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About The Communicator

The Communicator is a monthly 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 tiffany@cwames.org and put "Communicator" in the subject line. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tiffany by email or at 292-6936. The deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month.

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Thoughts From Pastor Steve



One of my favorite illustrations is about a Sunday School teacher asking her class on Easter, “What did it feel like when you walked into the church this morning?” One little girl answered, “It was like walking into the heart of God.” I believe that every church should strive to have the same atmosphere of a warm and friendly place for anyone who walks through their doors, whether they are old-timers or newcomers. It should make no difference who they are and where they come from when they enter any church. Everyone should feel welcome.

It pains me that the decisions made by our denomination in St. Louis regarding our LGBTQIA siblings has sent a message that they are not welcome in the United Methodist Church. A group of United Methodist clergy including those of Collegiate/Wesley placed an ad in the Des Moines Register the week before Easter stating we believe the decisions in St Louis were wrong, and we welcome you – whoever you are – into the full life of the church. I believe that we were speaking on behalf of the membership of Collegiate/Wesley. Thank you for being bold in claiming something I believe is central to the Christian Faith – God Loves All. Love is found here; I witness it every day.

The division that we face is basically defined by the way we interpret the Bible. Honestly, I read a weighted Bible where the commandments of Loving God, and Loving Others are essential to following in the ways of Jesus. They are my filter in seeking to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ.

For the past two months I have been called to serve Collegiate/Wesley as a fill-in pastor for Senior Pastor Jill Sanders while she is on renewal leave. I would be lying if I told you it has been a pleasure to serve you, even though I treasure Collegiate/Wesley in my heart. I was called to serve in the midst of conflicts within the church. My assignment was to help maintain stability during this period, and to be honest it has been challenging at times. You may not even be aware of the conflicts, but they are important enough to get the help we need to resolve them. Some of the conflicts have been internal, and some have come from external sources. Talking about them will help these conflicts surface so they can be resolved openly and peacefully.

I am so thankful that we have Carla Cain and Dianne McClanahan from the Des Moines Pastoral Care and Counseling Center to help us

resolve the conflicts and strengthen Collegiate/Wesley. I know we are in good hands. I am also thankful for the Logistic Team who are made up of leadership from Collegiate/Wesley to help us maneuver through this period in our church. They have Collegiate/Wesley in their hearts. Your participation in talk sessions and visiting with Carla and Dianne will be essential for us to move forward. God is at work, and may we keep Pastor Jill and our church in our prayers.

My weighted Bible says the church is like a family, where we are sisters and brothers with each other. If your family is like mine; then there are a lot of things that we disagree about or even fight about. But at the end of the day we are still family; we are still held together by something deeper than whether you agree or not. We are held together by the fact that we are all part of one another, and we are held together by stubborn, strong, steady love. I believe the church family is like that. We are held together by the fact that God's grace has rescued us and is remaking us and has made us a part of one another. We are held together by love, the love of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Perhaps God has many reasons for bringing us together at this time. Perhaps one of those reasons is to learn the meaning of love. Perhaps we will learn what Christ-like love really is, and everyone who walks through our doors will say, "It is like walking into the heart of God."

My hope and prayer is that we will continue to walk together with Christ – *Pastor Steve*

Who is Pastor Steve Williams?

Pastor Steve retired in June 2018 after 40 years of serving in the Iowa Annual Conference. His appointments include Corning Parish, Newton First, Gladbrook, Nevada First and Cedar Falls First. Steve and his wife Janet live in Nevada and will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 27. They have three children: Kim and Josh Houston of Nevada with Allison and Colton, Tommy and Stacey Williams of Elk Point, South Dakota with one coming in September, and James Williams and Sunni Jasarovic of New York City. Janet and Steve met while attending Collegiate/Wesley as students at Iowa State. During that time, Steve received his call into the ministry, and had it confirmed. They are both very grateful to the ministry of Collegiate/Wesley. Many of their lifelong friends are fellow Wesleyites.





May Preaching Series

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

When you read a Dr. Seuss book, you pick up on the fun, and whimsy of the story and the illustrations. So, what does the Bible and Dr. Seuss have in common? There is a parable or lesson to be learned from each one of Dr. Seuss' stories that can connect with many lessons found in the Bible. Even though they are considered children's books there are lessons to be learned for all ages. As Jesus says, "Unless one becomes like a little child, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). Join Pastors Jen and Steve as they uncover the Biblical lessons interweaved in the world of Dr. Seuss.

