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Faith in What We Don't See

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SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Aug 8, 2010 -

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: "Fear Not"

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Music:

8:30 - Rejoice! Band

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:45 - Chapel Bells

August 15, 2010 -

Pastor Andrew Bardole

Sermon: "Burn It Down"

Music:

8:30 - Valerie Gay

9:45 - Celebration Singes

10:45 - Sue Libby

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

1-2 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

3 By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

4 By an act of faith, Abel brought a better sacrifice to God than Cain. It was what he believed, not what he brought, that made the difference. That's what God noticed and approved as righteous. After all these centuries, that belief continues to catch our notice.

As I reflect on this summer, and all the sorrows which have accompanied it (death, tragedy, flooding and tornadoes), I find myself thinking about two things—

Foundation and Hope.

What is it about those who can go through some of the very worst that life has to offer, and yet they continue to keep faith? As I observe people whose world's have been rocked, those with a solid foundation seem to exhibit hope and purpose. It is not that they don't grieve—they do grieve and they grieve deeply. It is that their framework for living is anchored in a sure foundation and because of that, they have a hope. Not a shallow optimism, not a 'glass half full' coat of shellac over their pain, but a strength to muddle through and keep faith after the glass has shattered.

At FUMC, we are all about the great work of healing a hurting and broken world. Part of this work is prevention—we help people of all ages work on their foundation. And part of this work is triage—we provide anchors of meaning, handholds of hope to persons in the midst of their pain.

Before one of our many funerals recently, someone was looking for another box of Kleenex. Shirley Schoen and I were looking for more Kleenex, when I spoke a truth which sounded like Forrest Gump, "sometimes there just aren't enough Kleenex." How true.

Grace and peace,

Blessings,
Pastor Kay Hooper

*Coffee & fellowship from 9:15
to 10:45 a.m. Sundays in the
Hospitality Room.*

Library News by Bernice Pickup

The following books were given by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller:

"Wyoming Christmas Heros" is a collection of 4 stories of Christmas Holidays that will touch your heart. **"Texas Brides"**, given in honor of Ruth Rasko, is a story of three gifts that lead brothers in romance in a new country. **"Shades of Blue"** is a story of a man with a past he just can't seem to forget so that he can have a happy future with the woman he loves. **"The Sound of Sleigh Bells"** tells of a tragedy that haunts a girl and she cuts herself off from any hope of happiness until something happens to give her hope. **"Christmas Homecoming"** is a collection of three stories of prodigal homecomings. **"A Promise to Believe In"** is a story of three sisters trying to operate a road house in the Montana wilds after their father is accidentally killed and the turmoil that follows. **"A Dream to Call My Own"** tells of a girl that is on a mission to find her father's killer and how the deputy sherrif is trying to help. **"The Bride Bargain"** is about a family feud, love and history rolled into a fun story. **"The Bride Backfire"** is about a feud, desperate declaration and a gunpoint decision all rolled into one story. **"Virginia Brides"** is a collection of three complete novels about how home-spun love can warm hearts. **"Snowbound Colorado Christmas"** is a collection of stories about four couples lives during the blizzard of 1913. **"Lookin' Back, Texas"** is written by a woman that has a gift for storytelling and eccentric characters entirely true to the human experience.

Come and "checkout"
the Library!!!

Putting Our Faith Into Action School Supply Drive for Local Kids

Church & Society invites you to participate in our annual School Supply Drive for local kids. **Supplies will be collected July 25 - August 15**, when we will have the "Blessing of the Backpacks". Supplies will then be delivered to Red Rock Community Action Center and distributed to needy families in Warren County.



