



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

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SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Jan 24, 2010 -

Pastor Andrew Bardole

Sermon: "With My Own
Two Hands"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians
12:12-31a

Music:

8:30 - Chancel Choir

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:30 - Laura & Natalie

Gillenwatter

Jan 31, 2010 -

Pastor Andrew Bardole

Sermon: "A Thousand
Faces"

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Music:

8:30 - Deb Collins

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.

THE MESSENGER

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2009 where have you gone? The concentration on the Christmas season has come and gone. The lights have been unplugged; the tree has been taken down, the ornaments placed back in boxes. The New Year is truly upon us. 2009 held many good memories for me: after eight long years of college, I graduated (again). We celebrated the first of many dual birthdays to come (Brady and Ava's birthdays are one day apart). Jacki and I celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary. And of course, we had a big move to Indianola crammed in there, too! I have plenty of reasons to be sad to see 2009 move into my rearview mirror.

But as I look back, I begin to see that although retrospect can be a good thing, because we can learn more about ourselves and see the amount of growth we have had, it is more important to begin looking ahead. What has happened is done and gone; I can no longer have an affect on what is in my past. What I can have an impact on is what is yet to come. With the New Year comes somewhat of a fresh start, a clean slate: I have the opportunity to shape my experiences with this year as I am led.

I have always wondered why the Advent season comes and goes so quickly. In the church, we have such a great focus on the impending birth of Christ, we get to Christmas and celebrate with the angels and shepherds that Jesus has come; we kneel before the holy family when the wise men come to honor the child on Epiphany. But then...poof, Advent and Christmas are over. Done. Not to really be talked about again until that first Sunday after Thanksgiving.

As I sit and really think about it, though, there is a good reason. Even scripture does not dwell too much on the recent past. Rather, the gospel writers help us move forward, looking to the promises that have been made in the life of Jesus. Instead of dwelling too long on the birth, we move almost seamlessly into the adulthood and ministry of Christ. As Christians we are led into days that are yet to come. We are led to anticipate the impending suffering of Christ on our behalf, the day we were once again made to have a right relationship with our Creator.

I've never been much of one to make New Years resolutions. The resolutions, if you don't have the right support system, are just too easy to break. Instead, Jacki and I both try to set goals for ourselves, something that we can live into and make an everyday part of our lives. As the snow (hopefully!) begins to cease coming and melt, and the promise of rebirth is shown in the spring, I encourage you to not dwell on the immediate past, but look forward to the promises God has for you in your days to come.

Have a blessed start to your 2010.

Pastor Andrew Bardole

**New Member Class: Session 2: March 10, 24; April 7, 14
Rm. 219A, Wednesday during T.G.I.W! (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)**

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 worshipped.

Dates: Wednesday, Feb 3 - March 24, 2010

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

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

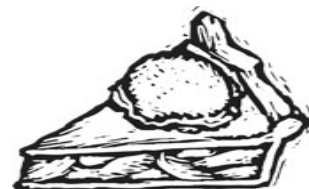
Who should attend: Anyone wanting to focus on Intentional Faith Development.

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

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

If you are interested in donating an auction item, please call Brenda Core @ 641/942-6966

More details to come, watch the Messenger for updates.



**United Methodist
Advocacy Day**

Join us Monday, February 1, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church for United Methodist Advocacy Day 2010 (formerly known as Lobby Day).

Rev. Abraham L. Funchess, Jr. is the keynote speaker. The event will include information about being an advocate, an opportunity to learn more about issues important to The United Methodist Church and a chance to speak with Iowa legislators. There is no cost to attend the event. All are welcome.

UMW Schedule

Hannah Circle - Jan 25 @ 7 p.m.

John Wesley Room

Rachel Circle - No Jan Meeting

Sarah Circle - Jan 27 @ 9:30 a.m.

John Wesley Room

Susanna Wesley Circle

No January Meeting

See the UMW 2010 Yearbook for more detailed info on programs.

Des Moines Metro Opera invites you to a Dress Rehearsal

As part of the Opera Iowa project, the Des Moines Metro Opera will be performing "The Barber of Seville" for school children in our area.

On Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall this opera will be performed in dress rehearsal.

You are cordially invited to join us for this free concert.



