

# *Fayette Community Church Communicator*

*March 2011*



SPRING 

*is almost here!*



Look, the winter is past,  
and the rains are over and gone.  
the season of singing birds has come,  
and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air.  
The fig trees are forming young fruit,  
and the fragrant grapevines are blossoming.

Song of Solomon 2:11-13a (NLT)

**...“Look, I am making everything new!”**

Revelation 21:5 (NLT)

# Heyn Ladies!

## Women's Retreat

Ladies—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 1<sup>st</sup> thru  
Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cost: \$82

No Registration Deadline

Bethany Hackmann will be the speaker again this year, sharing from the Psalms on God's Love through Adversity. Worship will be lead by a band from the International House of Prayer.

Choices of Activities include: Cake Decorating, Photography Class, Crafts, Professional Massages, Hand and Feet Waxing, Facials, Trail Rides, Volleyball, Game Room (ping pong, air hockey, etc.), Hiking, Prayer Walk, Campfire...even Naps!

Registration Forms are now available! Please contact Shelia McBride for details or with questions at 563.425.4459

For more information about Village Creek Bible Camp (or even to download or print a registration form) visit:

[www.villagecreek.net](http://www.villagecreek.net)

## Wesleyan Women

This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Bring your ideas for fun activities we can do following the meetings in the future as well as any theme ideas you come up with for our Ladies Banquet (which is now on the calendar for June 4<sup>th</sup>.) Please contact Ellen Post if you have any questions.

## Pizza & Soup Supper



### Quizzing Fundraiser

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

*Free Will Donation – Proceeds will help send the quizzers to nationals!*

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

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00.

## Don't Forget!

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!

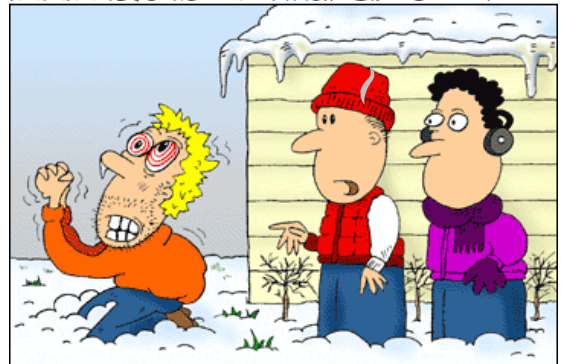
Set your clocks *AHEAD* one hour!



**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ministry Leaders:** Don't forget to fill out your activity forms for activities, events & dates in April & May and give them to Kate by the deadline. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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He starts praying for spring in January ... by February he is up to six prayers per day ... by march it is just plain scary!

# The voices of

2011

HEART OF MINISTRIES  
OFFERING

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Experience joy as voices of hope through the 2011 Heart of Ministries Offering.

Who will hear your voice of hope?

- ♥ Those who have never heard about Christ's love
- ♥ A woman trapped in extreme poverty
- ♥ Young mothers seeking support and mentoring
- ♥ Native Americans giving hope
- ♥ Victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse
- ♥ God's Word to those serving in the military and their families
- ♥ Discipleship for all generations
- ♥ Coaching and mentoring for young ethnic leaders

Please be in prayer about your contribution to this offering. All funds raised will extend your voice of hope through the ministries of Wesleyan Women. For more information or to donate, brochures are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary; you may use the envelopes provided in the brochures or simply write "Heart of Ministries" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate. You can also visit [www.wesleyan.org/ww](http://www.wesleyan.org/ww) and follow the links to donate online or write a check and mail it to Wesleyan Women, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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## *Wesleyan Women News*

Exciting changes are in the works for the Iowa-Minnesota District Wesleyan Women! Suzi Swarthout, our District Wesleyan Women Director, is holding Coffees around the district to share some of the proposed changes—plus the women attending will enjoy a time of inspiration and encouragement. She would love to have as many women as possible attend the coffee in our area!



Saturday, March 26th  
9:30 am to 11:00 am

First Wesleyan Church  
205 Hammond Ave  
Waterloo, IA 50702  
319-232-1272

No RSVP is necessary; however, please let Ellen Post know if you would like to attend, so she can send Suzi an estimated number of the ladies attending from our church.

# Mission News

“And when Jesus says, ‘go and make disciples of *all the nations*,’ there is no good reason for construing this to mean anything other than the missionary task of the church is to press on to all the unreached peoples until the Lord comes. Jesus commands it and he assures us that it will be done before he comes again. He can make that promise because he himself is building the Church from all the peoples. All authority in heaven and on earth have been given to him for this very thing (Matthew 28:18.)”

—John Piper

## Weekly Prayer Focus:

**Week 4: February 20–26: Albania/Bosnia/Croatia/Kosovo** – Pray for healing to come to these post-communist countries that have been plagued by ethnic hatred and darkness. Pray that the hatred and darkness would be pierced with the light of the gospel. Pray for people to find true freedom in Jesus.

**Week 1: February 27–March 5: Missionaries** – Pray that our missionaries and MK’s would recognize Satan’s attacks and use Scripture to counteract the enemy’s plans to do harm. Pray for them to be dressed in the full armor of God, which defends them against the dark powers of this world and the evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realms. Pray for God’s Holy Spirit to blanket them with spiritual, emotional, and physical protection.

**Week 2: March 6–12: GP Caribe Atlantic Area** – Pray that as the national church leaders and pastors throughout the Caribe Atlantic area 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)

As a result of the damage caused by the devastating January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, GP’s rebuilding Haiti phase continues. Pray for the safety and health of the construction teams. Pray for the ongoing logistics and customs process involved with the rebuilding phase.

