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# C/W 2018 Service Trips



High School Service Trip to Texas, chaperones were Megan Fairall, Lauren Loonsfoot, Dave Matulac and Ted Huiatt.



Lauren Loonsfoot and Pastor Jill with two of our youth at the Simpson Academy.



Left & Above — Elementary Service Trip in Waterloo.

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On the cover — Our Middle School Youth Group in Kansas City on their Service Trip.

Fall Worship Schedule — We will begin with our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, August 19.

## About *The Communicator* and deadline submission dates —

The *Communicator* is a bi-weekly publication of Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation. The goal of *The Communicator* is to inform and involve people in the life and work of the church. To submit articles, please email them to [natalie@cwames.org](mailto:natalie@cwames.org) **and put “Communicator”** in the subject line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Natalie in the office at 292-6936. Next deadlines: September 6 (covering date span 9/16 — .10/14) and October 4 (10/14—11/11.) We have moved to having one *Communicator* a month.

By the time you read this, it will be time for students to come back to campus. The time when we add 36,000+ students back to our community and back to our church and campus ministry. I have learned oh-so much about Iowa State University, campus ministry and our students in this last year, and I'm anxiously awaiting to see what this semester will bring.

Some of you may have noticed changes to the Wesley Center (calling it the "Wesley Center" is one of them) this past year. You may have heard talk about things like "relaunching" or "rebranding." You may have seen some programming disappear and new things emerging. And, while I'm happy to answer questions and chat about the future of this ministry at Collegiate/Wesley, I thought I'd share a little background and some excitement about what's to come this year.

The Wesley Foundation has a rich and meaningful history here at Collegiate, so much so, we aren't just Collegiate UMC, we are Collegiate/Wesley. You'd probably not be surprised to hear the number of pastors that have told me they were apart of the Wesley Foundation at ISU, that they met their spouse here, that they felt a call to ministry here; the impact is undeniable. For many years, the Iowa Annual Conference provided the vast majority of funds to make this work possible. When I arrived in July 2017, I was made aware that funding from the conference for the Wesley Foundations (not only ours, but those around the state) would not continue indefinitely, and in fact, we should plan for self-sufficiency in the very near future.

While this certainly is a challenge, it has also been a great opportunity to think about our role on campus and in the community and start to envision what that might look like in the future. The reality is we are the progressive, inclusive campus ministry at ISU, and that ours is a needed voice at ISU. One that says to students, who have been marginalized by the church, "You are welcome here, in the fullness of who you are. You are safe here. You belong."

So we've set out this year to get the word out, to let the ISU community know that there is an open, inclusive, progressive place for them to experience God's unconditional love, grow in faith and serve others. We've already met students at orientation; reached out to United Methodist students and pastors throughout the state; planned small groups and outreach events; and are ready to welcome students and get them engaged in ministry and pray for them as they begin this next chapter in their lives.

So now I can hear you asking, "how can I help?" I'm so glad you asked. Students come to us looking for meaning, a sense of belonging and connection, so how can you help them find those things here at Collegiate/Wesley? Here are a few ideas:

Pray for them: The first few weeks are especially exciting and overwhelming.

Praying for students (and letting them know you are!) helps them know they're not alone.

Greet them: You all do a great job already, but make sure to say hi to the students seated around you and let them know you're glad they're here.

Connect them: Help Lisa and I connect with students by introducing us, or helping students find us during Snack Chat, We'll have plans in place to help them connect to our programing and other students.

Feed them: Sign up to help with lunch on the landing (check out Lisa's article!) and donate money, cans of pop or bottled water for our big kick off event.

Thank you for being Collegiate/Wesley and continuing to journey together on whatever paths God is leading us to.

Peace,

Pastor Jen

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## Sermon Schedule

Sermon Mini-Series entitled "This is Us" August 19, 26 and September 2.

- August 19 will focus on the part of our Purpose Statement—"Building an Inclusive Community/The Unconditional Love of God"
- August 26 is Mission Sunday and will focus on "Serving Others."
- September 2 will focus on "Growing in Faith."

September 9, we begin the series "What's Your Story?"

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## What's Your Story?

*Seeing your life through God's Eyes.* How Joseph's story can help you tell yours.

Author: Sarah Heath

Join us for a four-week book study beginning September 10 Monday nights 6:30—8:00 p.m. in Room 44. Contact [audreydavidson@gmail.com](mailto:audreydavidson@gmail.com) with questions. Contact [lindsay@cwames.org](mailto:lindsay@cwames.org) for book.

