

Connections

Haiti Disaster Relief

- ◆ Our communion offering February 7 has been designated for disaster relief in Haiti.
- ◆ We encourage you to go to www.mealsfromtheheartland.org to offer financial and volunteer assistance. This organization is currently making plans to begin packaging meals in late February.

Next Baptism

Our next baptism will be March 7. If you are a member of MDRC and desire baptism for your child, contact Pastor Jane, janebrown@meredithdrive.org/276.4901, so that materials can be sent to you in preparation for meeting with our elders.

MDRC Annual Report

A colorful, detailed summary of the 2009 ministries and missions of MDRC is available at Guest Services (one per household please), or on line at www.meredithdrive.org. See Quick Links, MDRC 2009 Annual Report.



The Iowa Blood Center is grateful for 44 units of blood donated at our December 16 blood drive. Over 132 lives can be saved as a result of the 36 whole blood donors, four double red donor procedures and three first-time donors. These donations are particularly appreciated in our community during the Christmas season. The next drive is tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2010.

Connect & Serve with Alpha

Dinner is served each week at our *Alpha* course (5 p.m. Sundays thru March 28) and volunteers are needed to help with meal preparation, meal serving, cleanup, and cookie donation. Serve as a small group, as a family, or individually. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub or contact Dixie Dill, 252-7791



A Lenten Devotional in the Making

Join with our Prayer Leadership and Adult Grow Teams to create a Lenten devotional booklet for our congregation. We'll use the Gospel of Mark to guide our steps in *Journey to the Cross: Walking with Jesus*. If you are willing to share your thoughts in writing (150 words or less) or a drawing, contact Linda Wilson, 402-7268. Devotionals are to be submitted by Friday, Feb. 5. This invitation is open to individuals of all ages, families, small groups, couples, etc.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Phil. 4:6

Thanksgivings

John & Evelyn Temple, 54th Anniversary; Don & Bette Bast, 65th Anniversary; Virg & Dorothy Dykstra, 51st Anniversary; Birth of Calvin to Kirk & Ashley Rathjen; John & Diane Vande Steeg, 55th Anniversary; birth of Tabitha to Brent & Morgan Molden; birth of Emmanuel to Alex & Sharon Ndikurugamba; marriage of Alisa Scarrow & Alex Wood; Norm & Carol Bastemeyer, 55th Anniversary; marriage of Stacey Sampson & Noble Munger

Petitions

Barb Hooper, Marilyn Clauss, Neale Roller, Ken Francis, Donnal Lillard, Nick De Boer, Louise Lear, Brent Stearns, Keri Siebrcht, Marlene Rife, Jeff Moore, Jim Waters' mother; Erik Phillips' brother, John Lee's sister; those dealing with depression, substance abuse, and unspoken needs of the heart; those seeking new jobs

Comfort

Lynn Pavel, death of step-father; Rod Van Wyk, death of brother-in-law; Connie Adams, death of brother; Dean Veenschoten, death of sister; Norm Bastemeyer, death of brother-in-law; Bob Ruch, death of mother; Jolene Brown, death of grandmother; Shane Ver Steeg, death of grandmother; Hazel Doornink, death of mother; Fred Erickson, death of father; Lynette Wagner, death of grandmother; Vicki Nieman, death of grandmother; Mary Jean Veenschoten, death of brother; Pastor Jane Brown, death of aunt

Need Prayer During the Week?

- ◆ Prayer requests are sent by e-mail to our 200+ people who pray during the week. To submit your requests, contact Pastor Jane, janebrown@meredithdrive.org.
- ◆ A prayer elder is available at the Meredith Drive campus worship center Tuesdays, 7:30 -9 a.m. Stop by any time.



Sr. Adults to Urbandale Cafe. Join the MDRC Sr. Adults and friends at the relocated Urbandale Café (3828 100th St.) at 11:30 a.m. Wed., Feb. 3. (They now take credit cards!)

Sr. Adult Monthly Lunch. Come to the Fellowship Center at the MD campus at noon Wed., Feb. 10 for the monthly Sr. Adult luncheon. Following the meal the program will be given on “Home Instead Sr. Care” by MDRC-attender Angie Sieren.

