

Crescent Park Caller

Increasing Love For God and Neighbor!

February 2012

Frequently asked Questions about Joining Crescent Park

Q. Do I have to talk to someone before joining?

A. Although we would like to get the chance to know you before you join, it is not a requirement.

Q. Do I have to take a class?

A. No, you do not have to take a class. We offer the Discovery Dinner as a way of learning basic information about the Christian faith, the beliefs and history of the United Methodist Church and specifically about Crescent Park Church. The class also contains a component to help define your Spiritual Gifts.

Q. Once I have decided to join, what do I do next?

A. Great! You made the decision; the hard part is over. Simply contact the church office at 712-258-1226 so we can obtain your information.

Q. Do I have to be re-baptized?

A. No. The United Methodist Church believes in one baptism. We recognize the baptism of any Christian denomination.

Q. Do I have to walk up front to join?

A. We prefer that you do. When someone joins the church, we want to give our members an opportunity to meet their new brother or sister in Christ. We celebrate new members and want the congregation to have a chance to welcome you personally.

Q. What about my children?

A. Children are an important part of our church family. When they join the church with you, they are considered preparatory members. They become full members when they go through confirmation in the sixth grade.

Q. My children need baptized. When can I do that?

A. We can arrange to baptize your children at a Sunday service. At least one parent is encouraged to be a member of the church.

Q. What is expected of me?

A. When a person joins, they are asked if they will support the church by their prayers, presence, gifts and service. This membership vow is not only for the benefit of the church, but for you as well. Together we make up the Body of Christ, the church. Each one's involvement in the life and work of the church strengthens the body.

Q. And if I have additional questions?

A. Contact Amy Custer, Administrative Assistant at the church office by calling 717-258-11226 or by e-mail: Amycpumc@aol.com

Join Us Sunday Mornings!

Teen/Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Service	10:00 am
Children's Church	10:00 am
Contemporary Service	11:30 am

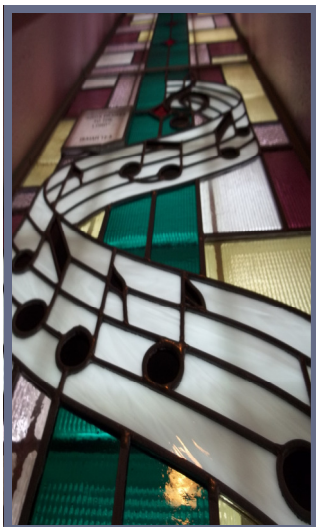
CRESCENT PARK UMC

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T-N-T Valentine's Family Event

Tuesday, February 7th 6-9pm

Valentines Day is no longer a day reserved for couples– it has grown into to a day which includes family and friends. T-N-T invites you to get your loved ones together to celebrate Valentines Day on February 7th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and a evening of karaoke and family fun. Spending time with your loved ones is wonderful way to show them how much you really love them!



Pancake Breakfast

February 18th 7-11am

The United Methodist Men are having an old fashioned Pancake Breakfast on February 18th from 7:00-11:00 am. and the whole community is invited! Invite your family and friends to enjoy a fabulous breakfast. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Proceeds go towards assisting the United Methodist Men in sponsoring ministries in the community and local church.

Kids 4 Christ

Stories of Connectional Giving

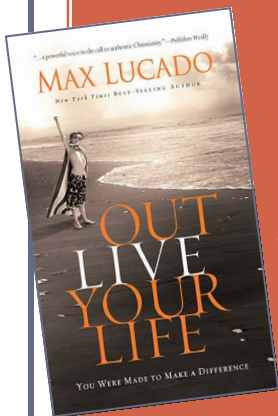
Our Kids for Christ Program was recently featured in the weekly "Thank You Notes" on the conference website. Each week the website highlights one ministry that exist because of the United Methodist's connectional giving. The Kids 4 Christ program at Crescent Park UMC received Matthew 25 grant money from Iowa Conference apportionments awarded through the Northwest District which helped the program to pay for class materials, supplies, computers, and food for meals. The K4C program is listed as an example of how apportionments and special offerings make a positive difference in the lives of people for the sake of Christ.

