

SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

We will be collecting our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing today. All the proceeds support the operating expenses for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This is the UM relief organization that responds in times of crisis and disaster. To donate to this offering, please write a check to Walnut Hills and write "UMCOR" on the memo line. *If you would like to give an offering toward the relief work taking place in Chile, you can write a check to Walnut Hills and write "Chile" in the memo line.

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale! Several girls from our congregation will be selling Girl Scout Cookies in the east gathering area. All cookies are \$3.50 per box. Cash or checks made out to Girl Scouts are accepted.

Sandwich Generation Short-Term Class 9:30-10:30am today with Ann Cochran, Care Consultant For the Aging: Des Moines Area Elder Care Resource Handbook (handbooks will be given to all participants)

Children Classes 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Classes are available for preschool – 6th Grade. For a listing of classrooms, please stop by the Welcome Kiosk!

Youth Classes 9:30-10:30 a.m.
7th Grade meets (room 003)
8th Grade Confirmation Bible Study (room 006)
9-12th Grades (room 001)

Adult Classes 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Faith and Life: room 101.
Contemporary Issues: Room 102.

Confirmation Class is today at 12:30-3 p.m.

Coed Volleyball: today, 4:00-5:30 in the Celebration Center. Join in the fun. They will go out for pizza after.

When phoning the office center, press 102 when prompted (unless you know a specific extension.) Messages are transferred when retrieved.

Please designate on your envelopes or checks how you want your offering dispersed (i.e. General fund, Food Pantry)

Free Upper Room devotionals are located at the Welcome Kiosk. Take one!

We want to know about pregnancies, births and adoptions so we can celebrate with the families. Check the STUB and give the approximate due date.

We can provide automatic bank withdrawal for giving to the church. Check the STUB.

If you would like to be a part of the following email lists, check the STUB and give us your e-mail address: E-mail prayer chain, "Action Alert" e-mail list, Special Announcements/Cancellation e-mail list and weekly reminder e-mail or Walnut Hills Newsletter e-mail.

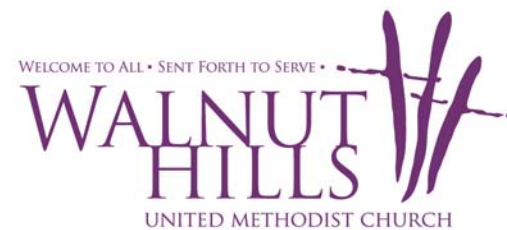
Please take home your bulletin to help keep you informed of upcoming events. If you choose not to take the bulletin home, please place in the baskets by the doors.

Our office hours are to 8:30 – 4:00 M-Th and 8:30 to noon Friday.



Welcome

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010



Reconciling Congregation

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WELCOME!

We are happy you joined us today.

Welcome to our Walnut Hills Preschool children and their families. We are so very happy to have you joining us today.

Stop by our welcome kiosk near the entrance for information. Also, please complete the STUB inserted in this bulletin and place in the offering plate.

Guest, please pick up a coupon for free coffee at our welcome kiosk.

Children are always welcome in the worship service. Professionally staffed child care is also provided for infants through 3-year-olds. The nursery is located in room 104. We offer Children's Time during each service. Following this, children may return to their parents or go with volunteers to Children's Church in room 108. Parents pick children up at this room following worship. Children's church is offered for children ages 3 years to first grade.

Taste of Walnut Hills: Thinking about joining Walnut Hills? The next Taste of Walnut Hills (aka prospective member orientation) has moved to April 11 and immediately follows the 10:45 am service. Child care is provided. Check the STUB if interested in attending.

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Become a member and/or fan of Walnut Hills Facebook pages. We have four groups that you can be apart of. Come join in the fun: -Walnut Hills UMC -Walnut Hills UMC Youth -Walnut Hills UMC Worship Arts -Walnut Way.