May 5 is "The Sneetches" (College Graduation Day)

May 12 is "Horton Lays An Egg" (Mother's Day)

May 19 is "Oh the Places You'll Go" (Graduation Day)

May 26 is "The Butter Battle Book" (Memorial Day)



Summerfest, June 1

Join together with your church community as we celebrate being a part of the Campus Town community at Summerfest on June 1. This year, Collegiate/Wesley will be handing out tattoos and information about our Vacation Bible School program and church. We need volunteers to work shifts to engage with people and place tattoos. If you are interested, contact Lindsay Drake at lindsay@cwames.org.

Summer Get-Togethers

Ames is an active community with so many wonderful opportunities to get out and about. This summer, Collegiate/Wesley will be coordinating opportunities to join in the activities around the community and to be with your C/W friends. Be on the lookout for dates and times to gather together.

Do you have ideas about activities in Ames that your friends and families like to participate in? Send ideas to lindsay@cwames.org.

Children, Youth and Family Information

Lauren Loonsfoot: Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries
& Associate Campus Minister

T H A N K Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came to eat and support the service trips this summer! With your help we raised \$707! Special shout out to all the youth and families that help prepare the fruit, cinnamon rolls, and casseroles! We had a busy and fun morning on Saturday getting ready for Sunday. Thank you to all of those that helped serve, cook, and clean-up! We couldn't of had such a great morning without your help! Thank you to Jerry and Ann Sandine for all of their above and beyond help on Sunday in the kitchen!

Y O U Camp

Thank you so much to all who helped support our campership fund on camp Sunday with your donations totaling \$1,285.00! Because of your support we can continue to support even more campers! A huge thank you to Erik Anderson and Stephanie Hamilton for all of their help with the hot dog lunch fundraiser!

Summer Service Trips:

- Elementary: current 2nd-5th graders and a chaperon, June 13-15, Cedar Rapids.
- Middle School: current 6th-8th graders, June 22-25, Minneapolis
- High School: current 9th-12 graders, July 20-28, North Carolina
- **NEW** - Intergenerational Ames Service Experience Saturday August 17th to Sunday, August 18th. We'll gather Saturday morning to start our day of service, sleep overnight in the church and end with enjoying worship together on Sunday morning. Save the date! More details to come soon!

If you have questions, or are interested in attending, please contact Lauren Loonsfoot at lauren@cwames.org.

Summer Activity Sponsorships

Support our children and youth to the moon and back this year by sponsoring some of our summer activities. You'll see in the gathering space starting on May 5th different planets and stars with varying sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships items include

- a tank of gas
- VBS decorations
- snacks for a service trip
- camp sponsorship and many more.

We appreciate your continued support for our summer activities!

Mother's Day Carnations

Support the Elementary Youth Service Trip to Cedar Rapids

Available for purchase:

- Six-stem multicolored carnation bouquet (\$12 each)
- Three-stem multicolored carnation bundle (\$6 each)
- Single carnation stems (\$3 each)

If you placed a pre-order, Thank you! Your flowers will be available in the Gathering Space on May 12. Inventory on Mother's Day will be first come first serve. Small notecards will be available to personalize and attach to the flowers with ribbon.

Contact Jenn Plagman-Galvin at 515-450-2463, or jplagmangalvin@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!



Parents' Night Out

Join us for a fun night of getting to know each other and sharing a multi-course meal.

Date: May 18, 2019
Location: Meet at the church, Fireside Room
Plans: Join us from 5:30-6 p.m. for planning and brainstorming for next year

