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E-News

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*Supporting faith through worship, prayer and action;
linked by mutual affection and love... (11 Peter 1:5-8)*

We Did It!!!


By Carolyn Chambers, Treasurer

The 2008 Capital Campaign has been completed in less than two years using only the capital pledges as they were received, and money already set aside for capital use. It was not even necessary to access the line of credit from the bank. The following projects were completed:




1. Remove and replace asbestos tile in fellowship hall, kitchen & upper hallway
2. Handicap accessible door
3. Lighting and a sound/light control booth for sanctuary
4. Sign on West side of building
5. Fellowship Hall air conditioning

Any additional Capital funds received will be transferred to the Building & Development fund for future projects. Thank you to all who contributed funds and/or time to the completion of the projects. It is amazing what can happen when we all pull together.


Well done, good & faithful servants! 

Lent 2010

"Holding On, Letting Go"

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday, February 17 with the annual Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. The Lenten season is a time of faith examination, an opportunity to explore our faith's growth and/or lack of growth. Using times of study and worship, Lent affords us the chance to evaluate what we "hold on to" and what we "let go of." The journey of faith is a story of our becoming more and more Christ-like. Join us this season of Lent as we search "Holding On, Letting Go." 

Wednesday Lenten Study

Each Wednesday beginning February 24th an evening adult study will be offered. Adults are invited to join the LOGOS group for a light evening meal at 6 PM, adjourning to the church library by 6:25 PM for an hour-long study. The material for this study will be a combination of Bible Study from Romans 12 with *Cure for the Common Life* by Max Lucado. Our life story is a reflection of the Christ within. Come and explore your story. 



A Listening Heart

The following statements are offered for your prayerful reflection. They are from a resource I use for preaching entitled "Weekly Seeds." It would be enlightening for me to hear your thoughts and reflection.

Soren Kierkegaard, 19th Century

Christ did not appoint professors, but followers. If Christianity (precisely because it is not a doctrine) is not reduplicated in the life of the person expounding it, then he does not expound Christianity, for Christianity is a message about living and can only be expounded by being realized in men's lives.

Bob Dylan, 20th Century

Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said, Bob, why are you resisting me? I said, I'm not resisting you! He said, You gonna follow me? I said, I've never thought about that before! He said, When you're not following me, you're resisting me.

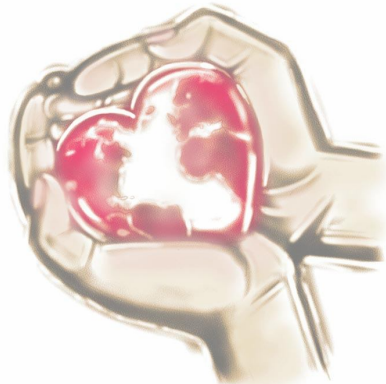
Tony Campolo, 21st Century

I don't know how your theology works, but if Jesus has a choice between stained glass windows and feeding starving kids in Haiti, I have a feeling he'd choose the starving kids in Haiti.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

Blessings,

Liz ☘



Week of Compassion Offering - Response to Haiti Earthquake

Amy Gopp, Week of Compassion Director, has suggested three ways to help:

1. Continue to donate through WOC- Our offering received in January for Week of Compassion, Haiti relief was \$1700.00.
2. Assemble and send emergency kits -- there is an URGENT need for more CWS hygiene.
3. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for all those affected by this disaster in Haiti and for those trying to help them.

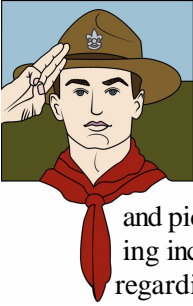
LOGOS will work along side of our CWF Circles to gather supplies needed for Hygiene kits. There will boxes in the narthex for your donation of items. A \$12 donation to the church with "hygiene kits" on the memo line will also be gratefully received.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring @ 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids®

Do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste will be added to Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. ☘

Boy Scout Sunday



This Sunday, February 7, First Christian Church will welcome as guests the members and leaders of Troop 500 along with their parents. The young men will set up displays and pictures for congregational viewing including the article in Boy's Life regarding an ice climbing adventure.

Troop 500 is an important part of the outreach of this congregation. Please make every effort to be here to welcome the Troop and explore their displays. 🐦



St. Valentine's Day Feast

On Sunday, February 14 there will be a "feast" following worship. In potluck style, you will bring a wonderful dish to share along with your table service. Beverages will be provided.

The "program" on this Valentine's Day fellowship hour will be a fun-loving sing-along with Linda Morgan and Gery Deaver. There will also be valuable and pertinent information shared regarding Cupid and his adventures.

It has been a while since we have shared a meal around the tables in Fellowship Hall. Come and be a part of this "feast" as we sing, laugh and share conversation.

If for some reason you cannot join us for the "feast" please join in wearing red, pink or white for the day. 🐦



Worship Band

Jeannine Fernandez is gathering a "worship band." If you have musical skills and want to share them through a band, please be in touch with Jeannine. The hope is the band will be ready to lead a portion of worship in March. 🐦



39er's February Gathering

The 39er's will host Linda Morgan, Director of Heartland Habitat for Humanity on Thursday, February 18 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Linda will share her experiences on an international Habitat build in Thailand this past November. Linda and her husband, Bob participated in a "build" that built 82 homes in Southeast Asia.

There will be coffee prepared for the morning gathering. Following Linda's presentation, we will go to lunch at the Butterfly Cafe in Waterloo. A sign up sheet has been posted in the narthex or contact Liz Woodward. 🐦

First Readers Book Club

Our February read has been recommended by the librarian at the Cedar Falls Library. She said that everyone she knows who has read it really liked the book. So, let's see what we think about "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout.

