



THE MESSENGER

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Indianola First United Methodist Church

Last month I told you that camp was vitally important to my early acceptance of God and my formation once I was in college. This month, I have the pleasure to write about where my faith grew and the seeds that were planted for me to become a pastor.

From the time I was a freshman in high school, I have been active in a youth weekend called Chrysalis. I first went through a weekend back in the spring of 1998. Chrysalis meant so much to me that I didn't miss a weekend again until the fall of 2006, when I was going through new student orientation for seminary. Chrysalis is a three day retreat weekend, where youth are encouraged to explore their faith, what God means to them, and how Christianity can be lived out in daily life. The weekend consists of 15 talks: five given by youth, five given by lay adults, and five given by clergy. Interspersed between the talks are opportunities for worship, prayer and fellowship.

Once a youth goes through a Chrysalis "flight", they can come back to work subsequent weekends. Over the course of my time serving as a youth, I was asked to give each of the five youth talks at least twice. These opportunities to get up in front of my peers and share my faith laid the groundwork for preparing and delivering sermons. The weekends gave me the possibility to talk and interact with all different ages of people, from early high schoolers all the way up to men and women in their 80s.

One of my first moments of clarity about my future came at a Chrysalis weekend. The flight was being held at the Urbandale UMC between my junior and senior years of high school. After I finished giving a talk, I returned to my seat to find a note waiting for me. The note was from one of the pastors serving that particular weekend. I don't remember exactly what was said, but the gist of it was that I had a gift, and if I chose not to use it, I would be wasting what God had given me. Chrysalis, and the people I met through the organization, has helped foster my love for God and has encouraged me every step of the way of my ministry thus far.

The reason I write about this is because First UMC will be hosting a flight during the first weekend of August (6-8). The weekend is open for youth who have finished their first semester of their freshman year of high school through recently graduated seniors. There are still spots open for the weekend. If you are a parent who may be interested in having our youth participate, or if you are a youth interested in taking part in the weekend, please contact me at the church office. I won't say that going through a weekend will give you the desire to become a pastor, but I will say that being present and participating will help you discover God in a whole new way.

Pastor Andrew Bardole

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SERVING IN WORSHIP:

June 20, 2010 -

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: "Crazy Is As
Crazy Does"

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Music: DMMO artists

8:30 - Todd Thomas,
Christine Prince

9:45 - Todd Thomas

10:45 - Peter Tomaszewski,
David Hunsicker

June 27, 2010 -

Pastor Andrew Bardole

Sermon: "Show Me How
to Live"

Scripture: Galatians 5:1,
13-25

Music: DMMO artists

8:30 - Jennifer Trombley,
Debra Ackerlund,
& Bruce Bodden

9:45 - VBS Kids

10:45 - Jonathan Green,
David Hunsicker

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

Library News by Bernice Pickup

“**The Reluctant Cowgirl**” is a story of an aspiring actress and how her plans will change when she goes back home to the ranch to help out her family. This was given in Memory of John Cowan by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

We have received 15 volumes of Childcraft books from the Bardole Family. These were wonderful hard-back books with subjects such as About Animals, World & Space, Stories & Fables, Poems & Rhymes, Places to Know, Make and Do, Look and Learn, etc.

“**Who’s That Girl?**” is a mystery about a girl that is brought to the hospital with no identification but has asked for the Minister’s wife by name and realizes that spreading a little faith might be all that she needs to solve the case. This was given in Memory of Helen Knox by Bernice & Sandra Pickup.

The following books were given by Lisa Baker: “**The Power of Simple Prayer**” is a great book that shows us how to talk with God about everything; “**At Home in My Heart**” shows how to make your heart a beautiful refuge; “**Sinus Survival**” explains the holistic medical treatment for allergies, colds and sinusitis.

“**Take Three**” is a story of broken hearts, brilliant success and second chances. This was given in Memory of Virginia Wilson by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

“**The Price of Fame**” is a Grace Chapel book that tells of a film company coming to town and how the locals react to it. This was given by Sue Curtis.

Church Gardens

Weeds are growing beautifully with all this rain. When you see one or two, hopefully you’ll reach down and pull them out...it would help a lot. Judy McClymond and I are hoping to get the Water Garden weeded again (for the 4th time) and then mulched. Doug Blakely is giving us the mulch free of charge and we thank him.

While working in the garden we’ve found some interesting things...from live bee hives, toys, weeds as high as our heads, poison ivy but none as interesting as what we found a couple of weeks ago. We were working in the hosta garden as it was quite overgrown. We stuck in our shovels and didn’t get very far...we thought we’d run out of energy, tho’ we had just started. It seems the landscaper (?) had placed down a tarp then 12-15 inches of soil on top of that and then planted the hostas. Those poor plants were spreading out their roots but couldn’t get through. We peeled the roots off the tarp and planted the hostas like they should have been in the first place. Hopefully we will now have happy hostas.

