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Secret beauties in our courtyard!

About *The Communicator* and deadline submission dates —

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June 2023 Communicator Deadline: May 20, 2023

It's morning, and again I am that lucky person who is in it.

And again, it is spring, and there are the apple trees

And the hummingbird in it branches.

On the green wheel of his wings

He hurries from blossom to blossom

Which is his work, that he might live.

(Mary Oliver *The Hummingbird* in What Do we Know @2002)



I have always thought, with Mary Oliver, that Spring makes us feel lucky. Lucky to be alive, lucky to see the trees bud and the flowers bloom, lucky to smell the rain coming as the day lengthens toward summer. When Spring finally arrives, after a long winter, there is a sense of joy in it for me, and almost an excitement to witness the new growth and warmth of the sun all around.

We in the church call this season Eastertide and it goes from Easter Day to Pentecost, which this year falls on May 28<sup>th</sup>. On Pentecost we will begin our outdoor worship (weather permitting) and celebrate **what is known as “the birthday of the Church.” This is the day, recorded in the Book of Acts, that people from all over gathered and experienced the Holy Spirit in a way that brought them together in fellowship and love. They then set out to proclaim the Good News of God’s love for all, to work for justice and to worship in Spirit and Truth.** I hope you will be with us to re-enact that celebration of light and love amongst us.

Also, in May we will recognize the college graduates (May 7<sup>th</sup>) and the high school graduates (May 21<sup>st</sup>). **On Mother’s Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>)** we will welcome new members during our morning service. I would be remiss **if I didn’t notice that Lauren Loonsfoot will be back with us beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup>** and will lead our service on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We have missed her and welcome her and her family back with us.

I would also like to note that a new group for women – **the Women’s Koinonia Group** – has begun meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Right now, we are using the devotional by John Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal*. It is also a time for fellowship and sharing. If you would like to join us, please contact me or just come. We meet in the Fireside Room.

May you experience the joy of spring this season. If you are weathering hard things, may it lighten the load. May your sense of God with you give you strength and courage to live lives of love, peace and justice. May we be the people we have been waiting for.

Light and grace,  
Pastor Mary

# 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](#).



## Children's Sunday School (through May 21)

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

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)

# Photos from April Activities



# 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>

### Spiritual Formation will have the following schedule for May:

On May 7, 14 & 21, 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](mailto:mikeking@dwx.com) or 515-708-1419.

May 7: "Parables from the Underside" led by Mike King

May 14: "On the Journey to Jerusalem" led by Mike King

May 21: "The Final Week" led by Mike King

[Note: we are one week behind the sermon series since we joined the Forum Class one Sunday in April.]

Outdoor worship begins on May 28; please continue your spiritual formation journey on your own for the summer.

Meeting at 9 AM Sundays in the Pine Room or via zoom, masks welcome, but not required. 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>

**Forum Class**, Sunday, May 21st, 8:45-9:45 am, in the Norman Room. Topic: An overview of the upcoming meeting of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The format will be: opening comments from each of the participants, followed by questions and answers from the audience.

### Women's Koinonia Group – Wednesday Evenings at 7 PM

Join us Wednesday evenings for a time of fellowship, sharing and discussion. We will begin with John Philip Newell's lovely book: **Sounds of the Eternal**. **Pastor Mary can get you a book. This will be an ongoing group of sharing and support.** We will meet in the Fireside Room. Contact [mary@cwames.org](mailto:mary@cwames.org) or just show up!! FYI: Koinonia means communion or fellowship in Greek and is a term used in the new testament!

# Help Us Connect With you!

**We want to stay connected with you! We invite you to let us know the best ways to be in contact.**

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## Coming in Worship

**MAY 7th:** We continue in our study of the Gospel of Luke based upon Adam Hamilton's Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws. Recognition of the graduating college seniors. Service of Communion. Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

**MAY 14th:** Today we recognize New Members during our service! The Children's Choir will sing. The scripture will be Luke 21: 1-4 and we will be thinking about sacrificial love. Perfect for Mother's Day!

May 21st: Education Sunday! We will honor the teachers in our Sunday School and Recognize the High School graduates!! Lauren Loonsfoot will be leading this service.

May 28th: Pentecost!! We will begin our outdoor worship, weather permitting. We will begin our summer series on Mr. Rogers and our Neighborhood. This is a great time to bring a folding chair or blanket and come for a fun and relaxed worship experience. Refreshments following on the lawn.

**WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE LIVE STREAM FOR OUR OUTDOOR SERVICE BUT IF THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE, WE WILL POST A DIGITAL SERVICE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**





## 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.

## CW Endowment Board

### CW Endowment Board Announces 2023 Grants

The Collegiate Wesley Endowment Board is pleased to announce twelve grant recipients for 2023.

