



A Message from Doug

Some of you are aware that we have a team of people who are discussing and studying justice along with Susan Guy, our associate minister of service, social justice and adult ministries. It may just be that justice is the most misunderstood term in the church's vocabulary. Ironically, it is also at the top of what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God according to Jesus. You will not want to be gone this Sunday because this team has prepared an absolutely marvelous experience for all of us. We will focus on the environment, which is not just a cause or an issue. The care of our environment is a central theme of God's justice, and when the morning is over I hope you will have a clearer idea about the difference between justice and mercy, about why our ignorance of this lovely planet is a spiritual issue and why social justice is one of the three key elements of The Next Big Thing at Walnut Hills.

And if that is not reason enough we will have the privilege of recognizing our graduating seniors. See you Sunday.
~Doug

One Earth, One Future...A Continuing Conversation

This Sunday, May 21, 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. We will have speakers from the Iowa

Environmental Council and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources during the 9:30 hour for youth and adults, as well as activities for elementary-aged children. You can also meet at 2:00 p.m. at the church to go to a water testing project at Walnut Creek. We will view the critters that live near the creek and do a little cleanup project!



In the Spotlight ...

Congratulations Graduates!

We will be recognizing our Walnut Hills High School graduates at both services this Sunday, May 21. Our seniors and their plans for the future are:

- ◆ *Alyssa Ciarimboli* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Megan Danielson* - University of Northern Iowa
- ◆ *Emily Eastman* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Alexandra Frakes* - Simpson College
- ◆ *Tyler Haines* - University of Missouri
- ◆ *Maeve Jackowski* - University of Iowa
- ◆ *Aspen Jennings* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Jennifer Klonglan* - University of Iowa
- ◆ *M'Hamed Kouidmi* - Return to Algeria
- ◆ *Alex S. LeFevre* - University of Iowa
- ◆ *Meredith A. McLean* - St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN
- ◆ *Hilary Paulson* - Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago
- ◆ *Ben Peterson* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Ben Roby* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Ezekiel Thiessen* - University of Minnesota
- ◆ *Brad Tupper* - Des Moines Area Community College
- ◆ *Kelly VanDeKreeke* - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Congratulations as well to our college graduates and their families:

- ◆ *Scott Hanlin* - University of Iowa
- ◆ *Blake Howard* - Iowa State University (December '05)
- ◆ *Tyler Jacobsen* - Willamett School of Law
- ◆ *Anne Peters* - University of Florida (Masters - Education)
- ◆ *Kalli Swan & Tim Axford* - Northland College
- ◆ *Laura Warren* - Iowa State University
- ◆ *Marah Weigel* - Upper Iowa University

(If you missed the deadline to notify us of your graduation and do not appear on either of these lists, please contact the office at 270-9226 and we will include you in the next newsletter and bulletin.)

Confirmation Enrollment Begins

All youth entering 7th grade this fall will be receiving a letter and registration form for the first year of confirmation. If you do not receive a letter, and would like to enroll or have an older child who has not been confirmed and would like to join this year, please contact Doug Peters or Julie Stone at 270-9226; doug@whumc.org; julie@whumc.org. All year one students will soon receive information about year two including times and dates of classes that will begin September 10.

This Sunday, May 21, is last Day for Sunday School. Have a great summer!



Register Now for Vacation Bible School 2006

Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises.

Register your children at the church or online as soon as possible so that we may obtain an accurate amount of supplies for the program.

Cassette tapes of VBS songs will be available for order at registration time. Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 31– Friday, August 4, 5:30-7:45 p.m.

New Interfaith Hospitality Network Coordinator(s)

We are looking for one or two people who would be interested in being our Interfaith Hospitality Network coordinator(s) for Walnut Hills. These persons would work with Sheryl Start during our next time hosting guests in July, and then become the coordinators for the 2006/2007 year. If you are interested, check the stub or contact Susan Guy, sguy@whumc.org.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

September 15-17 will be very important dates for Walnut Hills. Lee Ielpi and Carl Scheetz, firefighters from New York City, will be with us for the 5th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Chris Ranck, friend of Martha and Doug, will also be with us. Chris and Lee helped make the decision to give the World Trade Center cross to Walnut Hills in memory of Lee's son, Jonathan Ielpi, a firefighter who was killed when the towers collapsed. Artist Ted Lyddon Hatten is creating a baptismal font for our church featuring the cross. During this weekend people from our community and state will be invited to hear Lee, Carl and Chris, and will be able to see the cross itself. We have learned that only three such crosses exist - one at Walnut Hills, one at a Bronx firehouse and one being prepared to send to the Vatican in Rome. Watch for further developments and events.