Judy and I work every Tuesday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. Come join us, we’d love to have you! Dee Morrison

~ By Special Invitation ~

Please join Pastor Andrew for a NEW ADULT GROUP that will meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 on July 4, 11, 18, August 1, 8 and 15 in Room 219A. This is a short-term, six week study, “Invitation to the New Testament”.

and . . . More Summer Fun!

As parents join the NEW ADULT GROUP, the nursery is available for the youngest children and a **Kid’s Summer Fun!** is offered to their older siblings. This will be a one-room format with a story, crafts, and games to challenge kids to put their faith into action. Come and hear: Noah’s Big Boat, Moses & His Water Problem, Jonah ~ Fish Bait, Baptism of Jesus, Fishing for Fishermen, with Beach Party on our last day. (Hint ~ as water is the theme, kids may want to wear play clothes.)

Kid’s Summer Fun also meets from 9:30 to 10:30 on July 4, 11, 18, August 1, 8 and 15 in the Kindergarten Room in the lower level.

The Top 10 Things I Learned from FUMC's Undy Sunday by Jill Rossiter

10. Boys' undies are more expensive than girls' undies – maybe because it takes more fabric?
9. Girls' undies come in multiple themes: Dora the Explorer, Barbie, Little Mermaid, etc., etc.
8. Boys' undies feature NASCAR, Spiderman, Buzz Lightyear, etc., etc.
7. Most girls' packs hold 5-9 pairs.
6. Most boys' packs hold 3-6 pairs.
5. Does someone out there think that boys change their undies less often than girls????
4. FUMC donated 181 pairs of boys' undies and 384 pairs of girls' undies. Total: 565!!!
3. Clearly, our goal of 500 ("The Undy 500" for Memorial Day Weekend) was too low! You people are amazing!!
2. The additional \$175 that was donated (Wow!) was used to purchase another 126 pairs of boys undies, bringing the grand total to 791 kids' undies to donate for distribution through Helping Hand or Red Rock Community Action Center.

And the #1 thing I learned from Undy Sunday . . . People of FUMC – you are absolutely incredible!! The Church & Society Committee thanks you for the wonderful response to Undy Sunday! And, I'd bet the area kids who get these undies from area agencies will thank you, too! God bless you, one and all, for your generous response!

P.S. Each pack of undies included the following label:

"A Gift from the members of First United Methodist Church, Indianola, Iowa."

Funeral Reception Ministry Teams

Life's tragedies touch everyone and at those times our church family enfolds 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

Have a Safe Summer!



We are blessed with a great library. Many times, books are left without any indication of where they came from. If you leave books on the librarian's desk, please indicate who is leaving the gift.

Trinity Methodist Church
2796 Charlestown Rd
New Albany, Indiana 47129

invites you to a
**Celebration of the Ministry
of Rev. Leonard F. Sjogren**

Sunday, June 27, 2010
10:30 a.m.

A reception will immediately
follow the service.

Cards may be sent to:

Rev. Leonard Sjogren
c/o Brian Largent, SPRC Chair
1406 Gingerwood Court
Clarksville, Indiana 47129

Reverend Sjogren served
Indianola FUMC from
1976 - 1982

Iowa Legal Aid

Free legal help for eligible
low-income Iowans is
available through Red Rock
Area Community Action
Program

An Attorney from Iowa Legal
Aid will be in Indianola on the
4th Friday of every month
from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

To schedule an appointment,
call 515/961-2543. Walk-ins
are also welcomed.

For more details contact the
Central Iowa Regional Office
1111 9th St, Suite 230
Des Moines, Iowa 50314
800-532-1275

DRESS OUR PEOPLE

A Mission Ministry

Dress Our People is a mission ministry that makes and sends clothing to missionaries who will distribute it to people in need in Haiti and around the world. I first learned about this ministry from the Methodist Interpreter April issue. We will be the first group in the Midwest participating in this project that started in New York State.

We will have a first gathering to start this ministry on **Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.** Bring a sack lunch, and if you wish to sew, a machine, scissors, fabric if you have it, etc.

Come to our first gathering to learn about this exciting new ministry, and to help us decide how we want to proceed in the future. We will be sewing at this meeting. We will use fabric from our own fabric stashes. We need sewers, cutters, pressers, puppet makers, people to measure and sort fabric, to put fabric and patterns together, and to thread elastic into shorts.

Look for a display in the Narthex to learn more about the mission.

Call Bette Haddox for questions and information, 961-2896 or email bhaddox@mchsi.com

**Men At the Woods
June 19, 2010**

Join us for a day of celebration as we experience what it truly means
to be a man through God's Eyes



Schedule for the Day

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Check in

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Prayer & Welcome

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Morning Activities (Wagon tours, horses, archery, fishing, canoeing, pontoon rides, inflatable games and game time.

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. BBQ Lunch

12:45 - 1 p.m. Picture at Horseshoe

1 - 4 p.m. Afternoon activities

4:00 - 5:45 p.m. Worship

For more information or to register, call 866-684-7753 or visit Wesleywoodsiowa.org

U.M.W. Readers

Please turn in your reading lists as soon as possible.

