



Waukee Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

May

The Great Giveaway!

Date: June

(exact date to be announced)

Time: 9:00am ~ 2:00pm

Entertainment: 10:00am ~ 11:00am

Lunch: 11:00am ~ 1:00pm



This is the first major event sponsored by our Evangelism Ministry Team! It's like a garage sale without the "sale." The whole church family can participate to make this a great "reaching out" event.

We are collecting new and gently used items to give to families in need. You can start bringing donations to the church anytime. There is a bin in the fellowship hall for collections of smaller items. Larger items can be brought out the day before the event. Any cash donations need to be clearly marked for "The Giveaway Event." We will need volunteers to sort items the day before the event and to set up the morning of from 7-9am. Volunteers are also needed for the kids' area, to help make and serve lunch, and to clean up after the event. All left over items will go to Hope Ministries.

We will have entertainment by our own Praise Team and a play area for kids. Gift cards, gas cards, cash, and Bibles will be given away in several drawings throughout the event.

A volunteer sign up list for help and food items will be posted soon. May we all take part and may God bless this event.



UNDER THE STEEPLE

Pastor Larry Squier

We Were Soaring!

The Italian moviemaker, actor and director Luciano D Crescenzo once wrote,
"We are each of us angels with only one wing. And we can
only fly embracing each other." ~Luciano De Crescenzo

I thought of that when I was reading Paul's words from chapter 6 of his letter to the Galatians.

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith"

I believe the core strength of a church is most manifest in difficult times. The strength of a Christian emerges not when everything is "hunky-dory" but when tough times arrive. And so it was, a month before Easter, when our choir director/organist, left us we were wondering what we would do for Easter. When some families in our church left our congregation, some were wondering how we would fill the void. In all of these transitional moments there were those who thought the worst, and there were those who knew that a church is always about the business of "bearing one another's burdens." In my long tenure of being a pastor serving Christ's church, I never cease to be amazed, when difficulties arise, of the folk who say, "What are we going to do?" and the others who say, "What can I do?" Words are inadequate to share my gratitude for people like Ruth Sindt who said, "Get the choir together, I'll get us ready for Easter." How proud we were of her and of our church when 11 members presented great anthems and music for Palm Sunday and Easter. Likewise, without a keyboardist, the Praise Team was wondering how the Sundays before Easter would happen. But every member of the Praise Team stepped up to offer what they had, and then with Lu Sindt coming just weeks before Easter to be our keyboardist, we were on our way. Gena Pierce kept pulling everyone together and each member did a little bit more and we were able to be excellent in our Praise Services. When we needed help for our Easter Breakfast, Linda Wilcox and Shari Burgus stepped up and got a crew together for one of the best breakfasts ever. And so, with a wonderful early morning Easter Breakfast, all our music ministries together with a packed church for Easter, and one more baptism to boot, my heart was filled with overwhelming gratitude for a church in which so many beautiful people "carried their own load."

One visitor on Easter who was there to witness her nephew's baptism said to me as she was leaving, "You truly have a blessed church here." I smiled and nodded agreement as I thought, "If you only knew." If you only knew that we are not perfect, we are not always at our best, we are no mega-church but we have a whole bunch of one-winged angels and we hold on to one another so that we can fly. And on Easter, I'm here to tell you, we were soaring!



Points to Ponder

Pastor Nancy Thomas

What a glorious day we had on Easter Sunday! Our worship services was full—of people and praise and possibilities! Three youngsters were baptized into the body of Christ and became “official” members of our church family. We were reminded of our own baptisms and the promises we have made to live as faithful followers and servants of Jesus the Christ and our Savior.

One of the meanings of baptism has to do with being buried with Christ in a death like his and raised to newness of life. As we enter the waters of baptism, it’s as if our old self dies. As we rise from the waters of baptism a new life begins—a life “in Christ” as the Apostle Paul tells us.

