



# THE MESSENGER

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SERVING IN WORSHIP:

**July 25, 2010 -**

Pastor Andrew Bardole

Sermon: "The Good Life"

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Music:

8:30 - REJOICE! Band

9:45 - Celebration Singers

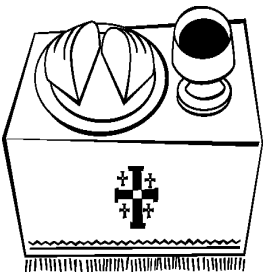
10:45 - Jenna Gray, flute &  
Roberta Kerr, piano

**August 1, 2010 -**

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: "Hoarders, Pickers  
& Choosers"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21



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

*You are the strength that keeps me walking  
You are the hope that keeps me trusting  
You are the light to my soul  
You are my purpose, You're everything  
-"Everything" by Lifehouse*

I was looking at the calendar the other day and saw that it was July 1st. I was shocked that June was over already. I was in disbelief that my babies will be turning four and two, respectively, at the end of the month. And then it hit me: it was exactly a year ago to the day that we sat in our townhouse in Dubuque and watched the movers pack all of our belongings onto a truck. As of July 2nd we have been residents of Indianola for a full year.

I can't believe it has been a year already. So what is in a year? 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. But the mention of how much time is in a year doesn't explain all that has been crammed into those moments. When I was in my last year of anything (high school, college, seminary, singlehood, a married couple without kids, etc.) there was always a count-down of lasts, a celebration of things I wouldn't have to do again, or wouldn't be able to do again. As of July 1st, I have started to celebrate the anniversary of firsts: first full day in town, first sermon preached, first sermon preached well, and so on.

Not all of my firsts have been affirming, not all have been things I enjoyed going through. I participated in my first funeral, I've missed firsts in my children's lives, I've had people angry with me, I have failed when attempting new things. Despite these shortcomings, despite the struggles and failures, one thing remains true, one thing I am reminded of (often by Jacki, who tends to be a great voice of reason) every time I question myself and the validity of my ministry: God called me into ministry, but God never said it was going to be easy.

And isn't that true for us all? Living our lives, the very lives God has given us, is not always easy. There are times when we want to just give up, times when we are angry at just about everyone and everything that crosses our paths, times when we don't see the point. But it is at these times that we must remember that God provides us with the strength, the hope, the light and is the very purpose for our living. When we feel the most abandoned, we need to remember that God has not left us, but continues to walk with us, holding us up when needed.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for a very educational first year. May we all continue to walk on the path that God has laid before us, acknowledging God as the bringer of grace, peace, love and hope. God, you are our Everything.

Blessings,  
Pastor Andrew Bardole

## Library News by Bernice Pickup

**“Grandma! What Happened to Your Hair?”** is a great kid’s guide to cancer treatment. This was written by a local author and is a great book for adults as well as children. This was given in honor of all children whose Grandma’s are battling cancer and was given by Herb & Ruth Dutcher.

**“The Telling”** is a story of a mother and daughter searching for each other and the events that follow in this Amish setting. This was given in Memory of Gerrie Prickett by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

**“When Love Blooms”** is a large print book about a city girl that chooses to change her lifestyle and move away to a ranch to teach two young children. This was given in Memory of Madeline Summitt by Bernice Pickup.

**“The Mix & Match Color Guide to Annuals & Perennials”** is a beautiful book and is filled with all kinds of information and pictures for those that want to have a glorious garden.

**“The Aromatherapy Kit”** is an illustrated book that explains the principles of aromatherapy and shows how we can benefit from this natural therapy. These books were given by Malinda Gray.

**“A Hero for Dry Creek”** is a story of two people struggling to find out what was really the best thing for their future. **“True Devotion”** is a story of a girl that is searching for the strength to overcome her past and embrace a second chance at happiness. These books were given by Nita Lewis.

**“Fearless”** is a book for anyone tired of doom and gloom and step out of fear for good. This was given in Memory of Madeline Summitt by Jim Summitt.

## 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 eraser (no soap eraser)
- 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 items 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 eraser
- 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 Ziplock bag.

## Funeral Reception Ministry Teams

Life's tragedies touch everyone and at those times our church family enfoldes grieving individuals and families with offers of care and comfort. Prayers of support, worshipful services of celebration and family gatherings are ways the First UMC family reaches out.