Check out other stories at <http://www.iaumc.org/page/detail/1646>

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22nd at 7pm

We will be kicking off the Lenten Season with a Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm. on February 22nd. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the Christian tradition of making the sign of the cross in ash on the foreheads of followers. Wearing the ashen symbol signifies both penitence and faith in Christ. Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



“Down deep, we all want to do something that outlives us—something that makes the world a better place.” But all too often the hustle and bustle of life distract us from the things and people that matter most. We get trapped in the mundane and find ourselves wondering, “Could one person really make a difference anyway?” - Max Lucado

Join the conversation!

Wednesdays at 1pm. in the Upper Room

Lenten Dinner and Study

Sundays at 6pm

Every Sunday evening during Lent you are invited to enjoy a potluck dinner. After dinner Pastor Scott will lead you through intriguing study entitled *The Case for Christ*. Skeptics often dismiss the Jesus Christ of the Gospels by claiming there is no evidence. During this six week study you will set out on a quest for the truth about Jesus. You will sift through fascinating historical evidence and experts testimony. In the end, you may very well see Jesus in a compelling new way and find yourself transformed!

Mary's Circle

2:00 pm on Saturday, February 18th
at the Daily Grind
511 4th Avenue Sioux City, IA

All women interested in coffee, short devotion, and friendship are invited.

For car pool information
call Karman Squires (712) 546-5940
or Kystal Lego (712) 898-6144

Church Rummage Sale

April 26th-28th

The dates for the Church Rummage Sale have been set for Thursday, April 26th 4:00-8:00pm.; Friday, April 27th 8:00-8:00pm.; and Saturday, April 28th 8:00-12:00 pm.

Please keep the rummage sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning. We are looking for gently used, good conditioned items for the sale. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time prior to the week of the sale. Items can be placed in the stage storage closet (right side) or in the downstairs elevator room.

Mixed Blessing

1:00 pm on Friday, February 17th
in the Upper Room at CPUMC

All individual interested in mission based ministries and Christian fellowship are encouraged to join.

Steps to Becoming a Crescent Park UMC Member

Crescent Park United Methodist Church is a body of believers united by our desire to follow Jesus Christ and committed to fulfilling the purposes set forth in our Mission Statement. If you desire to join with us and want to be supportive of the beliefs, fellowship, and mission of Crescent Park, we warmly invite you to explore becoming a member of the Crescent Park Family.

Step 1: Indicate to the Pastor that you wish to join or contact Amy Custer, Administrative Assistant, by e-mail at Amycpumc@aol.com or by telephone at 258-1226.

Step 2: Register to attend Crescent Park Discovery Dinner, which meets in April. This class, is led by Crescent Park's pastor, covers church history, distinctive United Methodist beliefs, Crescent Park's mission and vision, steps to salvation, membership vows and expectations for membership. A delightful catered meal is served and childcare is provided.

Step 3: Visit with Crescent Park's pastor to review the United Methodist vows and ask/answer any questions that you have. If you have not received Christian baptism, you may be scheduled to do so

Step 4: Contact Amy Custer by e-mail at Amycpumc@aol.com or by telephone at 258-1226 and schedule a Sunday to be recognized during a service of worship celebration and be received and confirmed as a new member of Crescent Park.



Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is here for your prayer support. Please feel free to call whenever you know someone is in need of prayer.

If you need prayer, don't hesitate to call!

To activate our Prayer Chain call Rose Jensen or Katie Roberts. If you'd like to be a part of this active ministry contact Katie Roberts.

United Methodist Men

Is having an 8:00 am breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 4th at the 4th Street Café 511 4th Ave. Sioux City, IA

Open to all men who attend Crescent Park UMC and are interested in fellowship, and the study and celebration of God's direction for men in the body of Christ.

Sewing Kits

In February Missions is continuing to taking donations for Sewing Kits. Sewing kits foster independence rather than dependence. Women can make clothing in their own size and in the style of their culture. Cottage industries often grow out of the sewing classes where women use these kits to practice valuable income-generating skills.

Sewing Kit Items:

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)
- 1 pair sewing scissors
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 5-8 matching buttons

Weekly Meetings, Programs and Studies

The Camels Sunday School Class

9:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings

Katie Roberts leads this lively group of adults and teens in the Camels Room located in the lower level of the education wing.