“A new life begins”—Easter in the springtime is so appropriate as we see the evidence of new life all around us in God’s creation. Ironically, after the climax of Easter and resurrection, many folks begin to “back away” from activities in the church. Attendance often drops significantly on the first Sunday after Easter.

But in the Gospels, things began to happen after that first Easter. In Matthew the disciples are directed to meet the Risen Christ in Galilee, where he gives them the Great Commission to go out into all the world. In Luke the Risen Christ instructs the disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit. In John’s Gospel Jesus tells Peter, “Feed my sheep,” “Tend my sheep,” and “Follow me.” In the book of Acts, the day of Pentecost is followed by an explosion of activity by the disciples. The letters of the Apostle Paul remind us of the many “new church starts” in areas where the message of Christ needed to be heard.

Easter is when things begin. How will you bring new life into your faith journey? What can you do to help nurture “a new person in Christ?” Where can you serve your risen Lord? Let me think...

- Join one of our Sunday morning church school classes.
- Be a mentor to one of our children—get to know them better.
- Gather together a small group of people who share the same interest.
- Volunteer for one of the “tasks” in the Klothes for Kids ministry.
- Plan a fun event for youth and their families.
- Help out in our Big Jungle Adventure vacation bible school.
- Join the prayer group.
- Participate in the Great Giveaway evangelism event.
- Start up a new bible study group.
- Organize a group to volunteer at Hope Ministries Bargain Center.
- Help keep our church clean and in good repair--welcoming for all who enter.
- Plan a summer fellowship event.
- Form a team to assemble packets for Meals from the Heartland.

Should I go on? I don’t see any way we can “back away” or slow down now that Easter is over. Easter is when things begin!

GO WILD AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

July 18-22, 5:30-8:00 pm

Grab a vine, brave the rapids, and prepare for a **BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE** vacation bible school! **Go wild on a faith journey with Jesus!**

Mark your calendars. Talk it up with your children, invite the relatives, bring along the kids in your neighborhood. They won't want to miss a minute of this big adventure where they can go wild for Jesus! At **BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE**, kids encounter God's word through interactive and engaging activities, and the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens Christian faith and deepens understanding of how we are to live as Christians. Learning centers feature storytelling, Bible challenge, snacks and games, and crafts. And, of course, there is lots of music! A light meal will be served as well. The registration fee is a nominal \$5.00 per child.



Volunteer sign up begins now! Check out the chart posted on the YOUTH bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Linda Wilcox or Pastor Nancy.

Summer Worship Schedule

May 29 through September 4, One service only at 9:00 a.m.

The Church Board approved a proposal to have only one worship service through the summer. In mid-July, the one-service format will be evaluated and discussed whether to continue with one service in the fall or to go back to two worship services.

See you in Church! We're open every Sunday!

You are cordially invited to a celebration
in honor of
Rev. Don Hiscox's Retirement
after 10 years of ministry in the
Upper Midwest Region of the Disciples of Christ

Open House
~ Saturday, May 14, 2011 ~
1:00 - 4:00 o'clock p.m.
Program at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Capitol Hill Christian Church (DOC)
3322 E 25th Street, Des Moines, IA

Hosted by Covenant & Capitol Hill Christian Churches

Guy's and Golf

Do we have any men in the church who would like to have a little fellowship on the golf course? One Saturday a month during the summer we will get together and breathe some of God's fresh air, enjoy a little exercise, and practice our patience. If you are interested please contact George Risinger at 987-4789 or 707-0837.



CLEANING MINISTRY

We have been blessed to have Brad Neese cleaning the church as a high school service project. Now that Brad is near graduation, he will not be available to do this ministry as often. So we need other volunteers! We have a checklist of tasks that need to be completed every week, which takes about 2½ to 3 hours for most people.



Sign up on the volunteer sheet or speak with Pastor Nancy.

EVENTS THIS MONTH TO CELEBRATE!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 15 during

10:30 worship,

followed by a reception in their honor.



TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

May 22 during worship.