Sr. Adult Bible Study. Come to the Fireside Lounge at the MD campus at 9 a.m. Wed., Feb. 24 for refreshments by Dorothy Madole followed by Bible study on Romans 11 by Pastor Carl Van Farowe



With gratitude for all of the folks who have been so thoughtful to hold us in prayer and have sent cards expressing sympathy. You have meant so much to us. We praise God for the wonderful life that Bob’s mother, Margaret Ruch, enjoyed and we are secure that she dwells with God—her spirit finally free from the body and mind that just wouldn’t work anymore. Bob & Judy Ruch

*Dear Meredith Drive Family,
Our heartfelt thanks for your cards, calls, prayers and gestures of support upon the sudden earthly passing of our brother/uncle. Also, our sincere thanks to all who helped make the Remembrance Service in early December a lovely time of reflection. Blessings to you all, as you have been a blessing to us. Connie Knoot, Mark & Judi Cooper, Susan & Dylan Hayes and families*

Alumni News

Congratulations to Carlye Sikkink and Joe Novak on their recent engagement. A May 2011 wedding is planned.



- ◆ **Haiti March Work Trip** has been cancelled
- ◆ **Haiti, United Christian International.** There are still a few openings for this June 9-18, 2010 mission trip. Contact Virg or Dorothy Dykstra, dvdyk@aol.com/710.1330, for more information. See Information From and Help for Haiti at www.meredithdrive.org for updates from UCI missionaries JeanJean & Kristie Mompremier concerning happenings since the Haiti earthquake
- ◆ **From the Haiti Vision Team.** Our Haiti mission vision team is headed to Haiti in February. “The hospital there is asking that only medical teams come at this time. They have said that the team's work is too important for them to *not* come and they are grateful for the opportunity to treat our glaucoma and surgical patients. Of course this is subject to change at any time. As Proverb 16:9 says, We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. We will trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit and rely on the prayers of our faithful friends and church family. We are going to try to ship all of our non-perishable food that we will consume as a team while there. We don't really know what to expect. We do know that HBP is receiving earthquake patients. We may be seeing eye injuries and performing enucleations (eye removal). Everyone has agreed that we will work whatever hours are necessary to do what needs to be done.”
- ◆ **Floors for Haiti Campaign Report.** Thru the generosity of our members and attenders, funds were donated to provide floors for 177 Haitian families. Pouring of the floors began in December but was halted briefly immediately following the earthquake due to the rise in the cost of gasoline and cement. Work has begun again and JeanJean & Kristie sent the following report. “We have been able to complete more concrete floors. The price of gas and cement went down to almost normal and we felt it was important to continue the work. One of the houses that we are cementing is for the family that lost a 24 -year old son in the earthquake. So, we were very happy to help them out. They also had a huge outpouring of community support to help them. Actually, the community decided to re-do their whole house for them. It was small and one wall was crumbling. So, as a sign of how much the community loved this family, they decided to dig all the rocks and gravel and sand and cut the wood needed. This family will be getting a whole new house! The family is so happy with this. We are up to 31 houses total.”

Opportunities for Men

- ◆ **A Study of Job.** Our men’s Bible study group resumes Mon. February 1 with a study of the book of Job. Take time on the first and third Monday evenings, February thru May, to join up with a group of guys in Bible study and fellowship. Bridge campus, 7 to 8:15 p.m. For more information contact Steve Sikkink, sikkinks@alliancetechnologies.net/210-8458.
- ◆ **Men’s 40+ Basketball.** Looking for a little fun and fellowship? You’ll get both with our Men’s 40+ Basketball opportunity which meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Bridge campus. Contact Max Dill, 252.7791, for more information.

Adult Opportunities to . . .

Connect to God and others

Grow as faithful Christ followers

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Adult Growth

MD Campus

Romans Bible Study, 8 a.m., Arlan Van Roekel, Room 236

Framing Your Worldview, 9 a.m., Rich De Penning, Gym

What's So Amazing About Grace, 9 a.m., Kris Winter, Room 244

English as a Second Language, 9 a.m., Jillea Bueso, Room 110

Have a New Kid by Friday, 9 a.m., Lees & Gregorys, Fireside Lounge

Who is the Holy Spirit?, 9 a.m., Jeff Simpson & Kevin Smith, Room 245

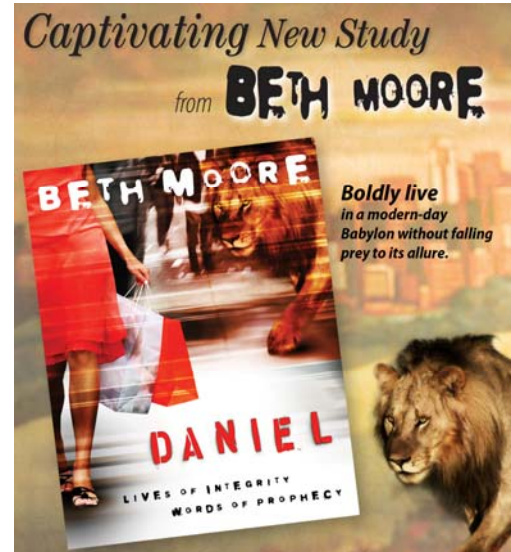
Study of Psalms, The Prayer Book of Jesus, 9 a.m., Louisa Sandager, Room 242

