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September Communicator Deadline: August 20, 2020

A Message from Pastor Mary

by Rev. Dr. Mary Lautzenhiser Bellon

I greet you as we head into the month of August, and already it's been a whirlwind of meeting people, attending meetings and learning a bit about Ames. Frankly, it's been a joy! I am completely impressed with the talented staff at CW, with the accomplished and energetic lay leadership, and the wide commitment to this faith community that I have experienced in everyone I have met.

Here is a line from a poem by David Whyte I like: "...and how we are all preparing for that abrupt waking, and that calling, and that moment we have to say yes...". For me that summarizes a great deal about the spiritual life and the experience of community. We are on the journey and there come these moments when we feel a great and resounding "yes!" to our own growth and experience, to the digging into relationships with others, and to a working for healing and justice in the world around us. If I could articulate what I've experienced in you as I have met you these last weeks, it would be of people who say "yes!".



On August 2nd, we welcome Rev. Laurel Capesius to preach for us! Laurel is a young probationary Elder in the Iowa Conference and will bring a wonderful message -- I've heard her preach a number of times and she is fantastic! On August 16th Eric Rucker will preach for us. Eric directs the Simpson Youth Academy that works with high school youth and several of our own youth have participated in his program. You won't want to miss him!!

I would like to take just a minute to mention the work of the Tactical Team and considerations toward reopening the church as we travel through this pandemic. You should have received a survey that will allow the church to think through how the congregation is feeling about matters related to the Coronavirus and offer appropriate responses. In August, the Preschool that meets in our main building will begin again, and they have very good and clear protocols in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. After Labor Day, we will allow some of our Community groups in.

A major protocol for everyone is the use of face coverings for adults coming into the building. Also, the doors to the main church remain locked at this time, and if people need to enter, they are asked to call the office so Janelle, Doug or myself can let them in and also know where they are in the building so cleaning can be done.

With regard to worship, we are exploring what kinds of equipment and safe guards we might need for the fall to offer some different experiences of digital or live worship, whether that might be recording digital worship in the Chapel or Sanctuary or perhaps offering an outdoor service in some format. I know that some people have asked about this, and I want all of you to know that the staff and some groups are considering the best ways to offer high quality worship, keep everyone safe, and stay nimble. At this time, we are not able to announce a reopening of the sanctuary for in-person Sunday worship due to the obvious difficulties of Covid 19 increases in Story County. We will be reviewing the answers from the survey that was sent out, and making decisions as conditions and information present themselves.

I continue to wake each day with a sense of gratitude and joy to be among you.

Pastor Mary

Children, Youth & Family Information

by Lauren Loonsfoot: Director of Children, Youth & Families

Bible Thank You!

Thank you so much to those that sponsored a bible or more to go to each of our Collegiate Wesley families! With your help, we purchased and delivered over 30 bibles!

A huge thank you to our Bible sponsors:

Janelle Keltgen and John Lauridsen

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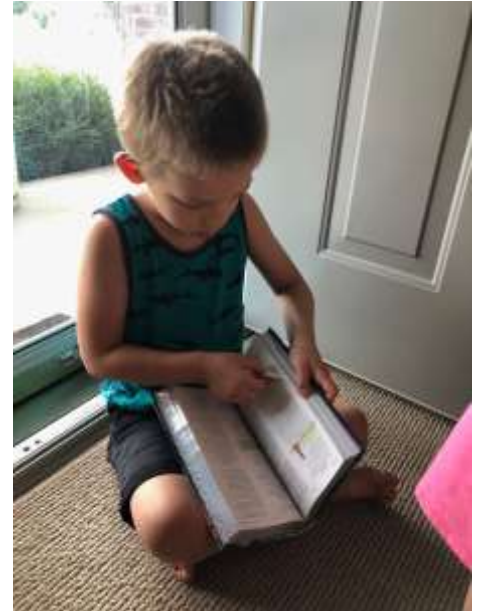
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Theo Deal opening his new family bible right after it was delivered!

Thank you so much for your support!

