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# THE Caller



WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS MAY 23 Come For Pancakes, Worship, Pictures

**P**lan to join us May 23 as we celebrate **Commitment Sunday**. You will receive your commitment card during the service. We encourage you to complete it and return it at the end of worship or during the following week. Here are the details of this important day:



- 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. An entertaining and delicious pancake breakfast 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. Child care is available beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery.
- 11:30 a.m. A congregational photograph will be taken in The Sanctuary immediately following worship.

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

## 50-Year Members Honored May 23

Congratulations to these members who have belonged to WDMCC for 50 or more consecutive years. Thank you for your faithfulness!

## Cheer I-Cubs June 19

Disciple Enrichment is sponsoring a night of baseball and fellowship at Principal Ballpark Saturday, June 19. Tailgating begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Iowa Cubs take on the Albuquerque Isotopes at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are on sale in The Gathering Sunday, June 6 or any time during office hours. Cost is \$7, which includes the tailgate (pork loin sandwich or hot dog, potato chips, potato salad, apple sauce, cookies/bars, and beverage). Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the tailgate, which will be in the grassy median at the north end of the parking lot near the cabin.

So WDMCC will be easily identified at the game, neon green logo T-shirts will be available for purchase. Cost for a T-shirt and I-Cubs ticket is \$15. T-shirts without a ticket are \$10.

## Summer Worship Hours

Effective May 23, worship begins at 10 a.m. Nursery and child care are available in the Gym Building at 9:45 a.m. for newborns through age 3. During the summer, the Y.E.S. class meets at 9 a.m. in FH-303.

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Summer Worship: 10 a.m.

### SERMON TOPICS

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

**May 30 Memorial Sunday** *Counting Our Days!*  
Rev. Alison Robuck Psalms 90:1-4, 12

**June 6** *Are We Having Fun Yet?*  
Dr. Randy Ehrhardt Matthew 22:1-14

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## Memorial Sunday May 30

We remember the lives of these special members who have passed away since Memorial Day 2009. They are forever in our hearts.

## Annual Garage Sale Is June 10-11

by Rev. Alison Robuck

It's time to clean out those attics, basements, closets, and garages and bring your clean and gently used items to the Gym Building beginning Tuesday, May 25. Garage Sale Days are Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Please note: Garage Sale is on Thursday and Friday due to the Hy-Vee Triathlon on Saturday.)

This year's sale is sponsored by our International and U.S. mission teams, along with the continued support of the amazing women and men who have spent much time and effort throughout the years to build up this great WDMCC tradition. More volunteers are needed to make this year's sale run smoothly. Please contact Kitty Reichert or Alison Robuck if you are available to assist before or during the sale.

Donations will be received according to this schedule:

Weekdays (beginning May 25): 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Church office is closed on Memorial Day.)

Saturdays May 29 and June 5: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sundays May 30 and June 6: 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Call the church office to coordinate a drop-off during other hours.*

Let's all pray for a safe, fun, and successful sale to support God's mission of being the hands and heart of Christ for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and here at home!

## Board Meeting Highlights

- Approved the Nominating Committee's 2010-2011 slate of officers.
- Approved Announcement Guidelines submitted by the Worship Committee. For a copy of the guidelines, contact the church office.

## Annual Congregational Meeting June 6

Plan to attend worship on Sunday, June 6, for the annual Congregational Meeting, to vote on the 2010-2011 slate of officers. Installation of new officers is Sunday, June 27.

## Fall Bazaar Committee Accepting Applications

WDMCC's 20th annual Fall Bazaar is Friday and Saturday November 5 and 6. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. If you or your family, friends, or neighbors would like to sell homemade crafts, boutique items, or home-based party products, contact the church office for an application.

Spaces available this year: 8'x10' for \$40 (you furnish your own table); 8'x10' with one table for \$50, or 8'x10' with two tables for \$60. Reservation and payment are due September 15.

## Summer Concerts In The Courtyard

by Scott Stilwell

What's better in the summer than an outdoor concert? How about *three* outdoor concerts? This summer WDMCC is hosting three outdoor Concerts in the Courtyard that are *free* and open to the community. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic supper and enjoy three great events in the courtyard. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved to The Sanctuary.

The Sunday night concerts begin at 6 p.m. and are a great, relaxing way to enjoy a summer evening. Please join us for one or all of them:

**Sunday, June 6: Scott Stilwell & Friends**

Original music and cover tunes and a few surprises combine for this fun evening!

**Sunday, June 27: Music from the Band Shell**

An evening of big band, jazz, and pop standards from a talented community band.

**Sunday, July 18: An Evening with Max Jury**

Experience the incredible talents of an amazing young singer-songwriter.

Serving WDMCC May 23-June 13

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DEACONS

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USHERS

GREETERS

SOUND TECHS

KITCHEN CLEANUP

CHURCH BUS DRIVERS

## Food Pantry Sundays

When: 3rd Sunday each month!

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.

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## 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)

## Wanted: Kiosk Volunteers And Ushers

Volunteers are needed to serve at the Visitor Information Kiosk on Sundays before and after worship services. Duties include greeting visitors and sharing and distributing church information.

If you're willing to help, please contact the church office, or stop by the Kiosk.

Would you like to usher on Sunday morning, greeting and seating worshippers? We're looking for ushers for the term beginning August 1 and ending July 31, 2011. On the rotating schedule, you usher for one month at a time three times a year. If you're interested, please call the church office.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Quilt Group meets at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 5 in Room 303 to plan activities for the upcoming year. Bring your ideas and something to work on while we're talking.

