

Opportunities Sign Up

We will attend "Kids & Communion"

Child(ren)'s name(s)

We will attend the Easter Treasure Hunt

Child's Full Name Age

Contact Phone _____

I will attend the Soup & Pie Supper

 I will bring guests

 I will be a table hostess

 I will be a greeter

We will attend Servants of the Night

I/we will serve in the nursery for Good Friday services

 5:00 p.m.

 6:30 p.m.

I/we will donate lily(s) in honor of

_____ relationship _____

_____ relationship _____

_____ relationship _____

_____ relationship _____

I will help with Children's Ministries

 In the nursery

 In Children's Worship

Name _____

Ladies Lunch Bunch All ladies are invited to join us for lunch *Mon., March 15, 11:45 a.m. (note time)* at Macaroni Grill, 4502 University in West Des Moines. Call Myrna Satre, 274-0837, to RSVP.

Sr. Adult's Lunch at the Corner Café

Meet us there; *2731 110th St. in Urbandale, Wed., March 17, 11:30 a.m.* This is located in the Deerfield Crossing Strip Mall.

Sr. Adult Bible Study Meets at 9 a.m.

Wed., March 24 in the Fireside Lounge of the Meredith Drive campus. Faye Horpestad will provide refreshments and Pastor Carl will lead study of Romans 12. All are welcome!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Servants of the Night: *For 5th & 6th graders, Friday, March 26, 6-11 p.m.*

Bring a parent with you and travel with us around the city as we find Servants of the Night. We'll start at the Meredith Drive campus at 6 p.m. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub. For more info contact Tony Meade, 276-8925, or Scott Kolb, 987-8092. *Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.* Ephesians 6:7

Kids and Communion Seminar Is your child expressing interest in taking communion? If so, we have a special seminar for parents and kids to prepare them, *Wed. March 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.* at the Meredith Drive campus. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.

An Easter Treasure Hunt *Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Bridge campus.* All 3 year olds through 4th graders are invited to come for an age-appropriate Easter Story hunt with meaning and fun! Groups are divided by age at both sessions:

- 3 and 4 year olds, must be with an adult
- Kindergarten through 4th grade (K-1st graders must be with an adult)

This is not a grab and run hunt. First we hunt for Easter Story clues, then each child hunts for a bag with his/her name on it and two other items. Sign up on the Sunday *Bulletin* stub. Feel free to invite a friend, but be sure to let us know their name and age.

Save the Date to Splash Down on Dad's Day!

Sun., June 20, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Clive Aquatic Center. An all-church event and a great opportunity to invite your friends!

Vacation Bible Adventures 2010 **June 28-July 2, 9:30-11:45 a.m.**

For kids ages 4 years old by 9/15/2010 through fall 2010 5th grade
Invite your friends!

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tony Vis	Lead Pastor	Andy & Shauna Vis	Youth Discipleship
Jane Brown	Pastor	Brenda & Dave Applegate	Youth Outreach
Jill Ver Steeg	Pastor	Brenton Brown	Music Ministries
Jon Nelson	Pastor	Carl Van Farowe	Senior Adults
Marv Vande Kieft	Exec. Admin.		

Meredith Drive Reformed Church

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THE BRIDGE

A Campus of Meredith Drive Reformed Church

Welcome to Worship

March 14, 2010 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Living Upside Down:

All Out and All In!

Matthew 5:1-16

Pastor Tony Vis

*Connecting to God and others,
Growing faithful Christ-followers,
Serving Christ in the world.*

THE BRIDGE is a ministry campus of **Meredith Drive Reformed Church**, a strong and vital congregation that has ministered in the Des Moines area for over 60 years. Our **Meredith Drive campus** is located at 5128 Meredith Drive in Des Moines. **Meredith Drive** and **The Bridge**—*one congregation meeting in two locations.* While we worship each Sunday at both locations, we share many other activities during the week that we call **Common Ground**. Look for more information on these activities in our weekly e-news and on our website, www.meredithdrive.org.