Snack Break

What is snack break? It's a mid day break where I read a book and then the group participates in an activity/questions time. It gives us the opportunity to connect on zoom and see our church friends. I hope you'll invite your children to take a snack break on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. If you'd like the link to attend please send me an email at lauren@cwames.org if you're not already on the email list. We will continue with snack break in August!

Sundays: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Wednesdays: 5th, 12th, 19th

SNACK BREAK

Icons: Snacks, +, Laptop, +, Couch

ZOOM MEETINGS SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

SUNDAYS: AUGUST 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD **WEDNESDAYS: AUGUST 5TH, 12TH, 19TH**

SUNDAYS: PREK-1ST GRADE: 11:00-11:25 A.M. **WEDNESDAYS: PREK-1ST GRADE 10:00-10:25 A.M.**
2ND-5TH GRADE: 11:30-12:00 P.M. **2ND-5TH GRADE: 10:30-11:00 A.M.**

VBS

This year VBS will look different, but will still be FUN!

We have take-home kits available for pickup on Sunday, August 9th, 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.

Stop by to pick up a kit, tie-dye a shirt, and kick off VBS!

*If you are unable to come on the 9th, please let me know and we can coordinate a way to get you a kit. Reserve a time slot to pick up your kit so we can have a social distanced tie-dyeing party.

This year's theme: Way Maker

What will be included in the kit?

- a CD of music
- a DVD of music videos and actions to our theme song
- storybook guide and activity booklet
- crafts and a science experiment
- service and mission opportunity
- and more!

There will be additional digital activities during the week if you want to join in. We will have teachers reading the bible stories and zoom calls to sing the songs together along with a photo challenge.

The cost if you would like a shirt is \$10/participant.

Registration is now open here: <https://forms.gle/94cPzCZsgTbjdsdI9>

Questions? Please email me at lauren@cwames.org



Children, Youth & Family Information

All Ages Local Day of Service

This year we were so excited to host our second Intergenerational Day of Service. We still are, but in a different way. Last year we had a 24-hour day full of ways to serve locally. This year we will have a kit full of ways for you to serve at home, or out in the community in a safe and socially distanced way. You can do all of these items in a day or you can stretch them out for a week. There will be a drop off time for the items that you collect or purchase later the next week. All ages are welcome to participate.



Included in the kit will be:

- Trash pick up kit
- Greeting cards to decorate and create for our nursing home friends
- Bag to collect loose change and bills/checks for Reggie's Sleepout
- Printed absentee ballot request forms (a few so you can share with neighbors)
- Coloring sheets to be colored as thank you cards
- ACCESS Wish list of items (pick one or more to donate)
- Contact your legislator postcards/letter writing campaign
- List of little free libraries where you can donate a book or two
- and more!

Pick up a kit on Saturday, August 17th, 9:00 am- 11:00 am. Questions? Contact Lauren Loonsfoot lauren@cwames.org

Wesley Center News

Wesley Welcome Back

August is the time when we welcome Iowa State students back to Ames and Collegiate Wesley! Things may look different this year but one thing will not change, we will welcome students in every way that we can. You can help us do that by providing hospitality items for welcome bag bags. This includes, canned soda and sparkling flavored water, individually wrapped snacks like fruit snacks, chips or popcorn.

To sign-up to donate items please go here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4EAAAB23A7FB6-wesley1>

We will be collecting items the week of August 9th.

Rather donate money for the cause instead of items? You can donate on our website and give to the Enduring Gifts: Campus Ministry Line [CW Ames Give](#)



Thank you for your continued support!

Community Campaigns

AMOS Consider, Connect, Create: Organizing and Listening Campaign

The Collegiate AMOS Social Justice team will be offering focus group sessions to gather your input on community needs regarding social justice issues, impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and discrimination inequities. This will be an hour-long session held via Zoom. All ages are welcome. All ages are invited. We will offer sessions the following dates and times – choose the **one** that works for you:

Thursday, August 6 at 7 pm

Thursday, August 13 at 2 pm

Thursday, August 13 at 7 pm

Wednesday, August 19 at 2 pm

Thursday, August 27 at 2 pm

Click on the link below to register for a session.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4CAFAC23A3F49-consider>

Please register no later than 48 hours prior to the day of attendance. You will then receive a Zoom link close to the meeting date with the subject line of “CCC Listening Campaign”.

