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Indianola First United Methodist Church

**Making, Growing,
Sending Disciples
into a hurting &
broken world**

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SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Feb 7, 2010 -

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: "In the Year that

King Uzziah Died"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-13,

Luke 5:1-11

Music:

8:30 - REJOICE! Band

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:30 - Deb Collins

Feb 17, 2010 -

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: TBD

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35,

Luke 9:28-43

Music:

8:30 - Spirit Singers

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:30 - Chancel Choir &

Chapel Bells

Coffee & fellowship from 9:15

to 10:45 a.m. Sundays in the

Hospitality Room.

NO MORE WINTER BLUES!!!

If you have the winter blahs, if too many snow days give you the blues, if the ice keeps you from going out...if you are sick and tired of being sick and tired...if you are simply weary of having been cooped up most of the winter, have we got some happenings at FUMC for you!

- Middle School Youth Group is having the annual TGIHawaii4 Party on Feb. 5. (Thanks Mike, Craig, Scooter, and Doug)
- Kamie Haynes tells me that on Feb. 14 - our Sunday School is going to have a big Valentine Celebration!
- Jana Tanner has secured leadership for Divorce Recovery begins on March 1st and Sharing Grief on March 3rd!
- Pastor Andrew, the Peelers and the 11-12 Youth Group are working toward a Mission Trip to New Orleans during Spring Break!
- The Middle School Youth Group is headed to Hope Ministries on March 6th.
- Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday there will be two services- one at 12:00 p.m., in Gable Chapel and the other at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Lenten Study - facilitated by Pastor Kay -- will be held Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m., Feb. 16, 23 and Mar 2, 9.
- Lenten Prayer Service will be held from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings, Feb. 24; Mar 3, 10 & 17.

The journey is sometimes easy. The journey is sometimes difficult. But no one has to go it alone. Praise God for key lay leaders and staff who make this a happening place!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kay

**New Member Class: A second session will be offered
contact the church office for more information**

In this new member orientation, led by Pastor Kay, we will use the book "*What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*" by Bruce Bugbee.

Come and find out how uniquely gifted you are and explore ways you can use your gifts for the glory of God and the building up of the Church. We will also learn or *re-view* some of the basics of The Bible, Christianity, Methodism, and life here at FUMC Indianola.

We will introduce you to our staff and key leaders in the church. This orientation class lasts 4 weeks. We will be happy to offer a day time session in the summer if there is interest.

NEW T.G.I.W! ADULT CLASS STARTING FEB 3RD

You are invited on a journey focused on intentional faith development. Consider accepting this adventure through an 8-week Wednesday night Bible study called, "**First Persons**". This is a new concept in a study program which revolved around a Biblically-accurate story of a person living in New Testament times, who witnessed an event in the life of Jesus: a shepherd boy who was at the birth cave; a magi's apprentice; a wine merchant, who saw the baptism of Jesus; the wife of a potter in Nazareth, who saw Jesus get thrown out of the synagogue; a fisherman who witnessed the call of Peter, Andrew, James and John; the wine steward in Cana; the sister of an adulterous woman; the centurion at the cross and others.

Each story is Biblically-accurate, based on specific scripture references for study, and filled with detail about life in First Century Palestine. Together, we will learn about particular events in the life of Jesus and explore how people of his time lived, played, worked and worshiped.

Dates: Wednesday, Feb 3 - March 24, 2010

Times: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

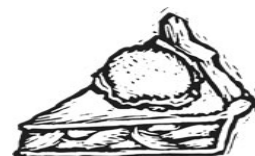
Facilitator: Heidi Long, h.long@msn.com or 962-2079

Who should attend: Anyone wanting to focus on Intentional Faith Development.

**11th Annual
Soup Supper &
Pie Auction**

Feb. 20 - 2010
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Has been
cancelled!**



Save the Date!

