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WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHEER IOWA CUBS JUNE 19 Disciple Enrichment Hosts All-Church Event

A few tickets remain for the all-church night of baseball and fellowship at Principal Ballpark on 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 on Sunday, June 13 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 your 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, lime 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 can purchased for \$10.

Concerts In The Courtyard June 27 and July 25

WDMCC is hosting summer outdoor Concerts in the Courtyard that are *free* and open to the community. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic supper and enjoy an evening of great music in the courtyard. In case of incimate weather, the concerts will be held in 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:

Sunday, June 27: Music from the Band Shell

An evening of big band, jazz, and pop standards from the talented West Des Moines community jazz band Junction Jazz Society.

Sunday, July 25: An Evening with Max Jury

Experience the incredible talents of our own Max Jury, an amazing young singer-songwriter before he leaves for the Berklee College of Music in Boston this fall.

Reminder: Shop Garage Sale June 10-11

Be sure to stop by WDMCC on Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the annual Garage Sale. Bargains galore! Proceeds from this year's sale support WDMCC's Mission Trip teams.

How To Get To Worship On June 13

As you probably have learned from the media, the city of West Des Moines will be closing many streets to accommodate the safety of residents, competitors, and spectators during the 2010 Hy-Vee Triathlon that takes place in West Des Moines on June 12 and June 13.

We are still having church at 10 a.m. so please plan ahead! Our parking lots will be open with plenty of space for you.

The only way to access WDMCC for Sunday morning worship on June 13 is via 50th Street to the church's west driveway on Mills Civic Parkway (on the Fellowship Hall side closest to Prairie Life).

For more specific information, on times and road closures during the Triathlon, visit the online information at wdm-ia.com or hy-vee triathlon.com.

SERMON TOPICS

June 13 Rev. Alison Robuck	<i>Standing Firm on Shaky Ground</i> Psalm 46:1-7
June 20 Dr. Randy Ehrhardt	<i>A Father's Legacy</i> Ephesians 6:1-4
June 27 Rev. Alison Robuck	<i>Life by the Spirit</i> Galatians 5:13-25
July 4 Dr. Randy Ehrhardt	<i>Freedom</i> Galatians 5:1, 13-15
July 11 Dr. Randy Ehrhardt	<i>Would You Stop?</i> Luke 10:25-37



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Register Now and Volunteer for High Seas VBS

It's only 6 weeks until *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School, which is July 26 to 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you haven't already done so, please register today. 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.



T-shirt size will not be guaranteed after June 14. Return registration forms (available on the Kiosk in The Gathering) to the church office.

Adult VBS guides and youth helper meetings are Wednesday, July 21 at 1 p.m. or Sunday, July 25 at 9 a.m. You only need to attend once. If you can't attend either meeting, please contact Martha McDanel.

We still need lots of volunteers for this fun week! If you can work one day or all week, we would love your help. Please contact the church office!

Everyone Loves A July 3 Parade

If you love parades, plan now to participate in the city of West Des Moines' annual Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3. It is a fun tradition to design, construct, and decorate WDMCC's float and ride on it along the parade route.

Our float theme this year is "High Seas Expedition," which is the Vacation Bible School theme. The float will be assembled and decorated beginning at 3 p.m. by the church garage. The parade leaves at 5:30 p.m. from Valley High School and makes its way through West Des Moines on Vine Street and ends in Valley Junction.

We need lots bagged candy (hard, nonchocolate, and wrapped) to pass out to parade watchers so we don't run out. Parade participants are encouraged to bring a big bag of candy. Stock up now when you find candy on sale!

Donations of money to purchase candy and supplies are also appreciated. Bring your donations to the church office and mark your checks "parade donation."

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? The term begins August 1 and ends July 31, 2011. On the rotating schedule, you usher for one month three times a year. If you're interested, please call the church office.

Usher Training July 17: All ushers are encouraged to attend an AED/CPR class Saturday, July 17 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A short meeting will follow the training session. Questions? Call the church office.

Bazaar Committee Accepting Apps

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.

IHN Garden Party Fundraiser June 25

Show your support for the mission of the Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (DMIHN) by attending the fifth annual Garden Party Fundraiser on Friday, June 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Hosted by Bob and Becky Shaw at their home in Clive, you will enjoy an evening alfresco exploring the amazing perennial and water gardens, sipping wine, and listening to classical guitar by Paul Wilson who owns Ye Olde Guitar Shop. A silent auction offers something for everyone. Tickets are \$30 if purchased in advance at www.dmihn.org, at the DMIHN office, or from a board member. Tickets at the door are \$35.

Share Your Harvest

As you begin harvesting produce from your garden, please consider sharing your excess. Bring it to The Gathering where your church friends can "purchase" what they need for a freewill donation, which will go toward future mission trips.

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Visitor Information Meeting June 13

If you're interested in more information about WDMCC or the Disciples of Christ denomination, you're invited to the next Visitor Information Meeting on Sunday, June 13, at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Chapel. Questions? Call the church office.

Shine On Update

We're grateful for the support of members and friends who have participated in our three-year Shine On Capital Campaign.

If you would like to make a pledge, we invite you to do so. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks or in the church office. Questions? Contact the church office.

Financial Secretary Reminder

Statements of Giving are mailed in May, September, and December. You may, however, request a copy of your statement any time during the year by contacting Financial Secretary Claudette Sederburg.

2010 General Operating Income

Total Receipts In May.....	\$50,451.69
Total Receipts To Date	\$258,614.11
Needed Year To Date	\$266,871.67

Continuing The Journey Campaign

Amount Received in May	\$15,514.69
Total Received To Date.....	\$199,438.96
% of Pledges Paid To Date.....	78.06%

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 the church office.

