



A Message from Doug

Thank you for the attention you have been giving to our Next Big Thing at Walnut Hills. If you were with us on April 30th you learned that God is leading us into our future years with the three themes of interfaith respect, social justice and spirituality to guide us. I have been elaborating on these themes in my messages May 14th, 21st and this Sunday, the 28th. If you have missed some of these dates you will find them on our website. It has been interesting to hear some of your reactions. There is such passion in this church for helping our world travel into some new places that bring hope and peace. We know we are not called to do this alone and there is real energy for partnering with those from other faith traditions, those who are passionate about justice and service and those who are keenly aware of the variety of ways God journeys with the depths of our spirits.

It is an honor to travel with you into our next years. What a gift Walnut Hills continues to be for our community of faith and the world community we are seeking to serve. See you Sunday. ~Doug

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 August, and then become the coordinators for the 2006/2007 year. If you are interested, check the stub or contact Susan Guy, sguy@whumc.org.

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

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.



Space Still Available

There is still space in our Adult Work Trip to Dulac, Louisiana! If you are interested in being a part of this trip, check the stub or contact Susan Guy, sguy@whumc.org. The cost of the trip is \$600, and we need your deposit soon!

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!

Women's Retreat

The fall retreat for all Women of Walnut Hills has been set. We will be at Wesley Woods October 27-28. Mark your calendars. Sign-up and further information will follow. If you have questions, please call Sandy Lorenzen at 221-2999.

Introducing Stewardship/Finance 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.

Stewardship/Finance Committee – This committee is responsible for the financial health of the church. They plan for and implement the stewardship programs based on our spiritual need to give. They make provisions for a permanent endowment fund. In consultation with staff and other leaders they prepare the annual budget. They secure the necessary audits to ensure integrity in our financial matters. They educate the congregation on our need to give and on the various ways our giving serves Jesus Christ and supports our mission and vision statements.

This Sunday, May 28, 2006 - 7th Sunday of Easter

DOUG PETERS' MESSAGE: "Astounded By the Gift"

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:44-48

MUSIC: Martha Schut

Walnut Hills Coffeehouse

Join us for the Walnut Hills Coffeehouse beginning Sunday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m.! Throughout the summer months we will relax between services in the West Gathering Area with coffee, art, music and conversation. We hope that you will be with us for this time of relaxation and fellowship!

In the Spotlight ... 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.

Confirmation Enrollment

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.

Hurricane Fundraiser

Lisa Loch 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 on the ministry table. This offer is for eat-in, take out or delivery in their area. For information, call Lisa at 267-0976.

With Our Children

Children's Church provided for 3 year olds to 1st graders at both Sunday Services.

With Our Youth

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.

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 Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...
May 28 Martha Schut

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.

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, June 20 and **Meals for the Homeless** (Churches United Shelter) Wednesday, July 5. Check the STUB.

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

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.

The Autism Walk for Research will be held June 10 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Gray's Lake. People interested in walking or contributing can call Toni Merfeld at Metro West Learning Center 223-4510.

Groups Gather

- ◆ **Cyclepaths:** Monday, May 29, 8:00 a.m. Memorial Day Brunch/Picnic at Neil Smith Trail, Saylorville Lake. For more information, call Bob Myers (515) 988-9909 or visit the Cyclepaths webpage at www.whumc.org/cyclepaths.htm.
- ◆ **Knitting Ministry:** Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Susan Guy, at sguy@whumc.org or 270-9226.
- ◆ **Young Couples:** Saturday, June 10, 4 p.m. at Raccoon River Park for a picnic. Please call Lauren Prunty to RSVP at 255-8198.
- ◆ **HillToppers:** Sunday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. at Butler's.
- ◆ **Men's Round Table:** Wednesday, June 14, 11:45 a.m., Walnut Hills. Host is Jim Gearhart.

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.

In Our Prayers

- ✝ Baptism of Alayna Lynn Schipper on May 21. Parents are Travis & Traci Schipper.
- ✝ Julie Hegwood and Adam Kaufman, married April 25 in Kowhai.
- ✝ Liz Coffman's brother, Bert Miller, heart shock therapy.
- ✝ Deb Davenport having esophagus stretched due to breathing problems.
- ✝ Matthew Johnson, on-going treatments.
- ✝ Jeannie Kuskulis, continued healing.
- ✝ Charlie Reid, treatments.

Collecting Items for UMCOR: We are collecting items for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which will be taken to Iowa Annual Conference in Ames and loaded onto a truck. These items include school kits for children, cleaning supplies, personal items, baby items, paper goods, and many others. You can pick up the list of items on the ministry table in the East Gathering Area, and return new items to the church by Sunday, June 4. Questions, contact Susan Guy, sguy@whumc.org.

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