

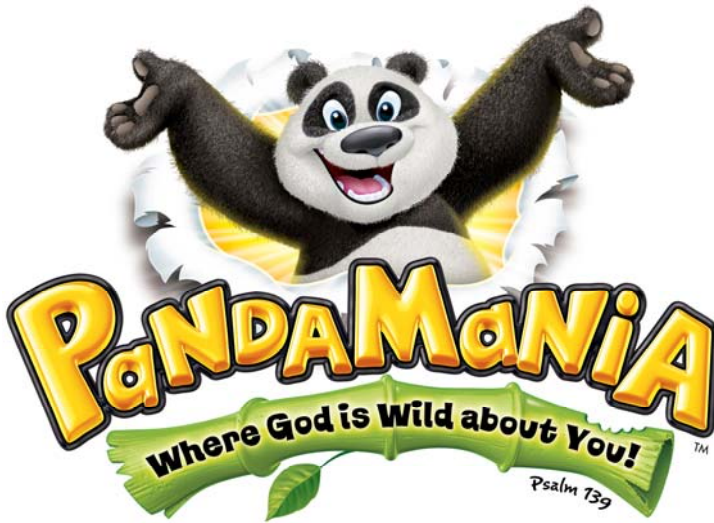


A city on a hill
shall not be hidden.
Matthew 5:14

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Vacation Bible School 2011

PANDAMANIA: WHERE GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!



This year at VBS, kids explore a bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas, as they discover that God loves us. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's wild love, and create Bible Point crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them

through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Rowdy Wrap-Up—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends (also called Very Important Pandas) are encouraged to join in daily for this special time.

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So mark these dates on your calendar:

June 20–24. The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at noon.

You can register your children now by

going to the church website at www.acityonahill.com

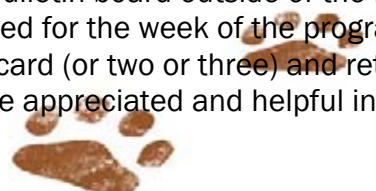
OR directly to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/HilltopKids2011

OR pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center!

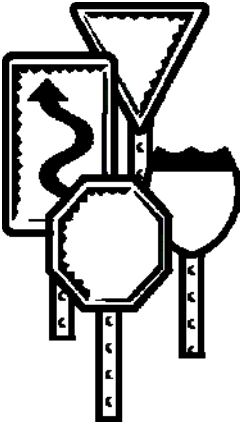
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Even if you don't have children who will attend VBS, there are ways you can help with this important outreach! On the bulletin board outside of the nursery there are cards showing items that are needed for the week of the program. Please take the time to stop and look, take a card (or two or three) and return the items by the deadline! Your generosity will be appreciated and helpful in building the kingdom by serving our children!



Road Signs



There are certain things in life that are “acquired tastes”, things you have to try for a certain length of time before you really get it. Coffee is like that for some people; after a few weeks of drinking it strictly for the caffeine buzz, suddenly the light comes on and it tastes good! For me, running was an acquired taste. I have run on and off ever since I left college, but I never really understood the running phenomenon. I just didn't like it. Several months ago, I borrowed a heart-rate monitor and started running with a little more intent. The heart-rate monitor told me when I was pushing too hard, which really frustrated me at first because I suddenly found myself running A LOT slower than I was used to. I remember a day in early March, when it was nice enough to run outside. I was nearing the end of my run and realized that I could go farther. I still felt good. I didn't want to stop. That was a totally new experience for me because every other run I had ever taken, I wanted to stop long before I actually stopped. It has been far easier to get motivated to run ever since that day.

Prayer is something else that is an acquired taste in my life. Silence isn't natural for me and, as much as I hate to admit it, prayer seems like a waste of time sometimes. I don't have visions very often and the prayer doesn't often lead to immediate results. I plug away at it, though, and I do find that it changes me over time, but very slowly and gradually. In fact, the more consistently I do prayer, the more I miss it when I don't and the quicker I want to get back to it.

Having a goal helps, whether you are learning to run or learning to pray. This is one of the ways that sending short-term missionaries from our church helps to Revive the world not only where they go, but back here at Christ Church. It helps to have something to pray for each day to prevent prayer from becoming your daily list of worries. If you go to <http://www.christchurchdavenport.blogspot.com/>, you will find a new prayer request each day as the missionaries from Christ Church prepare for their trips and are on their trips. My prayer is that this season of prayer for those who are traveling in the name of Christ will transform the way Christ Church does its work; I hope that, by having a specific prayer focus for a season, the light will come on and prayer becomes a taste you have acquired, and even need, for the rest of your lives.