Women's Current Issues Book Group meets Thursday, June 10 @ 7 p.m. in the Library for the last time until fall. Visitors are welcome as we make plans for the books we will read beginning in the fall.

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

## Weight Watchers Hosts Open House

Curious about how to lose weight and get healthier without "dieting"? Join us at our Weight Watchers Open House Thursday, May 20 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to experience a Weight Watchers meeting for *free* and learn about the Momentum program. There will be a smoothie bar with samples of our delicious smoothies, drawings for fabulous prizes, goody bags for guests, product demonstrations, and, of course, celebrations! Doors open at 5 p.m.; the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tania Schramm @ wwtania@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

## Y.E.S.

Apprentice Cup Tournament At last, it's time for the first of the many YES summer activities: the annual Apprentice Cup Tournament. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 26 @ 3 p.m. First we will absorb Sol's rays to remove all the residue of this past snowy winter while we chase golf balls around a miniature golf course. (Remember your sunblock or covering of some sort to prevent overtoasting.) Then we'll go to the shelter at Raccoon River Park for cool liquids and good food to nourish the body, and great camaraderie to nourish the spirit. Sign up in the YES Sunday school class, or call the church office.



## You're Invited to Celebrate Class of 2010 Graduations!

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



### Register For VBS By June 14 .... And Save \$5

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 Fellowship Hall bulletin board) to the church office.

We're still looking for volunteers to make VBS successful. If you can help, please contact the church office.

### Sponsor A Guitar for Camp ADAM and Beyond

To make ADAM (Art, Drama, and Music) Camp July 5-9 an amazing creative experience, the Christian Conference Center is purchasing acoustic guitars. Each guitar costs \$100 and all Disciples churches in the Region are being asked to participate. Your contribution benefits 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, who is director of ADAM Camp, by June 7.

### An Evening of Hope

Come join other Des Moines area Disciples of Christ Churches as we celebrate being "Disciples Together." We'll gather for an evening of music, fellowship, dinner, giving, and learning.

An Evening of Hope is Wednesday, June 9 at Park Avenue Christian Church. The meal begins @ 6 p.m. with a Hope Ministries program @ 7 p.m.

Please RSVP to Alison Robuck by June 1 if you plan to attend. Let's join our brothers and sisters to support the ongoing work of Hope Ministries, by bringing personal hygiene and household supplies. A complete list is posted on the FH Bulletin Board.

## W.D.M.C.C. EVENTS CALENDAR

### 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 Open House

### Friday, May 21

Preschool Staff Meeting

### Saturday, May 22

10a Music Ministry Outreach  
12p Mass Choir Rehearsal  
6p Disciple Diners

### Sunday, May 23

#### Shine On! Commitment Sunday

8:30a Vision 10a Worship  
8:15-9:30a Pancake Breakfast  
11:30a All-Church Picture  
1-6p Fellowship Hall in use

### Monday, May 24

8:30a Helping Hands  
9:30a Staff Meeting  
10a-1p Library in use  
6:30p Church Ladies @ Martha McDanel's

### Tuesday, May 25

9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
1p Tuesday Tunes

### Wednesday, May 26

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
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-5p Garage Sale Setup  
9a-4p FH in use  
5:30p Weight Watchers

### Friday, May 28

**Caller Deadline**  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
5:30-8:30a FH/Youth Room in use

### Saturday, May 29

9a-3p Garage Sale Setup

### Sunday, May 30

10a Worship  
11a-4p Garage Sale Setup

### Monday, May 31

**Memorial Day/Office Closed**  
4-6p FH in use

### Tuesday, June 1

8:30a Helping Hands  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
9:30a Staff Meeting  
6:30p Camp Mtg  
7:30p International Mission Mtg

### Wednesday, June 2

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup

### Thursday, June 3

7:30a Chore Corps  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
5:30p Weight Watchers  
7p Disciple Enrichment Meeting

### Friday, June 4

9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
9a New Possibilities @ Hy-Vee

### Saturday, June 5

7:45a YES Breakfast @ Hy-Vee  
9a Quilt Group  
9a-3p Garage Sale Setup

### Sunday, June 6

**Congregational Annual Meeting**  
Children's Ministries/Youth  
Volunteer Brunch  
9a Summer Youth Trip Meeting  
10a Worship  
11a-4p Garage Sale Setup  
6p Concert in the Courtyard

### Monday, June 7

8:30a Helping Hands  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
9:30a Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, June 8

**Primary Election**  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup

### Wednesday, June 9

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera  
8:30a Volunteer Action/*Caller*  
9a-5p Garage Sale Setup  
6p Evening of Hope @ Park Avenue Christian Church

### Thursday, June 10

8a-6p Garage Sale  
7:30a Chore Corps  
5:30p Weight Watchers  
7p Women's Current Issues Group

### Friday, June 11

8a-6p Garage Sale

### Saturday, June 12

#### Hy-Vee Triathlon

### Sunday, June 13

#### Hy-Vee Triathlon

10a Worship  
11a Visitor Information Meeting

## Save These Dates!

### Saturday, June 19

I-Cubs Game and Tailgate

### June 21-26

CYF Camp

### June 28-July 3

Chi-Rho Camp/Junior Camp

### July 11-17

Youth Trip to South Dakota

### July 26-30

High Seas Expedition V.B.S.

### Saturday, August 21

2nd Annual Men's Steak Fry

### Friday-Saturday, August 27-28

School for Congregational Learners at WDMCC

### Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3

Community Days at Valley West

### Sunday, October 31

Trunk or Treat

### Friday-Saturday, November 5-6

20th Annual Fall Bazaar