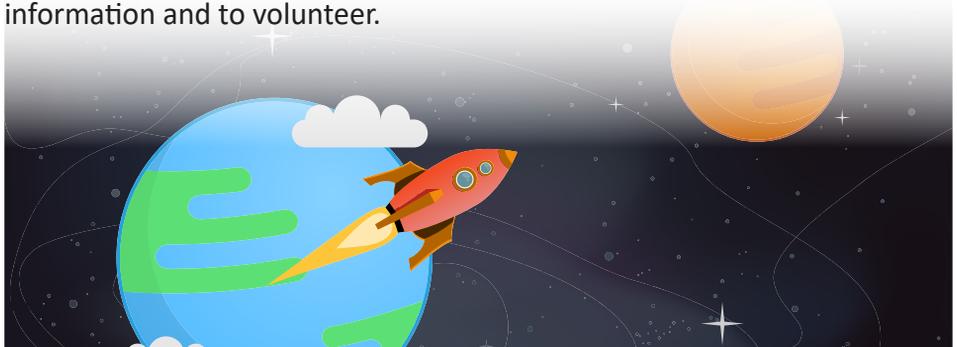
Come pick an event to plan for the group in the next year. After a quick planning session, at 6 p.m. we will enjoy some appetizers together followed by dinner in campustown. We will move back to church for dessert and games until we're done. For dessert, we are planning an ice cream bar. Ice cream will be provided, but please bring your favorite topping to share (Oreos, chocolate sauce, peanut butter cups, etc). If you are interested in having your children participate in childcare at the church as a youth group fundraiser, please let Lauren (lauren@cwames.com) know by no later than **May 10, 2019**. Childcare will otherwise not be provided for this event. Please RSVP for dinner to Jamie Rabe at jamie.youngquist@gmail.com by May 15, 2019 to allow for planning of food. Please also comment on any food allergies to be aware of. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School. Save the date!

Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! Cokesbury's To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. Register now: cokesburyvbs.com/cwamesia.

Join us Sunday, June 2-Wednesday, June 5
Dinner: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Rotation stations: 5:30 - 7:30

Interested in helping us with this adventure? Areas of need are: Registration, meal preparation, running videos and slides, adults to rotate with the age groups and many more. There are opportunities for everyone's gifts. Email Lauren Loonsfoot at lauren@cwames.org for more information and to volunteer.



Vacation Bible School Wish List

We're in need of some items to make our Vacation Bible School theme come to life. If you have any of these items available, we'd love to take them off your hands.

- White Cardstock
- Popsicle sticks (any size)
- Markers
- Crayons
- Small boxes
- Yogurt Containers

Items can be dropped off by Lauren Loonsfoot's office, across from the main office. Thank you in advance! Questions? Contact Lauren Loonsfoot lauren@cwames.org

Sunday School Party

Our last day of Sunday School, before we move to one service for the summer, will be May 19. We're having an end of year party! We are in need of sugar cookies (6 dozen sugar cookies, 3 containers of frosting and sprinkles) if you're able to provide any of these items please let Lauren Loonsfoot know.

Special Offerings for April

Thank you for supporting these ministries!

Emergency Residence Project - \$200.00

Native American Ministries - \$375.00

Katherine Parker Missionary Support/ United Mission to Nepal - \$1,255

United Methodist Committee on Relief- \$585.00

22 Pledges-Full Sun Smart Power Packs

25 Pledges-Mini Sun Smart Power Packs

C/W UM Camp Scholarship - \$1265.00

April Special Offering Highlight

Our Easter offering for 2019 was Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance with your help we received \$1,955.00 in contributions. Thank you for your continued support!

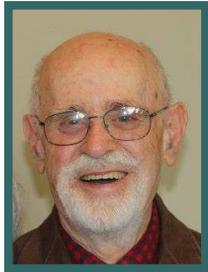
Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. is a local organization founded over 20 years ago by a collection of faith organizations. C/W was one of these founding members. Good Neighbors mission is to provide emergency assistance to Story County residents in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort, and respect. This assistance takes the form of helping with rent and utility payments which allow people to remain in their homes with the heat on instead of being evicted. This is a primary step in homelessness prevention in our community. Assistance is also provided in \$30 healthy food vouchers, which are distributed quarterly and allow

people to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, and other nutritious foods of their choosing. Good Neighbor provides gas vouchers which allow people to continue to get to work until the next paycheck comes. People no longer receive direct assistance from C/W; instead, C/W sends them to this collective organization. Your generous support of Good Neighbor is one way that C/W works for our community.

By the numbers, from July 2018-February 2019:

- Rent/Utilities- ~\$45,000 benefiting 261 people/families
- Healthy Food- ~\$29,000 serving 590 different people/families with 377 repeats

Please visit the beautiful new Good Neighbor website at www.gnea.org for further information.