WHO'S WHO

Sunday Morning Ministry

8:30 Service

HOSTS

Brad & Lori Gannon

GREETERS

Nancy Stickler

USHERS

Ron & Sue Roberts

COMMUNION

Betty VanWoert

Carl Johnson

Nancy Stickler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lori Gannon

Josh Crew

Casey White

Traci Schipper

10:45 Service

HOSTS

Pennie & Dave Doss

USHERS

Leslie Nelson & Cheryl Liu

Barb & Don Sorlie

COMMUNION

Rick Grant

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Tiffan Yamen

Sarah Trunnel

Anna Pierce

Sheryl Thornton

RECYCLING

Barb Stagg

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome and Call to Celebrate

Centering Time

Alyson Skahill

Opening Song

Maker, in Whom We Live
UMH 88, all verses

Greeting

El Salvador Send-Off

Song

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
UMH 381, verses 1 & 2

Prayer

Naming Our Pain/Expressing Our Gratitude

Silence

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (pray together)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music

Walnut Hills Preschool
Morning & Afternoon Caterpillars & Butterflies - 8:30
Morning Butterflies - 10:45

Preparation for Children's Time

Where Children Belong
TFWS 2233

This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.

Children's Time

Children 3 years through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

Offering and Blessings

Remember Me
Celebration Singers

Song

As the Deer
TFWS 2025

Scripture

Psalms 63:1-8

Message

"Re-founding —The Longing"
Doug Peters

Communion Celebration

Invitation
Breaking the Bread and Offering the Cup
"This is the bread of new life;
This is the cup of God's blessing."

The Sending

After the 10:45 service please take down all the chairs in the Celebration Center.

Front picture taken by Craig Calhoun.

The following are events and programs offered through the month at WHUMC.

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

There will be a Church Conference on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at noon. Dr. Wes Daniel will be present to preside. Everyone is welcome to attend but according to United Methodist rules only full members of Walnut Hills are allowed to vote.

LENTEN ANNOUCEMENTS

- **This is the last day to order Easter Flowers** in honor or in memory of a loved ones. Fill out the insert and place in the offering plate. Make out checks to Walnut Hills and on memo area write "Flowers."
- **Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday** at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services. Celebrate with the children's palm parade.
- ♦ **Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday Peace Procession:** *2:30 pm, Gather at the Capitol West Mall *3 pm, Process down Grand Avenue *3:45 pm, Celebrate peace in word and music at First United Methodist Church, 1001 Pleasant Street in Des Moines. You are invited to attend either or both parts of the program.

WOMEN OF WALNUT HILLS EVENT

Would you like to get to know other women in Walnut Hills? The committee for the Women of Walnut Hills is sponsoring a Secret Pal exchange. Sign up today and you will be matched with another woman in our church. You will anonymously send small notes, poems, prayers or small gifts from March 28 - April 30th. Then on May 1, come to brunch and meet your Secret Pal. Brunch will be at The Gateway Market, 520 Market Street in West Des Moines. Questions, contact Sandy Lorenzen 221-2999.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Needed Volunteers for Children's Church: We are in need of leaders and assistants for Children's Church at both the 8:30 and the 10:45 worship services **during the month of April**. For information or to sign up, check the STUB.

If you would be available to be a substitute for last minute cancellations of our ushers, greeters, communion or kiosk people on **March 14 & 21**, check the STUB.

CFUM (aka Trinity) Low Income Meal March 16. We need servers and preparers. Check the STUB if interested or place a check in the offering plate with "CFUM Pizza" in the memo area. The Children & Families Urban Ministry Meal information is on the bulletin board in the hallway between the East and West Gathering Area.

Spring Blood Donation Drive: The Mature Adult Ministry Team is sponsoring a blood donation drive on Wednesday, April 21 at 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you would be interested in donating blood, please check the STUB. Watch for more details.

The dates for our 2010 Vacation Bible School are June 20-24, so mark your calendars! Our theme this year is Galactic Blast! If you would like to volunteer please contact Susan Guy at sguy@whumc.org or 270-9226, or check the STUB.

Save those Appliance Boxes! If you have an appliance delivered in the next few months, please save the boxes for the Vacation Bible School. Contact Susan Guy at 270-9226 or sguy@whumc.org.

Mail Deliverer Needed: We need someone to take the monthly newsletter to the downtown post office every third Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, contact Mandi at mandi@whumc.org or check the STUB.

Pop Can Drive: Our 5th and 6th Grade class has raised over \$2,800 toward their goal of \$5,000 for Heifer International! Their next fundraiser is a pop can drive from March 21 - 28. Please bring your donated pop cans to Walnut Hills for them to take and recycle with all monies benefiting Heifer International.

WALNUT HILLS SERVICE NIGHTS

Service Nights: Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a potluck and then we will work on our service project together. This takes the place of Kids Alive and 56 Club on those nights. **Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Please check the STUB if you plan to attend!** Upcoming service nights is: April 7: Family Potluck at 5:30 p.m.; All-Church Cleanup at 6:00 p.m.