Pointing out signs,

mike
Pastor Mike

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STEWARDSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH



Stew's News...

Ed's Legacy

By Lori Walsh, CCA



Ed Ziegler was a man whose situation caught the attention of the compassionate duo, Duane and Susan Asche. Ed was alone and a loner—no family and friends. As an employee of Hy-Vee, when his health failed, Duane and Susan stepped in to show him the love of Jesus. Over four months they ministered to him and introduced him to many others who surrounded him in his last days.

Susan writes “He was baptized in his hospital room in Iowa City on January 27, 2010 and he gave his life to

Christ that same day. When Ed decided he couldn't go on anymore, he asked to be moved to Davenport hospice so he could see and meet all of those people who had been praying for him and sending him words of encouragement. On February 15, when Ed arrived at Clarissa Cook Hospice House, people were already there waiting to see him. Over the next several days, Ed's room was party central. We laughed together and we cried together. He had visitors day and night until he died on February 19. We told him that most people have their Celebration of Life after they are

gone but that Ed was getting his now. He was moved to tears many times when he recounted how he didn't know he had so many friends.”

Ed left a bequest of nearly \$38,000 to the church out of his love and gratitude. After accepting the gift (formally done by the Trustee Committee), Ed's request was that it be divided equally between Habitat for Humanity (as a gift from Christ Church, youth camp scholarships, Dusthimer's medical mission and support for the work in Haiti.

SPECIAL OFFERING

For the entire month of June, a collection will be taken at CUMC to assist those who have experienced the devastation of tornadoes and spring storms and flooding in the south. Below are several ways you can give, either to a fund here at the church or to UMCOR directly.

Online: www.givetomission.org

By Offering: Put your gift in the offering place at one of the weekend services. Be sure to note “spring storms 2011” in the memo line and make your check payable to CUMC.

By check: Make your check payable to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, NY NY 10087
Note Spring Storms 2011, Advance #3021326 in the memo line.

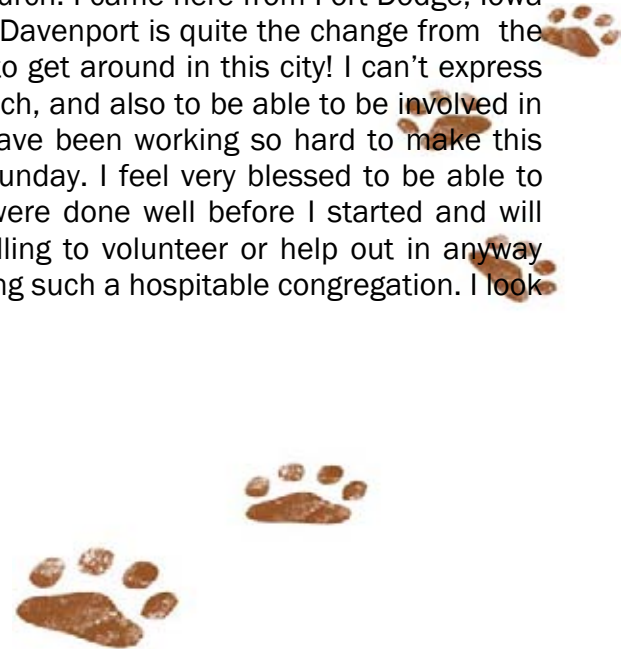
By Credit: Call toll-free: 1-800-554-8583.



Hello Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting or talking to. My name is Nick Peters and I recently took over the reigns as the Children's Ministry Director at Christ Church. I came here from Fort Dodge, Iowa where I was youth director for Trinity United Methodist Church. Davenport is quite the change from the Fort Dodge area and I am finding that it takes some planning to get around in this city! I can't express how excited I am to be in this position in such a wonderful church, and also to be able to be involved in children's ministries. I want to thank all the volunteers that have been working so hard to make this program run and give our children a great experience every Sunday. I feel very blessed to be able to step into a program that isn't broken; it's apparent things were done well before I started and will continue to be done that way! And as always if you feel a calling to volunteer or help out in anyway please don't hesitate to contact me! Thank you all again for being such a hospitable congregation. I look forward for the awesome things to come in the future!

