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WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION Vacation Bible School Is July 26–30

At High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School, children will explore the love of God on a journey that will change them forever. It's a week-long adventure filled with incredible Bible learning that children see, hear, touch, and taste. Crafts, teambuilding games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats help faith flow into real life.

VBS is July 26-30 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you haven't already done so, please register today. Cost for members is \$20 per child (includes a T-shirt and all materials); \$25 for nonmembers. In addition, VBS music CDs are available for \$5 (you don't need to attend VBS to buy one.) Return registration forms (available on the Kiosk in The Gathering) to the church office.

If you're helping or teaching, please attend a meeting (you only need to attend one meeting). Meetings for teachers and Center leaders of Nursery, 3-year-olds, and Pre K & K classes are Wednesday, July 14 or Thursday July 15 @ 1 p.m. Adult VBS guides and youth helper meetings are Wednesday, July 21 at 1 p.m. or Sunday, July 25 at 9 a.m. If you can't attend one of the meetings, please contact Martha McDanel. (Child care is available by contacting the church office with a 24-hour advance notice.)

If you can work one day or all week, we would love your help. Please contact VBS directors Angela Wehrspan @ 987-0087, Pam Redford @ 401-6633, or Becky Chaloupecky @ 537-8637!

Look for the cow poster in The Gathering for details on how you can help VBS by donating milk, orange juice, snacks, and money to purchase these items.

Visitor Information Meeting July 25

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, July 25 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Chapel. Anyone who considers WDMCC to be their primary place of worship is invited to join our congregation.

Questions? Call Ginny Baker @ 225-2007 or the church office.

Shine On! Capital Campaign Update

Shine On!, our three-year capital campaign (2010–2013) to secure funds to continue paying on the mortgage of The Sanctuary has generated \$729,466 in pledges. We are grateful for your ongoing and faithful support of the ministry that allows WDMCC to proclaim the Good News with those in our church and our community. WDMCC has truly been blessed.

Continuing The Journey, our one-year capital campaign that ended June 30, has received pledged payments of \$197,390. This represents 90.7% of the amount pledged. The *Continuing The Journey* fund will remain open through the end of the year if you would still like to make payments on your pledge.

Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Claudette Sederburg.

SERMON TOPICS

July 18 Dr. Jim Kratz	<i>Here We Are to Worship!</i> Nehemiah 8:1-12
July 25 Rev. Alison Robuck	<i>Revolving Doors</i> Luke 11:1-13
August 1 Dr. Randy Ehrhardt	<i>Red Rover, Red Rover</i> Matthew 19:13-15



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Annual Garage Sale Raises \$5,800

by Rev. Alison Robuck

This year's garage sale raised more than \$5,800 with the proceeds going toward U.S. and International Mission trips. Great appreciation to all who donated items to be sold! Many thanks to numerous individuals who spent countless hours unpacking, sorting, and pricing and those who worked during the sale, including co-coordinator "Seasoned" workers and "newbies" – many of whom are mission trip participants – worked side-by-side to prepare and run this year's sale. And to the men who picked up and delivered furniture and other items, we are very appreciative of all your time and efforts! Many sore muscles and naps later, we can all be thankful and happy that we provided the community with needed items and that we generated much-needed funds for mission. "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Annual School Supply Drive July 18-August 1

Social Concerns is collecting school supplies through Sunday, August 1. Cash donations are also appreciated (mark checks "school supply donation"). Please bring your items, which will be donated to WDM Human Services for distribution to low-income children, to The Gathering.

The most needed supplies are backpacks, calculators (young/old children), compasses, composition books, Crayola Classic Washable Thin and Wide Markers (8), Crayola Colored Pencils (8), Crayola Watercolor Paints (8), Elmer's glue (8 ounce), erasers (2x1), Fiskars scissors (pointed/blunt tip), highlighters, index cards (3x5 ruled), ink pens (red, blue, black), No. 2 pencils, plastic pencil cases, pocket folders (no brads), Post-It Notes (3-inch square), protractors, school box (5½ x8), Scotch tape, sheet protectors (top-loading, 3-holes), spiral notebooks and notebook paper (wide/college-ruled), tab dividers (5 subjects), tissues (175 2-ply), and wood rulers with metric measurements.