**Week 3: March 13–19: Pastors to Missionaries** – Pray for Global Partners’ pastors to missionaries as they provide pastoral care to our missionaries serving around the world and in North America on home ministries.

Pray for the Lord to protect and to renew the pastors to missionaries spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Pray for safe travel as they go to many countries in order to minister to and encourage our missionaries.

**Week 4: March 20–26: Cambodia/Myanmar/Thailand** – Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare hearts to hear and receive the gospel message in spite of the hold Buddhism has on these countries. Also, pray for the demonic hold that human trafficking has over this region to be broken.

**Week 5: March 27–April 2: India/Indonesia/Nepal/Pakistan/Sri Lanka** – Pray for the safety of Christians living within these countries where believers have suffered persecution for their faith in Jesus. Pray for encouragement and strength as Christians step out in faith to share the gospel with many who are Hindu, Buddhist, or Muslim.

**China: Peter B** – “I want to share this story of gratefulness we recently received from one of our precious family practice residents. I trust you will be able to feel their deep joy as we did. It has been only slightly edited:

*“I got a Hly Bble recently. My teachers gave it to me, & I am really happy about that, not only because I got a great book to read, but also because Gd opens His door to me. In fact, I got many chances to read the Bble when I was a kid, but that time I did not like reading & I thought it was boring to read a Ble. I could not understand the words in it. I even felt fear about the stories in it. I knew I did something bad & I worried about the punishments. I was reluctant to open my heart that time.*

*But now I really love reading it. Each night since I got it, I read it & enjoy the reading very much. I am so moved by the words & stories in it. I cannot stop when I read. I wish I didn’t need sleep so that I can read all night. I just finish the reading of Jn in the New Tstmnt & started reading Lk.*

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*The words are so attractive & touching. How wonderful to be close to truth by reading! No words are enough to express my joyful feeling about reading the Hy Ble. I am so thirsty for the words.*

*There is also another wonderful thing that happened to me recently. It is about my parents. My Mum was always against Chrrians' things. But last time when I visited her, I talked with her about my wonderful & knowledgeable teachers in LIGHT & told her my teachers are all Chtians. To my surprise, my Mum did not say anything against that but asked me instead: 'Why do not you read the Hy Ble? It may help you out when you feel depressed.' My Dad gave me 3 Chinese paintings that he painted & he hoped I gave them to my teachers. He is really thankful for I have these great teachers in LIGHT.*  
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Thank you for being a part of this story, life change, and continuing work spreading out to this students' circle of family and friends. Thank you for your sacrifices, love and pr!!! (Note: This letter is typed the way I received it and was written this way to protect those involved.)

**Haiti: Butch & Tricia Alexander** – The WISH board of directors has known for some time that the Field Director position in Haiti is too much for one couple to handle. Timing is everything and the Lord's timing is always right. We had just found Beth & Barry Gould of Anherst Nova Scotia, Canada with 1 year of experience at the Wesleyan Hospital on LaGonave. It seemed they were the perfect fit to assist Butch & Tricia. The Wish Board approved their appointment as assistant directors in June. However, they are not able to serve on the island until they have raised enough financial & prayer support to sustain their ministry. The Lord knew, even before the board did, that Butch & Tricia suffered considerable stress following the earthquake and desired to cut their term of service short. He brought Rod & Michelle Geizler, Wesleyans from Medford, Oregon, with their 3 sons to our attention. The Geiszlers already had enough funds to be on the field and were ready to leave for Haiti in October. How perfect is that? They will need additional support to be fully funded.

The Geizler family arrived on the island the end of October and have already gained experience with their first work team and a “welcome to Haiti” from hurricane Tomas. The Alexanders will work alongside the Geiszlers until the Goulds are ready to move to the island, hopefully in 2011.

**WNAM:** Right now, God's actions through Wesleyan Native Ministries are speaking louder than any Words I could say. He's moving in ways we haven't seen before in our 60-plus year history! God is bringing hints of revival in several Native communities in South Dakota, where over 200 people have come to Christ in the last year! Many have been baptized and received into membership. Lives are being changed, people are being rescued from addictions, and entire families are being transformed. We believe this is happening because we're equipping Native people to take the lead, and we're resourcing Native churches to impact their communities, in the name of Jesus Christ, in culturally relevant ways.

This year 2 Native churches were restarted in South Dakota, and new Native outreach ministries were launched in Wisconsin, Kansas, and Oklahoma. New native leaders have been identified in Kansas, Arizona, Wisconsin, and South Dakota, and 3 of them attended their first ministerial training class a few months ago.

Churches in those states and others like Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, Minnesota, California and Indiana, are starting to pray and talk about ways they could begin to build bridges with Native people in their area, with our help.

**World Hope:** Thank you for being part of a network of church partners that have allowed World Hope International to impact so many lives around the world with tangible evidence of Christ's compassion. Chen was an 11 year old girl from Cambodia, innocent, and sold by her family to have sex, first to a foreign businessman for \$1,000, then over and over again...until World Hope International intervened. The WHI Assessment Center in Cambodia was Chen's first stop, an emergency room of care and counseling, on a long road from rescue to rehabilitation. Without WHI's immediate care and skill finding long term placement, she and over 500 girls like her faced a certain return to abuse and exploitation in the brothels of Cambodia. Today Chen is a talented pastry chef, healthy and an eyewitness against the injustice of sex trafficking. Our church partners are essential to making this happen. Chen's story illustrates our commitment to make opportunity, dignity and hope a reality one life at a time. Please pray for girls like Chen, interceding on their behalf to confront the evil of human trafficking with the power of God and Give to WHI if you can to help girls like Chen.

*Submitted by Joyce Duncklee*