Following is the list of supplies needed this year:

- 30 backpacks
- 60 boxes Crayola washable markers
- 150 wide-lined spiral notebooks with no sections (not college-ruled)
- 100 of each color plain pocket folders (not glossy or with pictures, no prongs- red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple.)
- 200 rectangular pink erasers (no soap erasers)
- 25 supply boxes (no larger than cigar boxes)
- 30 Fiskars scissors (no plastic) for kids
- 25 1" 3-ring binders
- 100 boxes of facial tissue
- 50 boxes of 12 colored pencils
- 10 sets of 8 Crayola watercolor paints
- 75 wide-lined white notebook paper
- 100 glue sticks, .7 oz.
- 10 3-hole pen/pencil cases
- 20 highlighters, yellow
- 10 scotch tape
- 10 post-it-notes, yellow, 3x3
- 25 packages index cards with lines, 3x5

Look for collection boxes in the west wing and the narthex, or if you prefer, you may donate money (check payable to FUMC with notation "Local School Supplies), and we will purchase what is needed. Thank you! Your Church & Society Committee

Kits for Ingathering

It's time to think about purchasing times for the school kits that are taken to the Ingathering in November. Please be sure to purchase the exact items described on the list. Most stores have school supplies very reasonably priced right now, so it's an excellent time to purchase these items. We are also in need of school bags. Directions for making the bags are listed here and are also posted on the Mission Bulletin Board. Thank you for helping our church prepare many school bags.

SCHOOL KIT (Place all items in ziplock bag and place on the table under the Missions Bulletin Board)

- 1 box, 24 crayons
- 1 blunt scissors
- 3 pads, wide-ruled paper (spiral or bound 70 Sheets)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser (2 1/2 inches)
- 1 hand pencil sharpener
- 1 30 cm metric ruler

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL KIT BAG WITH HANDLES

Cut pieces as shown, from heavy duty fabric such as denim, corduroy, twill, drapery fabric, etc. Place bag pieces with right sides together. Sew side and bottom seams using a 1/2" seam, and zig zag or serge seams. On top edge, turn down 1/2 ", then 2". Sew this down. Turn bag right side out and press.

Fold each handle in half, lengthwise, with right sides together. Straight stitch each handle with a 1/2" seam and turn seams to the inside. Sew one hand on top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of material. Repeat with the other handle on the opposite side of the bag. Finish handle with and "X" reinforcement as shown in diagram. A closure (Velcro, Snap, Button, Etc.) should be added near the top center of the bag. Finished size should be approximately 12" W X 16" T.

Health Kits

- 1 new hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27")
- 1 bath sized soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 large sturdy comb (not pocket size)
- 1 new toothbrush in original wrapper (not child size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper
- 1 new wash cloth
- 6 Band-Aids (3/4")

Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased by UMCOR

Fold the towel and washcloth and lay the other items on top. Place in a Ziploc bag.

The Green Team Wants You!

Church and Society Committee has selected Environmental Stewardship as its area of emphasis for fall 2010. Our goal will be to help members of FUMC measure their "Carbon Footprint" and learn ways they can become more responsible about energy consumption, saving both money and our earth. We are looking for a few "green minded" church friends to help with the planning and implementation of our fall environmental stewardship effort. Total time commitment should be no more than 10-20 hours between now and the end of the year.

If you are interested in cleaner water, air & earth; if you are motivated to learn how you can reduce your family's carbon footprint (not to mention money!); or if you are just curious what the United Methodist Church says about responsibility as Christians to care for God's creation, please consider joining the FUMC Green Team Task Force and help FUMC become a COOL Congregation. Please contact Anita Christensen for more information (961-0371 or alc25@dybb.com).

Oh I Know
All I Owe
I
Owe
I-O-W-A
And the great
I-AM

Meet Brenda Core Sunday, August 15th at the Iowa State Fair. Climb the hill to PioneerHall and let's worship together!

Ecumenical Service begins at 8:30 a.m.

Fill yourself with the Spirit and then go and fill yourself with something on a stick!

More Library News...by Bernice Pickup

The following books were given by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller:
"Promised to Me" tells of a couple that have been separated for many years and are brought back together and the events that will shape both of their lives. "Patterns of Love" tells of a young immigrant that comes to America and about the events that take place when she takes employment with an Iowa dairy farmer and his family. These two books were given in Memory of Betty Ford. "Dawn's Prelude" is a story of a young girl that was married off at a very young age to a harsh, older widower but can't help but feel some relief when an accident claims his life and the problems that take place afterwards with her adult stepchildren. This was given in Honor of Pat Hicks.

