

Connections

Upcoming Communion Offering

Our July 5 Communion Offering will be donated to the Central Iowa Honor Flight. This all-volunteer, non-profit group is attempting to raise the funds to fly several hundred central Iowa World War II veterans to Washington, DC, this year to visit their memorial. The total cost to fly one veteran on an Honor Flight is approximately \$750.

The one-day flights from Des Moines International Airport will take World War II veterans to Washington where they will visit the World War II Memorial as well as the Korean and Vietnam Memorials along with Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Monument and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The veterans are accompanied by volunteer "guardians" who assist with mobility and other concerns. Each flight also includes doctors, nurses, EMTs and other health care professionals.

On a national basis, more than 1,000 World War II veterans die each day. Time is running out to say "thank you" to these courageous men and women who sacrificed so much to preserve our nation and the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis.

Ways to Serve our VBA Son Rock Kids and Leaders

The following items are needed for our VBA Son Rock campers July 7-10.

- * **Treats:** Apples, gummy worms, and s'mores crackers or Keebler "bug bits" (found in the cracker and cookie aisle). Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub. (Judy Van Zee, treat leader, will contact you to confirm. Bring treats to the either campus before July 7.
- * **Trees:** Spindle pine and evergreens. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub or contact Heidi Zlab, 249-4369.
- * **Napkins and cups:** Packages of 300 napkins and 5 oz drinking cups. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.
- * **Tents:** Easy-to-set-up tents in which 8-10 people can sit comfortably for awhile each morning during discussion time. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub. Questions? Contact Amy Harrison, 331-1198.

Baptism

If you are a member of Meredith Drive Reformed Church and would like to have your child baptized August 2, please contact Pastor Jane Brown, 276-4901/ janebrown@meredithdrive.org. Materials will be sent to you to prepare for a meeting with the elders at 6:30 p.m. Sun., July 26 at the Meredith Drive campus.

Serve Our Youth Summer Picnic

The MDRC Serve Our Youth (SOY) team is planning its annual summer picnic with the kids and staff from the Polk County Youth Shelter and you're invited! Come Sat., July 18, anytime between 1-5 p.m., and see how easy it is to SERVE on this team! Follow the signs to the Cadet Shelter at Big Creek State Park. Bring yourself, bring your family! Come for the afternoon or just a few minutes. We'll be boating, fishing, playing games, eating, and enjoying the day together. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship as we extend God's love and mercy to some of Iowa's high risk youth by spending a relaxing day with them. If you have a heart for teens and want to see what SOY is all about, this is the perfect opportunity!



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

Phil. 4:6

Thanksgivings

Marriage of Lindsay Lee & Bryce Boehm; Marriage of Mallory Howard & A.J. Smith; Birth of Hailey to Troy & Shelby Hansen; Birth of Kya to Clint & Jody Lutterman; Birth of Nicholas to Nick & Lisa Parenza; Jack & Charlene Ver Steeg, 51st Anniversary; Jake & Marilyn Cunningham, 54th Anniversary;

Petitions

Ruth De Cook; Francis Breen; Jack Stuck; Gladly Hartley; Ron Vander Leest; Jeff Moore; Joan Billings; Lynn Augspurger's father; Erik Phillip's brother; Jeanne Blutt's mother; Jim Mc Coneghey's cousin; Kathy Leinenkugel's brother; Marv Bosch's father; Judy Stark's sister; John Lee's sister; those dealing with depression, job concerns, substance abuse, and unspoken needs of the heart

Comfort

Gary & Sharon Carr; death of Gary's brother; Kent & Denny Puckett, death of mother and grandmother; Lesley Crowder, David & Edna Crowder, Darolyn & Eric White, death of son, grandson, nephew and cousin; Lila Hassebrock, death of brother-in-law; Beth Stroud, death of father; Connie Knoot, death of father-in-law; Judi Cooper, Susan Hayes, death of grandfather; Nyuma & Mariema Blama, death of daughter; Portia McGuire, death of mother

Heart and Stroke Screenings, July 25

The HeartReach Mobile Lab, the most comprehensive heart and stroke screening program available from Iowa Methodist and Iowa Lutheran Hospitals, will be at the Meredith Drive campus Saturday, July 25. Screening packages start at \$35. The cost of the complete screen is \$135 without a coupon; however, a \$25 coupon can be downloaded by visiting their website, www.iowahealth.org/heartreach. Your 20-minute appointment time can be scheduled by calling 866-935-5432. Questions? Call Barb Huyette, Parish Nurse, 224-4145.



