



A Message from Doug

Because of vacation schedules of a number of our staff I am actually writing this on June 6. This morning in the paper and on the TV news there was much mention about today's date, 6-6-6, along with all the references to the Book of Revelation, Satan, the end of the world, etc. Some of the articles were tongue-in-cheek while others featured people who were absolutely certain about the satanic nature of 666. I am stunned by the number of Christians who expend such energy on trying to "decode" the Book of Revelation but seem to forget that the world is actually in much greater danger from issues such as global warming, wars and hostilities, HIV/AIDS, and the grotesque inequity between those who have much and those who have nothing. By the way, most Biblical scholars are quite certain that the codes of Revelation have to do with the horrors of the Roman Empire and not with future events. What that time and our time share in common is our need for God's hope, justice and forgiveness. I am grateful to be part of a church that pays attention to careful Biblical interpretation and how to be a voice for service and for justice.

~Doug

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises. Get your child's registration forms at church or online as soon as possible so that we may obtain an accurate amount of supplies for the program.

CD-ROM available for \$3.50 each. Includes songs and activities. May be played on CD player or computer. Order at the time of registration and pick-up first evening of VBS. VBS Schedule: Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4th at 5:30 -7:45 p.m.



Youth Events

YAC (Youth Annual Conference)

Kierra Baker and Helen Freude will be returning today from being our youth representatives at Youth Annual Conference this year, June 23-25th, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant. Laura Warren was their chaperone. Welcome back.

Senior High Work Trip - Orientation Meeting

July 12, 6-8:00 p.m., here at the church: Chaperones and youth participating in the work trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky need to attend this *important* meeting.

We will discuss the final arrangements including, travel plans, itinerary, fundraising, how to pack, side trips, and hand out t-shirts. Contact Julie with questions.



Jr. High Work Trip Picture Courtesy of Doug Tupper

Hear and see more when the Junior High Work Trippers present their stories & pictures, during church services, August 27th.



In the Spotlight ...

Food Pantry Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday is coming up on Sunday, July 16, and our featured food for July is Tuna and Canned Meals (chili, stew, Chef Boyardee, etc.). Be sure to stop by the store and pick up some goods to support the Des Moines Area Religious Council!

Garden Day, July 15th

Volunteers are invited to help thin our garden areas. Please feel free to take home any designated plants to add to your own garden! We need to thin the herd and bring some order back to our gardens.

Plan on an 8 a.m. start (or whenever you can get here); bring your own shovels or spades; boxes or containers if you want some plants. Questions? Contact Bob Coffman (278-6842) or the church office (270-9226).

Stephen Ministry?

"It's a Match."

Matching is an important part of what Stephen Ministry is all about. Those who are interested in serving are matched with the best job for them. Those who need care are matched with the best caregiver for them. Find out whether Stephen Ministry is a match for you by checking the STUB.

New Singles Group to Meet

A group of singles who are "+ or - 50" will meet on Friday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Bohning. Food will be provided. If interested, call Nancy Strickler at 280-7201 for more information.

Walnut Hills Preschool Registration for 2007-2008

This note is for all who 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!

This Sunday, June 25, 2006 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

DOUG PETERS' MESSAGE: "Grace in Vain"

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

MUSIC: Cathy Fast

Coffee House 9:30 a.m.

Music provided
by Mikhala Stutzman

Rental Property Needed

Our Hurricane Katrina Adopted family, Doug & Amie Zinnel, are looking for a rental home in the Woodward, Granger, or Perry area. If you have any information on possible rentals, contact Susan Guy at sguy@whumc.org.

Service to Others

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

There will be a celebration of the work of Justice for Our Neighbors on Monday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Grace UMC, 3700 Cottage Grove Ave. The women of Las Americas will serve a meal, Las Guitaras will provide music, and Regional Attorney Alison Brown will speak about immigration and the work of Justice for our Neighbors. The cost is \$10 per person, and you can contact Doris Knight at 277-4719 or dorknight1@cs.com for reservations.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

June 25 Cathy Fast
July 2 Special Music

With Our Children

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

With Our Adults

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 would like more information, call Sandy Lorenzen at 221-2999.

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. Contact Liz Coffman for more information (278-6842).

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

In Our Prayers

- ✠ Darrelyn Utterback recovering from surgery on June 21.
- ✠ Matthew Johnson continued antibiotic treatments.
- ✠ Steve & Susie Billingsley's friend, Tracy Schmidt, recovering from an embolism.

Groups Gather

◆ **Cyclepaths:** Sunday, June 25, 1:30 p.m. Grays Lake/downtown. Leave from Gray's Lake. For more information, call Bob Myers 988-9909 or visit the Cyclepaths webpage at www.whumc.org/cyclepaths.htm.

◆ **Women's Night Out:** Monday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. at Vern's, 156 & Hickman, Clive. Check the STUB if attending.

◆ **Men's Round Table:** Wednesday, June 28, 11:45 a.m., at Walnut Hills. Host: Ivan Lyddon.

◆ **Hilltopper's:** Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m. Ice Cream Social at Chuck & Maxine McCauley's home. Bring something to go with ice cream—cookies, bars, etc. Ice cream, toppings, and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Nancy Strickler by July 15 (280-7201).

Satellite Services

Sunday afternoons

~ Worship at 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.

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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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