"Trouble in Paradise" is a story of a woman wanting to be a writer when she leaves home and has some interesting experiences. "Praying From the Heart" is a great book of true stories of extraordinary answers to prayers. This was given in Memory for Betty Ford by Louis & Carol Kenney.

The following books were also given by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller:
"The Missing" is an Amish story of a young girl that is searching for her mother that has left. This was given in Memory of Barbara Howard. "The Measure of Mercy" is a story of a boy that has been studying medicine and how his future plans have been changed when he learns of the need for medical ministry in Africa. This was given in Honor of John (Jack) Howard.

"Fields of Grace" asks if the Mennonite faith will be shaken or strengthened by a journey to a new land. This was given in Honor of Gaylen Opstad. "The Christmas Lamp" asks what if Christmas bypassed your town and how two people begin to gain a new perspective on the real wealth of the Nativity and what the season might be.



**Grace McGeehon
celebrates 90th Birthday!**

**Please send cards
and birthday wishes in
honor of Grace's 90th
birthday to:**

**Grace McGeehon
110 C Pleasantview Circle
Kalona, Iowa
52247**

**Indianola Community
Blood Drive**

**Saturday, Aug. 7
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

In the Hospitality Room.

**To make an appointment,
contact the Blood Center
of Iowa at 800-287-4903
or schedule online at
www.bloodcenterofiowa.org**

Church and Society would like to compile a list of persons who are currently serving in the military, connected to First Church.

With permission, we would like to print this list in the newsletter and bulletin so the congregation can keep these persons and their families in our prayers. Please email information to fumc@indfumc.org.

Children and Family Urban Ministries

**Thurs., Sept. 9, 2010
Thurs., Nov. 11, 2010
Thurs., Jan 13, 2011
Thurs., Mar. 10, 2011
Thurs., May 12, 2011**

**Trinity Supper Club
New Dates**

First UMC will again participate in providing and serving meals for the Children and Family Urban Ministries Supper Club program. This hands-on mission opportunity provides meals for inner city Des Moines children and families. First UMC is renewing its commitment to provide an evening meal five times for 2010-2011.

Please note: our serving day will be on Thursday. If you would like to be a part of this mission project, please complete the following and return to the church office or email your information to barb@indfumc.org.

___ I want to participate by providing the following:
(please circle item and preferred dates above):

- a side dish (fruit, vegetable, salad).
- a dessert (cookies, bars, etc.).
- potato chips or paper products(plates, cups, plasticware).

___ I want to contribute a monetary gift to purchase ham, cheese, buns, and other items necessary to prepare the meals. (These gifts may be made by noting "Supper Club" on your check and placing in the offering or dropping off at the church office.)

___ I / We would like to be a morning volunteer on the above circled dates to prepare the sandwiches (preparation takes about 1-1½ hours and volunteers gather in the church kitchen around 9:00 a.m.)

___ I / We would like to volunteer to serve the evening meal (6-7 volunteers are needed each time; the church van leaves Indianola at 3:30 p.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m.)

Name _____
Preferred phone _____ (home? cell?)
Email addr: _____

**Sunday Morning
Van Drivers Needed!**

Drivers are needed for one service per morning (either between 8:00 - 8:30 or 10:00 - 10:30) and then following worship to return riders home. Drivers will be scheduled on a rotation schedule for the month. A Class D license is all that is needed and can be obtained over the counter with a clean driving record over the last 2 years. No driving test is required.

The church van provides members the option of being picked up at their homes prior to Sunday Services. For more info contact Brian Linnemeyer at 971-2140.