Thoughts from Rev. Bob Farr

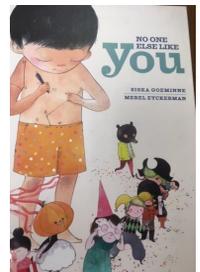
I am an old man. I am a sinner. I have never been saved into immediate righteousness. To claim to be infallible, to know God's will and way in every aspect of life. I would be a misfit in such a Church, a gathering of those already saints.

I have encountered Jesus I am learning that he does love me. He continues to shape me with his love. He is reconciling me to our Father. That 'our' has to be real, going back to our Hebrew heritage: Avenu=Our Father. So We are a 'We.' He invites me into a friendship with God, a union with God, that requires me to love one another just as he loves me. We are in this together. Whether I am the no good son or the too good son, his warming love always reaches out to me. He Persists in that. He is my Christ. *Bob*

From the Library

Announcing a New Children's Book Arrival

No One Else Like You is a new addition to our Collegiate library. The illustration and short message found on each page help the reader realize how diversified people are throughout our world and yet how each individual is unique—a common value in all of us. It's a fun book for a child to enjoy, or for a parent to use helping a child better understand diversity. This book written by Siska Goeminne is a full-time children's author from Belgium. The illustrator, Merel Eyckerman, also lives in Belgium and is a free-lance illustrator. You and your child will enjoy her playful illustrations to capture the beauty of individuals. This book may be checked out from the library. It is on display on a top shelf of the south book shelf.



Green Ministry

From time to time we form new teams to address environmental subjects. For example a Watershed Team studied how to deal with runoff from the front of the church. The result was the retention pond we call the Gilgal. Recently a Solar Team studied the potential for installing solar panels on church property. They decided instead to use the funds for the city's community solar project.

In order to form new teams we need to know the interests of church members and friends. Please look over the list below to see where you might have interest. Whether you have experience or just a desire to learn or do more, we would like to know. To indicate your interests go to <https://forms.gle/H9NByxq2Bc79gQ5w6> or get a paper copy from the office.

- Energy conservation/management
- Site planning/landscape design
- Watershed/plantings
- Life style (habits, food, things, etc.)
- Display/graphics
- Writing/editing
- Advocacy
- Working with other congregations
- Other _____







April Prayers

Prayers of Concern

- For Sharon Busch's sister, Laura, as she continues to live with cancer.
- For Bob and Helen Farr's grandson, John, who is looking for a new job and a new start in life.
- For Bill Stowe, Director of Des Moines Water Works who resigned from his position last Monday and entered Hospice care on Tuesday. He has an aggressive form of cancer. Mr. Stowe was a tireless advocate of water quality!
- For a friend's 2 1/2 year old granddaughter who is just starting chemotherapy for cancer in her organs and bones.
- For Steven Schroder's family as his aunt (Mom's sister) died unexpectedly this week.
- For a friend's 41 year old daughter who had a stroke and is having rehab at On With Life.
- For the family and friends of Pat Dinsmore who died this past week. Pat was a former member of our congregation.
- For Dwayne Cakerice whose wife, Sandy, passed away Sunday, April 14. Visitation will be in Marshalltown at the Mitchell Funeral Home on
- May 2, 5 to 7 p.m.
- For everyone to find who they truly are and for happiness to overcome their darkness. For those struggling with depression to find support and light.
- Pastor Jill, Pastor Steve and our staff.
- For the child that was injured at Mall of America
- For my aunt who has inoperable brain cancer and is in hospice in Marshalltown.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For people like Katherine Parker and her missionary work.
- To Pastor Steve for helping us on a part-time basis.
- For prayers of healing, meals from the Mail Train, the Hope Blanket, and pastoral care while recovering from a hip replacement.
- For Lucas Bleyle's work on 4/7 and for his graduation from Simpson Youth Academy yesterday.
- For Bev Kruempel and the recognition of her work for justice as she received the Making Democracy Work award from the League of Women Voters.
- For Larry Stevenson and his years of hard work and high standards.