NURSERY CARE is available for infants to 3 years of age during our Sunday morning worship service, and for infants through age 2 1/2 during the Sunday School hour. Trained adults provide a safe and fun environment for your youngsters while you participate in the worship service or in a Sunday School class. Children not staying in the nursery during the Sunday School hour may be picked up immediately following the worship service. Those that stay for the second hour may be picked up at 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE 9:00 A.M. HOUR: Classes for all ages, children through adults. A great opportunity for families and individuals to connect with others and grow as Christ-followers. Stop by Guest Services for specific information.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP DURING THE 10:30 A.M. HOUR: Children **3 years old through 2nd grade** join their parents for the opening "Praise" segments of worship, and then go to an age-appropriate "Children's Worship" time led by trained children's leaders. *Parents of 3 year olds through kindergarten bring their child(ren) to the assigned room each week to meet the leaders.* 1st & 2nd graders meet their leaders in the back of the Worship Center. *Parents pick up their children from the classrooms immediately following the service.*

What's Happening at MDRC!

THE BRIDGE CAMPUS SPECIFIC

Sunday Morning Groups

Grow as Christ-followers and connect with others during the 9 a.m. hour in one of these groups:

They Like Jesus,
But Not the Church Rm 133
Preparing Your Heart,
and Your Child, For Leaving Home Sr. Hi Tri
An Invitation to John Rm 235
Your Journey to a Prayerful Life Rm 227

God and Sports Begins Sunday, April 11, 9 a.m. Join us as we discuss topics such as: What are God-honoring sports, when do sports become a god, and more!

A Place for You to Bless Our Families

In the Nursery: A Coordinator (a paid position) to rotate with two other coordinators and serve Sunday morning once every three weeks..
In Children's Worship: One leader and one helper to serve our 1st and 2nd graders once a month during the 10:30 a.m. sermon time, February through May. All materials and training supplied. Mark the *Bulletin* stub to assist in either of these ministries.

COMMON GROUND

Opportunities available to everyone at both campuses

Sunday Morning Groups for Children and Adults Meet today!

Blood Pressure Checks *Today between worship services.* Take advantage of this service, a ministry of the MDRC Care Ministry. Stop by the parish nurse area, across from the offices at the Meredith Drive campus and at the nurses table at the Bridge campus.

Journey to the Cross With Us each Sunday evening during Lent, 6-7 p.m. at the Meredith Drive campus, as we worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and reflect together on what it means to follow Jesus to the cross. January Kim will be teaching tonight.

Prayer Prompts: Each Sunday in our Lenten devotional booklet, "Journey to the Cross," there is a prayer of particular concern in our lives as we journey to the cross. Around the church and in e-news you will see *Prayer Prompts* to remind you to be in prayer for that concern throughout the week. The prayers begin close to home and move out to the world: from home, to jobs, to those hungry, for the church's hands, for the church's unity and strength. *Devotional booklets are available at Guest Services.*

Prayer Prompt March 14-20

Your purpose is to redeem the world and we, the church, are your ambassadors. May we bring justice and hope to those who suffer. May we be in the lives of those who have so little, yet need so much.

"Journey to the Cross"
Lenten Devotional, pp. 32-33

Good Friday Worship

April 2
5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Meredith Drive campus

Nursery Looking for Good Friday Care

The Nursery Team is looking for eight volunteers to serve in the nursery during the Good Friday services Friday, April 2, at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Meredith Drive campus. This is a great opportunity for confirmation kids to serve, or for anyone who is looking for a place to volunteer. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.

Remembering Loved Ones at Easter

We invite you to remember loved ones who have died to this life by providing a lily to display at the front of the worship area this Easter. To do this, mark the *Bulletin* stub with the name of the person(s) you are remembering, and the name of the donor (s). This information will be used to compile a bulletin insert for Easter Sunday. Purchase a lily and attach a card to it with your name and the name of the person(s) you are remembering. Bring the lily to either campus on Fri., April 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or Sat., 8 a.m.-noon.

Upper Room: A Unique Holy Week

Drama March 31 and April 1, 6 p.m., Bridge campus. Join us as a costumed cast of MDRC singers and actors tell the story of Holy Week and the Last Supper in a unique dinner theater experience. An 18-member orchestra and a professionally catered meal add to the majesty of the experience! Tickets (\$25 per person) are on sale now in the lobby or on our website. Get your tickets to the "Upper Room" before they're sold out!

