

# The Poster

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## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Worship schedule begins with Palm Sunday worship on April 17 at 9:45 a.m.

The Maundy Thursday service will be April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service will be on April 22, also at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day will be celebrated with Easter Breakfast hosted by the choir at 8:00 a.m., worship at 9:45 a.m., and an Easter Egg hunt following worship for children ages 10 and under.

Spend your Holy Week with us!

## Basket Silent Auction

As we approach Easter Sunday, we will once again be doing the Basket Silent Auction. The baskets will be given to the highest bidder after Palm Sunday services on April 17. Contact Debbie McCloney with questions.

## Lenten Study

This year's Lenten Study, "Easter from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas will be presented at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each of the Thursdays of the Lenten season (Apr. 7, Apr. 14, Apr. 21, & Apr. 28). (The same lesson is presented twice each day.)

## Ft. Des Moines Cookbook

Have you turned in a recipe for the upcoming cookbook? Forms are available at the church or from Debbie McCloney.

You can email a recipe (or a few of them!) to [mclcloney@mchsi.com](mailto:mclcloney@mchsi.com)

We need all we can get as soon as possible!

## Fun and Fellowship

Mark your calendar for April 16th at 4:00 p.m. for a time of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite game along with a snack to share and your own beverages. This fun activity is open to all ages so pick up Grandma and bring the kids! If you have questions, please contact Debbie McCloney.

## Did You Know...

—you can get *The Poster* online at [www.fduc.org](http://www.fduc.org)? Suzanne Wilcox sees that it is posted about five days prior to you receiving it by ground mail.

—each *Poster* covers about a month and a half in news and events to keep you as up-to-date as is possible when it arrives at your home at the middle of the month?

—you can view the Sunday worship bulletin online at [www.fduc.org](http://www.fduc.org)? Again Suzanne tries to get it posted on Friday or Saturday.

—the church's e-mail address has changed to [church\\_ftdsmumc@q.com](mailto:church_ftdsmumc@q.com)?

—you can receive e-mail messages about deaths and other timely news just by getting your email address to Jane?

## Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for children through the 5th grade will be held on Sunday, April 24. As you know the children look forward to the egg hunt. Once again, we would like to ask for your help. If you would like, donate items to be used for the egg hunt (i.e. individually wrapped candy, Easter themed items such as pencils, erasers), or if you'd prefer, cash donations will be accepted. Items and/or cash can be given to Lori Carlson, Janan Horak or left in the church office by Sunday, April 17.

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Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 29th of the month prior to being published.

## Office Hours

8:00 a.m. -

12:00 noon

Monday to Friday

## Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month

### Council Highlights

The Administrative Board of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church met on March 29. The highlights of the meeting follow.

\*\*Waldingers will fix the light fixtures in the sanctuary and the lights behind the choir.

\*\*An Adel company has been contacted about the bats in the parsonage. Cost will be \$450 to remove them.

\*\*Money will be collected to make school kits and baby kits for Japan.

\*\*The menu for the Easter Breakfast will be biscuits & gravy, eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee.

\*\*May Breakfast will be on May 7 with the men serving.

\*\*Nut Sale funds have been used to purchase stamps for the office, tools for Benny, cleaning carpets, outreach materials, and a donation to the General Fund.

### Nut Committee Report

Members of the 2010 project were: Cheryl Smith, Jackie Wilde, Don Miller, Roger and Debbie McCloney. The following decisions for allocating most of the 2010 profits were made:

12 rolls of stamps for the office	\$528.00
Cards, flowers, postage for Coralie	\$250.00
Clean carpets in Offices, Chapel & Conference Room	\$150.00
Postage for Ingathering	\$150.00
Pizza party for Jackie & roommates	\$25.00
Annual Conference expenses	\$600.00
Church General Budget	\$1000.00
Cassette tape duplicator	\$300.00
Tool Kit for church	\$20.00
2 door mats	\$60.00
Total	\$3083.00

Beginning balance for 2010 was \$1,770.74 with 2010 profit of \$1,762.50, so with recommendations our ending balance will be \$450.24

### Way of the Cross

Join the annual downtown Way of the Cross procession and reflection on Good Friday, April 22. Begin at 1:30 in front of First United Methodist Church (10th & Pleasant) and proceed to seven other stops (7th & Grand, 6th & Grand, 5th & Grand, Locust & 3rd, Cherry & 6th, High & 7th., and Principal Park). Each stop will feature a reflection on Scripture. You are welcome to join at any point on the procession, and are welcome to carry the cross for a small part of the solemn walk.

The Way of the Cross is sponsored by The Bridge, an ecumenical initiative among the four downtown churches.

### March Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 7,812.32
General Account Expenses	\$ 9,525.66
Designated Funds Income:	\$ 572.00
Trustees Income:	\$ 70.00

NOTE: Loans from the Flower Garden Fund and Memorial Fund have been repaid. Payment has been made toward the Apportionments.

#### Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$153,947.65
Total Expenses	\$ 46,318.60

### Trustee Committee Notes

The Trustees met on Feb. 28. Here is a summary of the discussion and the decisions made:

\*\*Motion made and carried to have the 2 broken light fixtures in the sanctuary repaired at an estimated cost of \$590.00.

\*\*\$123,378.57 was received from the Lorraine Jones Estate. Motion was made and carried to pay back the loans from the Flower Garden Fund and the Memorial Fund, give \$500 to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Fund, give \$500 to the District Asking and \$10,000 toward the 2011 Apportionments.

\*\*\$1500 of the estate money will be set aside for outreach and evangelism.

\*\*About \$100,000.00 of the estate monies will be placed in long-term and short-term interest bearing funds.

\*\*The organ has been moved to the new platform.

\*\*There is a problem with bats at the parsonage.

\*\*Francis Zeliadt and Larry Hart will work on the dim lights in the Chapel.

\*\*Francis fixed the stove/oven at the parsonage.

### Procession for Peace

Gather at the Capitol West Mall at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, April 17, to process down Grand Avenue. The procession will culminate at St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave, for a 3:45 a.m. worship service.

"We will mourn for those lost, pray for those caught in the violence, and celebrate the hope of new and thriving movements for peace."

The event is sponsored by the Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace.

### Pastor's Ponderings

Here we are approaching Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There might be some out there that would think us Christians foolish for believing in a savior that was crucified and then rose from the dead. They might even ask for some proof, some evidence that Jesus really rose from the dead.

What kind of proof could we offer? There weren't any T.V. news crews there to document the events as the stone rolled away and Jesus walked from the tomb. It wasn't broadcast world-wide so that millions could witness it. There were just a few witnesses. And, as followers of Jesus, not even very objective witnesses at that.

When you think about it, in one sense, we don't have much in the way of evidence. At least not the kind of hard evidence that some might think of as "proof" of the resurrection. But I would suggest that there is plenty of evidence of the risen Christ, evidence in the form of lives that have been changed by a living Lord.

I had a very powerful reminder of that fact one year at Annual Conference. If you have ever sat through Annual Conference then you know that at times it can get long and tedious. But there are moments of witness and worship that are so moving that they make all the hours of sitting worthwhile.

One such moment came a number of years ago when William Willimon spoke. Dr. Willimon is now a United Methodist Bishop, but at the time he was Dean of the Chapel and a professor at Duke University. He told of a young man, then a student at Duke, who came to his office to talk to him one day. The young man told Dr. Willimon that if he was ever asked for proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his story was all the proof that anyone should need.

He shared the story of his life, how he was a high school drop-out, into drugs and into all kinds of trouble with the law, with virtually no hope for the future. Then when he was as low as a person could get, he met Jesus, and it changed his life completely. He had gone from the person he had been, to an honors student at Duke, with a promising future and a tremendous faith. He said there was only one way that had been possible; because of the power of the risen Christ in his life. And he told Dr. Willimon something like, "So if anyone asks you if the resurrection of Jesus Christ is true, if Jesus really lives, you tell them about me, you tell them that I am what I am now only because he *lives* and walks each day with me."

As Dr. Willimon sat down, Bishop Palmer rose to his feet, and completely unrehearsed, began to sing in his rich, wonderful voice; "I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today...." And the entire assembly of Annual Conference joined in the song, a stirring testimony of faith in the risen Christ; "...You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart."

#### He Lives

by Alfred H. Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!**

**He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.**

**He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how I know he lives?**

**He lives within my heart.**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.

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Pastor Kathy

### Wesley Woods Summer Kick-Off

Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center will hold its Summer Kick-Off on Saturday, June 4, from 1 to 8 p.m. Activities include swimming, horse back rides, archery and much, much more. There is no cost to attend, however, a freewill donation will be accepted for the "Pig in the ground" Supper being served from 4:30 to 7:00. A Silent Auction will be held with the proceeds going toward camperships. The evening will close with a worship service led by the 2011 Summer Staff.

# April 2011

## Monthly Planner

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<b>3</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA 8:00 PM Lenten Study	<b>8</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>9</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>10</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM UMW 6:00 PM Wor- ship Committee 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA 8:00 PM Lenten Study	<b>15</b> 4:30 PM AA Recognition Dinner	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM SHARE Iowa 4:00 PM Game Night 6:15 PM NA
<b>17</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Radio Club 7:00 PM SPPRC	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs- day Service 8:00 PM AA 8:00 PM Lenten Study	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 8:00 PM AA	<b>23</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>24</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 8:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:30 PM Trustees	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Council	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA 8:00 PM Lenten Study	<b>29</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>30</b> 6:15 PM NA
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