2nd Annual Men's Steak Fry August 21

Calling all men and boys. Now's the time to plan to attend the 2nd annual Men's Steak Fry on Saturday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. Men, make sure you invite your sons! Boys, invite your dads! All, invite your friends!

You won't want to miss this *great* event. Why? *Great* food, *great* fellowship, *great* entertainment (Travis Acheson, an Air Guard fighter pilot will take us on a journey), and a *great* cause (proceeds help pay for summer camp for our youth).

Tickets go on sale soon, but save the date and invite your friends to this enjoyable evening for a *great* cause. Questions? Call the church office.

Bazaar Committee Accepting Applications

The 20th annual Fall Bazaar is Friday-Saturday November 5-6. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. If you or your friends or family would like to sell homemade crafts, boutique items, or home-based party products, contact the church office for an application. Reservation and payment are due September 15. Cost: 8'x10' spaces are \$40 (you furnish table), \$50 for 1 table, or \$60 for 2 tables.

Last Courtyard Concert Is July 25

On Sunday, July 25, experience the incredible talents of our own , an amazing young singer-songwriter before he leaves for the Berklee College of Music in Boston this fall.

Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic supper and enjoy an evening of great music in the Courtyard beginning at 6 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be in The Sanctuary.

WDMCC Hosts "School" August 28

Plan to attend *Come Together* School for Congregational Learning (SCL) at WDMCC on Saturday, August 28.

SCL is a one-day training opportunity for anyone who wants to receive training, inspiration, guidance, and direction for doing the work of the church.

Events include worship, morning and afternoon workshops of your choice, a family-style lunch, and a keynote speaker. Cost is \$20 per person.

Keynote speaker is Jose Morales Jr., a gifted speaker, writer, and Disciples pastor who is Central Rocky Mountain Region transitional minister and an adjunct professor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Contact the church office or uppermidwestcc.org for more information.

Share Your Produce

Too many vegetables? Consider sharing your excess garden produce. Bring it to The Gathering where church friends can "purchase" what they need for a freewill donation that will go toward future mission trips.

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Food Pantry Sundays

When: 3rd Sunday each month!

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 Pasta/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; UHT Milk** (shelf-stable, low-fat 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

Total Receipts In June..... \$41,294.21
Total Receipts To Date \$299,908.32
Needed Year To Date \$320,246.00

Continuing The Journey Campaign

Amount Received in June..... \$28,049.69
Total Received To Date..... \$227,488.65
% of Pledges Paid To Date..... 90.70%

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 the church office.

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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.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Disciple Diners is July 24 at the McDanel's (1213 Locust St., WDM) @ 6 p.m. Bring a dish or two to share and meat to grill if desired. Beverages and paper products supplied. Swimming, volleyball, bocce ball, and croquet. Child care available upon request with 24-hour advance notice. In case of inclement weather meet at WDMCC (Youth Room). Call the church office, email Martha McDanel, or sign up on the FH bulletin board.

Church Ladies (20- to 50-something) meets Monday, July 26 @ 6:30 p.m. at WDMCC (Youth Room) for casual fellowship (conversation, snacks, and laughter). Please bring a snack to share.

New Possibilities meets July 28 at Monterrey (6630 Mills Parkway, WDM).

Quilt Group meets Saturday, August 7 @ 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to complete plans for the upcoming year.

Women's Retreat October 1-3 is the DOC in the Upper Midwest's annual women's retreat at Lake Koronis, Minnesota. Rev. Alison Robuck is codirector with Rev. Tammy Rottschaefter of Minnesota. Dr. Marti Steussy, professor of Old Testament studies at Christian Theological Seminary, is the keynote speaker. Details to come. Questions? Contact Pastor Alison.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Music Under the Stars Meet at WDMCC Sunday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. to take the church bus or carpool to the Capitol. Bring picnic items to share; beverages and paper products provided. Sign up on the FH bulletin board.