UMW Readers

Have you started your reading to be reported the end of May? Soon there will be 20 new books on the shelves of the library. One of them is: "Play With Me" by Sally Miller & Cheri Mueller. It is about two friends on a spiritual journey with kids. Longtime friends Cheri and Sally find joy in following the winding path of wonder and wildness, silliness and surrender forged by their children. They discover hanging out in the park, building snowmen, dealing with dirty diapers and ar infections can connect women to God and each other in deeply spiritual ways.

Margaret Bancroft

T.G.I.W! Food court Menu

Jan 27: Meat loaf, Potatoes

Feb 3: Chili, Salad Bar

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

Des Moines Bureau of Refugees Truck will be coming to town on January 25th.

Special Needs:

Winter clothing: coats, gloves, hats - all sizes (clean and ready to wear).

Twin Bed Frame

Cereal bowls, dinner plates, silverware, glasses, kitchen & bath towels, wash clothes

Apartment sized sofas, chairs, lamps, end tables, etc.

For more information or to arrange for pickup, please contact Carolyn Erb at 961-2204.

thank you

prayers

Prayers for the people of Haiti as they face the recovery ahead.

Prayers of sympathy are extended to Deb Miller and family at the passing of her father, Dale Putney on Jan 17.

Hospitalized: JoLynn Kickbush Farrell, Rick Gripp
Recently Discharged: Forrest Nelson, Pat Hicks, Fran Drake, Marlin Mahr, Don Long, Brandi Sickler

presence

Sunday Worship 1/10/09 - (479)
 8:30 a.m. - 205
 9:45 a.m. - 173
 10:45 a.m. - 101

**attendance last year on this date (611)*

Sunday Worship 1/17/09 - (516)
 8:30 a.m. - 204
 9:45 a.m. - 174
 10:45 a.m. - 138

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

gifts

Financial Summary

Operating Fund:

2009 Annual Budget	\$775,000
Budgeted Gifts thru Nov.	\$757,500
Actual Gifts thru 12/31	\$744,294

Capital Campaign:

Gifts received in 2009 (both campaigns)	\$330,971
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2008 Campaign Totals

Pledged	\$1,092,326
Received thru 12/31	\$850,937

2003 Campaign Totals

Pledged	\$1,680,537
Received thru 12/31	\$1,531,122

no updates pending budget approval on January 26th

Haiti Updates from IA Annual Conference site

Rev. Samuel W. Dixon, Jr. (UMCOR), age 60 died doing what he loved: working for the welfare of the poor and rejected of the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dixon and two others from UMCOR had gone to the Hotel Montana to meet colleagues from other agencies to plan improved health services in the Western Hemisphere's poorest countries. His colleagues Rev. Clint Rabb and the Rev. James Gulley were rescued. Rabb was taken to a Florida hospital, but later died from injuries sustained under the rubble of the hotel. Gulley was able to return to his home in Denver

Additionally a VIM Member, Jean Arnwine, part of an eye care mission team died of injuries en route to Martinique where she was to have received treatment. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these individuals who died doing the work of the Lord.



Placing flowers on the altar in honor or memory of our loved ones is a great way to enhance our worship service. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Darla Kickbush at 707-5456

Pastor Kay, Staff & Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your care, concern, prayers and well wishes during Dad's long illness. They mean so much.
 Candy, Rob, Zeke & Frank Foster

Thank you for the visits, calls and prayers while I was in the care center. I am back in my apartment. A special thank you for the prayer shawl. May God bless you all.

Dessa White

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Food Pantry Sunday is January 31. Well over 2000 items were collected in November and December. Thank you to all who contributed. The need for food does not stop after the holidays. Items needed are: soups, crackers, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables.
 Thank you. Church and Society.

The Mission of FUMC Indianola is

Making, Growing & Sending Disciples into a broken and hurting world.

- We do this through:**
- Radical Hospitality
 - Passionate Worship
 - Intentional Faith Development
 - Risk-taking Mission & Service
 - Extravagant Generosity

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The Next

Food for the Soul

will be on January 26th.

To provide food or
volunteer to help serve,
contact

**Pastor Andrew
Bardole @ 961-5317**

Join us for

Administrative Council

January 26th, 2010
7:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room

**We will be reviewing/approving
the 2010 Budget.**