Thank you to our ushers Dave Matulac, Kent Naughton, Bill Schrum, Steve Wilson, Ted. Huiatt and Steven Schroder.



# Children, Youth & Family Information

by Lauren Loonsfoot: Director of Children, Youth & Families

What a summer it is has been! I had the privilege of accompanying our youth and families on our three summer service trips this year: the elementary family trip to Waterloo, Iowa, the middle school trip to Kansas City, Missouri/Kansas, and the High School trip to Sinton/Rockport Texas to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

**I'm going to share a little about what each group did; but wait, there's more to learn** – please make plans to join us August 26 **for Mission Sunday where you'll get to hear more from our children and youth who participated.**

## Elementary Service Trip: June 15–16

We had a great time on the Elementary Service Trip to Waterloo, which is the county seat of Blackhawk County in the Northeastern District. While in Waterloo, our children and adults helped at Love Inc., a non-profit that focuses on coordinating services from area churches through one channel. We helped organize and sort their new storage warehouse. After lunch, we traveled to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank where we helped sort and organize donated food goods. We checked for expiration dates, categorized them and packaged them for distribution. Our last stop of the day was to meet with Jackson Griffith and learn about food sustainability. We spent some time in the garden, exploring nature, and making salads at Irving Elementary School.

## Middle School Trip: July 5–8

We met some amazing people while in Kansas City. We served at Harvesters, a huge food bank, where we packed crates of produce referred to as the Hard 7. We also toured their huge warehouse and heard about the impact they are making not only in the Kansas City area but in areas where there are natural disasters. They have bulk items they can ship out quickly if needed. The main agency we served with is Avenue of Life, an organization that houses many non-profits. They provide diapers, hot meals, childcare, parenting classes, day camp, worship space, the list goes on and on. We met Billy, a single father of five, who during the summer **brings his children to work with him. Connections were made with Billy's family** and leaving was hard. While at Avenue of Life, we painted, gardened, cleaned, organized and helped them prepare for an upcoming day camp.

## High School Disaster Recovery Trip: July 21–29

What an adventure we had in Texas! We spent our time working alongside UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Since the Hurricane Harvey devastated the region in late August, 2017, UMCOR has been hard at work repairing homes. We were able to work in two homes during our five days of service. In one home, which had been torn down to the frame once they removed all of the devastation from Harvey, we installed insulation, laid drywall, mudded,

sanded, mudded, sanded, and then texturized the walls in the kitchen and bathroom. In the other house, we laid flooring in two rooms and a hallway, cleared a large amount of debris, and installed kitchen cabinets.

**To say this crew worked hard is an understatement. If you don't know, it's very hot in Texas. We did our best to stay cool and hydrated. At the end of the day, it was totally worth it! The amount of work we were able to accomplish counted for over 300 volunteer hours! Mike, one of the project coordinators said "Y'all come back. We have three to five more years of work ahead of us and we need crews like yours. Crews that work."**

From the bottom of the hearts of all who participated or were, in someway, connected to these trips, THANK YOU! Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers.

Lauren Loonsfoot, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

### **Save the date! Children's Sunday School Kick-Off**

September 9, 9:45 a.m.

We'll talk about the upcoming year, tour classrooms and then spend time outside playing games, making crafts and decorating cookies! We'll start in room 202 on the Sunday School level. Parents are encouraged to attend, as this is an event for the family.

- **September 16 Children's Sunday School classes start.**
- **September 12 Middle School youth group starts! Gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Youth room.**
- **September 16 High School youth group starts. We'll meet in the High School youth room in the annex at 7:00 pm.**

Ames High H.O.P.E. BOGO Pantry Drive, Buy One, Give One

#### Overview

Our mission is to provide a place for not only at-risk families but all families within the ACSD in need of emergency food supply. Ames High H.O.P.E. strives to be one of the solutions to the problem of hunger in our community. In addition to food, we also provide clothes, hygiene, and household items. We also provide a backpack program for students to take home for the weekend. This program is important and we want to be able to help our students and families all year round. Our hope is to expand this effort with your help.

#### Specifications

The BOGO drive is simple buy a food, clothing, hygiene, or household item for yourself and donate one item to H.O.P.E. When we think of Pantry, we automatically think non-perishable goods; well, nourishment is in almost every aisle of a store. Our goal is to stock our pantry with not only nutritious food but food our families will enjoy!

