

Opportunities Sign Up

We will attend "Kids & Communion"

Child(ren)'s name(s)

I will help with Children's Ministries

In the nursery

In Children's Worship

We will attend the Easter Treasure Hunt

Child's Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I will attend the Soup & Pie Supper

I will bring ___ guests

I will be a table hostess

I will be a greeter

Name _____

Election Poll Workers Needed The Polk County Election Office is looking for poll workers to serve in paid positions at the Meredith Drive campus during the June 8 election. Contact John Chiodo, 286-2076.

GLOBAL & LOCAL MISSION

A BIG Thank You from the Kids at the Polk County Youth Shelter for the donations of socks and underwear. Over 500 items were delivered to the shelter this week!

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

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.

Ladies Lunch Bunch All ladies are invited to join us for lunch *Mon., March 15, 11:30 a.m.* at Macaroni Grill, 4502 University in West Des Moines. Call Myrna Satre, 274-0837, to RSVP.

Sr. Adult Monthly Lunch *Wed., March 10, at noon in the Meredith Drive campus Fellowship Center.* The program by Marilyn DeRoos' sister, Carol Mapes, will give a power-point presentation about an orphanage in Sudan.

Sr. Adult's Lunch at the Corner Café Meet us there, at *2731 110th St. in Urbandale, Wed., March 17, 11:30 a.m.* This is located in the Deerfield Crossing Strip Mall.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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 with Meaning & Fun *Sat. April 3, 9 a.m. at the Bridge campus.* Save the date for our annual Easter Treasure hunt, a meaningful and fun connecting time for our kids. Two groups:

- 3 years old-K
- 1st-4th grade

A great opportunity to reach out and invite a friend. Sign up on the *Bulletin* stub.

Splash Down on Dad's Day! Save the Date! *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 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Just Watch!
Mark 4:35-41
Pastor Jon Nelson

*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

“Your Journey to a Prayerful Life” Begins today at 9 a.m. and meets for 8 weeks. A biblically-based, interactive study on prayer for people wanting to grow in prayer, blending testimony and commentary to help you grow. Mark the *Bulletin* stub to attend.

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

Today We Celebrate Baptisms

9 a.m., *Bridge campus:*

Tucker Rex, son of Brad & Missy Wilcox
10:30 a.m., *Bridge campus:*

Hayden Jerry, son of Matt & Betsy Holub
Liam Henry, son of Nick & Suzanne Lenters
Piper Joy, daughter of Dwight & Amanda Vander Ley

10:30 a.m. *Meredith Drive campus:*

Molly Jane, daughter of Mike & Abby Croll
Elisa Lorin, Olivia Louise, & Penelope Rose,
daughters of Chase & Carolyn Petsche

85% of those who follow Christ as adults have experienced the Five Faith Factors as children and youth. How are you incorporating the Faith Five into your life? See today's insert for more information.

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. Jeff Simpson 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 7-14
Jesus, please provide the physical and spiritual food that we need to serve God, our Father, and sustain us as we prepare to enter God's heavenly kingdom.
Lenten devotional, page 24

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!

Hospitality Team Celebration *Tuesday, March 9, 7-8 p.m., Bridge campus.* All those who serve at the Meredith Drive or Bridge campus as ushers, greeters and follow-up callers; at guest services, and the coffee bar, are invited to attend this evening of celebration! We'll celebrate the work that all these teams have been doing and discuss future plans. Lots of fun - and prizes too!

Blood Pressure Checks *Next Sunday, March 14, 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.

Depression Support Available *Monday, March 8, 7 p.m., Meredith Drive campus Fireside Lounge.* MDRC's Depression Support group provides support for those who have had, or are experiencing depression, and those who have family or friends suffering from this condition. This group meets the 2nd Monday of each month and is led by one of our parish nurses. Contact Lila Hassebrock, 278-1284, for more information.

You're Invited! Kid's Choir and Praise Team Celebrate! *Meredith Drive campus Wed., March 10, 6:15- 6:45 p.m.* Join us in the worship center as our 1-4th grade choir and 5/6th praise team share music they've learned this past eight weeks! From bells to be rung to songs to be sung, from instruments played to voices raised! Come, enjoy.

Wednesday Night Kids Activities This Week

Meredith Drive campus
5th-6th grade Praise Team 6 p.m. in
Worship Center
1st-4th grade Sonshine Choir 6 p.m. in
Worship Center
5th-6th grade Salt & Light 7-8 p.m.
1st-4th grade Adventure Club 7-8 p.m.

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.

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

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
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

Comfort

Kendra Carlson, death of grandfather
Rob Lee, death of sister
Janelle Siders, death of father
Elnora Masters, death of special friend John Wood
Bob Curl, death of uncle

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

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 7, 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,