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About *The Communicator* and deadline submission dates —

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 mail@cwames.org and put “Communicator” in the subject line.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at 515-292-6936.

May 2023 Communicator Deadline: April 20, 2023

Message from Pastor Mary

by Rev. Dr. Mary Lautzenhiser Bellon

The little stream sings
in the crease of the hill.
It is the water of life. It knows
nothing of death, nothing.
And this is the morning
of Christ's resurrection.
The tomb is empty. There is
no death. Death is our illusion,
our wish to belong only
to ourselves, which is our freedom
to kill one another.
From this sleep may we too
rise, as out of the dark grave.

from Wendell Berry's *Given: Poems*



This April as we approach Easter, we may need to ponder the meaning of this poem a bit: how it is we live **in a world where the stream “sings in the crease of the hill” knowing nothing of death while we humans bring death upon ourselves through our wars and pollution and the desire “to belong only to ourselves.”** It's certainly an interesting thought, that if we turned our minds and hearts toward other people and the life of the world, we would eradicate so much needless suffering and death. It is this turning our minds and hearts that Jesus invites us to that welcomes us into the Resurrection, a resurrection that promises **us a way to live forever in God's love.**

When we celebrate Easter here at Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation, we believe that we are called to live lives that rise from the slumber of indifference. We believe we are called to share love and life with others whoever they may be. We believe we live this way because God in Christ **has put that in our hearts and minds. The God who showed us in Jesus' that love triumphs.**

We invite you to be with us this Easter season: on April 2nd we will celebrate the Parade of Palms for Palm Sunday. We will gather around tables in Wesley Hall at 7 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 6th, to commemorate the Last Supper and on Good Friday, April 7th, we will have a service of readings and music to begin also at 7 pm. Then, Easter morning at 10 am on April 9th, we will celebrate again the Resurrection!

Communion will be offered three times during April: On Palm Sunday in our 10 am worship service, on Maundy Thursday in Wesley Hall at 7 pm and on Easter Sunday, April 9th at 10 am.

After Easter Sunday, we enter into the season of Eastertide in the Church Calendar. During this season **we will be studying the Gospel of Luke every Sunday, using Adam Hamilton's new resources: Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws.** Be with us in fellowship, community and worship.

Pastor Mary

Coming in Worship

- April 2: Palm Sunday – 10 am. Parade of Palms, Communion, Scripture: John 19: 17-27 - Message: Only Drowning Men Could See Him
- April 6: Maundy Thursday – Gather in Wesley Hall at 7 pm. Commemoration of The Last Supper
- April 7: Good Friday – Gather in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. Service of Readings and Hymns
- April 9: EASTER SUNDAY – **Children’s Choir, Communion, Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10** – Message: Go to Galilee
- April 16: 1st Sunday after Easter – Scripture: Luke 2: 46-56 – Message: Lifting up the Lowly
- April 23: 2nd Sunday after Easter – Luke 7: 36-48 – Message: You Sins are Forgiven
- April 30: 3rd Sunday after Easter – Luke 16: 19-31 – Message: Covered with Sores

Holy Week Services





MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



Thursday, April 6, 2023
7:00 pm Wesley Hall

Good Friday

April 7, 2023
7:00 pm
Sanctuary



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER



APRIL
9

Collegiate
UMC/Wesley
Foundation
2622 Lincoln Way

10:00
AM

Livestreamed Worship

Helpful links for watching our worship services:

For our livestreamed worship, you can "tune in" on our [Facebook page](#) at 10:00 am to watch live.

You can also view the service 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. You can also share your prayer requests and give at the same link.

Children, Youth & Family Information

by Lauren Loonsfoot, Director of Children, Youth & Families

Vacation Bible School

Sunday June 4th– Wednesday June 7th
5:00 pm free meal, 5:30-7:30 rotation stations. Join for a time of music, games, science, art and fun! About the theme: **Mending God's World**. During this exciting program, kids learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Register today [here](#): Volunteers needed, sign-up [here](#).