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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)

SMALL GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES, AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Y.E.S.

Mark your calendars for the annual Apprentice Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 26 @ 3 p.m. First we'll absorb Sol's rays to remove 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 Raccoon River Park shelter for cool liquids and good food to nourish the body, and great camaraderie to nourish the spirit. Sign up in the YES Room or call the church office.

Jazz in July Join the YES Class on Friday, July 9 for Jazz in July at Sylvan Theater in Greenwood Park. The concert by Jim Oatts Quintett and Max Wellman begins at 6:30 p.m. so we'll gather there at 5:30 p.m. The event is free. Please bring your own chairs, eats, and drinks. Questions? Call the church office.

DISCIPLE DINERS

Summer dates for these adult gatherings are June 25, July 23, and August 27. Groups of 6 to 10 people (singles and couples; the more diversity the better) dine together, taking turns hosting a simple potluck. It's an opportunity to have fun, fellowship, and break bread with other WDMCC adults to establish new friendships and strengthen old ones. To sign up to host a group in your home or to participate in upcoming Disciples Diners, contact Martha McDanel.

Food Pantry Accepts Homegrown Produce

As you harvest your fruit and vegetable gardens or shop at Farmers' Markets this year, remember the DMARC Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is accepting fresh produce food donations Mondays through Thursdays at its annex building located at 3605 Douglas from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All fresh fruit and vegetables are accepted, but please try to donate before prime ripeness and expiration. All produce will be weighed so you don't need to count your fresh produce before donating.

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.

CHURCH LADIES

Join us June 28 at the home of Alison Robuck (415 S. Huston Drive, WDM) for casual fellowship (conversation, snacks, and laughter). All women age 20 to 50-something are invited. Please bring a snack to share. If you would like to host the July 26 or August 23 gathering, please contact the church office.

DISCIPLES MEN

Saturday morning breakfasts will recess for the summer and resume September 18 at 8 a.m. Join us for the Men's Steak Fry August 21.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Music Under the Stars We'll take the church bus or carpool on Sunday, July 11 and 18. Please bring a picnic items to share; beverages will be provided. Meet at WDMCC at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Iowa State Fair Save the date to ride the church bus to the Iowa State Fair on Friday, August 20 to see Scott Stilwell perform again this year. Call the church office to sign up. Watch the *Bulletin* for more info on times and cost.

Chi-Rho and CYF Travel to South Dakota For Mission and Memories

On Sunday July 11, 47 Chi-Rho, CYF, and sponsors will be departing for an inspiring youth trip to South Dakota. Activities of the week will include horseback riding, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Passion Play, swimming, worship, miniature golf, Circle B Ranch, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, spelunking (cave exploration), and an amazing mission opportunity. They will return July 17.

Our prayers are with all the youth and sponsors!



Summer Campers and Counselors Love Mail

Youth (and counselors) love to receive mail at church camp! WDMCC makes it easy for you. Stamped, preaddressed postcards for campers are available at a kiosk in The Gathering the Sunday before the start of each camp session. Just write a note and drop the postcard in the mail.



We encourage everyone to send mail to campers at:
 Camper Name Camp #
 Christian Conference Center, 5064 Lincoln St., Newton, IA 50208

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Mother/Daughter Movie Night July 21

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who has the truest heart of all? A Mother/Daughter Sweetpea Party and movie night is Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm. in the Youth Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Sweetpea Beauty, the first just-for-girls Veggie Tales movie, is a tale about the real meaning of true beauty.

Sign up by calling the church office. Donation of \$2 per person to cover food cost is requested.

Summer Nursery Workers Needed

If you love working with infants and toddlers, we're looking for nursery workers during Sunday worship services this summer. Must be 16 years or older. Questions? Contact Martha McDanel. Applications are available in the church office.

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

Wednesday, June 9

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
 8:30a Volunteer Action/Caller
 9a-5p Garage Sale Setup

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

Monday, June 14

8:30a Helping Hands
 9:30a Staff Meeting
 1p Bazaar Steering Meeting.

Tuesday, June 15

1p Game Day
 7p International Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera

Thursday, June 17

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

Friday, June 18

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 19

9a Prayer Shawl Ministry
 4p Wedding
 5:30p I-Cubs Tailgate and Game

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day
 10a Worship

Monday, June 21

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

Tuesday, June 22

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, June 23

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
 11:30a New Possibilities @ Macaroni Grill

Thursday, June 24

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

Friday, June 25

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 26

3p YES Apprentice Cup Tournament
 6p Disciple Diners

Sunday, June 27

10a Worship and Installation of Officers
 6p Concert in the Courtyard

Monday, June 28

8:30a Helping Hands
 9:30a Staff Meeting
 6:30p Church Ladies

Tuesday, June 29

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, June 30

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
 6p U.S. Mission Trip Potluck @ Chaloupecky's

Thursday, July 1

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

Friday, July 2

Caller Deadline
 9a New Possibilities @ Hy-Vee

Saturday, July 3

7:45a YES Breakfast @ Hy-Vee
 3p Parade Preparation

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day
 10a Worship

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

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

Wednesday, July 7

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera

Thursday, July 8

7:30a Chore Corps
 9a Crafts Therapy
 5:30p Weight Watchers
 7p Disciple Enrichment

Friday, July 9

5:30p YES Jazz in July

Sunday, July 11

Youth Trip
 10a Worship
 5:30p Music Under the Stars

Monday, July 12

Youth Trip
 8:30a Helping Hands
 9:30a Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 13

Youth Trip
 1p Game Day

Wednesday, July 14

Youth Trip
 7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
 8:30a Caller/Volunteer Action

Save These Dates!

July 21
 Mom & Daughter Movie Night

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