Women's Soup & Pie Supper

"Out of Darkness into Light." Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., Bridge campus. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship, and a message from local speaker, author, and musician Terri Hout. Terri will share her personal story of God healing her broken life and using it to reach out to others. You will be moved between laughter and tears as she shares her dramatic message of God's awesome power to change lives. Cost is \$5 at the door with a can of soup for the Food Pantry. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub or at the table in the lobby.

Lost and Found If you think you might have lost jewelry, reading glasses, or keys at the church, please stop by Guest Services to inquire.

MDRC Blood Drive

Wed., April 7, 3-7 p.m.
Meredith Drive campus

GLOBAL & LOCAL MISSION

Mission Team Continues Cedar Rapids

Repair RCA missionaries Bruce & Laurie Hawley will lead an eight-week blitz of rebuilding, and an MDRC team will be there May 9-15. Contact Denny and Judy Applegate, 255-2889 for more information.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Men's 40+- Basketball Fun recreation and fellowship for guys! Come to the Bridge campus Tues. evenings, 8 p.m. Contact Max Dill, 252-7791 for more info.

God's People In Prayer



Give Thanks Unto the Lord...

The sound of snow melting and things we see again: sidewalks, curbs, ground and more!

...and Call Upon His Name.

(Psalm 105:1)

Petitions

Pray for leadership and peace in the world
For the church around the world as it responds in unity to help Haiti and Chile?????
Jeff Temple, gall bladder surgery recovery
Adrianne Towe Penner, health concerns
Sharon Card, dealing with joint problems
Larry Larpentar at Urbandale care center
Pastor Jon Nelson, sale of home
Bette Bast, hip surgery recovery
Don Wederquist, surgery recovery
John Lutz, cancer treatment
Nick De Boer, cancer treatment
Louise Lear, cancer treatment
Marlene Rife, health concerns
Jeff Moore, cancer treatment
MaryJean Veenschoten's sister, cancer
Tammy Gregory's mother, health concerns
Karen Schut's father, by-pass surgery
Connie Young's sister, cancer treatment
Don & Jan Doudna's granddaughter, hospitalized
Kim Thede's nephew, chemo treatment
Jim Waters' mother, stroke
Erik Phillip's brother, health concerns
Kathy Forst's nephew in Afghanistan

Those homebound and in care centers:

Loudene Empey, Bette Kirstein, Martha Vis,
Ron Vander Leest, Vera Cannon,
Bob Dabrieo, Marlene Rife, Bette Bast,
Grace Groenendyk

Comfort

Judy Cooper, Susan Hayes, and Connie Knoot,
death of uncle and brother-in-law

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.

SIGN IN PLEASE

Members and regular attendees sign our attendance registration weekly. [Guests:] We encourage you to fill this out as well so that we can better serve you..

March 14, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Ph: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____

- This is my first time signing in
- This is a change in my contact information.
- I/we would like offering envelopes.
- I'd like to receive the weekly E-news

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- 1st Time Guest Return Guest
- Here for Special Occasion Only
- Regular Attendee (Non-member)
- Member

FAMILY AGE GROUPS (Check All Applicable)

___ Infant-3 yr. ___ College ___ 50-59
___ 4 yr.-K ___ 20-29 ___ 60-69
___ 1st-4th gr. ___ 30-35 ___ 70-79
___ 5th-8th gr. ___ 36-39 ___ 80+
___ Hi. Sch. ___ 40-49

I'D LIKE TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS:

- To commit my life to Christ
- To be a more devoted follower of Christ
- To be a member of this church

I'D LIKE INFORMATION ON:

___ Nursery-6th Grade ___ Women's Groups
___ Weekday Pre-school ___ Senior Adults
___ Jr./Sr. High ___ Small Groups
___ Prayer Ministries ___ Adult Classes
___ Music Ministries

I HEARD ABOUT THE BRIDGE FROM:

I WOULD LIKE PRAYER FOR:

- place request on prayer-chain
- request to elders/pastoral staff only
- follow up with phone call
- request someone to come pray with me

For more information about any of these ministry opportunities visit our website at www.meredithdrive.org,