# The Vine

## Blessings of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 19 bring your backpack, briefcase, crossing guard vest, hair net for a special back to school blessing. Teachers, staff, students of all ages! We'll have a special Collegiate/Wesley gift for you as we start the 2017-2018 academic year. P.S. You can bring a friend to share the fun with!

## Collegiate Wesley 101

Are you new to this fellowship? Would you like to know more about Collegiate Wesley? Are you interested in exploring membership here at Collegiate Wesley? **If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are invited to attend the upcoming Collegiate Wesley 101 course.** This course will be offered over two Sundays, August 19 and 26 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. A light supper will be served, and childcare is available upon request. Please sign up at [cwames.churchcenter.com/groups/membership-classes/collegiate-wesley-101](http://cwames.churchcenter.com/groups/membership-classes/collegiate-wesley-101) or contact Lindsay Drake ([lindsay@cwames.org](mailto:lindsay@cwames.org)) or Pastor Jill ([jill@cwames.org](mailto:jill@cwames.org)) if you plan to attend.

## Women's Connection

Next gathering is August 28 from 7:00 — 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. A gathering of women in all stages of life to connect, laugh and grow in spirit. Childcare available. If you have questions please contact Maren Wolff [marenmae@gmail.com](mailto:marenmae@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Women (UMW) Info

Contemporary Books will meet Tuesday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Fran Berger and Sally Wilson will co-host. Fran will present the book *Tatoos of the Heart* by Gregory Boyle.

Circle Meetings—Thurs., September 13

Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Faith Circle will meet at the home of Rosalie Amos (2861 Greensboro Cir.) at 1:30 p.m. Loretta Maloy will co-host.

Grace Circle will meet in the Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m. They invite all women of the church to join them. Just show up and get to know them. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Halverson ([gchalverson@gmail.com](mailto:gchalverson@gmail.com)) or Kitty Lamont ([kittylamont@hotmail.com](mailto:kittylamont@hotmail.com)).

## Wesley Center Lunch on the Landing Hosts Needed

Looking for hosts to provide a meal for approx. 15-20 students after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Student Lounge on a Sunday during the fall semester starting Sunday, September 16. Hosts are responsible for providing a main course and a side-dish or two for approximately 20 students. We have some students that are vegetarian which makes a vegetarian main dish essential. Desserts are great, but optional. It is fun to signup with a friend, neighbor, or Sunday School Class. Please let me know if you have any questions. Signup using the doodle [doodle.com/poll/s5dgp7e3szmhe7kv](http://doodle.com/poll/s5dgp7e3szmhe7kv) or contact Lisa Steel at [lisa@cwames.org](mailto:lisa@cwames.org).

# Prayers

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Bob Farr celebrated his 94th birthday on June 22.

Floramay Miller thanks everyone who provided a meal during her recuperation. She is very appreciative.

For all those who participated in the Elementary Service Trip.

For Liam Struck and Lucas Bleyle. They attended the Simpson Academy as scholars last week. They were exploring their faith and how to use their special gifts.

Thanks for the crew that helped with Food at First on 6/22: Dee Dreeszen, Bev Kruempel, Paul Lundy, Kim & Lynn Burnett, Ginny & Bud Everett, BJ Smith, Jim Chenhull, Mike Parsons, Lynell Dougherty, Evelyn Beavers, Betty & Tom Barton; 6/29: LaRue Clark, Jodi & Lauren Risdal, Elizabeth Orth, Kris & Doug Meinhard, Paul Lundy, Sally Wilson, Marjy Howe, Ginny & Bud Everett; 7/27: Dee Dreeszen, Dean Phillips, Paul Lundy, Linda Davis, Lynell Dougherty, Marti & Ashley Elston, Marjy Howe, Ginny & Bud Everett, LaRue Clark and Betty & Tom Barton.

For Maren Wolff who completed her PhD!

For the Eason family (former members) visiting in worship on 7/1.

Rev. Bob Farr asks the following: 1) I thank our loving Lord for beginning my first pastorate 70 years ago in three little churches in Douds, Selma and a country church in Mt. Moriah. I was a dumb, green kid just out of seminary. 2) I am thankful for all the love reaching out to us from our church family for my birthday on June 22 and Helen's birthday on June 28. **You are following Jesus' new commandment, "You shall love one another just as I have loved you."**

Janet Stephenson was inducted into the American Chemical Society an honor she earned in 1956 by graduating in chemistry with honors. (At the time women **weren't invited to join.**) **Congratulations to Janet on the long awaited recognition.**

Congratulations to Katharine Rants on receiving the Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship from the UM General Board of Higher Education.

