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WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

SHINE ON! CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 3-Year Campaign To Pay Down Mortgage

More than 400 people helped to kick off our 2010 Capital Campaign at the Night of Light Dessert Extravaganza April 18. It was truly an exciting evening with delicious desserts, a "Thanks for the Memories" concert by Luke and Mark Ehrhardt, and a spectacular **Shine On!** service in The Sanctuary.



We hope you'll join us for other **Shine On!** events including worship, Advanced Gift & Dessert Gatherings (April 27, April 29, and May 6), and Commitment Sunday. On May 16 our Elders will lead both worship services, sharing their faith with mini sermons, music, and a special surprise.

As you know, the purpose of **Shine On!** is to help us pay down the church's mortgage (as of March 22 it was \$2,498,644.70) so we can be in an even stronger position for ministry and mission. The goal of this 3-year capital campaign is \$1 million. You'll be receiving an invitation for the May 23 Commitment

Sunday, a devotion booklet, and a financial information brochure. If you have any questions, please contact Campaign Chairs Steve Fry and Dave Kvamme, or Pastor Randy or Pastor Alison. We thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment to this church we love!

Sunday, May 23 • Commitment Sunday

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. An entertaining and delicious pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes in the Gym Building!
- 9 a.m. Live music in The Gathering featuring local guitarist Seth Hedquist.
- 10 a.m. One inspiring worship service, mass choir, and a few surprises. A congregational photograph will be taken in The Sanctuary immediately following worship.

Thank you for being an important part of the ministry and mission of West Des Moines Christian Church!

Baptism Sunday Is April 25

The Membership Class of 2010 and other individuals will be baptized April 25 during the 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship services. Immediately after each service you're invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall honoring our newest members!

2010 Membership Class

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m. **Church School** at 10 a.m.
Summer worship at 10 a.m. begins May 23

SERMON TOPICS

April 25 *With You I Am Well Pleased!*
Dr. Randy Ehrhardt Mark 1:9-11

May 2 Graduate Sunday *Living the Dream*
Dr. Ehrhardt and 2010 Graduates Hebrews 12:1-2

May 9 *God's Original Seatbelt*
Dr. Randy Ehrhardt John 13:31-35

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Volunteer For IHN Hosting Week May 2-9

WDMCC, in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran Church, opens its doors May 2-9 to host homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry. Won't you consider joining us as we provide a week of shelter and meals for families seeking housing and employment during their life transition?

Volunteer opportunities include: morning and afternoon van drivers, overnight hosts, evening hosts, morning breakfast/cleanup, evening meal preparation/serving, evening meal cleanup, and setup and takedown. If you can help, please contact the church office.

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Y.E.S. GROUP

Tulip Time Pella is beautiful and unique all year long, but at Tulip Time it comes alive with tulips and more. Travel with Y.E.S. on Saturday, May 8 to a European village full of windmills, tulips, Dutch attire, parades, food, and fun at the 75th annual Tulip Time! Tentative plans are to carpool and leave the church at 7:45 a.m.

GOLDEN MIXERS

Day Trip Join us on Thursday, May 20 as we travel to the Garden City of Shenandoah, a progressive community of gardens, industry, entrepreneurs, and friendly people. It's the hometown of the famous singing Everly Brothers and Blackwood Brothers and nursery giants Earl May and Henry Field. We'll visit the Bricker Botanical Center, Historical Society Museum, and Walk of Fame (90 Iowa-shaped sidewalk plaques honoring famous Iowans). Watch for more information and details. Call Martha McDanel or the church office to sign up.

Annual Garage Sale Is June 10-11

Our annual garage sale is Thursday-Friday, June 10-11. As you embark on your spring cleaning, consider donating some of your items. (Please hold onto them at this time.)

Watch the next *Caller* for information on where and when to bring your donations, along with additional information about volunteering to help with the garage sale. This year's garage sale is sponsored by mission trip participants, with the proceeds going toward the mission fund for upcoming mission trips.