Thank you to all the choir members for the great Easter music at church.

Hope you will do it again!

June Andeberg



CHURCH SCHOOL BREAKS FOR THE SUMMER

Sunday church school classes will not meet from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. Classes for all ages will resume on September 11.

Summer Vacation

GREAT NEWS FOR THE WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN FREE CLINIC!

The Iowa Clinic Healthcare Foundation has chosen our clinic for a "makeover". This September their crew will come in and build a permanent clinic in the basement of Westview Church. Currently the clinic is set up and torn down every week in the church nursery. It will be awesome to have a permanent clinic. We will let you in on the progress of plans when we get more information.

Stewardship

Wonderful and surprising rewards come to us when we give

without expecting a return, when we simply "volunteer" our time, energy, skills, care, and financial resources.

This is true in our work, family and personal lives and it is certainly true in the life of our church.



General Budget Information

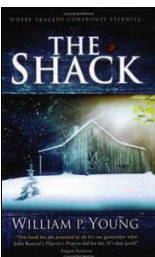
Budget Needed Weekly:	\$3,870.00
Received Last Week:	\$2,680.00
Given Year To Date:	\$57,256.96
Needed Year To Date:	\$61,920.00

The point is this: "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

2 Corinthians 9:6

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

Thank you, Joyce Breckinridge and Suzanne Koch, for being faithful to this important ministry. We need more parents, grandparents and other adults to step up and take a turn in providing this vital service to our young families who come to worship with us. If you have ever appreciated having a place for our active children to play so you can concentrate on worship, please volunteer for a Sunday or two in the Children's Garden childcare area! The sign-up sheet is posted next to the kitchen, or speak with Pastor Nancy.



Book Discussion Group!

Are you interested in joining a book discussion group based on the book "The Shack?" If so, please contact Larry Squier.

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MAY 12, 2011 AT 6 P.M.

LOCATION: THE GORTZ HAUS IN GRIMES

DISCUSSION: SHOPS ON T AVE AND
A CHANGE OF FORMAT FOR NEXT YEAR

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

PLEASE RSVP TO TAMMY HARDERSON AT 987-5380
SO THAT SHE CAN GET AN ACCURATE NUMBER
FOR RESERVATIONS. THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

News From the Pews

Come celebrate Megan Keller's Graduation!
May 28th at 1pm. The ceremony will
be held at the William C. Knapp
Center at the Drake University.
Megan's Graduation Party will be
held on Saturday, June 4th from 2-
4pm at the church. Hope to see you there!!



*We had the privilege of baptizing 4 young
people on Palm and Easter
Sundays. Please join us in
celebrating with: Marisa
Mapes, Ella Pierce, Keaton
Clay, and Max Baer.*



Tom and Marlene Wilkerson are pleased
to announce that their son Sean
Wilkerson is Graduating on May 4th
with his Associates Degree from DMAC!



Dear Waukee Christian Friends,

For personal reasons and with great sadness I
am resigning as Hospitality Chair. This was a
very difficult decision for me. Dave and I are
now attending St. Boniface Church. Please
keep me uplifted in your prayers.

God Bless to all,
Lorrie Grandgenett

CWA

May 4, 2011

9:00 am

Breakfast at Machine Shed

All ladies are invited!

KEEPIN' UP WITH WAUKEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Do you receive our weekly
Constant Contacts
email newsletter and
One Call Now
telephone announcements?



Mail Chimp
is a weekly email
newsletter that keeps you
up-to-date on things at WCC.

One Call Now
is a telephone broadcasting
service that immediately delivers
a message of importance to your home
or cell phone. Examples are
cancellation of church services due
To bad weather, a change of time or
location for a prescheduled event, etc.

**If not, let us know
and we'll get you started.**



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8:30AM Contemporary Worship
9:30AM Church School
10:30AM Traditional Worship

... MISSION STATEMENT ...

In our service to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
we strive to be faithful to the Lord's Table and Scripture.

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