

Fayette Community Church Communicator

April 2010

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.

*He
has
risen!*



He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

Mark 16:6

Holy Week Services

**Good Friday Service
and Communion**

Friday, April 2nd
7:00 P.M.

Easter Celebration Service
Begins at 8:30 A.M.

A full morning of Worship including:
SonRise Celebration • Easter Breakfast
Sunday School • Easter Cantata

Young Adults Fellowship

Cookout and Bowling

Saturday, April 17th

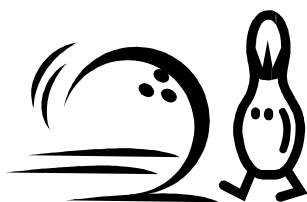
5:00 P.M.

Ages: 18 (post high school) thru 35!

Meet at the church at 5:00 P.M. for a cookout! After we eat, we will head to Lilac Lanes in West Union.

Bowling Cost: \$6.00 per person
(includes two games and shoe rental)

If you need help finding child care or if you have any other questions, please contact Pastor Ray.



Sunday School Banquet

Our monthly fellowship dinner on Sunday, April 18th will be a Sunday School Banquet. The Sunday School teachers will be honored, and awards will be given for the Armor Up Challenge!

Ladies Retreat

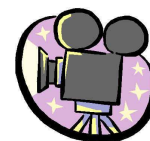
Attention Ladies and Teen Girls: You are invited to enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend away from the world at a Ladies Retreat at Village Creek Bible Camp (located 12 miles northeast of Waukon) Friday, April 23rd – Sunday, April 25th.

Bethany Hackmann will be speaking on the “Seven Longings of the Heart” (based on the book by Mike Bickle.) Please contact Barbara Hackmann for details at barbh@acegroup.cc.

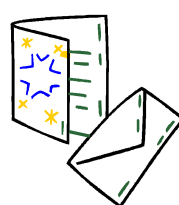
C.M.B. & L.B.A.

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.

Ladies Movie Night



All ladies are invited to bring your girlfriends and come watch the “Love Comes Softly” movie series on the first Tuesdays of every month (until the series is finished.) The third movie in the series, “Love’s Long Journey” will be shown on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM. Free popcorn—and tissues!—will be provided. (If you missed the first two movies, come anyway! All movies in the series are wonderful even if you haven’t seen the previous ones.)



Creative Cards by Loving Hands

Friday, April 9th
5:00 – 7:00 PM

All adults and youth are welcome to bring your imaginations any card supplies you may have and join the creative fun! If you have any questions, contact Kate Adams.

Wesleyan Women

This month’s meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 P.M. Please contact Ellen Post if you have any questions.

Attention Quizzers

Don’t forget about quizzing with Badgerland on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. There will be a break for lunch at noon—bring food to grill and a potluck item to share. Please contact Sue Tegeler with any questions.



Mission News

“Only as the church prays will there be sufficient harvesters giving themselves to world evangelization and world harvest.”

—Wesley Duewel

Monthly Scripture Focus: *These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” (Luke 10:2 NLT)*

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: April 4–10: Missionaries and MKs: Pray for our missionaries and missionary kids to “be strong in the Lord and his mighty power.” Pray for them to be dressed in the full armor of God, which will help them “stand firm against all strategies of the devil” and defend them against the dark powers of this world and the evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:10-12 NLT)

Week 2: April 11–17: Global Partners Europe Area: Pray for clear strategic planning initiatives for each country within the GP ministry area. Pray for the establishment of a church planting movement across each of these countries and beyond. Pray for our ministries of compassion and witnessing relationships to be fruitful and effective. Pray that as the national church leaders & pastors throughout Europe face many challenges, God would give them spiritual wisdom and insight so that they might grow in their knowledge of God. (Ephesians 1:17 NLT)

Week 3: April 18–24: Argentina/Chile/Peru: Pray that Wesleyan ministries within these countries would continue to move forward with the message of the good news, meeting the needs of their congregations and communities.

Week 4: April 25–May 1: Bougainville/Indonesia/Papua New Guinea: Pray for the faith of believers to be deeply rooted in Christ Jesus and for believers to be fully devoted followers of Jesus. Pray for tribal difference to be healed so that the Church can truly operate as the united body of Christ.