- Little Food Pantry
- DACA Renewal Support
- 3 new AED units
- Continued LED light conversion
- CUMC Banner, stickers and magnets for summer promotions
- CW Promotional Clothing
- Breakfast Boxes for RAGBRAI Guests staying in the Annex
- Recruitment & Kickoff for Wesley Center in the fall
- Wesley Foundation website redesign
- Additional SunSmart Solar Units to reduce electricity costs & carbon footprint
- Fireside Room Redecoration
- New video equipment in sanctuary to enhance viewing experience

These exciting projects did not expend all of the Endowment Funds available for 2023. Hence there will be another round of grant request for the remaining \$14,218.. This will begin in early August with awards made in September. Watch the Communicator and weekly emails for more details this summer. Keep track of your good ideas.

April Showers bring May flowers, hopefully you're starting to see some flowers outside now, if not, join the CUMC/WF garden committee!

While many people have shifted their thoughts to outside projects, I've used these rainy days in April to catch up on some projects in the building. New blinds were installed in Room 123, thanks to an Endowment Grant. During our covid shut down, Room 123 received many updates. The chairs were replaced with ones that are more comfortable, the walls were repainted, the lighting was switched to LED and the tables were refinished. Hopefully you'll think of Room 123 the next time you need meeting space! As a reminder, all of our spaces are available for use, just message Janelle ([janelle@cwames.org](mailto:janelle@cwames.org)) to reserve one!



# May at the Wesley Center

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PRAYER NIGHT  
7 P.M. in Student Lounge

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GRADUATION WORSHIP  
Join us for worship as we  
celebrate graduates

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THE LAST COFFEE WITH  
THE CAMPUS MINISTER

@ISU\_Wesley\_Center



## Staff Parish Relations Committee

You are invited!

Lewis Cox, our new campus minister, will be commissioned as a Probationary Elder in the United Methodist Church during this year's Annual Conference. We want to have a group there to show our support.

Sunday June 4 at 9:00 am at the MidAmerican Energy Company Rec Plex, 6500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA. (Arrive at 8:30 am.)



## Our Prayers

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- for the \$2001 in donations to our Lenten offering: ISU Office of Student Assistance Crisis and Program Enhancement Fund.
- celebrating the birth of Lennon Joyce Lauridsen, newborn granddaughter of John Lauridsen and Janelle Keltgen.

### Prayers of Concern:

- for care and support for transgender families as they find responses to Iowa law changes. ~ Kris Meinhard
- for a childhood friend who's been diagnosed with tongue cancer and is undergoing further diagnostic work-up. ~ Deborah Blaedel
- for Patti Wolff, mother of Ted Wolff, recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.
- Please pray for my daughter, Susan, who has breast cancer and will have surgery next Friday, April 21st. ~ LaRue Clark
- **For Evelyn Trinkle, Brad's stepmother, who has cancer. Please pray for her and our family as we face end of life challenges and decisions.** ~Brad & Elaine Trinkle
- for Helen and George Washburn as George faces end of life. ~ Darra Johnson
- for the family of Scott Brolsma (a coworker) who lost his battle with cancer. ~ Andy Smelser
- for my brother Jeff, whose stem cell transplant has failed and the transplant team is searching for a new donor. ~ Janelle Keltgen
- for Henrietta Klarenbeek, preparing for a heart procedure.
- for Jeremy Cswercko, son-in-law of Karen & Ted Huiatt, recovering from heart surgery.



## 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.*

**Ways to give**

At Collegiate Wesley, your giving makes a difference in our community.

- 1 Text-to-give:** Using your smartphone, simply text the amount you want to give to 84321
- 2 QR Code**
- 3 Website:** You can give anytime on our website: [cwames.org](http://cwames.org) under give for general giving or mission giving.
- 4 A physical donation:** place a donation in the offering plate on Sundays or mail your donation to the office.

# Volunteer Opportunities and Donations Requested

## 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 May 26th. This is a great opportunity to build community, have fun, and serve others. To learn more, email Lauren Loonsfoot at [lauren@cwames.org](mailto:lauren@cwames.org) or sign up at [Food at First Volunteer](#).

*Pictured at Left: Regular Volunteer, Ann Sandine*

## Little Food Pantry

"I work in the building and often see people stopping by to get a few things. It's such a great gift to the community." – an Annex staffer.

There are many families and individuals who rely on supplementing their meals with items from the Little Food Pantry.

Please give as you can either through donations of food or through a monetary donation that allows us to buy needed items.

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](mailto:melston8@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you again for all your support!



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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