A conversation with....Carol Howard Merritt, author of "*Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*"

An occasional conversation series focusing on the theological grounding of and the practical implications for ministry with young adults

Evenings of: February 19 & 20, 2010 at First UMC, Des Moines

For more information contact:
Eric Guy, Leadership Development Minister for Young Adult and Generational Ministry,
eric.guy@iaumc.org or call 515-874-8944

UMW Schedule

February 2010

Unit Meeting

Memorial Service by Linda Brice
February 11th - 2:00 p.m.
Smith Chapel at Wesley the Village
Hostess: Rachel Circle

Elizabeth

Feb. 17 @ 1 p.m.
Hostess: Jerri Kingery,
1106 E. Girard
Program: "For the Love of God:
John's Letters"
by Mary Lou Staubus

Hannah

Feb. 22 @ 7 p.m. - John Wesley Rm.
Program: Pledge Service
by Linda Brice
Hostess: Lois Van Wyk
Devotions: Linda Brice

Lydia

Feb. 24 @ 7:30 p.m. - Carver Rm.
Program: "Children in Poverty"
Devotions: All

Rachel

No Meeting in February

Ruth

February 20 @ 11:45 a.m.
Lunch - Place to be determined
Program: "Let's Get Together"

Sarah

Feb. 24 - 9:30 a.m. - John Wesley
Program: "Volunteers in Mission"
by Carolyn Fellows
Hostesses: Ruth Dutcher &
Margaret Bancroft

Susanna Wesley

Feb. 18 @ 1:30 p.m.
John Wesley Room
Program: "Pledge Service"
by
Larola Gibson
Hostess: Larola Gibson

Pastor Kay invites you to a 4-week Lent Study

"Where Else is the Cross True?"

Tuesday, Feb 16, 23 & Mar 2 & 9
at 11:00 a.m.

Explore how the cross is at work today - a historical reality that is true - in nature, in relationships and in the fabric of everyday life. Teachings in this series are "The Ground is Level", "Dying to Live", "Is That All You Got?" and a forth that helped originate the bumper-sticker take over in West Michigan and elsewhere - that one's called "The Cross", but it's also affectionately known as "Love Wins".

The teachings are pure Rob Bell!
Pastor Kay will facilitate.

T.G.I.W! Food Court Menu

Feb 10: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread
Salad Bar
Feb 24: Pizza, Salad Bar
Mar 3: Italian or Mushroom
Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes
Mar 10: Tacos, Refried Beans

**Mar 17: NO TGIW!
SPRING BREAK**

Mar 24: To Be Determined
Mar 31: To Be Determined
Apr 7: Hot Dogs, Maid Rites,
Chips
Apr 14: Sub Sandwiches, Cole
Slaw, Chips
Apr 15: Pizza, Salad Bar



**The NAMI Family Support
Group meets the 1st
Thursday of the month
from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
in Gable Chapel**

**This group is open to
anyone who has a family
member with serious
mental illness.**



Library News by Bernice Pickup

“**God’s Prickly Pear**” is a true story of a timid girl that grows into adulthood enduring incredible hardships that span over three continents. “**The Brothers of Jesus**” is a dramatic story of the first archeological link to Jesus and his family. “**Make the Impossible Possible**” is one man’s crusade to inspire others to dream bigger and achieve the extraordinary. These books were given by Sue Putz.

“**Beyond this Moment**” shows that lives are made up of tiny steps and some are chosen for us. This was given in memory of Shirley Cramer by Eldon and Joanne Appenzeller.

“**The Nativity Story**” is a story of one family, one journey and one child who would change the world forever. This was given by Mary Kay Pendgraft.

“**Something Old, Something New**” is a Grace Chapel book that tells of a visit from a celebrity author that is trying to finish her book and the stir she makes in town and also a wedding that takes almost the whole town to get it off the ground. This was given by Sue Curtis.

“**The Centurion’s Wife**” centers around two people - a servant in Pilate’s house and a Roman centurion searching for answers in the chaotic days following the death of Jesus. This was given in memory of Twila Palmer, Jana Tanner’s mother by Bernice Pickup.

“**This Side of Heaven**” is a story of a man searching for the truth amidst all the hardships he has suffered and how it involves a little seven year old girl. This was given in memory of Jim Cooper by Bernice Pickup.