To Jen and Josh Hibben for gracefully entering middle age with the purchase of their minivan.

The High School group doing mission work in Texas.

The Meinhards who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The riders participating in RAGBRAI this week.

Debbie Wilson who is visiting in Ames.

LaRue Clark is thankful to have her son visiting from California.

The Berbanos are thankful for friends and family worshipping with us today.

**Thankful to have their son Seth home to celebrate Leah's birthday and help rebuild their deck.**



For Joey Leinen who we had the privilege of having, in our midst during his college years plus. He has recently moved to Austin, Texas, and we wish him well on his new journey.

Joy for Sara & Randy Compton & family on the wedding of their daughter Cathy to Allan Armstrong in CO on 7/29.

Joy for Natalie & Dan Rekemeyer & family on the wedding of their son William to Jacinta Misra on 7/28 at Living History Farms.

For Fran & Jeff Berger as their son Philip has moved back to Iowa and will be serving four small churches in Boone County.

Floramay and Steve Miller celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on 8/5. They are thankful for the wonderful hospitality at Collegiate.

For Lori Kappmeyer who retired last week after 40 years at the ISU Parks Library.

Prayers of Concern

For all the children and parents being cruelly separated, and may God have mercy with them and forgive us our sin. Another parishioner shares: Contact your representative in Congress to make your thoughts known about this immoral act.

**For Dr. Jordan Tanko, Emily Drapal Tanko's husband and son-in-law** to Karla & Roger Drapal. Jordan was diagnosed with testicular cancer and had surgery on 6/29.

For Natalie Rekemeyer who celebrated her birthday with a skydiving experience and when she landed broke three bones in her ankle. She had surgery on 7/13.

**Karen Huiatt asks for prayers for her brother's mother-in-law Virginia Golemo. Virginia died last week. Mike Golema, Virginia's son, is on staff at ISU and is the Director of the Ames Municipal Band.**

For the Middle School Youth Group on their service trip to Kansas City.

For all those affected by the floods last weekend.

**For the people of Annapolis & this nation especially Congress. It's time to stand up** for the people and enact sensible gun legislation.

Prayers that the wrath of God rain down on those who rip children from the arms of their parents.

Prayers for guidance for Ronda Anderson and her family in Hunstville, AL. She is losing her home and needs to find a place to live.

**Megan Schroder asks for prayers for a friend's family members, who are on a mission trip to Haiti.** Prayers they are able to leave safely, and prayers the riots end there soon.

For Bob Farr who is struggling with a loss of vision.

For Denny Goodrich and his family as his mother Claudia died on 7/8. Her services were here on 7/21.

**For the family & friends of Jim Cable. Jim's Memorial Service was here 7/13.**

For the family of Tammy Horness, who died on 7/5. Her services were in Roland on 7/9.

For the family and friends of Jim Kiser who died on 7/14 and his services were here on 7.19. Jim would have been 100 years old on the 9/8.

People affected by recent tornadoes and other storms.

Liberty Pepper who had surgery on 8/1.

**Renate's brother, Gerd, for his health and marriage.**

**For the daughter of Patty Grove's friend:diagnosis of terminal brain cancer.**

**For the safe travels of Jennifer Brand's friend, who is visiting from Ghana.**

**Lindsay's friend Lauren, whose baby arrived a month early. Baby Ada is in the NICU.**

For the family and friends of Dick Young. His memorial service was here on 7/28.

For Tim Garner who recently had surgery.

**For Pastor Jen Hibben's uncle who died on 8/3 from ALS. Prayers for Jen and her family.**

For Lori Kappmeyer whose mother Joan Osmus died last week in Kentucky. Prayers to Lori and her family.

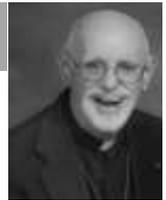
## Thoughts from Rev. Bob Farr

Justifying Grace, from justificare- you are made just. 'Just' is the word we use to translate 'tzeddekah' in the Old Testament for some one who has been brought into a good and real relationship with God. "Noah was a just man in his generation." "Abraham was a just man."