ACTIVITY GROUPS GUIDE

Acclamation

(small, mixed adult choir)

Benediction

(small male adult choir)

Chancel Choir

(Adult choir)

Children in Faith

(grades K-1)

Chi Rho

(grades 6-8)

Chore Corps

men's indoor/outdoor maintenance task group

Church Ladies

(20-50 something) meet once a month for casual conversation

Connections

(to age 50)

Crafts Therapy

women making crafts for annual bazaar

CYF

Christian Youth Fellowship-grades 9-12

Disciples Diners

(approx 30-60 years)

Exhaltation

(small female adult choir)

Friends in Faith

(grades 2-5)

Game Day

(open to all ages to play a variety of games)

Golden Mixers

(ages 50+)

Helping Hands

(women assisting with church housekeeping)

Music Ministry Outreach

("caroling" hymns to shut-ins)

New Possibilities

(for single, widowed and divorced women)

Prayer Shawl group

women of all ages

Parents Night Out

a kid sitting co-op

Quilt Group

(All interested in quilting)

Resonance

(adult handbells)

Rock of Ages

multi-instrumental band

Tuesday Tunes

old-fashioned hymn sing

Unspoken Praise

sign language choir

VA/Caller

Volunteer Action - anyone can help

Vision

adult contemporary choir

Women's Current Issues Book Group

(Women of all ages)

YES

(Young Energetic Srs-age 50+)

Youth choir

(grades 6-12)

YM

(Youth Ministry)

Remembering In Our Daily Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with members recovering from illness, surgery, and accidents; residing in in-care facilities; serving in the military; mourning the loss of loved ones; and celebrating life's special milestones. If you have a special prayer request for *The Caller*, please email caller@wdmcc.org or call the church office. Due to HIPPA laws, we can only publish requests received from you or your immediate family members. If you'd like your prayer request added to the Elders Prayer Chain, contact Bernie Perdue.

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Dear God, For those we have not remembered, we pray that you do remember them by name and give them peace and comfort. Amen.

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SMALL GROUPS

Women's Current Issues Book Group meets Thursday, May 6 in the Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a discussion of *Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nermat. Guests are always welcome.

Quilt Group meets Saturday, May 1 from 9 to 11 in Room 302/303. Questions? Call the church office.

Church Ladies will gather for casual fellowship (conversation and laughter) on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. All women age 20 to 50-something are invited.

Save These Dates!

May 13
Board Meeting

Thursday-Friday, June 10-11
Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, August 21
2nd Annual Men's Steak Fry

Friday-Saturday, August 27-28
School for Congregational Learners

Sunday, October 31
Trunk or Treat

Friday-Saturday, November 5-6
20th Annual Fall Bazaar

Congratulations! Graduate Sunday Is May 2

We'll be honoring our high school graduates during both services on May 2. Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

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Youth and Family Luncheon May 2

All youth and their families are invited to a luncheon in The Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 2 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate an amazing year and hear from our graduating seniors.

May 16 Ledges Trip Is Year-End Tradition!

Sunday, May 16 is the annual year-end CYF and Chi-Rho outing to Ledges State Park near Boone. We'll leave the church following the second service and eat our lunch at the park. After spending time hiking and exploring, we'll have a senior send-off.

Parents may pick up the youth at the church by 5:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we'll hold this event at the church.

Youth Calendar

May 2
12:15p Year-End Youth & Family Luncheon

May 9
No Youth Activities

May 16
12:15p Year-End Outing at Ledges

VBS Opportunities Abound For Volunteers

High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School is July 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon. A successful VBS requires many volunteers. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents in these areas:

Class Guides, Preschool & Kindergarten Teachers, Snack Center Workers, Offering/Attendance Helpers, Bible and Preschool Storyteller, Crafts Center Co-Director, Recreation Co-Leaders, and Nursery and 3-year-old Class Workers.



You're Invited!

You are invited to Erin Fry's graduation open house in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 23 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Come celebrate with Erin and enjoy friends and fellowship!