Elementary Service Trip

We are inviting all children 2nd-5th grade and their adult caregivers to an informational meeting regarding this year's Elementary school mission trip. We will meet in Wesley Hall immediately following the 10 am worship service on April 16th to answer any questions you might have about this exciting opportunity. The dates for this year's trip are June 15th-17th. The meeting will be short and there will be snacks. If you have any questions you can contact me at jrvbrand@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there. If you are interested in participating in the service trip, you can register [here](#). Jill Brand

Youth Summer Service Trip

This year we will be doing a combined middle school and high school service trip. We're looking into serving in the Madison, Wisconsin area, July 24th-July 28th. Interested participants can register [here](#).

Children's Sunday School

On Sunday mornings we have opportunities for children preschool-5th grade. We gather upstairs in our Sunday school wing. You can register for Sunday School [here](#).

Youth Sunday School

Sunday School for Middle school and High school students is available during the Sunday school hour starting in the youth room on the top floor of the building.

Youth Group– April 2, 16, 23, and 30 (no meetings on Easter Sunday, April 9)

Middle School (Sunday evenings 6:30-7:30)

High School (Sunday evenings 7:30-8:30)

Youth Bells

Middle School Bells (Sunday evenings 5:30-6:30)

High School Bells (Sunday evenings 6:30-7:30)

Adult Small Groups and Sunday School Opportunities



Adult Sunday School Classes

Something for everyone!

Join an Adult Sunday School or Small Group!!

This year, like every year, Collegiate/Wesley is offering a robust adult program. There are still adult Sunday school classes, but this year, because of the flexibility that online groups provide, not all groups will be meeting on Sunday morning. There are also various midweek opportunities, as well. Make sure to check out the website for all of the details for your favorite old or new classes.

All class information can be found at <https://cwames.churchcenter.com/groups>

Forum Sunday School Class—April 23rd, 8:45 am in the Norman Room

Topic: A Preview of the Annual Conference of the Iowa United Methodist Church.

The **Spiritual Formation** class will have the following schedule for April:

On April 2 & 9, we will be concluding the sermon series KISEMANITO PAKITINASUWIN--The Creator's Sacrifice based on the days of Holy Week and the art of Ovide Bighetty, a Cree Missinippi-Ethiniwak self-taught artist.

April 2: "Creating a New Family" John 19: 17-27 led by Mike King

April 9: "Hallelujah Christ Has Risen!" Matthew 28:1-10 led by Mike King

On April 16, 23 & 30, we will be following the sermon series for Eastertide: "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. This is a video series with an optional book. If you'd like a copy of the book, contact Mike King at mikeking@dwx.com or 515-708-1419.

April 16: "Lifting Up the Lowly" Led by Mike King

April 23: "Simon, Do You See This Woman?" led by Mike King

April 30: "Parables from the Underside" led by Mike King

Meeting at 9 AM Sundays in the Pine Room or via zoom, masks welcome, but not required. Masks encouraged if you've been travelling. If you aren't comfortable meeting in person and you haven't signed up for the zoom group, you can sign up here:

<https://cwames.churchcenter.com/groups/digital-adult-sunday-school-classes/spiritual-formation>



WESLEY²⁰²³ CENTER

April,



UPCOMING RETREAT

Spring retreat will be hosted Dayton Oaks on April 14th-15. Details here



TEXAS/MEXICO BORDER TRIP

Join us July 8th-16th for a trip to the U.S. Mexico Border for just \$100



THANKS A MILLION EVENT

Join us in the student Lounge for a gratitude themed event on April 5th from 7:00-8:00 P.M.!

Finance Committee / Apportionments Update



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Dear Pastor Mary and members of the Ames Collegiate United Methodist Church,

I would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to you and your church for your faithful 100% commitment to the shared giving (apportionment). Your sacrificial giving has made a huge difference not only in our own local communities but also around the world. As you know, we are the globally connected church. Our ministry has been impacting on other peoples and communities around the globe. More than ever, we will continue to go out to the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

So, I would like to encourage you to continue to live out our connectional spirit for the sake of the mission of the church. "We are all in this together." A healthy leader bears fruit of a healthy congregation. A healthy congregation will bear fruit of healthy disciples and leaders for the world. When we are all in this together, we will be a healthy conference.