Fun for Seniors

Senior Adults to Visit Honey Creek State Park. Pastor Carl Van Farowe and interested senior adults will leave the MD campus at 9 a.m. Wed. July 8 for the Honey Creek State Park at Lake Rathbun. Lunch will be "Dutch treat" at the beautiful Lodge and car pooling will be the mode of transportation. If you plan to attend this outing, please sign the *Bulletin* stub by July 5 and indicate if you have a vehicle to drive



◆ *To MDRC Staff & Congregation, Thank you for the prayers, cards, meals and telephone calls that I received after my surgery. It is very*

comforting to know that MDRC is a caring congregation. Sharon and I appreciate the fellowship and Christian love we both have experienced at Meredith Drive. In Christ's love, Larry & Sharon Card

- ◆ *I wish to thank the many persons who sent cards of encouragement to Virginia during her five-year battle with cancer, and to the many persons who sent cards of sympathy to my family at the time of her death. Virginia commented many times how much she appreciated all the cards. You have been a blessing to us over the past five years. Thank you. Gene Loverink*
- ◆ *Thank you for the beautiful cards, and especially, thank you for your prayers. It made me feel very secure. Molly Bonestroo*



Global & Local Mission Opportunities

Stop by the Mission Shack at the MD campus today and pick up a brochure with lots of opportunities for local and/or global mission involvement

- ◆ **Local Mission Opportunity.** Iowans still need help from the floods of '08. Join Judy & Denny Applegate and Bruce & Laurie Hawley in Cedar Rapids August 15 to 22 to help rebuild homes with hammer & nails, and lives with hope and encouragement. Cost is \$100 per person for materials and \$10.00 per person per day for room. Contact Applegates, 255.2889/djapple14@yahoo.com if you are interested and/or have questions. To reserve a spot send a check for \$100.00 to MDRC marked Cedar Rapids Mission trip.
- ◆ **Haiti 2010 Trips.**
 - ◆ **Spring Break Trip.** March 10-19, 2010. Team leaders will be Dave & Brenda Applegate.
 - ◆ **Work Trip** March 17-26, 2010. Team leaders will be Virg & Dorothy Dykstra

It's NOT too early to reserve your spot. Contact Dykstras, dvdyk@aol.com.

Trinity Meal Site Ministry:

This vital ministry, located in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church in Des Moines, serves an evening meal to an average of 85 people, 6 nights a week: MDRC has been serving through this Children and Urban Ministries mission for over 10 years. Opportunities include:

- ◆ **Providing a 9x13 casserole, 4 doz. dinner rolls, or 4 doz. cookies** the 1st Tuesday or the 4th Wednesday of each month. Food can be dropped off at the Meredith Drive campus to be delivered and served by other MDRC volunteers. To volunteer, sign up on the *Bulletin* stub or contact Lori Langos, lorilangos@Q.com/278-4596.
- ◆ **Transporting food from Meredith Drive campus to Trinity Meal site** on the 1st Tuesday of each month, a one-hour time commitment. Food is carted up and ready to be picked up at the Meredith Drive campus at 4 p.m. Substitutes are available. To volunteer, contact Lori Langos, lorilangos@Q.com/278-4596, or sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.
- ◆ **Serving a dinner meal at the Site (located at 8th & College).** MDRC provides two meals a month, on the 1st Tuesday and 4th Wednesday, from 4:30-6 p.m. Serve individually or as a group; one time, or on a rotating basis. To volunteer, contact Cindy Spiker, cindy.spiker@meredith.com/331-1323, or sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.



A Life-Changing Experience

The Christ-Life Solution is a life-changing experience that helps people develop true intimacy with Jesus Christ. **The class will teach and train you to focus on the biblical model of producing**

real changes by renewing your mind, or in other words, changing your thinking patterns.

Orientation for Phase 1 is Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m. at the

Bridge campus. For more information call Tracy Smalley, 270.6248, or Pastor Jane, 276.4901. You'll also find more information on our website, www.meredithdrive.org, under "Adults, Evening & Weekday Groups & Classes."

"I was raised in the church and attended "good" churches all of my life. Even so, the principles taught in Christ-Life were new to me. As if scales fell off my eyes, now I see and know Christ for who he really is. He has freed me of past burdens and destructive thinking patterns. Best of all, He has revealed that I can trust God, and rest in Him."



