



A Message from Doug

May I be honest with you here? I just have to let you know that I'm a little nervous about our service on April 30. As you know, we will be sharing with you what we believe God is leading Walnut Hills to be and to do in the coming years. On October 16 of last year you were absolutely wonderful in responding to the questions we put before you. The responses you gave allowed for some very clear directions to emerge. It was a great day with guidance from Sarai Beck, with entertainment by Ben Ulin, with laughter and food in abundance. A terrific team of your fellow members has worked many, many hours to be sure that they are hearing and seeing clearly where God wants us to go next.

You may be wondering why I am nervous about something so wonderful. My job is to help share that vision with you. Our church communication team is even helping me to make sure I am able to present that vision in the clearest way. I'm not nervous that this vision will be perceived as a departure from our current mission statement, because it is certainly in keeping with where we have been going. I am nervous because God is asking us to go where very few churches have ever gone. I am nervous because I don't know that I feel all that worthy to communicate such a necessary and stunning vision. But I believe in my heart of hearts that God has given us this direction through you. It will be a great day. I'll see you Sunday. ~Doug

PdP Report this Sunday April 30

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 this Sunday, April 30 for their report.

Youth Need You!

The final push for fundraising for the Sr. High work trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky begins April 23. The youth need volunteers from the congregation to work 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. Remaining dates and game times are (workers need to report to the stadium 2 1/2 hours prior): 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.

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.

Deadline is May 10!

Discussion of Next Big Thing at May 11 Munch & Learn

Are you interested in learning more about the Next Big Thing? Then, join us Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Doug will host a discussion regarding the Next Big Thing; you will enjoy a free meal and great fellowship. Childcare is provided for those with the need. The light meal starts promptly at 6 and the evening ends too quickly by 7:15.

Please note: Munch and Learns are intended for all who have an interest. You do not need to be new to Walnut Hills. For more information, or to RSVP, contact the church office, 270-9226.

Mother Daughter Luncheon

Join us Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the third annual Mother Daughter Luncheon. This year's theme is a Celebration of Music. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. You may purchase your tickets on Sunday after both services.

Cheer on the Walnut Hills Softball Team

We invite you to come and cheer on our softball team. They play at Raccoon River Park on Sundays. The schedule is April 30 - 5:15 - field 4, May 7 - double header - 7:15 & 8:15 - field 4, May 21 - 7:15 - field 4 and June 4 - 5:15 - field 1.

Summer Musicians

Something new is coming this summer! We will be offering a unique relaxing time between our two services and we need musicians who are willing to participate. More information later but for now we need to know who will help. Please contact Doug at doug@whumc.org. Contact Doug also if you are willing to provide special music during worship this summer.

In the Spotlight ... Service and Social Justice Opportunities

Clothing Drive

Sudan has been a country in crisis for years. Millions of Sudanese have had to leave their country in order to survive. Many fleeing families have found a home in Des Moines. In an effort to help local Sudanese families, Walnut Hills is sponsoring a children/youth clothing drive. On May 7 and May 14, please bring your new or gently used children's and youth clothing to church. There will be a collection bin in the East Gathering area.

Adult Work Trip Session

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 check the stub if you would like more information!

Habitat For Humanity News

The groundbreaking ceremony for our Interfaith Habitat for Humanity House will take place on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. The house will be located at 1900 Jefferson in Des Moines. Please stop by and meet Zahra Amira and her three boys, as well as friends from the other congregations who will be working on the home!

Signups for volunteers for our Habitat for Humanity build will be May 7, 14, 21, and 28 following both worship services. Our build weeks are June 13-17 and July 25-29, and we need four volunteers plus a team leader for each day. Please check your calendar and see which day or days you might be available. Crew members need to be age 16 and over.

Can't help with the hammers and nails? Consider signing up to help with a lunch for build days. Signups will be available for lunch detail!

RESULTS Presentation

Join us for a presentation about RESULTS on Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines. RESULTS is an international grassroots citizens lobby creating the political will to end hunger and poverty. This meeting will be one step along the journey of creating a RESULTS group in the greater Des Moines area. Questions? Contact Jos Linn at 515-288-3622 or jlinn@results.org.

Justice Ministry Team

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!

This Sunday, April 30, 2006
DOUG'S MESSAGE: "God's Children Now"
SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-3
MUSIC: Adult Choir

3rd Sunday of Easter
(Native American Ministries 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.

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

May 3: God's World/Bird Houses for Children's Garden/Music

May 10: Pizza Night-5:30-6:00 p.m./ Children's Garden/Butterfliz of Iowa Presentation/Music

CAP and Songspiration Sunday Singing Schedule:

May 7: Songspiration Kids 10:45

May 14: CAP Kids at 10:45

Vacation Bible School 2006: *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises.* Monday, July 31– Friday, August 4, 5:30-7:45 p.m. Registration begins Sunday, May 2 at the church or online. Cassette tapes of VBS songs will be available for order at registration time.

With Our Youth

Graduates and Families

High school graduates will be recognized at both services on May 21. Remember to turn in your form with a senior picture and baby picture for our poster. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Julie at julie@whumc.org or call 270-9226.

We would also like to acknowledge those of you who are graduating from college or completing other degrees or have children who are doing do. Please check the stub or contact Julie.

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

May 3: Pizza night - bring \$4.00 for pizza at 7:00 in the youth room.

May 10: End of the year potluck/celebration with families.

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

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

May 3: Senior Night - "Handprints on the Wall," Pizza will be available for \$4.00 tonight.

May 10: End of the year potluck/celebration with families.

Next Iowa Cubs Concession: Friday, May 12, 7:05. Youth and adults still needed!

With Our Adults

Please remember to stop by our Fair Trade table Sunday morning and purchase your coffee! Don't forget that it makes a great gift!

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, 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.

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 information on any of these programs.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

April 30 Adult Choir
May 7 WH Ringmasters & Cindy Sheriff
10:45 Songspiration Kids
May 14 Mother's Day - Adult Choir
10:45 CAP Kids

Satellite Services

Sunday afternoons ~ Silvercrest Assisted Living - 2:00 p.m.

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

◆ **Cyclepaths:** Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. on Pella Tulip Ride Volksweg Trail. From trailhead southeast of Monroe to Pella and back.

◆ **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 (987-0368).

◆ **Morning Parents:** Wednesday, May 3, 9-11 a.m. at Walnut Hills Church.

◆ **Knitting Ministry:** Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Susan Guy, at sguy@whumc.org or 270-9226.

◆ **Men's Round Table:** Wednesday, May 10, 11:45 a.m., Walnut Hills. Host is Harold Voorhees.

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.

DMARC Service Awards: The Des Moines Area Religious Council's Service Awards Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 23 from 11:45 until 1:15 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. Tickets are \$25, of which \$10 is a tax-deductible gift to DMARC. Tickets can be purchased by calling the DMARC office at 277-6969.

In Our Prayers

✚ Dave Utterback baptized April 23.
✚ Anna & Sterley Brett Phelps married on April 22.
✚ Jeannie Kuskulis, continued healing.
✚ Charlie Reid, treatments.
✚ Becky Flores, home healing.

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