Bridge Campus

The Faith, 9 a.m., Chris Winterboer & Jamie Brand, Room 235

Preparing Your Heart - and Your Child - for Leaving Home, 9 a.m., Rob & Linda Wilson, Room 227

They Like Jesus But Not the Church, 9 a.m., Ivy Sprague & January Kim, Room 233



Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy A Beth Moore Study for Women

Just as the prophet Daniel faced great pressure to compromise his faith in a hostile culture and was confronted by temptations and threats, today's believers face similar trials. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. Join us for "Lives of Integrity," followed by "Words of Prophecy."

Lives of Integrity

Tuesdays, Jan. 26-March 9, 7-9 p.m., Bridge campus

Thursdays, Jan. 28-March 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Meredith Drive campus

Fridays, Jan. 29-March 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Meredith Drive campus

Words of Prophecy

Tuesdays, April 6-May 11, 7-9 p.m., Bridge campus

Thursdays, April 8-May 13, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Meredith Drive campus

Fridays, April 9-May 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Meredith Drive campus

Order your books on line

- www.amazon.com
- www.ChristianBook.com
- Get from a local Christian book store.
 - Connexions—3901 121st Street, Urbandale
 - Wellspring—10465 Hickman Rd, Urbandale



What on Earth Am I Here For?

Ever asked yourself this question? If so, you won't want to miss the upcoming SHAPE Workshop.

8:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, February 27,
Bridge campus .

Join the Adult GROW team for this fun, interactive workshop where we explore the questions *What on earth am I here for?* and *Where am I called to serve?* by discovering our SHAPE:

Spiritual Gifts

Hearth (passions)

Abilities (natural abilities)

Personality

Experiences

Each of us has an important role to play in the church and in the world! Find out where YOU fit in! Invite a friend! More info available at www.meredithdrive.org. Sign up on-line or on the *Bulletin* stub.



A "Cord of Three Strands" Marriage Retreat

Fri., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. thru Sat., Feb. 13, 11 a.m.,
Drury Inn, West Des Moines

Spend time together remembering the vows taken on the day you said "I do!" Take hold of the "God strand" and live married life as a cord of three strands.

- Retreat only, no hotel stay—\$70
- Retreat and hotel—\$110 by Jan. 31
(\$120 after Jan. 31)
- Scholarships available—contact Pastor Jane Brown
- Need help with child care—call Rob & Cynthia
MacDougall, 331.1580

Register at the table in the lobby on Sunday, or on line at
www.meredithdrive.org.

STEWARDSHIP

<u>December 19 & 20</u>		<u>January 10</u>	
Regular Offering	\$61,683.05	Regular Offering	\$25,914.19
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
5:00 p.m.	597		M/B
8:10 a.m.	270	9:00 a.m.	229/194
9:30 a.m.	306	10:30 a.m.	340/231
10:50 a.m.	458	Children's Worship	41/79
Children's Worship M/B	34/62		1114
	1728	Sunday School	231/211
<u>December 27</u>		<u>January 17</u>	
Regular Offering	\$134,813.10	Regular Offering	\$39,872.46
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
8:10 a.m.	150		M/B
9:30 a.m.	207	9:00 a.m.	235/203
10:50 a.m.	259	10:30 a.m.	341/245
Children's Worship M/B	21/27	Children's Worship	39/79
	664		1142
		Sunday School	238/175
<u>January 3</u>		<u>January 24</u>	
Regular Offering	\$22,060.26	Regular Offering	\$24,938.14
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
8:10 a.m.	165		M/B
9:30 a.m.	393	9:00 a.m.	217/323
10:50 a.m.	237	10:30 a.m.	155/233
Children's Worship M/B	35/74	Children's Worship	50/80
	904		1058
		Sunday School	223/215



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Sunday

Worship Schedule

Both Campuses

9:00 a.m.
Worship and Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship & Children's Worship