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**SERVING IN WORSHIP:**

**June 6, 2010 -**

Dr. Bruce Haddox

Sermon: "Kings and Prophets"

Scripture: 1 Kings 10:23-25  
Exodus 3:71-2

Music:

8:30 - Aliya Marlow

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:45 - Karin Hooper

**June 13, 2010-Communion**

Pastor Kay Hooper

Sermon: ""

Scripture: Luke 7:36-8:3

Music:

8:30 - Rachel Leeper,  
bassoon

9:45 - Celebration Singers

10:45 -  
Todd Thomas - DMMO,  
Rachel Leeper

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

# THE MESSENGER

a bi-monthly publication of  
Indianola First United Methodist Church

**"Making, Growing, Sending Disciples Into a Hurting and Broken World"**  
(Mission Statement of First United Methodist Church) In other words, everything we do at First United Methodist Church is designed around making, growing, and sending disciples into a hurting and broken world.

In 2002 after much prayerful discernment and several opportunities for congregational input First UMC determined that in order to continue making, growing and sending disciples into broken and hurting world, our facility needed to be updated and new space created. This work was completed in 2007. Evidence of how our ministry has been multiplied by this excellent work can be seen in all of our ministry outreach, starting with hospitality and learning. The original cost for construction and remodeling was \$3,475,425. In order to underwrite the cost two successful capital funds campaigns have been conducted, the first being in 2003. Earlier this spring First UMC named a preliminary Forward in Faith Committee to complete the early work in preparation for the third Capital Faith Campaign.

Approximately \$1.5 million will be needed to retire the debt. This depends on how well the remaining pledges from the 2008 campaign come in and the timing of the gifts for the upcoming campaign. The more money contributed upfront and the shorter the time on the pledges the less interest we will need to pay.

The Administrative Council has voted to proceed in raising this final amount. In so doing the Council approved hiring Journey Provisions to work with First UMC in conducting a Fall 2010 capital funds campaign along with First UMC's 2011 annual budget campaign. Reverend Jerry Cleveland will be leading us in this ministry campaign. The budget approved by the Administrative Council for the Forward in Faith Campaign is \$22,000 for the Journey Provisions and \$8,000 for local expenses. The organizational phase of the campaign will begin in early June culminating in a Fall public phase. The actual calendar for the campaign will be determined in the next few weeks.

If you would like further information about Journey Provisions and Reverend Jerry Cleveland you may go to the website <http://journeyprovisions.com/> or ask our church office to send you information. God has entrusted the members of First UMC with an exciting mission! Forward in Faith is not about raising money! It is about providing the necessary resources with which God has blessed us in order that we might be faithful stewards of God's mission of "Making, Growing, Sending Disciples Into a Hurting and Broken World".

Bob Burkhart, Chair

Preliminary Forward In Faith Committee

## Library News by Bernice Pickup

“**Stones Into Schools**” promotes peace with books, not bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This book is written by the author of “**Three Cups of Tea**”. “The Christmas Cookie Club” tells of a group of friends and the joy and hardships they have experienced and the love that saw them through. “**Knit the Season**” is a loving, moving, laugh-out-loud celebration of special times with friends and family. “**The Memory Quilt**” is a story of life that doesn’t always unfold in a perfect way, even for God-loving, church-going people. This was written by T.D. Jakes, television and radio personality. All of these books were given by Darla Kickbush.

“**The Bride Blunder**” is a story of a young man that for the first time is in a position to ask a woman to be his bride when all sorts of complications arise. This was given in Memory of Helen Knox by Eldon and Joanne Appenzeller.

“**The Best Medicine**” tells of a small hospital that is on the verge of closing and how the staff rallies together to save the hospital and their jobs while struggling with personal grief and how lasting friendships will change them. This was given in Memory of John Cowan by Bernice & Sandra Pickup.

“**A Gift of Grace**” is a story of a woman that always dreamed of being a mother, and now she is--of two teenage girls. This just wasn’t the scenario she had planned. This was given in Memory of Madeline Summitt by Eldon & Joanne Appenzeller.

“**His Promised Land**” is an autobiography of John P. Parker, former slave and conductor on the Underground Railroad. This was given by Jean Melvin.

## Trinity Supper Club

Monday, May 24th, Trinity Supper Club served 127 adults and children. Thank you to everyone who supports this mission to Des Moines inner-city families by providing food or monetary donations, or by preparing and serving the meal.

This month’s sandwich preparers were: Dolores Teas, Ida Mae Hatcher, Kay Crossett and Ruth Rasko. Volunteer meal servers included: Ken Fuson, Bob Bierkamp, Carolyn Fellows, Ruth Rasko, Randy & Barb Gould. And thanks to the following individuals for providing food for this month’s meal: Shelley Bandy, Ruth Rasko, Jim Summitt, Karen Schupp, Kay Crossett, Linda Mahr, Dolores Teas, Ida Mae Hatcher, Carolyn Fellows, Ruth Dutcher, Mary Kay Pendgraft, Lisa Gray and to individuals who have made financial contributions to the Missions Committee Trinity meals.

**Our next opportunity to serve a meal at Trinity will be in September** with several opportunities to participate next year. Signup sheets will be available later this summer to schedule individuals, couples or families interested in becoming a part of this rewarding and fun ministry.