Bernard of Clairvaux, 12<sup>th</sup> Century, put it this way. God in his Grace acts first on me; then with my Will I respond to him. From then on it is a mixture of grace and will working together. Visualize a fine lady named Grace chances to meet a real gentleman named Will. She is attracted to him, but he doesn't know she exists. She manages to be where he is from time to time until Will begins to think: "I want to get better acquainted with Grace."

Reality? Helen and I met on a team for a weekend retreat for women. I had two jobs so I was usually the last one into the group room. It wasn't long before the only empty chair would be the one next to Helen. She likes to brag that then she had to call me for the first two dates before I caught on. Some times that's how grace and will come together in God's love.

Sanctifying Grace, from sanctifire, to make holy, bringing into a special friendship by and with God. Paul puts it beautifully in 2 Corinthians 5.19- "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their offenses against them."



Warning! Never should we reverse this, as some Christians have done, to 'God was reconciling himself to the world'- appeasing his own anger. The Greek word here is going beyond our own experience, even imagination. This is ongoing through all of life, a process, dynamic.

In this, I can identify with Paul also when he laments that he says and does what he should not without any trouble at times. He leaves unsaid good words, which he should have expressed or good work left undone. He knew he was in continual need here of Jesus and his help.

Gregory of Nyssa, Eastern Father of the 4th Century — said this 'holiness', being brought closer to God is not a goal we achieve. It's like climbing a slippery slope. The instant we think we have arrived and stop, we're already slipping back down.

Michael Ramsey taught, "Being a Christian is the most exciting path a person can take." That's what Jesus was saying when he spoke of himself as the Good Shepherd, "I am come that they may have life, the abundance of being alive!" John 10.10. This thrilling encounter has two sides. John 17:3, "This is eternal life that they know you the one true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." 'Know'- this is personal acquaintance, alive and vibrant, not merely knowing God exists nor having opinions about him! This is face to face encounter.

**'Eternal life'** — the Greek is Zoe [life] aionios. That aionios gets short changed translated with only 'everlasting' or 'eternal' stretched out unending. It also has the meaning of 'Intense, glorious.' That is a life so glorious face to face with God in Christ that time no longer is involved, two so close friends with no sense of time when they are together. "Oh my, is it that late already?"

The second side is as Pope Francis has shared, "Find joy in the Gospel, the Good News that God's love fully comes to us in Jesus. Take that joy to the world, to the poor, to the elderly, to the children.'

We have fallen into a world-wide economy based on cheap labor so managers can draw huge salaries and bonuses and investors receive huge dividends at the expense of those who do the labor. Restore dignity to the laboring poor!

To the elderly — my witness: two Thursday afternoons a month, I have vespers at health care at Northcrest. Some of the residents from Heartwood are brought over. I have learned their names, greet each by name, shake hands with a welcoming smile. A face that had lost all expression lights up, eyes have sparkle at least momentarily, and my hand is held on to. Just my witness.

To the children — our witness: in Ames, this academic community, one of the best places to live in Iowa, yet some children never have enough to eat to keep mentally alert. From the interest from the Dennis Byrne Trust Fund Collegiate/ Wesley this year gave \$2500 to Ames and Gilbert School Districts for their lunch funds to help the children and youth have at least one good meal a day. Joy to the world!

~ **Bob**

## Collegiate Wesley Garage Project Update Aug. 2, 2018

**If you've been in or near the church property anytime during the past couple of weeks, you've noticed some activity** — a lot of activity, actually. A project to improve drainage and install a sidewalk on the north side of the Annex is well underway. Read more about this below.

The big news from your property trustees board: We are excited to announce that our garage project is moving forward — for real. R.H. Grabau Construction, Inc. of Boone was awarded the bid to construct the garage and has been planning and working with our selected materials testing and inspection firm and other service **and materials providers to “dig in” as soon as the site itself is ready.**

HAILA Architecture of Ames is the architect and structural engineer firm responsible for the construction phase of this project. The firm also did the earlier **work required for the project's design and bidding phases.**

Collegiate Wesley member Randy Larabee is the project manager and has been instrumental in guiding the project and all its moving parts through the proper and timely channels.

The current plans are for construction to begin August 13 with substantial completion by October 26 of this year. Final completion in November. Of course, weather may play a role in this schedule, but our building plans are very straightforward. This is a garage to house church-owned vehicles and equipment, and provide a small area as a workspace.

Workers are prepared to modify daily plans or access as needs might arise for parking space and decreased noise and activity, just as for funerals in our church. They also are not expected to work on weekends. By the same token, please be cautious and aware of the flagged-off areas of the parking lot when you travel to the church and avoid parking close to the work area.