Ministry teams are forming and everyone at First UMC is invited to be the caring hands of comfort to grieving families. If you would like to be a member of a ministry team, please complete the following information and return your completed form to the church office. Ministry team members will be asked to provide food (salad or dessert) or asked to assist at a reception. Teams will serve on rotation. If you and your friends would like to gather on one ministry team, please note your interest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate your availability below:

I am available: \_\_\_ Weekday \_\_\_ Weekend \_\_\_ most any time

I travel and am available only these months: (please indicate months you are at home in Indianola)  
Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

Contact me about creating a team of friends: \_\_\_ yes

### More Library News...by Bernice Pickup

**"A Widow's Hope"** is a story of a young Amish widow that tries to make a new life with her sister's family and the events that take place. **"Never From Home"** is a story about waiting on God for his perfect timing and discovering that dreams planted close to home can grow a lasting harvest of hope and love. These books were given in Memory of Louvele Sams by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

**"Refreshed by the Spirit"** was given in Memory of John Cowan by Louis & Carol Kenny. This is a collection of true stories of extraordinary answers to prayers. **"From Tragedy to Triumph"** is a book about the power of prayer and was given in Memory of Madeline Summitt by Louis & Carol Kenney.

**"Love Finds You in Paradise Pennsylvania"** is a story set in an Amish Village and how protective they are of their ways and how an attorney finds herself on opposite sides of the locals. This was given in Memory of Mildred Garbe by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

**"Indianola-The Capital of Ballooning in iowa"** is a great book filled with some history and beautiful pictures. This story is all about the beginning of ballooning in Indianola and how far we have come in the activity. This was written by our own Dennis Nicholson and Becky Wigeland.

**"Time Flies"** is written by Bill Cosby on the subject of "getting older" and one thought was 'Don't worry about senility - when it hits you, you won't know it'.

The following books were given by the Mathews Family: **"Freedom Ships"** is an epic of African Americans who dared to find their freedom long before emancipation. **"It's Not Easy Being Big!"** shows us that sometimes we are too big and then sometimes we are too small. **"Maisy At the Fair"** tells about her experience at the fair and the surprises. **"Just Imagine"** is a fun story about Barney and his friend, Lori. **"Read to Me"** is a great Bible story for Preschoolers and has some great pictures. **"For the Children"** is words of love and inspiration from His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.

**"Motherhood - The Second Oldest Profession"** is by Erma Bombeck and tells us that Motherhood is the biggest on-the-job training program ever.

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

**FOOD PANTRY  
SUNDAY**

**Food Pantry Sunday  
is July 25.**

**Last month 300 items  
were collected. The need  
still remains great,  
requested items this  
month are: toilet tissue,  
kleenex, peanut butter,  
jello, pudding, canned  
meats, cereal, fruit juices,  
pasta, and spaghetti.**

**Please keep the  
groceries coming!**

**Thank you.**

**Church and Society**

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 infor-  
mation to [fumc@indfumc.org](mailto:fumc@indfumc.org).

## 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.



MOPS is an international organization that exists to encourage,  
equip, and help EVERY mother with children from infancy through  
kindergarten to become the best mom that she can be.

Get connected...with MOPS!

1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
9:00am - 11:00am

September 2010 thru May 2011 !!  
First United Methodist Church  
307 W. Ashland Ave.  
Indianola, IA

Volunteer Opportunities!

Interested in helping MOPS? Would you like to share your  
talents as a Moppet worker, speaker, or assist in some other way?  
Please, contact us: [jackisue19@yahoo.com](mailto:jackisue19@yahoo.com) or 961-4651

**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.

**Garden News Alert!**



We need your help! on Sat., July 24th at 8:30 a.m., we are

having a "spread the compost" morning. Bring your rake, wheelbarrow, shovel and help us make the gardens even lovelier. It shouldn't take very long, so be sure and mark your calendars.  
Dee Morrison

**Care Ministry Corner**

My days begin with a walk along our country road. Because of the changing seasons, sometimes the sun is already high in the sky as I walk. At other times, it is still dark. But at certain times of the year, I walk toward the rising sun. As the tremendously bright ball comes up over the horizon, it seems overwhelming in its brightness. I am tempted to just turn and return home, walking away from that light. However; I have discovered that as I continue my walk, the sun moves higher and lights the road, showing me the rough and smooth places.