## *A 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.

## A Pastoral Letter from Iowa Annual Conference Bishop Julius Trimble

It's time to stand up against the rising tide of injustice that's being experienced by immigrant sisters and brothers around this nation. The intentional moves to limit basic civil and human rights must be challenged. I speak as Bishop of the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and, more particularly, as a Christian who believes that all are equally, wonderfully created in the image of God. At my request, at our most recent Council meeting many of my fellow Bishops went on record saying that they "recognize humane, comprehensive immigration reform as the faith issue that it is and hold our officials accountable."

The recent passage of SB 1070 in Arizona sets an alarming precedent for unreasoned legislative efforts that pander to fear, discrimination, and racial and ethnic profiling of Latinos and other immigrant persons of color in our communities. The Arizona law would require police officers to serve as federal immigration enforcement agents and arrest those they suspect of being unlawfully present in this country. Anyone who cannot immediately produce a U.S. form of identification or authorization can be fined or arrested. Beyond that, Arizona citizens now have the right to sue any agency or individual who does not enforce the requirements, or who transports, conceals, harbors, or shields an undocumented immigrant in any building or means of transportation.

As reasonable people, we cannot remain silent while such discrimination and racism diminishes our shared humanity. Indeed, our nation is made up of people from many nations, races, ethnicities, and cultures. Whether or not we are labeled as documented or undocumented by domestic legal standards we are all viewed in the sight of God as fully documented and whole people who deserve to be treated with dignity, love, compassion, and grace.

As our "Welcoming the Migrant" statement from the 2008 General Conference of The United Methodist Church notes, "regardless of legal status or nationality, we are all connected through Christ to one another. Paul reminds us that when 'one member suffers, all members suffer' as well (1 Corinthians 12:26)... throughout Scripture the people of God are called to love sojourners in our midst, treating them 'as the citizen among you' and loving them as we do ourselves (Leviticus 19:33-34)... Jesus' presence on earth initiated the Kingdom reality of a new social order based on love, grace, justice, inclusion, and mercy." A May 2009 statement from the United Methodist Council of Bishops reaffirms that group's commitment "to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that is humane and effective and that upholds the human and civil rights of immigrants." In the fall of 2009 the Bishops urged congregations "to become acquainted with the plight of immigrant families living in the U.S. and to join the effort to reform U.S. immigration laws and practices." We stand at a pivotal moment in history where we, as United Methodists and Christians, have the opportunity to be a living incarnation of God's justice, mercy, and love in the face of overwhelming injustice, hatred, and fear.

I call upon all clergy and laity in the Iowa Annual Conference to participate in a Conference-wide week of prayer June 13-19th 2010. It will be an opportunity to stand in solidarity with and intercessory prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters in Arizona, as well as for United Methodist advocates and others working against this harmful form of legalized discrimination. The week of prayer will also be observed by other Annual Conferences around the nation, and prayer weeks will continue throughout the summer.

With Christian resolve, let's together move forward, with hope and love, to embody God's peace and justice in the ongoing struggle for comprehensive immigration reform in our communities, the nation, and the world.

Be encouraged,  
Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble

### **Your Feedback is Requested!**

The Education Task Force is in the processes of collecting information regarding the Christian education programs at FUMC.

To do this we would like your help. Please make plans to attend one of the focus groups scheduled for June 13. The focus groups will be a chance to reflect on what is going well and how programming might be improved.

The groups will meet between all three worship services on June 13 in Room 217. So--grab a cup of coffee after or before worship and join us to share your feedback!

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](mailto: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](http://Wesleywoodsiowa.org)



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

**Just Partners  
Volunteers needed!**

This Volunteers in Mission (VIM) group works on  
low-income, owner-occupied inner-city  
homes in Des Moines.

A mini-work trip experience is planned for June 25 - 27. The  
number of families served will be determined by the  
number of volunteers. Volunteers are asked to contribute  
\$25.00 per person to help purchase materials. We need  
volunteers of every skill level - from sandwich making to  
construction professionals.

For more information on this Mission Opportunity, please  
contact Ev Laning, 962-5200 or Linda Nicholson, 962-0289.  
Applications are due by June 8th



**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 6/1:**

**Methodist:** Marty Ford, Mildred Garbe, Dan Reinert

**Mercy:** Ray Grimes

**Recently Discharged:** Virginia Nelson, Michael Rowe, Joyce Koehler, Joyce Chumbley

Congratulations to Alyssa (Beaman) and Frank Sablan, who were united in marriage here on May 22nd.

We extend sympathies to the friends and family of Louvele Sams, who passed away on May 27th.

Many thanks to Sheila Blake, who was recognized as the Sunday School Teacher of the Year for sharing hands-on Mission work with the 4 year old Sunday School Class.

Congratulations and well wishes to all of our graduating senior.

## presence

**Sunday Worship - 5/23/10 (457)**

8:30 a.m. - 246

9:45 a.m. - 126

10:45 a.m. - 85

*\*attendance last year on this date (419)*

**Sunday Worship - 5/30/10 - (412)**

8:30 a.m. - 183

9:45 a.m. - 162

10:45 a.m. - 67

*\*attendance last year on this date (530)*

## 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 (both campaigns)	\$117,084
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

I want to thank Pastor Kay & Pastor Andrew for their support and presence during the short illness of my wife, and for the prayers, cards, memorials and all the other well wishes of the entire congregation. My family and I thank you for your continued support and prayers. The suddenness of her death is still hard to comprehend, but she is in a much better place.  
Jim Summitt & Family

### 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!

### +CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS+



The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promise. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgement.

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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.....