If substantial schedule changes arise during this project, we will let the congregation know. Ultimately, we look forward to celebrating the garage project completion in 2018.

Sherry Hoyer, Trustee chair

## Drainage by the Annex

For many years, the Western Property (Annex) team has been looking for ways to alleviate ice and other drainage problems from the north side of the annex. After researching many options, we worked with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates to identify a solution. We then hired Concrete Connections to complete the work.

The driveway to the north of the annex is being removed and will be replaced by a sidewalk and better drainage. The curb at the south edge of the parking lot will also be removed and replaced with a water tight curb and three drains. All the new drains will drain to the creek. At the same time, we are installing an accessible sidewalk to the two east doors at the 100 level (lowest level) of the annex. The gravel lot to the east of the annex and the steep driveway down to the lowest level have been removed. There will be some new green space added to the north and east of the annex, which will include native planting

Thanks for your patience as there will continue to be construction activity in these areas, as well as, some loss of parking spaces. In the end, we will have better drainage, better access to the lower level of the annex and a new garage. If you have questions, feel free to contact Patty King 515-292-3831 or [pjking@netins.net](mailto:pjking@netins.net).

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Nursery	9:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	
Snak Chat	10:30 AM	Gathering Space
Staff Parish Meeting	5:00 PM	123
Faith in Film Movie	5:30 PM	44

Monday, August 13, 2018

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	Fireside Room
"Why Groups?"	6:30 PM	Student Lounge
Dads Night Out	7:00 PM	

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Finance Meeting	7:00 PM	123
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Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Clothing That Works Closet Open	2:00 PM	

Friday, August 17, 2018

SOLOS to Lake Panorama	3:30 PM	Church Van
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Saturday, August 18, 2018

Wesley Kick-Off	5:00 PM	Gathering Space, Terrace
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Sunday, August 19, 2018

Nursery available	8:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

Kids Korner	8:45 AM	
Snak Chat	9:30 AM	Gathering Space
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
CW 101	5:00 PM	Fireside Room
Monday, August 20, 2018		
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Wesley Blood Drive	11:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Rainbow Vision Team	6:00 PM	Gathering Space
Church Council	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Tuesday, August 21, 2018		
Staff Meeting	8:45 AM	Fireside Room
Stephen's Ministry Meeting	6:00 PM	123
Moms Out & About	7:00 PM	
Western Property	7:00 PM	Annex 202
Wednesday, August 22, 2018		
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Clothing That Works Closet Open	2:00 PM	
Chancel choir reh.	7:00 PM	131
Chancel bell choir reh.	8:30 PM	131
<b>Wesley Center "What's Your Story?"</b>	8:00 PM	Student Lounge
Thursday, August 23, 2018		
Wesley Event - Brenda Allen	7:00 PM	Student Lounge
Friday, August 24, 2018		
Food at First	4:00 PM	
Sunday, August 26, 2018		
Nursery available	8:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	8:45 AM	
Snak Chat	9:30 AM	Gathering Space
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
CW 101	5:00 PM	Fireside Room
Monday, August 27, 2018		
Reaching and Receiving Meeting	7:00 PM	Library
Tuesday, August 28, 2018		
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Women's Connections	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Wednesday, August 29, 2018		
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room

Clothing That Works Closet Open	2:00 PM	
Beverly Johnson Biehr program	6:30 PM	Norman Room
<b>Wesley Center "What's Your Story?"</b>	8:00 PM	Student Lounge
Friday, August 31, 2018		
Food at First	4:00 PM	
Sunday, September 2, 2018		
Nursery available	8:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	8:45 AM	
Snak Chat	9:30 AM	Gathering Space
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day	
Office closed for Labor Day		
Tuesday, September 4, 2018		
Staff Meeting	8:45 AM	Fireside Room
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Stephen's Ministry Meeting	6:00 PM	123
Wednesday, September 5, 2018		
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Clothing That Works Closet Open	2:00 PM	
Study Buddies	4:30 PM	Student Lounge
Wesley Center Event	7:00 PM	Annex Auditorium
<b>Wesley Center "What's Your Story?"</b>	8:00 PM	Student Lounge
Thursday, September 6, 2018	<i>Communicator Deadline @ 8:00 AM</i>	
Pre-Charge Conference Meeting	6:00 PM	Norman Room, Annex Auditorium, Wesley Hall
Saturday, September 8, 2018		
Families with Young Children	9:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Sunday, September 9, 2018	Sunday School Kick-Off	
Nursery available	8:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	8:45 AM	
Snak Chat	9:30 AM	Gathering Space
Sunday School for all Ages	9:45 AM	
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
All Church Picnic	11:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Staff Parish Meeting	5:00 PM	123
Monday, September 10, 2018		
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123

