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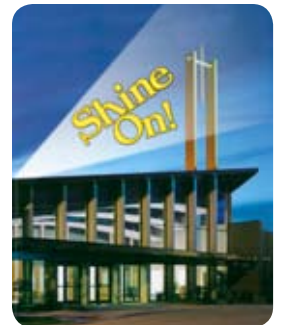
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As you know, the purpose of **Shine On!** is to help us pay down the church's mortgage (as of April 30 it was about \$2.5 million) so we can be in an even stronger position for ministry and mission. Our goal for this 3-year capital campaign is \$1 million. Over the next few weeks we ask you to prayerfully consider your 3-year commitment to **Shine On!**

We invite you to join us for worship on May 16 when our Elders will lead both worship services, sharing their faith with mini sermons, music, and a special surprise.

On **May 23** we'll celebrate **Commitment Sunday**. You're encouraged to bring your commitment card to worship or return it to the church office by May 24. Here are the details of this important day:

- 8:15 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.
- 10 a.m. One inspiring worship service, a mass choir, and a few surprises.
- 11:30 a.m. A congregational photograph will be taken in The Sanctuary immediately following worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Campaign Co-Chairs Steve Fry and Dave Kvamme, or Pastor Randy or Pastor Alison. We ask you to keep the campaign and WDMCC in your daily prayers.

Thank you for all the ways you shine your light in the ministry and mission of WDMCC. **Shine On!**

Congratulations Graduates!

Summer Worship Hours Begin May 23

Beginning May 23, worship will begin at 10 a.m. Nursery and child care is available in the Gym Building at 9:45 a.m. for newborns through age 3. Y.E.S. Class will meet throughout the summer in Room 303.

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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

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

May 16 *Shine On!*
WDMCC Elders Matthew 5:14-16

May 23 Commitment Sunday *Children of the Light*
Dr. Randy Ehrhardt Ephesians 5:8-9

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Donate and Volunteer: Annual Garage Sale Is June 10–11

Our annual garage sale will be sponsored this year by our International and U.S. mission teams preparing for 2011 mission trips to Honduras and a U.S. location to be determined. This year's sale is Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Weekday donations may be brought to the Gym Building beginning Tuesday, May 25 through Sunday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday donations (May 27 and June 5) will be received from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday donations (May 28 and June 6) will be received after church from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Household goods, furniture, clean clothing in good shape, antiques, and collectibles will be accepted. We can't accept hazardous materials, paint, weapons, nonworking appliances, TVs, computer monitors, or sofa-sleepers.

Many hands make light work! Lots of volunteers are needed to create a safe and successful sale. If you've wanted to participate in our mission experiences but are unable to participate in the actual mission trips, volunteering for the garage sale is an excellent way to be included in our mission together. Many workers are needed to help unpack, sort, and price items during the days prior to the sale, and to help during the sale.

If you wish to volunteer, please complete the sign-up form in the May 9 *Bulletin* or contact the church office to indicate how you can help make this year's garage sale a huge success! An organizational meeting for all volunteers will be held Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP to the church office by May 10.

Sponsor A Guitar for Camp ADAM and Beyond

by Scott Stilwell

ADAM (Art, Drama, and Music) Camp at the Christian Conference Center July 5–9 promises to be an amazing creative and spiritual experience for our youth. This camp is in honor and memory of Adam Barnett, a camper who shared his faith and love of music at camp until his tragic death in 2008. Adam's family and friends have pooled money to help underwrite this camp and to continue helping others realize—on Holy Ground—the gifts God gives them.

To make this inaugural camp special, we want to purchase acoustic guitars for campers to learn and practice on and are asking for your help. These guitars are reasonably priced and of a high enough quality that any level guitar player would be happy playing them. The best part is that these guitars will be available to all future campers. First Christian Church in Newton has graciously agreed to store these guitars year-round.

Each guitar costs \$100 and all Disciples churches in the Region are being asked to participate. Churches that sponsor at least one guitar will be recognized on a plaque at the CCC.

Your contribution adds another element to the camping experience not only for ADAM Camp, but for all future camps as well! If you're willing to donate any amount toward the purchase of a guitar, please mark your check payable to WDMCC and return it to Scott Stilwell by June 7. Questions? Contact Scott Stilwell, who is director of ADAM Camp.

Register and Volunteer For VBS

It's time to register your children for *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School, which is July 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost for members is \$15 per child (includes a T-shirt and all materials); \$20 for nonmembers. VBS music CDs are available for \$5 each (you don't need to attend VBS to buy one.) After June 14, the cost increases to \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Return registration forms (available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall Building) to the church office, *or register in The Gathering on May 9.*

We still need many volunteers to make VBS successful. Will you prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents in this important ministry?

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 leave at 7:30 a.m. (and return at 5 p.m.) and visit the Bricker Botanical Center, Historical Society Museum, and Walk of Fame (90 Iowa-shaped sidewalk plaques honoring famous Iowans).

Cost is \$40 per person. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall Building.

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Food Pantry Sundays

When: 3rd Sunday each month!

May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19

Give Cash: Money donated buys more food, which is purchased at wholesale prices.