Iowa State Fair Scott Stilwell performs at the Iowa State Fair on Friday, August 20. We'll take the church bus, leaving WDMCC at 8:30 a.m. and returning by 3 p.m. Transportation cost is \$2. Admission tickets at the gate are \$10; advance discount tickets (from Dahl's or Hy-Vee are \$7). Seating is limited. Sign up on the FH bulletin board or call the church office.

A Girls' and Women Veggie Tales Movie Premier

by Martha McDanel

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who has the truest heart of all?

Moms, aunts, grandmas, and daughters are invited to a Sweetpea party and movie night on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Princess Palace (Youth Room). This first-ever just-for-girls Veggie Tales movie is a tale about the real meaning of true beauty.

All "girls" are welcome to dress in their prettiest princess clothes and have their picture taken next to a castle. Girls will make tiaras fit for princesses. In addition, girls will play games and enjoy light refreshments. This summer mother/daughter event promises to make everyone feel beautiful inside and out. Sign up by calling the church office. Donation of \$2 per person to offset the food cost is requested.

July 3 Parade Float Wins Judge's Choice Award

Campers Love Mail

WDMCC makes it easy for you to send mail to campers and counselors. Stamped, preaddressed postcards are available in The Gathering the Sunday before the start of each session. Write a note and drop the postcard in the mail.

Send mail to campers at:
Camper Name, Camp #
Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln Street
Newton, IA 50208

Wednesday, July 14

Youth Trip

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
8:30a Volunteer Action/Caller
1p VBS Meeting for teachers/
center leaders

Thursday, July 15

Youth Trip

7:30a Chore Corps
9a Crafts Therapy
10a-12p Room 311 in use
1p VBS Meeting for teachers/
center leaders
5:30p Weight Watchers

Friday, July 16

Youth Trip

Saturday, July 17

Youth Trip ends

9a AED Training
9a Prayer Shawl Ministry
10a Music Ministry Outreach

Sunday, July 18

School Supply Drive Begins

10a Worship
5:30p Music Under the Stars

Monday, July 19

8:30a Helping Hands

Tuesday, July 20

9:30a Staff Meeting
1p Game Day

Wednesday, July 21

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
1p Meeting for VBS guides/helpers
6:30p Mother/Daughter Sweetpea
Movie Night

Thursday, July 22

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

Friday, July 23

No activities scheduled

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

Saturday, July 24

9:30a Deacon Meeting
6p Disciple Diners

Sunday, July 25

9a Meeting for VBS guides/helpers
10a Worship
11a Visitor Information Meeting
6p Concert in the Courtyard

Monday, July 26

Caller Deadline

8:30a Helping Hands
9a-12p VBS
10a Room 316 in use
1:30p Staff Meeting
6:30p Church Ladies

Tuesday, July 27

9a-12p VBS
1p Tuesday Tunes

Wednesday, July 28

7a Men's Current Issues @ Panera
9a-12p VBS
11:30a New Possibilities @
Monterrey
6p VBS Picnic

Thursday, July 29

7:30a Chore Corps
9a-12p VBS
5:30p Weight Watchers

Friday, July 30

9a-12p VBS

Saturday, July 31

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 1

10a Worship

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 5

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

Friday, August 6

9a New Possibilities @ Hy-Vee

Saturday, August 7

7:45a YES Breakfast @ Hy-Vee
9a Quilt Group

Sunday, August 8

10a Worship

Deacons Training Meeting July 24

deacon co-chairs for 2010-2011, will hold a training session for new deacons on Saturday, July 24 at 9:30 a.m. in The Sanctuary. They will explain preparing, setting up, and serving communion. Please plan to attend.

Save These Dates!

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

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

Sunday, September 12
Fall Kickoff Event

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