In Christ,
 Nick Peters
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Youth By Doug Cloven—Youth Pastor

When Things Don't Work

When I start things, I certainly don't do it so they will eventually fail. But if they do, I am not devastated. Our Junior High Service on Wednesday nights is a good example. For a few weeks now it has been very clear that it has not been working as we all hoped it would . Energy is lower, and students have been disconnecting. This forced me to look at the structure, and realized the structure is ALL wrong for them. It works great for Senior High, but not at all for Junior High.

Instead of getting upset and blaming people, I hijacked the service and did a brainstorming session with them. After only a few minutes the students started volunteering to lead and takeover the things that were dragging. They were energized at the IDEA of ownership. I am literally writing this while waiting for the students that want to show up here at church to help plan next week's service, and I'm not sure how it is going to go. But I am excited! There is a chance nothing will change, and if so, nothing is lost. But there is a chance that EVERYTHING could change, and that has an enormous payoff for the mission of our ministry. All because I asked them how to improve our church. It makes me think of what might happen if we all had people asking us how to improve the things we know aren't working, and then gave them the ability to be a part of the solution.

I'm so glad you asked!

By: Lori Walsh

What is UMCOR?

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church. Since 1940 UMCOR's mission-- providing relief in disaster areas, aiding refugees and confronting the challenge of world hunger and poverty-- has helped to heal the hurts of humanity in nearly 100 countries. UMCOR maintains a corps of trained disaster response specialists for quick reinforcement of national efforts and keeps a supply of relief materials in warehouses for dispatch when and where required. It also trains disaster response specialists in their own countries as part of a global ministry by a global church and works in partnership with other international agencies.

Currently UMCOR is collecting funds to help with the tornado battered south where hundreds of people have lost their lives and billions of dollars of damage has occurred.

See Page 3 of this newsletter for how you can contribute to a special offering being taken by Christ Church to assist in the spiritual and emotional care of survivors through the ongoing efforts of UMCOR.

Special Music Needed

This summer volunteers are needed to provide special music at the 8:45 AM service this summer continuing through Sunday, September 4. If you, or someone you know, is interested in performing a vocal or instrumental selection on any of

these Sundays, please sign up on the sheet posted outside the office or contact Pat Heber at 359-5943. This is a wonderful way for you to actively participate in the worship experience at Christ Church.



All Christ Church **single adults** are invited to a cookout at Rick Koerner's house, 2640 Duggleby Street, Saturday June 4th

starting at 4:30 PM. Eating will begin at 5:00 PM. The menu will include brats, burgers, bean casserole, coleslaw, 7 layer salad and other munchies. Feel free to bring a dessert and a friend! Games will be played after eating so plan to stay. Please call Rick at 391-4071 with your RSVP so he can plan for the proper amount of food.





United Methodist Men

The June meeting of the Methodist Men's Group will be Saturday, June 4 2011, at 7:30a.m. at Hickory Gardens Restaurant. Our speaker will be Amy Rowell Director and Lindsey Hornabaker Church/Volunteer coordinator of World Relief, Moline. Their mission is empowering the local church to serve the most vulnerable. Contact: Robert Faso 349-8562 for more information.

Letters from Home is a on going project where the Men's Group is asking Christ Church members to send letters or cards to our military personnel who are on active duty. PLEASE take time to write these fine people to show your support. An updated list of names is at the welcome center. HAVE YOU SENT YOUR LETTERS?

Help us Help You

The following names do not currently have a valid email address on file. If you would like to receive electronic correspondence from the church office, please call or email Administrative Assistant Shirley Stuart (391-5488 or shirleystuart@acityonahill.com) with your newest email address:

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| Bindewald, Marilyn | Blend, Karen |
| Budelier, Matt | Buennig, Dave |
| Elbe, Ron | Elias, Paul |
| Felderman, Steve | Gaskin, Angie |
| Gordon, Jason | Hast, Julie |
| Haertjens, Jim | Keller, Vern |
| Kline, Betty  | Petri, Dan |
| Peyton, Diane | Pfitzenmaier, Phyllis |
| Pinnick, Sharon  | Popelka, Wendy |
| Seberg, Sara | Stidmon, Shirley |
| Stolley Wendy | Titman, Rita |
| Van Gilder, Curtis  | Vanblaricom, Barry |
| Whyte, Gerry | Wilkins Mike |
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Habitat for Humanity House