Thirteen linked tales from Strout present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. The collection is easy to read and impossible to forget. Its literary craft and emotional power will surprise readers unfamiliar with Strout.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18 at the Cedar Falls Library. 🐦



Training Clinics for the Women Build

Join Habitat for Humanity as all women crews build and fund the Fourth Women Build home at 659 Lunar Lane in Waterloo. Be confident and knowledgeable on the construction site by taking free training clinics at the Lowe's Store in Waterloo.

Classes are held from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on:

February 2

How to Safely Use Hand and Power Tools

February 13

How to Frame for Walls & Roofs

February 20

How to install Exterior Siding

February 27


How to Install Roofing Shingles

March 6

How to Install Insulation and Drywall

March 13

How to Finish Interior with Paint and Trim

To attend a Lowe's Women Build Training Clinic, RSVP by the Thursday before each class to Amanda at: volunteer@heartlandhfh.org or 319-235-9946. 



11th Annual Spring Benefit Auction & Dinner

Building Hope, Changing Communities, One House at a Time

Bring your friends to a Terrific Social Event
Enjoy the opportunity to support
a great cause!

Friday, March 5, 2010

at the

Slife Ballroom

in the Commons at University of Northern Iowa
23rd & Campus Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Menu:

Gorgonzola Pecan Crunch Salad
Corona Dulce Bread
Gingered Pork Tenderloin Medallions
Or Shrimp Tetrizzini
Fresh Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Broccoli with Olive Nut Sauce
Chocolate Toffee Torte

\$30 per Person

Valet Parking Available

6:00 PM Cash Bar & Silent Auction

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Live Auction


Ron Steele, Emcee
Gary Kroeger, Auctioneer

Limited Seating by Reservation Only

R.S.V.P. by February 19, 2010

319-235-9946 or

volunteer@heartlandhfh.org

Call to inquire about Table Sponsorship 

In the Church Family

Ray Cannon was in Sartori Hospital with heart related issues. Ray is now a resident in the Martin Center of the Western Home Communities, Cedar Falls.

Please keep in your prayers...

Mildred Wilkinson Liz Willett
Bill Wahner Chuck Willett
Becky Smith Dixie McCann
Chuck Chamness Marcia Chamness
Alice Reints Phyllis Siefken
George Dunkelberg Orvin Schoville
Ruth Peterson George Sublette
Sandy Turner's son, Scott
Shields' daughter, Theresa
Truax's grandson, Will Reinart
Holland's grandson, Mark Peterson
Carl Jenkins' mother, Bernice
Deanna Juhl's mother, Doris Legg
Sarah Hulse's grandmother, Elaine Rockwood
Amy Thomas' father-in-law, Jeff Thomas
Linda Morgan's sister, Marilyn
Mary Jo Woody's sister, Ann
Woodward's brother, Don Wilson
Priscilla Dean's brother, Richard
Jim Juhl's sister, Rosie Klingman
Harriet Hahn's sister
Carl Jenkins' brother, John
Kim Carbiener's brother, Rick Carbiener
Dorothy Mueller's brother, Bob Fulton
Dave Crooks' sister-in-law, Darlene
Jane Harding's aunt, Mimi Meinhart
Kim Carbiener's aunt & uncle, Nancy & Bob
Anderson
Mary Ann Calhoun's cousin, Mary Wolf
Jim Juhl's cousin, Karen Winner
Darlene Cannon's nephew, Bob Koch
Vanderwerf's niece, Tami Hayden
Kermit Allard's niece's husband,
Jim LaFortune
Vanderwerf's friends, Carl & Barb Meyer
Taylor's receptionist's daughter, Amy Jo
Vanderkamp

Please keep in your prayers...(Continued)

Sandy Turner's friend, Elbert Briden
Dean Bartholomew's friend, Bob Owen
Linda Smith's friend, Carman Davis
Dunkelberg's friends, Nico DeJong
Jane Buck's friends, Brenda & Craig
Joan C-Sund's friends, Jeanne Holub and
Ken Collison
Pam Taylor's friends, Eric & Janet Jungemann
Kay Drew's friend, Stuart Wallgren
Erica Fernandez's teacher & her husband
Mary Jo Mallon's co-workers, Cheryl Moore,
Ivy Hagedorn, Arlin Branhangen's father
Oliver Palmer and family
Jim McCann's brother-in-law, Joe Reiss & family
The family of Greg Shanley
The family of Bruce Overton
The family of Evie Hobstetter (Joan C-Sund's aunt)
World peace and safety 🙏

Family & friends serving in the military:

Jared Coil	Jay Craig
Jason Colvin	Matthew Romine
Scott Vanderwerf	Eric Schmidt
Raul Vasquez	Andy Pettit
Jeff Bell	Mathew P. Burke
Monica Sneed	Scott Payne
Lance Sneed	David Thompson
Ron Horn, Jr.	Robert Prunty
Warren Snook	Anthony Colvin
Boyd Smith	Mark Peterson
Dale Harper	Sam Barrett
Michael Ritland	Jay Hankins
Ashley Cook	Dustin Day
Kent Salisbury	James Bleeker
Justin Johnson	Jack Darland
Johnny J.T. Ceras	Duane Buche
Brett Williams	Pauley Schreiber
Jack Darland	Derek Szmyt
Christopher Niederhauser	🙏

LOGOS Rummage Sale
Saturday, April 10
Start your preparations now! 🙏