I look forward to working with you for our greater mission of the United Methodist Church.

Sincerely,



Rev. Ron Carlson
Riverview Park District Superintendent

Trustees

by Doug Warren, Facilities Superintendent

Welcome to Spring! Although it might not feel like spring with all the snow we keep getting, the calendar tells me it is. With the coming of Spring, so do outside projects! This last week we were able to get trees on our property cleaned up and trimmed. Many of our trees sustained damage from the ice and wind this winter and needed some TLC. Luckily, we were able to use the weather to our advantage and get them cleaned up early this year. This also included trimming back our south parking lot line from all the branches that have been encroaching. Once the weather warms up, you'll be able to see the hundreds of bulbs that the garden committee planted last fall on our property. Check the gilgall and the courtyard, I already see signs of life! With that said, we are in desperate need for volunteers for the garden committee. We are hoping to have a good spring work day or two to get things started on the right foot! Whether you have a green thumb, or no thumbs, we can use your help! Please send me an email at Doug@cwames.org to get involved! Thank You!



G.S. Nichols Scholarship Applications

G.S. Nichols Scholarships provide financial aid to students from Collegiate who plan a career of Christian service.

The recipient of the 2022-2023 scholarship award was Jason Ellingson. Jason attends Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS, and is enrolled in the 3 year Doctor of Ministry program.

Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are available, due by May 1. For questions or requests for application forms, contact Paula Anderson, pdanderson@mchsi.com, or Dean Phillips, phillipsrdean@mchsi.com.

Are you interested in serving on the G.S. Nichols Scholarship Foundation Board? If so, please contact Paula or Dean.

Dennis Byrne Endowment Fund

Dennis Byrne Endowment Fund 2023 Applications Open

We welcome proposals for grant funding to support United Methodist-associated groups and individuals in mission work, with an emphasis on international work as well as local missions. These funds are made available by the generosity of Dennis Byrne and his commitment to support mission projects that have at their core efforts acts of justice, compassion and mercy. The grant proposal process is coordinated by the Byrne Endowment Fund Team. The team meets regularly throughout the year to administer the proposal process.

For full consideration, submit grant proposals by **Friday, April 14th, 2023**. The application form can be found [here](#).

Text-To-Give

Text-to-give: Using your smartphone, simply text the amount you want to give to 84321. You will receive a text message that helps you through the process of identifying Collegiate/Wesley as the church to whom you would like to give, logging into your profile, adding or selecting a payment method, and submitting a donation. After the initial setup, next time you want to donate it's as easy as texting the amount you want to give to 84321.



Our Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- for the presence of Lauren and her family in worship. ~ LaRue Clark
- Sister Allison is one year sober from alcohol. Prayer for continued sobriety. She turns 26 this year. ~ Kaylin Contag
- for a fantastic crew at Food at First on Friday, February 24th: Ann Sandine, Bev Kruempel, Dee Dreeszen, Sally Wilson, Paul & Mary Ann Lundy, Dean Phillips, Erik Anderson, Marjy Howe, Alan & Donna Vandehaar, Robert & Lily Allie, Brad Brinkmeyer, Kat Breitbach, Autumn Lechtenberger, and Calliope & Philomena.
- Happy 99th birthday to Doug Provow (March 23). ~ Jane & John Jacobson

Prayers of Concern:

- for our nephew Trevor who is facing serious health challenges. ~ Barbara & Bruce Munson
- for Helen Farr's healing from a back injury.
- for my brother Jeff Keltgen, for healing following a stem cell transplant. ~ Janelle Keltgen
- for Jeremy Cswercko, undergoing heart surgery at Mayo Clinic (Jeremy is the husband of Courtney Huiatt Cswercko, and son-in-law of Ted and Karen Huiatt).
- for Bill Hessing, a friend in Clinton, Iowa, who passed this week. ~ Carol Barrick



Sending to Serve

Lenten Special Offering—One Last Push Before Easter

Students can face challenging and unique barriers throughout their experience **working towards a college degree**. Whether it's navigating mental health, identity development, personal or medical concerns, Iowa State University has resources and support available to assist students with overcoming their individual obstacles. One of those resources is the **Office of Student Assistance** who through their work, coordinate the care and support students need for academic success and personal wellbeing. Specifically, their office follows up with students hospitalized for mental health crises, supports students and bystanders navigating loss and its intersection with their role as a student, and facilitates response when an ISU student dies.