- For the ad in the Des Moines Register the weekend of April 12. It more accurately says what was done in St. Louis. “At a meeting of global leaders of the United Methodist Church, a thin majority of votes retained and strengthened exclusionary language about ministry with and by our LGBTQIA siblings. We believe the decisions made in February were wrong.” The headline of the ad, “We are still a church of LOVE for ALL.” Bob Farr
- For Doug who replaced the highest light bulb so now the choir can see.
- For Josh Dobbs who is celebrating his 43rd birthday and for qualifying for the Special
- Olympics Iowa State Summer Games here in Ames next month.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Men’s Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside
Clothing That Works Closet	2:00 PM	ANX 308
Wesley Center Study Buddies	4:30 PM	Student Lounge
Crusaders Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM	131 Music Room
Choristers Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM	Fireside
Soup Supper	6:00 PM	Wesley Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	131 Music Room
Middle School Youth Group	7:00 PM	211-MS Youth Room
Praise Band Practice	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Wesley End of Semester Party	7:00 PM	Student Lounge
Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal	8:30 PM	131 Music Room

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Friday, May 3, 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019

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	9:45 AM	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Chapel Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15 PM	131 Music Room
High School Youth Group	7:00 PM	ANX 301—HS Youth Room

Monday, May 6, 2019

Finals Week Breakfast	7:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Mom's Group	9:00 AM	Gathering Space
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Caroliers Bell Choir Rehearsal	4:30 PM	131 Music Room
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM	123
Education Cluster	7:00 PM	Fireside
Guy's Night Out	7:00 PM	

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Finals Week Breakfast	7:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Staff Meeting	9:30 AM	123

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Finals Week Breakfast	7:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside
Noon Book Group	12:00 PM	ANX 202
Clothing That Works Closet	2:00 PM	ANX 308
Crusaders Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM	131 Music Room
Choristers Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM	Fireside
Soup Supper	6:00 PM	Wesley Hall
Middle School Youth Group	7:00 PM	211-MS Youth Room
Praise Band Practice	7:00 PM	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Finals Week Breakfast	7:00 AM	Wesley Hall
Hope Fellowship Group	9:00 AM	Fireside Room
Round Table	11:30 AM	Wesley Hall

Friday, May 10, 2019

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Sunday, May 12, 2019

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	9:45 AM	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
Staff Parish Meeting	5:00 PM	123
Chapel Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15 PM	131 Music Room
High School Youth Group	7:00 PM	ANX 301—HS Youth Room

Monday, May 13, 2019

Mom's Group	9:00 AM	Gathering Space
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Administrative Council	7:00 PM	Fireside Room

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

UMW Contemporary Books	9:30 AM	Fireside
Staff Meeting	9:30 AM	123
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM	123

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside
Endowment Board Meeting	12:00 PM	Fireside
Clothing That Works Closet	2:00 PM	ANX 308
Crusaders Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM	131 Music Room
Middle School Youth Group	7:00 PM	211-MS Youth Room
Praise Band Practice	7:00 PM	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Worship Cluster	7:30 AM	ANX 202I
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Friday, May 17, 2019

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Families Group	5:30 PM	Fireside
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Sunday May 19, 2019

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	9:45 AM	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
Kids Korner	11:15 AM	
High School Youth Group	7:00 PM	Anx 301—HS Youth Room

Monday, May 20, 2019

Communicator Deadline		
Mom's Group	9:00 AM	Gathering Space
Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00 PM	123
Western Property	7:00 PM	ANX 202

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Staff Meeting	9:30 AM	123
Pat Dinsmore Funeral	1:00 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside
Noon Book Group	12:00 PM	ANX 202
Clothing That Works Closet	2:00 PM	ANX 308

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Friday, May 24, 2019

Food at First	4:00 PM	
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Saturday, May 25, 2019

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Nursery available	9:15 AM	Nursery
Worship Service	9:30 AM	
Kids Korner	9:45 AM	

Monday, May 27, 2019

Memorial Day		
Mom's Group	9:00 AM	Gathering Space
SOLOS	9:30 AM	Fireside

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Office Volunteers	9:00 AM	123
Staff Meeting	9:30 AM	123

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Library Team	9:00 AM	Library
Men's Coffee	9:30 AM	Fireside
Clothing That Works Closet	2:00 PM	ANX 308

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Friday, May 31, 2019

Food at First	4:00 PM	
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