Walnut Hills Preschool Registration for 2007-2008

This note is for all that are members of Walnut Hills United Methodist Church. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old as of September 15, 2007, you may register them for preschool now. (If your child is currently enrolled as a Caterpillar, this does not apply to you.) Since we are a ministry of this church, the members have priority in enrolling their children from May 15-September 29. After that date, registration is open to the public. Call Sue at 270-9126 to sign your child up for many wonderful preschool experiences discovering the wonderful world God has given us!

Introducing Staff-Parish Relations Committee

There are many ways to serve at Walnut Hills. One way is to serve on a committee. For the next few weeks we will highlight one of the many committees/meetings.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – This committee encourages and supports our staff members and their families. They confer with the staff on their effectiveness in ministry and conduct the annual evaluations of the pastors. The senior minister is responsible for other staff evaluations. They are responsible, along with the senior minister, for securing the necessary staff when additions are needed. The SPRC also serves as a communication liaison between the congregation and the staff.

This Sunday, May 21, 2006

DOUG PETERS' MESSAGE: "You Are Witnesses of These Things"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:44-53

MUSIC: Soul Singers

**6th Sunday of Easter
Senior Recognition Sunday
Environment/Justice Sunday**

With Our Children

May 21 Last Sunday School, no Songspiration, go directly at 9:30 to assigned rooms.

- ◆ 3 year olds room 103.
- ◆ 4 year olds room 109.
- ◆ 5 year olds, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade room 108.
- ◆ 3rd & 4th Grades room 004.
- ◆ 5th & 6th Grades room 005.

With Our Youth

On May 21 in place of regular Sunday School classes at 9:30, youth will join the adults in the Celebration Center to hear speakers discuss the environment. Walnut Hills Justice Ministry Team is sponsoring this special morning entitled "One Earth, One Future...A continuing conversation." This concludes Sunday School for this year - see you September 10!

YAC (Youth Annual Conference)

Registration Due: Youth Annual Conference is June 23-25th at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant Iowa. Walnut Hills Youth Ministry sponsors 4 youth (grades 7-12) and a chaperone for this statewide annual event. Contact Julie for a registration form.

In Our Prayers

- † Baptism of Lily Elizabeth Crouse on May 14. Parents are Scott & Ann Crouse.
- † Baptism of Taylor Michael Beron on May 14. Parents are Eric & Shawna Beron.
- † Hermien Creger and her family in the death of her husband, Jeff Creger.
- † Charles Brownell and his family in the death of his uncle, Mike Brownell.
- † Russ Dohrmann, angiogram.
- † Keith Sheriff's father, Lynn, hospitalized.
- † Delmar Howard, Kevin Howard's father.
- † Bernie Fuller, Toni Merfeld's mother, surgery.
- † Matthew Johnson, health issues.
- † Jeannie Kuskulis, continued healing.
- † Chuck Kolbe, hospitalized.
- † Charlie Reid, treatments.

With Our Adults

Singles Opportunity:

Plymouth Church Singles with a focus on age groups 40 & above: Meet for lunch, conversation, food and friendship, May 28, noon at China One on Ingersoll. All faiths welcome! Call 255-3271.

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.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

May 21 Soul Singers
May 28 Martha Schut

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.

Hurricane Fundraiser

Lisa Locoh has organized a wonderful way to help hurricane victims. On June 4 & 5, when you go to the Pizza Hut on 86th & Douglas in Urbandale and give them a special voucher, they will donate 20% of your purchase to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for Hurricane relief. Area business have donated prizes to be given throughout both days. You must have a voucher to get this special offer. Vouchers will be available at Walnut Hills. This offer is for eat-in, take out or delivery in their area. For information, call Lisa at 267-0976

Groups Gather

◆ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday, May 21, 1:30 p.m. Great Western Trail Cummings/Martindale. For more information, call Bob Myers (515) 988-9909 or visit the Cyclepaths webpage at www.whumc.org/cyclepaths.htm.

◆ **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, May 21, noon at Mama Lacona's. Hostess is Dorothy Mally.

◆ **Women's Night Out:** Monday, May 22, at 6:30 at Champps in Jordan Creek Town Center area! Check the STUB.

◆ **Men's Round Table:** Wednesday, May 24, 11:45 a.m., Walnut Hills. Host is Sam Haines.

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

Service to Others

We will not be serving the meal at Churches United Shelter on June 5, as there is another group coming from out of town to serve that evening. We will resume our regular schedule on July 5. Thank you for making this such a priority ministry for Walnut Hills!

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

Our next Food Pantry Sunday will be this Sunday, May 21, and our featured food item this month is baby food and formula!

Signups for volunteers for our Habitat for Humanity build will be May 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!

Jewish Food Fair on Sunday, May 21 at 11 a.m.—5 p.m. Located at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Ave., DM. Tickets are \$12 at the office or door. Call 274-4679 to get your tickets.

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.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Waukee will take place from Friday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 10 at 6:00 a.m. at the Waukee High School stadium complex. For information, please contact Patty Myers, Chairperson, at 515-987-6776 or MYERS2343@aol.com.

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