Rebecca Cartwright

Adult Opportunities to . . .

Connect to God and others

Grow as faithful Christ followers

Who are the church's leaders? Where are they found? How are they developed?
Is there a way to multiply their numbers? Is God calling you?

Jesus raised these same questions in his conversations with his disciples and he said,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2



Every follower of Jesus is a leader or influencer with some one/group. Leaders for the Harvest is an intentional approach to the critical task of multiplying disciples. Emerging leaders are identified, equipped, and empowered for a life-time of fruitful service.

Biblically Based

Life-Long in Approach

Relational

What is the process?

Leaders for the Harvest has three possible stages. You may participate one year and stop, or continue for year two and stop, or take all three years.

Year 1 — The Emerging Journey: (Offered yearly)

Invest in growing as a servant hearted follower of Jesus in character and actions.

Focus is on:

- What the Bible says about leadership
- How God has prepared you to lead
- Who God has put in your life to help you lead
- What are healthy leadership styles

Year 2 — The Equipping Journey: Deeper leadership skills Offered Fall, 2009

Year 3 — The Enriching Journey: For those interested in becoming a commissioned pastor Offered Fall, 2010

What are the outcomes?

- Personal spiritual growth

"I was hesitant to sign up due to my lack of Biblical knowledge. In taking the class I realized that I needed to be prepared for homework, for a new desire to read the Bible, and for a greater understanding of God in my life now and in the past...it has deepened our faith in God. This class has been worth it!"
—Meagan Reeg

"I have values...does my life reflect my values? LFH has clarified my values and helped me to fully live out those values at work and home today." —Keri Kolb

"Attending as a married couple has been great! We have learned about where God is leading us and have become closer in our relationship with God and each other."
—Greg & Andrea McFarlan

- A clearer understanding of who God has made you to be
"The Biblical Mandate, my mentor, and the Strength Finder Retreat helped me understand myself and others so much more."
—Steve Sikkink
- A support network of fellow disciples
"It bonded us together as a group and made us appreciate how our life experiences grow our faith and allows us to support others in similar situations." —Shelly Schlawin
- Equipped and empowered leaders
"Writing my personal narrative was an eye opening experience. I became aware of divine details that affirm, encourage, and empower me to serve God in His church and in daily life."
—Tammy Gregory

What is the time commitment?

Classes meet two hours weekly, mid-Sept. through mid-April, plus prep time.

Tentative 2009 Schedule

Year 1

Sun. 6-8 pm
Wed. 9:15-11:15 am

Year 2

Tues. or Thurs. 6:30-8 pm

"If you search your calendar to find time for LFH, your answer will most certainly be NO. But, if you listen to your heart for that ever present whispering of God you will find yourself saying YES. Over the next 8 months the LFH program will have you walking closer with God then you ever imagined."

—Gerrad Clausen

What is the cost?

The total cost is \$125 to cover the cost of the books.

- Partial scholarships are available
- The cost can be paid over 7 months

SUMMER SEASON OF PRAYER

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

*Praying for People
In the World, for the World*

- June 28, 6:00 p.m., Walker Johnston Park Shelter Area
- July 19, 5:00 p.m., Capitol Building
- August 2, 8:30 p.m., Saylorville Welcome Center
- August 16, 7:00 p.m., MDRC

Come, bring friends, bring family.
Enjoy the opportunities of the place in the world
where we were praying.
All are welcome, all ages.

STEWARDSHIP

<u>May 31</u>		<u>June 14</u>	
Regular Offering	\$24,503.58	Regular Offering	\$28,625.50
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
8:10 a.m.	208	8:10 a.m. M	208
9:30 a.m.	343	9:30 a.m. B	352
10:50 a.m.	257	10:50 a.m. M	255
Children's Worship M/B	<u>41/74</u>	Children's Worship M/B	<u>49/69</u>
	923		933
<u>June 7</u>		<u>June 21</u>	
Regular Offering	\$37,161.65	Regular Offering	\$26,164.86
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
8:10 a.m.	237	8:10 a.m.	197
9:30 a.m.	387	9:30 a.m.	350
10:50 a.m.	289	10:50 a.m.	245
Children's Worship M/B	<u>61/65</u>	Children's Worship M/B	<u>31/59</u>
	1039		882



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Sunday

Worship Schedule

Meredith Campus
Worship—8:10 & 10:50 a.m.

The BRIDGE Campus
10025 NW 62nd, Johnston
Worship—9:30 a.m.