Student Assistance has a **Crisis and Program Enhancement Fund** which was started by a gift from Paul and Lisa Niebuhr after their son Evan died in an auto accident. Any giving received during this campaign would be used by the Student Assistance team via this fund to enhance services to students/families in a variety of ways. Specifically, targeted outreach and support to some students navigating significant challenges, follow up with those students, and creating resources otherwise not available given funding parameters at Iowa State.

We invite you to give generously to this program during the season of Lent. The impact is great and the need is huge. **You can make a donation online at our website, by mailing a check to the church office, or placing your donation in the offering plate using a Lenten Special Offering envelope.** Thank you so much for your support!



Volunteer Opportunities and Donations Needed

Clothing That Works

CTW is open every Wednesday 2-5pm and the first Saturday of each month 9am-noon. **Good, clean adult clothing and shoes may be dropped off during CTW's open hours or placed in the marked collection box in the church's west hallway.**



Food at First Volunteer Opportunity

Food at First has moved back to serving a hot meal inside the dining room at First Christian Church. We have the opportunity to prepare and serve the daily meal for Food at First on the fourth and fifth Friday of every month. There are two shift opportunities 3:00-5:30 AND/OR 5:30-7:30 pm. Early shift volunteers (we need 6 volunteers for this shift) work together on prepping the meal for the evening.

Second shift volunteers (we need 10 volunteers for this shift) help serve the meal along with cleaning up following the meal.

The next opportunity to serve is April 28th. This is a great opportunity to build community, have fun, and serve others. To learn more, email Lauren Loonsfoot at lauren@cwames.org or sign up at [Food at First Volunteer](#).

Left: Regular Volunteer, Dee Dreeszen

Little Food Pantry

"We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." -Pope Francis

Items are Flying Off the Shelves. The Need is GREAT. Please help if you can.

Most Needed:

- Peanut Butter
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Granola Bars
- Soup (any kind)
- Beef-a-Roni and other pop-top meals
- Pasta/Macaroni & Cheese
- Crackers
- Really – anything!

Throughout the week, please take your donations straight to the Little Food Pantry or place them in the collection bin inside the church's west door.

If you would prefer to help with a monetary donation, go to <https://cwames.org/give/>, click on Giving Website, scroll down through Missions to "Other", and write in "Little Food Pantry" with the amount you would like to give. Contact Marti at melston8@gmail.com with questions. Thank you again for all your support!



Saturday May 13 in Ames

The Central Iowa Community ID Card

Register to reserve an appointment



You probably already meet the requirements to prove your identity and residence! Accepted, for example, are a driver's license, a military photo ID, and a matrícula consular or passport. Prove your residence with bills in your name or medical or school records (less than 3 months old).

More information on requirements at:

www.communityid.org – or using this QR code:



Reserve a spot for May 13 (10:00 AM or 1:00 PM) by calling:

The Story County
Coordinating Committee at
(515) 599-8149 voice or
text

iReserve your spot!



Jazz for Justice—Legal Aid Society



JAZZ for Justice

A Fundraiser Benefiting The Legal Aid Society of Story County

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Address 220 H Ave. Nevada
(Story County Fairgrounds)

Tickets: At [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
or by phone at 515-382-2471

Event Schedule:

5:00 pm Cocktail Hour
6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 pm Program
8:00 - 10:00 pm Dancing

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a night of delicious food and live music in celebration of our 49th Anniversary.

All proceeds support our mission to provide legal representation in civil matters for low-income residents of Story County, Iowa.

If you cannot join us that night, no worries! You can donate directly to the Legal Aid Society of Story County, www.legalaidstory.com

- 🎵 Cocktail Attire
- 🎵 Cash bar
- 🎵 Table/Event Sponsorships available

49th
Anniversary





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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