820 Charlotte Street, Davenport.

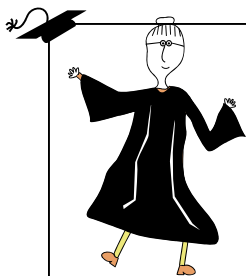
Christ United Methodist Church is a sponsor of a house build for Habitat for Humanity because of a gracious gift from Ed Ziegler. The house is located at 820 Charlotte Street, Davenport. **June 11** is our scheduled work day which includes building beginning at 8:00 a.m. and serving lunch at noon. This is an **all church** project; anyone can work (restrictions for ages 16-18). It is VERY IMPORTANT to contact Jack Bryant 343-8247 if you can work, cook, or help serve lunch!

REV. JAMES CAMPBELL IS RETIRING!

Christ United Methodist Church in Belle Plaine, IA wishes to invite you in joy and celebration for Reverend James Campbells's Retirement on Sunday, June 19, 2011 with an Open House from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 708 15th Street, Belle Plaine, IA 52208

Cards may be send in honor of Rev. Campbell to Cathy Wehrman, 7722 14th Avenue, Luzerne, IA 52257





Graduation Congratulations and celebrations!

The following students from the Christ Church Family are graduating from Davenport schools and invite the members of the congregation to celebration parties:

McKenzie Eckhardt and Chason Dailey, daughter and son of Sean and Steph Eckhardt, will graduate from Davenport West and University of Chicago. Their party is June 4 starting at 4:00 PM at 2810 Emerald Drive, Davenport.

Sabrina Courtney, daughter of Dave and Lori Courtney and granddaughter of Greg Sandidge is graduating from Kimberly Center East. Her party is June 5, 1:00-4:00 PM at 2323 West 29th Street, Davenport.

Megan Stroops, daughter of Brad and Wendy Stroops and granddaughter of Earl and Evelyn Stroops, will graduate from Davenport West. Her party is June 11; 1:00-4:00 PM at the West Alanco Club, Davenport.

Pauline Shepard will graduate from Davenport West. Her party was on May 28. Both Megan and Pauline are current interns with Doug Cloven, Youth Pastor.

Melinda Dietz, daughter of Jeff and Jan Dietz is graduating from Davenport West. Her party is June 12, 3:00-8:00 PM at 1410 Eagles Crest Avenue, Davenport

Hailey Kitzmann, daughter of John and Lisa Rogers and granddaughter of Bob Sandman, will graduate from Davenport West. Her party is June 18, 2:00-5:00 PM at 1759 Ziegler Ave, Blue Grass.

THANK YOU

Coffee/cookie fellowship between services for the summer months ended on May 22. Duane and Susan Asche would like to thank everyone who baked thousands of cookies this year for the Andy Buske "Small Group challenge". Who knew what a competitive bunch we all are? The turnout and response to this challenge was overwhelming and at the end of the day, there are enough cookies left to take us to the start of the coffee fellowship kickoff in September! How awesome is that? Thank you again for your dedication to this ministry and to all who either baked cookies or helped serve in anyway.



THANK YOU

The Trustees wish to thank all who participated in the Spring Clean-up on May 14. Special thanks to Pam Druhl for coordinating the inside work, Kevin Dighton for coordinating the outside work, Boy Scout Troop 43 of Adams School, Jim King for planting the annuals and last but not least, the Dream Team of Grandparents that tackled the nursery. Every single toy was cleaned and had batteries checked. Every shelf, rocking chair and light fixture was scrubbed. Because of all your efforts, clean-up was done this year by 11:30 a.m.

Brenda King, 2011 Trustee Chair



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Wednesday
6:30 PM - Jr. High Youth Group (Brandt Hall)
7:45 PM - Sr. High Youth Group (Brandt Hall)
Saturday
6:30 PM - Exit #1—Contemporary, Casual (Brandt Hall)
Sunday
8:45 AM - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15AM - Contemporary Worship (Brandt Hall)
10:15 AM - Hilltop Kids (Fellowship Hall)
10:15 AM - Adult Sunday School

