on Sunday, April 30th for their report.

Easter Sunday

With Our Children

Pizza Night will be held the last Wednesday of Wednesday Night Alive which is May 10. If you are going to join us for pizza, check the STUB on Sunday.

Vacation Bible School 2006: Mark your calendars from Monday, July 31– Friday, August 4 for *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises.*

CAP Schedule, Wednesday, 6:00-7 p.m.:

April 19: Native American Theme/Children's Garden/Music

April 26: DVR Planting Trees/Children's Garden/Music

CAP and Songspiration Sunday Singing Schedule:

April 23: CAP Kids
May 7: Songspiration Kids 10:45 service.

With Our Youth

Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

Jr. High Youth Group:

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

April 19: Service project to Bidwell Riverside - leaving promptly at 7:00 p.m.

April 26: Youth Group

May 3: Youth Group

May 10: End of the year get-together with families

June 3-5: Work Trip to Wesley Woods - Turn in registration and fee to Julie Stone.

Sr. High Youth Group:

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

April 19: 6:30 Bible Study; 7:00 Worship, followed by Youth group

April 26: Service Project at Mosaic Homes

April 28-29: Lock in begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday & ends at 8:00 a.m. Saturday

May 3: Senior Night - "Handprints on the Wall"

May 10: End of the year get-together with families

Sr. High Work Trip Youth:

1st Cubs Concession: Sunday, April 23 - report time 10:30 a.m. Brianna, Kelli & Dana - youth managers.

With Our Adults

The Adult Work Trip to Dulac, Louisiana has been rescheduled for September 1-7. We will be having an informational session on Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. Check your calendars, and the STUB for more information!

We are always interested in forming new study and fellowship groups at Walnut Hills. Current suggestions are for a Parents of Young Teens group. If you are interested in this group, or have other suggestions, please check the STUB.

We are forming new Singles Ministry groups! Three new groups have been suggested: a 50+ Singles Group, a Singles Spirituality Group, and a Walnut Way Journey Group for singles. If you are interested in any of these groups, check the STUB, and if you have other ideas, write them on the STUB! For Questions about Walnut Hills' Singles Ministry, contact Kelli Cross at kelic@whumc.org.

Looking for a gift for Mother's Day, a birthday or maybe graduation. We still have cookbooks for sale. We have almost met our goal of putting a sound system in the nursery. Please help us reach that goal and purchase a cookbook today. You can see Sandy Lorenzen, Carol Flater, Pat Lewis, Nancy Strickler, Janet Hanlin, or Terrie Kohl.

With Sr. Adults

Friday mornings at Silvercrest - 10:30-11:00 a.m. trauma doll stuffing and visiting. Join us for fun, and fellowship with residents at Silvercrest Assisted Living.

Illahee Hills Retirement Residence will be helping with the Trauma Dolls ministry the second Tuesday of each month.

Trauma Doll Ministry at Silvercrest and Illahee Hills is a partnership with the North West Kiwanis. Call Pam at 270-9226 for more information on any of these programs.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

April 16 Easter: Adult Choir with Libby Geistkemper

April 23 CAP Kids

Satellite Services

Sunday afternoons ~ Silvercrest Assisted Living - 2:00 p.m. *On break April 16.*

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday mornings ~ Worship at Timberline Care Facility Deerfield - 9:30-10:15 a.m.

4th Sunday afternoons ~ Worship at Illahee Hills Retirement Residence - 3:30 p.m.

Groups Gather

♦ **Morning Parents:** Tuesday, April 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be having a play date at Amy Winkler's house. Call Amy at 276-0652 for directions.

♦ **Knitting Ministry:** Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Susan Guy, at sguy@whumc.org or 270-9226.

♦ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Bob & Judy Myers house, (15016 Wildwood Dr., Clive) and ride either 8 miles or 20 miles on the Raccoon River Valley Trail. There is an optional Pot-Luck after the ride (approx. 3:30 p.m.)

♦ **Women's Night Out:** Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at Granite City, 128 University, Clive. Check the STUB.

♦ **Men's Round Table:** Wednesday, April 26, 11:45 a.m., Walnut Hills. Host is Bob Start.

♦ **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, April 30, noon at Machine Shed on Hickman. Delayed due to Easter Sunday. Hostess is Jeannie Kuskulis.

♦ **HillToppers:** Sunday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. to Mama Laconas. RSVP by April 20 to Danleys (221-2720), Haworths (987-1677) or Sherers (987-3068).

Service to Others

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

Urbandale Caring Corps Spring Clean Up: Saturday, April 22, Lion's Park Shelter house, 72nd & Prairie, 8:30 a.m.– noon. Rain date: April 23, 1-4:30 p.m. If you want to volunteer and help Urbandale residents get ready for spring, please call 278-3999.

The Volunteers in Mission Work Weekend at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center will be April 21-22. Come for two days, one day, or even a few hours to assist with summer camp preparation. Lodging and meals are available. You can contact Wesley Woods to sign up at 961-4523.

In Our Prayers

† Helen Wilson in the death of her sister, Kathy Huseman in Tulsa, OK.

† Lisa Locoh's friend, Heather, has tumor.

† Liz Coffman's friends, Maury & Sandy Cain, healing.

† Becky Flores, hospitalized at Mercy.

† Charlie Reid, continued treatments.

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