Dr. H.C. Wilson, General Director-Global Partners: The devastation of the Jan 12th earthquake in Haiti caught the attention of the world and squeezed the hearts of many, many people. The early response from Global Partners included the distribution of more than 50 tons of food, shelter items, hygiene products and medical supplies in more than 60 communities in the affected areas. In addition, we continued to operate our hospital on La Gonave and an emergency field clinic at Petit Goave. Wesleyans responded with a record of more than a half million dollars in donations to the emergency fund.

And now, the rebuilding phase begins. I will be leading a 7 person vision team to Haiti. We will be looking for partners to stand with our Haitian brothers and sisters as the church rises again from the ashes of collapsed churches and destruction that has to be seen to be fully understood. There will be many opportunities for involvement. – Stay tuned.

Joshua Carter: “Spring is starting to come to Livno with much more rain. It is still cold but warm days are here more often.For the majority of people in my life I am 1 of the first examples of a believer in Christ who lives that out day to day that they have ever seen or known. I praise God for the challenge and struggle that He has brought into my life that has allowed me to draw closer to Him. Conversations in English Club have been amazing. Thank you for your consistent prayers and giving. God is moving.”

Matthew & Crystal Blake: “Thank you so much for praying for us. We have been able to share with many different people about God’s goodness. One of these people is my friend Eva. Eva is a friend to many of our team. She is a university student and helps tutor Josh & Abby in Czech three times a week. We have come to depend on her a lot for childcare and help with the language. In turn, she has begun to ask questions about God. She is not a believer, **yet she is asking the tough questions**—‘I am a good person,’ she says, ‘why would I have to go to hell because I don’t believe in Jesus, when I know some believers who do bad things and they would go to heaven?’ or ‘How do you know Christianity is the only way to heaven when so many other religions accept many ways to heaven?’ Please pray with me that God will reveal himself to her. I think Eva is so close to deciding whether or not to become a Christian. At this point, I don’t know which way she will choose, but believe that through our prayers, God will become real to her.

We shared about our need for a newer car with you...and with your help, we now have the funds to buy it! Matt & I have been searching for the right car and have decided on the Volkswagen Touran. It fits all the criteria we have...including that it fits in our garage. There are just a few Tourans in Czech for sale that meet our other criteria—low mileage & 7 seats. The ones we are interested in are at least 2 hours away in other cities. Please pray that we’ll be able to find the right one for us. Thanks!

My next chemo is coming up on Thursday (Mar. 11). It is with Taxotere. It will be my second dose of this kind. The first one was so painful in my muscles and joints in the days that followed that my doctor is thinking about moving me to a weekly regimen. Please pray that I will stay on the every 3-week timetable as it is less disruptive than with every week appointments. God be with you all.”

WNAM: Our board recently voted to shorten our name to **Wesleyan Native Ministries**. We’re making the change for 1 simple reason. Our mission calls us to work in the U.S. & Canada, but our name implied that we worked only in the U.S., since Native people in Canada are not called “Native American.” Instead, they’re referred to as “First Nations People”, “Aboriginals” or simply “Native.”

As I reflected on the past year, I was reminded again how vital our partnership is with churches like yours. Churches make up a large percentage of our support base. They send ministry teams on mission trips to help support Native churches & ministries. Churches pray for us & share our prayer requests with their congregations—and they provide financial support to help fund our mission.

Surveys tell us that only 3-5% of Natives follow Christ. Today, America’s first mission field is still its greatest missions frontier. It’s not so much that Natives are an unreached people...what’s worse in my mind and what I believe grieves the heart of God the most, is that Natives are a mis-reached people!...Disturbingly, many evils have been done in Christ’s name, and the Christian Church and the Native people are still paying the price. Natives, of any people group in North America have the highest rates of poverty, unemployment, alcoholism, abuse, depression, preventable diseases like diabetes & heart disease, and suicide (4-5 times the national average). If there’s any hope for Native people, it’s Jesus Christ. Yet so few know Him, because so few have actually seen His love in action.

The mission of Wesleyan Native Ministries is to multiply Native disciples, leaders & churches across North America. We do that through compassionate outreaches, economic & community development projects, leadership development, and church planting.