GROUPS GATHER

- **Thursdays Religious Studies Group:** Meets weekly from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Koth Library, featuring DVD programs with viewing guides and discussion. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Charlie Adams (993-1818) or email (adamschsh@msn.com).
- **Parents of Teens:** Meet the second Sunday of every month, 9:30 a.m., Koth Library.
- **Men's Roundtable:** Wednesday, March 10, 11:45 at Walnut Hills. Host is Gordon Watson.
- **"Chat with Doug"** sessions will be held the 3rd Wednesday night of each month from 6-8 p.m. at Walnut Hills.
- **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, March 21 noon. Host is Pam Deeds. Location coming soon.
- **Coed Softball:** Will be beginning soon. If you are interested, check the STUB.
- **Women's Book Group:** Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Starbucks across from Living History Farms on Hickman Road. The book for April is *How Starbucks Changed My Life* by Michael Gates Gill.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/DONATIONS

Urbandale Food Pantry Product Collection: Place in the tubs in the East Gathering Area. The item for March is **toothpaste**.

Food Pantry Donations for March is **rice**. Place in the grocery cart.

Art Show: We have learned that Jim Saylor of Waukee currently has an art show of his paintings at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines at 42nd and Ingersoll. The show runs through March 26 and features paintings of gardens. Jim is the son of Barbara Meyer who has sponsored our new garden by our east entrance.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

We are offering our next Stephen Ministry Training April 23, 24 and 25 in a retreat style setting; with a Saturday meeting/training date to be announced after the retreat. At this time we have five more openings for those interested in being trained as Stephen Ministers. Check the STUB.

YOUTH NEWS

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class Dates: 12:30-3 p.m. April 18, and May 23 (Confirmation Sunday). Mark your calendars!

Confirmation Inter-Faith Visit: Saturday March 27, 11:15 to the Hindu Temple.

The Senior Summer work trip date is July 17-24.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Kid's Alive: Kindergarten-4th grade

- March 10: Service Project
- **56 Club: 5th & 6th Graders**
- March 10: Living Positively in the Media Age.

New Nursery Check In Forms: Please be aware that our check-in process for nursery care will be changing with new Child and Youth Safety Policy information. If you have any questions, contact Susan at 270-9226 or sguy@whumc.org

ADULT CLASS

Interfaith Power and Light Forum: Join us on Sunday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. for a special presentation by Tim Fink, Executive Director of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light as he shares information on climate change and how we can all make a difference! Please check the STUB if you plan to attend.

FILM SERIES

Wednesday evenings at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Watch and conversation.

- March 10: *Beyond our Differences* (Not Rated)
- March 24: *Seven Pounds* (PG-13)

Check the STUB if attending. See the posters for the schedule.

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE

Due date for May Newsletter is April 1. Send your submissions to mandi@whumc.org.

MATURE ADULT NEWS

Monday Morning Bible Study is on break: Study will begin again April 5 Mondays at 10 a.m. Using United Methodist Curriculum: Adult Bible Studies—Winter 2009/2010. Check the STUB.

Game Day: 4th Monday of each month. Monday, March 22, 1:30 p.m. in Koth Library.

Trauma Doll Ministry at Silvercrest is a partnership with the North West Kiwanis. **Friday Mornings at Silvercrest** 10:30-11:15 a.m. trauma doll stuffing and visiting. Call or email Pam for more information.

WE WELCOME ALL!

Our Mission Statement
A place to call home where we are welcomed and sent forth to serve.

Our Vision Themes
Interfaith Acceptance
Social Justice
Spirituality

Our Inclusion Statement
"We, the members of Walnut Hills United Methodist Church, welcome all individuals into the life and work of our faith community.

We resolve to follow Jesus' admonition to "love one another, as I have loved you," regardless of age, race, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, or any other human condition. As a reconciling congregation, we believe we are being reconciled to God and to one another."



OPPORTUNITIES

• **Walnut Way** is an intentional approach to help explore one's spiritual journey through 6 compass points. Groups are open to all. Want more info? Contact Martha Schut at mschut@aol.com, check the stub.

• **The Congregational Care Team** helps us take seriously our responsibility to care for each other, particularly at those times when we undergo various stresses.

• **Stephen Ministry** is a caring outreach Christian-based ministry that provides on-going support for the people of Walnut Hills who are struggling with many life issues. For more information, check the STUB.

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