Indianola Community Blood Drive

Saturday, Feb. 6th
7:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the
Hospitality Room.

To make an appointment,
contact The Blood Center of
Iowa at 800-287-4903 or sched-
ule online at
www.bloodcenterofiowa.org

walk-ins are always welcome!

Special one-time event!

Join Dr. Barb Ramos for a powerful and informative presentation on Shaken Baby Syndrome. Dr. Ramos will bring a Shaken Baby doll simulator, show a DVD of Elijah’s story, provide education and help us make a plan on what you can do to help prevent this tragic injury.

Wednesday, March 10th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Gable Chapel

For further questions, please
contact Lisa Gray, 961-5299
or 961-4716

Sponsored by the Child Abuse
Prevention Council of
Warren County



Celebrate Fat Tuesday...

with the United
Methodist Men

They will be serving a
pancake supper

on February 16th
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
in Parish Hall



UMW Readers

Another book on the reading list is “**Where Mercy Fails**” It tells of Darfur’s struggle to survive by documenting one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our time. Veteran journalist, Christ Herlinger, of Church World Service and Paul Jeffrey, a United Methodist missionary and senior correspondent for United Methodist Women’s “Response” magazine, shows the conflict is political, environmental and intimately personal.

Margaret Bancroft

Thank You

for your prayers,
presence, gifts and service

thank you

prayers

Prayers of sympathy are extended to Nancy Foote and family at the passing of her mother, Kathryn Dixon on Jan 23.

We also offer prayers of sympathy to the family of Ralph Van Zante, who passed away on Jan 13.

Our prayers are with Rhonda Ballwahn, whose father, Ronald Ballwahn passed away on Jan. 24th.

We pray for Barb & Randy Gould (grandparents) and Neil & Amy Gould (parents) of 2-year old Brock, who passed away suddenly on January 29th.

Prayers for June Blacksmith and family. Her brother Bill Tharp of Bettendorf, passed away on February 2nd.

Hospitalized: JoLynn Kickbush

Recently Discharged: Rick Gripp, Don Long, Jim Hoyman, Steve Darling, Mike Mettler

presence

Sunday Worship 1/24/09 - (493)

8:30 a.m. - 206
9:45 a.m. - 170
10:45 a.m. - 117

**attendance last year on this date (559)*

Sunday Worship 1/31/09 - (492)

8:30 a.m. - 191
9:45 a.m. - 165
10:45 a.m. - 136

**attendance last year on this date (425)*

gifts

Financial Summary

Operating Fund:

2009 Annual Budget	\$786,000
Budgeted Gifts thru Feb.	\$133,133
Actual Gifts thru 2/1	\$108,249

Capital Campaign:

Gifts received in 2010 (both campaigns)	\$30,762
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2008 Campaign Totals

Pledged	\$1,092,326
Received thru 2/1	\$875,672

2003 Campaign Totals

Pledged	\$1,680,537
Received thru 2/1	\$1,531,322



On behalf of JoLynn and our family, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words and showing us your love. JoLynn is doing well and ahead of where doctors thought she would be. I know everyone's prayers have made a huge difference in her journey. Thanks so much.
Darla Kay Kickbush

We thank you for the \$915.00 you recently donated to Helping Hand. The money will be used to buy food for our food pantry. We appreciate your continued support.
Helping Hand Board Members

Please express my thanks to the many people who made it possible for me to have the comforting prayer shawl.
Virginia Rush

I really like the beautiful Prayer Shawl, given to be by my friends at the Methodist Church. I appreciate the visits that several of you have made to my room. I also thank the church for the Upper Room and other mailings I get. Thanks so much!
Hazel Sutton

We extend a big THANK YOU to all who participated in Food Pantry Sunday on January 31st. Over 365 items were collected for Helping Hands' Food Pantry.

This is a great ministry that stays right here in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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**Lenten Prayer
Services**

Wed., Feb 24

Wed., Mar 10

Wed., Mar 17

from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Join us in Gable Chapel
for a time of prayer.**