If you have any questions feel free to contact any member of our Collegiate Group: Allan Baker, Betty Barton, Pastor Mary Bellon, Jim Cornette, Marti Elston, Denny Goodrich, Bev Kruempel, Keith Schrag,, Donna Vandelaar, Alan Vandelaar, or Maureen Wilt.

COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Story County Immigrants

The Ames PRIDE Board has offered to match any donations to the Story County Immigrant fund from July 23 thru August 12, 2020 up to \$2000. Tax deductible donations can be sent to St. Cecilia, 2900 Hoover Ave., Ames, IA 50010 with COVID-19 Immigrant Fund in the memo line. Thanks for considering a donation and seizing this opportunity to double your impact.

Also, the immigrant Fund has been selected to receive August proceeds from Wheatsfield Cooperative’s Change for Community Program. At this time, total donations have been over \$102,400 and allocations have been \$96,400. Thanks for supporting our immigrant neighbors.

Volunteer Opportunities

Clothing That Works

CTW will be open Wednesdays, 2-5 pm, and the first Saturday of the month, 9am-Noon. No one under age 16 will be allowed in the building. All shoppers must wear a mask (one will be provided, if necessary), and use hand sanitizer before shopping. Temperatures will be taken and health questions asked. Only 2 shoppers will be allowed at a time.

Clean, usable adult clothing donations are also being accepted at that time (at Clothing That Works, NOT inside the church building).

Clothing that Works is planning a MASK GIVEAWAY. If you are a mask maker and would like to contribute to this, please contact Cathy Halverson at gchalverson@gmail.com or clothingthatworks@gmail.com.



Sign up to Help with Food at First

YES!! Food at First is open for business every day. All dinners are Grab-N-Go. Only volunteers are allowed inside the building. FAF needs more volunteers.

Collegiate/Wesley continues to volunteer on the 4th & 5th Friday every month. Our next date to volunteer: August 28th.

To help prep and serve the meal, sign up for a two hour shift at (2:30-5:00 pm or 5:00-6:30 pm) on the 4th & 5th Fridays. Check the Thursday email for new sign-up information.

Finance Committee Update

Wow, time flies!! I did not realize I had not provided an update to all of you since March. In June, the Finance Committee voted to pay ½ of our annual apportionments to the conference. We have elected to continue making periodic payments, rather than paying monthly. We will be discussing this again in the Fall.

As always, ongoing giving is very important to our ministries. At this point we are running approximately 10% behind budget for revenues. That shortfall is based primarily in reduced giving. Your continued monthly giving remains important as C/W staff and laypersons working together have found alternative ways of keeping our many ministries on track. Even with this crazy pandemic, we have important and necessary things still happening that require funding.

We are pleased to report that our expenses are running below budget at this point as well. Of course, this has a lot to do with our building being closed.

Thank you CUMC/WF. Your ongoing generosity keeps us going so we can continue to do **good things in the community and the world despite all the current roadblocks to “business as usual”**. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I am best reached via email at finance@cwames.org.

Thank you,
Jason Janssen
CUMC/WF Finance Chair

Byrne Endowment Fund

Byrne Endowment Fund—Apply and Make a Difference!

The Byrne Endowment Fund was established by a member of the church, Dennis Byrne, who had a deep passion for missions and who was involved with many different mission trips during his lifetime. The fund is available for groups and individuals who need funding for a mission or service-related endeavor. Each year, two-thirds of our funding is designated for international projects, and one-third is designated for either US or non-US projects.



If you have a project or ministry for which you'd like funding, please see additional details and download the application form at <https://cwames.org/get-involved/service-justice/byrne-fund/>. The deadline is August 10, so don't delay! If you have further questions, please contact Tim Gossett at 450-2858 or tgossett@gmail.com.

Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For the leadership provided by Pastor Denny in the last year, and for the presence of Denny and Patty in our midst.
- For the great crew at Food at First on June 26: Dee Dreeszen, Dean Phillips, Mary Ann & Paul Lundy, Betty & Tom Barton, Marjy Howe, Ginny & Bud Everett, Janelle Keltgen & John Lauridsen, Brett Barton, and Janeen Christy.
- Happy July 4th! ~ Clara Schroder
- Thanks for the year of good leadership which Pastor Denny gave us. And prayers of thanks that Pastor Mary has come to lead us. ~LaRue Clark
- For Mary's message today (July 5). ~Dwight & Cheryl Grosvenor
- Steven and Janet Wilson celebrating their 20th Anniversary on July 7.
- Thank you everything you have done and now we need you to help stop the coronavirus, amen. ~ Clara Schroder
- Congratulations to Jim Okey, longtime member of Collegiate, and Chancel Choir sing, who has received the Ames Community Art Council's Award for lifetime achievement.
- Rest in Peace, John Lewis. Thank you for your leadership and the legacy you have left.
- That Beverly Scherbart is doing well and remains symptom free.
- that my niece and nephew have recovered from Covid-19 and the others are slowly improving. ~Jane Woline
- for the hard working crew at Food at First on July 24: Dean Phillips, Mary Ann and Paul Lundy, Brenda Allen, Dee Dreeszen, Betty and Tom Barton, Marjy Howe, Lynell Dougherty, & Bud and Ginny Everett.
- for meals prepared by C/W members via Meal Train. ~Henrietta Klarenbeek and Mike Coveyou



Prayers of Concern:

- Jonathan and Kaylin Contag request prayers for their son Noah, who tested positive for Covid-19 today.
- Dear God, please help everyone to not get the coronavirus. Amen. ~ Avis Schroder
- For the Contag family, with this message from Kaylin - "Noah is much better but now I have chest tightness. I hear scary stories and a friend of a friend in Fort Dodge suddenly died due to covid complications in her sleep. I'm still scared for Jonathan and I and would appreciate prayers for health and a peaceful mind.
- For Beverly Scherbart, mother of Stephani Scherbart, who has tested positive for Covid-19, along with 20 other residents of her nursing home.
- For Fred Lewis and family on the death of his 91-yr old father, Gene.
- For the children during this these uncertain times, for their welfare and opportunities for education. ~ Eldon and Jeannie Weber
- For Barb Gauger, who has tested positive for Covid-19.
- For my Aunt Linda, who is suffering from a multitude of health issues. ~ Megan Fairall
- Continued prayer for the Contag family hope people are ok, amen. ~ Avis Schroder
- For several family members, including 90-yr old mother, have tested positive for Covid-10. ~Jane Woline
- For students returning to campus, for health and safety; for pastors and staff who deeply commit themselves to excellent pastoral leadership amid pandemic and nation-wide racism challenges.

- That everyone will wear a mask so we can slow down/stop the coronavirus. For those who have the virus and those who have lost loved ones to this unprecedented virus.
- For school districts that must scramble to re-do plans after our Governor's proclamation. For all children, parents, and school staff who are worried about the upcoming school year.
- Everyone have good dreams, amen. ~Avis Schroder
- Continued prayer for 7 members of extended family who contracted Covid-19; especially for my 90-yr old mother and my sister, who are seriously ill. ~Jane Woline
- For everyone to stay healthy. ~Clara and Avis Schroder
- For continued healing for Henrietta Klarenbeek after shoulder replacement surgery.
- For God's comfort and presence with those who have lost loved ones to coronavirus and those that are fighting to survive the virus. ~LaRue Clark
- For our educators who worked to make plans, get them approved, then have to go back to the drawing board. ~Lindy Good

Digital Worship at Collegiate/Wesley



Here's what you need to know:

You can "tune in" on our [Facebook page](#) at 10:00 am to watch live.

You can also view worship anytime on our [Youtube channel](#) or [Digital Worship Page](#)

Whichever way you worship, we would love for you to fill out the [check in form](#) on our website so we can do our best to stay connected.

To view a tutorial on how to connect on Sunday mornings you can view that here: [Digital Worship Tutorial](#)



You are Welcome Here!

Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, economic condition, **or anything else which threatens to divide God's family.**

The purpose of C/W is to build an inclusive community that invites all people to **experience God's unconditional love, grow in faith, and serve others.**



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