There is an envelop in the church office on the credenza behind the volunteer desk.

Thank You!

Margaret Bancroft

To place flowers on the Altar in Memory or Honor of a loved one, please contact Darla Kickbush at DKKick40@gmail.com

Indianola First United Methodist Church seeks an individual for a 20-hour-week part-time **Communications Coordinator.**

Position responsibilities include the preparation and processing of church-related information through a variety of publications and sources including, but not limited to: worship bulletins, newsletters, brochures, and newspaper articles. Additional skills sought include experience in web page design and maintenance. Candidates need strong writing/editing skills, be self-directed, able to interact with a diverse constituency, have a proficiency in graphic software and Microsoft programs. Flexible hours and schedule will be considered. Application review will begin July 12 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send letter of application, resume and references to: **First United Methodist Church, Pastor Kay Hooper**

**PO Box 258
Indianola, IA 50125**



**June 21 ~ June 24 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Galactic Blast for 3 Year Olds through 3rd Grade!**

(4 & 5th Graders participate in Amazing Grace Race!)

Cadets voyage into space praising God!
Through daily missions, kids gain a new perspective on our planet and even get to:

Do hands-on experiments in Dr. Joe's Lab!

They'll learn easy "green" earth tips to practice at home.
This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have cadets
developing personal relationships with God through Jesus Christ.

How does out space tie in with the Bible teachings?

Mission One – The Creation Story

Space Object: Earth; reminds of all God has created – both seen and unseen.

Mission Two – God is with Elijah at Mt. Horeb

Space Object: the moon; we are reminded that God is always with us just like the moon is always next to the earth, even when it can't be seen.

Mission Three – Jesus heals a blind beggar

Space Object: a comet; we are reminded that a comet is nothing more than a dirty snowball in outer space until it comes close to the sun and transforms into a brilliant glow in the sky just as our lives are transformed as we grow into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Mission Four – Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus

Space Object: a supernova; is an exploding star giving birth to new stars just as Jesus' life and resurrection gives new birth to all who believe in him.

Registration forms are available through the church office.

Please return forms by June 13.

Thank You

for your prayers,
presence, gifts and service

thank you

prayers

Reported hospitalized as of 6/15:

Mercy West: Pat Hicks

Recently Discharged: Michael Boston,
Marty Ford, Ray Grimes, Wanda
Hardin, Dan Reinert

We extend sympathies to the friends
and family of Vivian Thayer, who
passed away on May 30th.

We ask for the wisdom of Doctors and
prayers of healing for Isaac Deike,
scheduled for heart surgery on June 17
at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

Prayers of sympathy to the family and
friends of Mildred Garbe, who passed
away on June 9th.

We pray for Conner Johnson Foster, 4
year old scheduled for sinus surgery on
June 16th. May he have a successful
surgery and recovery.

presence

Sunday Worship - 6/6/10 (402)

8:30 a.m. - 167

9:45 a.m. - 155

10:45 a.m. - 80

**attendance last year on this date (439)*

Sunday Worship - 6/13/10 - (388)

8:30 a.m. - 142

9:45 a.m. - 137

10:45 a.m. - 109

**attendance last year on this date (462)*

Many thanks to all who are
supporting our Opera Artist
Program here at FUMC. We have
an abundance of talent in our
worship services this summer!
Thanks to all! Janna Booher

gifts

Financial Summary

Operating Fund:

2010 Annual Budget \$786,000

Budgeted Gifts thru Jun \$384,300

Actual Gifts thru 6/1 \$340,386

Capital Campaign:

Gifts received in 2010 \$117,084

(both campaigns)

2008 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,092,326

Received thru 5/17 \$961,470

2003 Campaign Totals

Pledged \$1,680,537

Received thru 5/17 \$1,531,7

+CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS+



This modern symbol
represents the church and its
many, varied "workers." A
multitude of people, each
with different tasks and gifts,
works to build up the body of
Christ. Often, nine bees are
pictured near the hive to
represent the nine fruits of the
Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

Special thanks to all the members
of FUMC who help "pull tabs",
collect and deliver them here to
the House. We really appreciate
your supporting this program as
each tab counts and does make a
difference.

The Ronald McDonald House
Staff

Staff Parish Relations Committee Announcement

For several months now, we
have been in conversation with
many good applicants for the
Care Coordinator position. We
are pleased to announce that
Brooke Boden, will be joining
our team mid-June. As a
coordinator, she will recruit,
train, and equip our members
for hands-on care giving
ministries.

Her first priority is to
strengthen the ministries we
already have; and after we make
some headway in those areas,
her second priority is to grow
new ministries of care. She
comes to us with a great skill
set - a heart for ministry and a
heart for people.

We invite you to join her in
strengthening our care giving
ministries here at FUMC!

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Upcoming Events

*Mark your calendars for
**GALACTIC BLAST Vacation Bible
School***

*Mornings from 9:00 a.m.
to 11:30 a.m.
June 21-24th.*

Please note VBS will
meet morning over
four days, Mon –
Thurs, see details
inside.....