Care Ministry Corner

Are you a prayer warrior?
Did you know we have an email prayer chain?
This is used to alert those of our congregation on this email list to pray for a person's upcoming needs.
If you are in need of prayer you can email brooke@indfumc.org and ask for your prayer request to be sent out via email.
If you would like to be added to this list of people who pray for others needs, please email Brooke at brooke@indfumc.org



God's Blessings!
Brooke Boden
Care Ministry Coordinator

Musical Guests

On **August 15** we welcome Valerie Gay (mezzo-soprano) to the 8:30 service. Valerie is the Director of Planned Giving for the College of Education at Temple University. She also has sung with the Philadelphia Opera Company.

On **August 22** we welcome Gary Ireland to the 8:30 and 10:45 services. Gary is a retired teacher, coach, and paramedic who has become an accomplished singer/songwriter and public speaker. He travels Iowa sharing his stories and inspiring songs, and is a cousin of Russ and Marj Bees.

Thank You

for your prayers,
presence, gifts and service

prayers

Reported hospitalized as of 8/02:

Mercy NICU: Ellisann Stockberger

Methodist Hospital:
Carolyn Lynam

Recently Discharged: Janie Putney

We extend prayers of sympathy to Heidi Long and family at the passing of her father, John Robert Gouldin

We extend prayers of sympathy to Dennis Lamport and Jill Rossiter and their families on the death of Dennis' son, David Lamport.

We congratulate Miranda Leek, Marilyn Leek's granddaughter, who was selected for the U.S. youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Miranda is the only female on the U.S. Archery Team.

presence

Sunday Worship - 7/25/2010 (426)

8:30 a.m. - 173

9:45 a.m. - 170

10:45 a.m. - 83

**attendance last year on this date (515)*

Sunday Worship - 8/1/2010 (389)

8:30 a.m. - 144

9:45 a.m. - 164

10:45 a.m. - 81

**attendance last year on this date (416)*

gifts

Financial Summary

Operating Fund:

2010 Annual Budget \$786,000

Budgeted Gifts thru Aug \$496,133

Actual Gifts thru 8/02 \$448,138

Capital Campaign:

Gifts received in 2010 \$140,250

(both campaigns)

2008 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,092,326

Received thru 8/02 \$984,385

2003 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,680,537

Received thru 7/12 \$1,532,022

Thank you for joining us and our family in the celebration of our 60 years of marriage. Your cards, kind words and presence convey a close relationship that contributes depth and meaning to our lives. We regard you as our extended family.

Rev. Lowell and Joyce Hoyle

First United Methodist Church, thanks for allowing us to use this great room! Partners in Family Development

thank you

To the United Methodist Prayer Shawl Group, we can't thank you enough for the beautiful baby blanket and baby booties.

The colors are perfect and we use the blanket all the time.

Thank you for all your time and handiwork; we really appreciate it.

Erin, Chris and Karter Larsen

I want to thank FUMC for the support you have given JoLynn and I over the past 7 months. You have been wonderful. Thank you for supporting me when there were tears, fears, when I was sad and even when I was dead tired. You encouraged me, loved me and told me all those emotions were okay and normal. I have never had that in my life before. I truly felt the love of the church as we walked this road of cancer. God Bless all of you.
Darla Kickbush

Thanks to all who sent get well cards, prayed for me and provided meals during my recovery from hip replacement surgery. This is a wonderful congregation! Michael Boston

A HUGE thank you to all who helped "spread the mulch" on July 24th. We finished in short order and the gardens look lovey. Thanks again to Doug Blakley for donating the mulch!

Have you noticed the Sunday School Teacher's garden off the patio? If not, Judy McClymond & I were thinking of evergreens, but Katheryn Waser suggested roses. You'll have to look and see who gets their wish!

Dee Morrison

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Upcoming Events

School Bag and Backpack Blessing

Sunday, Aug 15
During worship at:

8:30 am,

9:45 am,

10:45 am

Bring your school bag or backpack to worship
for blessing.

Prayers will be offered at each service

- for our student's safety,
- for growth in knowledge, and
- for the reassurance of God's presence with
each student in and out of the classroom.