When I seek god through prayer a similar thing happens. God's power seems overwhelming. It is hard to believe that God could care about my small, human joys and problems. Yet when I share my thoughts with God in prayer, I find it easier to see how to go about my daily chores. I can deal more confidently with my challenges, just as I can walk more confidentially when the sun lights the road.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for caring about our problems.  
Continue to show us your way. Amen  
By: Pat Gamage (Michigan)

**Thought for the Day.**

If we ask, God will always light our way.

**DID YOU KNOW THIS DEVOTION CAME FROM~ THE UPPER ROOM?**

What is The Upper Room you ask? It is a little book of daily devotions that will help you grow closer to the Lord. These are available at the entrance of our church and by the drinking fountain as you enter the sanctuary. Each month there is a new book for you to pick up. This can be a great table talk item at dinner, to discuss what is written in the devotion as well as how it applies to your own life's. I hope that you will pick one up and see how it can minister to you and your family.

God's Blessings!  
Brooke Boden  
Care Ministry Coordinator

# Thank You

for your prayers,  
presence, gifts and service

## prayers

### Reported hospitalized as of 7/19:

**Mercy NICU:** Ellisann Stockburger

**Mercy:** Janie Putney

**Recently Discharged:** George Gibson,  
Jean Laverty, Virginia Nelson,  
Tacia (Beane) Stockberger

Congratulations to Tacia (Beane) & Jim Stockberger on the birth of their daughter, Ellisann Taloyre on July 14th. Grandparents are Jan & Ken Beane.

Congratulations to Jennifer & Adam Troll on the birth of their son, Landon Eugene on July 18th. Grandparents are Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

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.

Congratulations to Russ & Grace Sivadge, who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on July 19th.

We extend sympathies to Kerry Johnson; Brent Johnson and family at the death of their son Caleb in a car accident on July 17th.

We offer prayers of sympathy to Ferne Parrish and family at the death of Gaylord Parrish on July 16th. Services were on July 20th.

Prayers of comfort and sympathy are offered to Jeri Le Henry and family at the passing of her eldest sister.

## presence

### Sunday Worship - 7/11/2010 (446 )

8:30 a.m. - 219

9:45 a.m. - 154

10:45 a.m. - 73

*\*attendance last year on this date (618)*

### Sunday Worship - 7/18/2010 (401)

8:30 a.m. - 145

9:45 a.m. - 165

10:45 a.m. - 96

*\*attendance last year on this date (493)*

## gifts

### Financial Summary

#### Operating Fund:

2010 Annual Budget \$786,000

Budgeted Gifts thru Jul \$437,017

Actual Gifts thru 7/12 \$419,457

#### Capital Campaign:

Gifts received in 2010 \$133,708  
(both campaigns)

#### 2008 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,092,326

Received thru 7/12 \$977,943

#### 2003 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,680,537

Received thru 7/12 \$1,531,922

## thank you

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for your generous donations for dog beds at Kiya Koda. The dogs have already started using the first batch I ordered.

Any little thing we do for our homeless pet population is a part of God's work. Thank you again for your support. God Bless you!  
Breana Bjork

I wish to convey my thanks to our FUMC family for the cards, well wishes and encouragements as I venture off to school in New Mexico. This has been a difficult decision on many levels but the love I feel from the congregation sustains me. It has been my honor to serve as your Communications Coordinator over the past 2 1/2 years. And it has been my privilege to be the "go to person" for our ministry with the men of Indianola Residential. Please keep them in your care, our church is so important to them. I will miss you! Thanks again...all my best,  
Malinda Gray

A sincere thank you is in order for the Music Department of our church - and especially to Janna Booher - for having the musicians from the Des Moines Metro Opera participate in our services this month. Rehearsals, making arrangements, planning the different services; much additional work is involved in this process.

We have been blessed! Thanks on behalf of the congregation from the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.

Many thanks to all who have supported the opera artists in worship this summer!  
Janna Booher

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## **Upcoming Events**

### ***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 online at  
[bloodcenterofiowa.org](http://bloodcenterofiowa.org)

Walk-ins are always  
welcome!