Give Food: Most-needed items: **100% Juice** (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle); **Fruit** (canned in water or 100% juice); **Vegetables** (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added); **Beans** (dry or canned in water); **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers); **Peanut Butter; Meat** (tuna or chicken canned in water); **Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles; Brown Rice** (regular or instant); **Vegetable Soup** (low-sodium); **Whole Grain Crackers** (wheat saltines); **Spaghetti Sauce; Cereal** (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain brands, granola, or shredded wheat); **Fresh whole grain bread items; Shelf-stable low-fat UHT milk** (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk); **Infant/baby formula; Diapers & baby wipes; Personal products** (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant). *Please donate far before expiration date and prime ripeness.*

Give Bags: Paper and plastic are needed by DMARC Food Pantry.



2010 General Operating Income

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| Total Receipts In April | \$56,603.02 |
| Total Receipts To Date | \$208,162.42 |
| Needed Year To Date | \$213,497.33 |

Continuing The Journey Campaign

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Amount Received in April | \$18,197.69 |
| Total Received To Date | \$183,924.27 |
| % of Pledges Paid To Date..... | 71.29% |

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.

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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Need Medical Equipment? Call Us

WDMCC has a medical loan closet that you and your family and friends can use for free.

The supply includes canes, wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches for use as long as necessary at no charge!

For more information, contact the church office @ 223-1639.

HIPPA Law

Under the regulations of the HIPPA Law, hospitals are unable to release patient information. This includes contacting WDMCC or a pastor if someone is admitted to the hospital. If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office.

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)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Disciple Women meet Wednesday, May 19 for a noon potluck and program by Pat Hanson of Hospice of Iowa.

Women's Current Issues Book Group meets June 10 @ 7 p.m. in the Library for the last time until fall. It's a planning meeting; please bring ideas about books featuring women.

Church Ladies meets the 4th Monday for casual fellowship (conversation, snacks, and laughter). All women age 20 to 50-something are invited. The next meeting is May 24 @ Martha McDanel's home (1213 Locust St. in WDM).

You're Invited to Celebrate Class of 2010 Graduations!

The families of these graduating seniors invite the WDMCC congregation to these special celebrations.

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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.

Thank You, Partners In Faith Volunteers!

All Partners in Faith youth who volunteered with Friends in Faith are invited to a volunteer appreciation party Wednesday, May 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Youth Room. Come for food, fun, and fellowship!

Church School Family Celebration May 16

Join the fun Sunday, May 16 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the Gym. This last church school for 4-year old through 5th grade classes is an interactive overview of the WOW rotation model used throughout the year. Families will use their Biblical knowledge to answer questions about lessons children learned; make edible creations in the Food Science center; learn about the Loaves and Fishes in the Bible story center and about how God speaks to us in the crafts activity center; and learn about temples in the computer center. Children will sing and sign a song and recite the books of the Old Testament in a fun new way!

Wednesday, May 5

IHN Hosting
7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
8:30a Volunteer Action/ *Caller*
4p Friends in Faith
6p Unspoken Praise
6:30 Resonance
7p Chancel Choir
7p Advanced Gift Gathering

Thursday, May 6

IHN Hosting
7:30a Chore Corps
9a Crafts Therapy
5:30p Weight Watchers
7p Disciple Enrichment Meeting
7p Women's Book Group
7p Advanced Gift Gathering

Friday, May 7

IHN Hosting
9a New Possibilities @ Hy-Vee

Saturday, May 8

IHN Hosting
7:45a YES Trip to Pella

Sunday, May 9

IHN Hosting
Mother's Day
8a Vision
8:45a Worship
10a Church School
11a Worship
No Youth Activities

Monday, May 10

Caller Deadline
8:30a Helping Hands
9:30a Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

7p COG Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
4p Partners in Faith Celebration
6p Garage Sale Meeting
6p Unspoken Praise
6:30p Resonance
7p Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 13

7:30a Chore Corps
9a Crafts Therapy
5:30p Weight Watchers
7p Church Board Meeting

Friday, May 14

6p Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 15

8:30a Disciples Men Breakfast
9a Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, May 16

Elders' Worship Services
8a Vision
8:45a Worship
10a Church School
11a Worship
12p Youth Outing @ Ledges

Monday, May 17

8:30a Helping Hands
9:30a Staff Meeting
7p Compassionate Journey

Tuesday, May 18

1p Game Day

Wednesday, May 19

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
8:30a Volunteer Action/ *Caller*
12p Disciples Women Potluck
6p Unspoken Praise
6:30p Resonance
7p Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 20

7:30a Chore Corps
7:30a - 5p Golden Mixers Trip
9a No Crafts Therapy
5:30p Weight Watchers

Friday, May 21

Preschool Staff Meeting

Saturday, May 22

10a Music Ministry Outreach
6p Disciple Diners

Sunday, May 23

Commitment Sunday
8a Vision
8:15a Pancake Breakfast
10a Worship
11:30a All-Church Picture
1-6p Fellowship Hall in use

Monday, May 24

8:30a Helping Hands
9:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Church Ladies @ Martha McDanel's

Tuesday, May 25

1p Tuesday Tunes

Wednesday, May 26

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
11:30a New Possibilities @ The Brickhouse
6p Unspoken Praise
6:30p Resonance
7p Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 27

7:30a Chore Corps
9a Crafts Therapy
9a-4p FH in use
5:30p Weight Watchers

Friday, May 28

Caller Deadline
5:30 - 8:30p FH and Youth Room in use

Sunday, May 30

10a Worship

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day
Office Closed

Save These Dates!

Thursday-Friday, June 10-11
Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 19
Iowa Cubs Game and Tailgate

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