Wesley Center Small Group <b>What's Your Story? Book Study</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Student Lounge Room 44
Tuesday, September 11, 2018		
State PAUMCS Meeting	8:00 AM	Wesley Hall & Student Lounge
Contemporary Books	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Worship Meeting	6:00 PM	Annex 202
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM	123
Women's Connections	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Wednesday, September 12, 2018		
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
UM Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside Room
Clothing That Works Closet Open	2:00 PM	
Study Buddies	4:30 PM	Student Lounge
Soup Supper	6:00 PM	Wesley Hall
Middle School Youth Group	7:00 PM	Room 211
Wednesday Small Group	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
<b>Wesley Center "What's Your Story?"</b>	8:00 PM	Student Lounge
Thursday, September 13, 2018		
<i>Communicator</i> Volunteers	8:30 AM	123
Hope Circle	9:15 AM	Fireside Room
Faith Circle	1:15 PM	
Grace Circle	7:00 PM	Fireside Room
Trustees/Property Meeting	7:00 PM	123
Saturday, September 15, 2018		
Hope Blankets	9:30 AM	Wesley Hall
Sunday, September 16, 2018		
Nursery available	8:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	8:30 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	8:45 AM	
Snak Chat	9:30 AM	Gathering Space
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
High School Youth Group	7:00 PM	Annex 301

## Wesley Center Blood Drive

Did you know that the month of August is one of the most needed times for blood donations? To help, Wesley Center is hosting a blood drive on

August 20 from 12:00—4:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. You may sign up at [www.cwames.org/blood](http://www.cwames.org/blood). Walk-in appointments are available on the first come first serve basis. If you have any questions please email Pastor Jen Hibben at [jen@cwames.org](mailto:jen@cwames.org).

# Volunteer Opportunities

## All Church Picnic September 9

There is no better way to celebrate this community of faith and the beginning of school than by eating together! All are invited to join together in Wesley Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. on September 9 for a time of fellowship and food. (Please note date change.)

In order for this event to run smoothly, we need your help! We need help with set up, clean up, and hospitality. Please use this link — [signup.com/go/rbJZfzs](http://signup.com/go/rbJZfzs) — to sign up for a time to help out. Contact Lindsay Drake ([lindsay@cwames.org](mailto:lindsay@cwames.org)) with questions or more information.

## Clothing That Works

Specific Clothes Needed & Volunteers join the Clothing That Works Team (CTW): Men's and Women's small and medium new underwear, new or lightly used socks, winter coats, old costume jewelry. CTW is also looking for a few more volunteers OR if you are a student looking for SERVICE Hours email Cathy Halverson at [gchalverson@gmail.com](mailto:gchalverson@gmail.com). CTW is open on Wednesdays from 2:00 — 5:00 p.m. Work once a month. Matthew 25: 36 I was naked and you clothed me. Thanks from the CTW team. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Halverson.

## Sign up to Help with Food at First

A free meal in Ames for anyone at all. You can share your time and talents while building a caring community. It's a lot of fun and really makes an impact in Ames. Consider signing up with a friend or family member and add to the fun! Sign up for a two hour shift at (3:30-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.) on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays. Please contact Angela Doss at [dossange96@gmail.com](mailto:dossange96@gmail.com) to be part of the team.

## Stephen Ministry

In need of someone to listen? Stephen Ministers are laypeople—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. If you are hurting please contact us to be assigned a Stephen Minister. Email: [care@cwames.org](mailto:care@cwames.org) or call: Lori Schippers 515-460-0774.

Interested in caring for others by becoming a Stephen Minister? Contact Lori Schippers at 515-460-0774.



Photos in this issue by Lauren Loonsfoot. Thank you Lauren!!

Middle School Service Trip to Kansas City



Below — Elementary Service Trip to Waterloo. Families: Risdals, Barten Bigelows, Brands, Olsens, Geisingers, Smiths, Plagman-Galvin, Lauren Loonsfoot



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The Rettig family and Pastor Jill on June 24.