Children's Church

10:00 am on Sunday Morning

On Sunday our kids are invited to enjoy their very own Worship Service with stories and lessons they can easily understand. Kids join their parents in the sanctuary until the children's time is completed. Then they are dismissed to the teachers who pick them up at the back of the sanctuary and escort them to a kid friendly service. During their service they pray, sing, have a bible lesson and complete craft activities. Afterwards, the teacher escorts them back to the sanctuary so their parents can easily pick them up.

Impact Youth Group

4:00 pm on Sundays Evenings

IMPACT is an amazing time!!!...period!! Because we love Jesus and each other. We love being a group. We love eating together. We love learning together. We love serving the Lord together. Most importantly, we love living life together!! If you would like to experience the amazing time we have together at Crescent Park UMC IMPACT Youth Group then come join us!! **Meeting dates: February 6th and February 19th**

Coffee and Conversation Book Club

1:00 pm on Wednesdays Afternoon

Conversations and Coffee meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm. They are discussing "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado. Books are available on the Welcome Ctr. Everyone is invited to join the conversation!

Hooked on Prayer

3:00 pm on Wednesdays Afternoons

Hooked on Prayer provides an enjoyable, inspirational atmosphere for people to gather, minister, build relationships and be blessed while creating shawls, mittens, hats and scarves that will bring love, comfort, and peace to their recipients. This group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 3pm. All skill levels are welcome. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cindy Wood at (712) 258-4481.

Kids 4 Christ

5:30 pm on Wednesday Evenings

The Kids 4 Christ program meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Dinner is provided for parents and children. Kids 4 Christ offers a variety of Christian based activities for elementary aged children. Cost: \$5 per six week session. Dates for spring session are February 29th-April 4th.

Mary and Martha Circle

5:30 pm on Wednesday Evenings

Mary and Martha Girls Circle is a club for young girls (6th -8th grade). They meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. A light dinner will be served prior to the circle. Mary and Martha Circle equips young girls with helping hands, giving hearts, and a great love for the Lord! Cost: \$5 per six week session. Dates for the spring session are February 29th-April 4th.

Henry Muller Hall

Henry Muller Hall provides transitional housing for men with special needs. The ability to pay is not a prerequisite but the residents must have a desire to move on to independent living. Most of their residents reach this goal within one year. If able the residents pay rent for the housing which is shared by three others. Supportive services are provided by non-profit community agencies.

Shesler Hall

The purpose of Shesler Hall to provide community living to women with special needs. Shesler Hall provides women of all ages the opportunity to experience personal and social growth while residing in a supportive Christian environment.

Wish List: Food, Paper Goods, Cleaning Supplies, Office Supplies, Linens, Towels, Christmas Gifts, and Birthday Gifts.

Items for donation can be dropped off in the Mission's room located in the rear of the sanctuary.



Information for Publication

In order to ensure accuracy and space, information for publication must be submitted either in writing to the Church Office or via e-mail at Amypumc@aol.com by the deadlines listed below:

Bulletin items should be submitted by Friday one week in advance of print date. Bulletins are printed weekly on Friday.

Newsletter items should submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

Flyers information should be submitted two weeks in advance of pick up date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer List

Please Keep the Following People in Your Daily Prayers:

Beverly Baker	Donna Chase	Derek Clayton	Marge Danielson	Clyde Edwards
Greg Fisher	Ester Johnson	Wayne Johnson	Gerry Klas	Karen Nelson
Becky March	Michael Sands	Herta Schenck	Norma Seldon	Florence Thorpe
Our Church	Our Homebound Members			

Members of the Military:

Barry Bower	Travis Hewitt	Cody Larson	Alex "Travis" Jones
Matthew Kronick	Wesley D Martin Jr.	Brian Whitead	

Note: If you are aware of anyone who should be added to or taken off our Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Worship

Series: Learning to Let Prayer Change Me

February 5	<p>“When should we pray?” Luke 18:1-8</p> <p><i>What place does prayer hold in your lives?</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Jacob S. & Maria S. Children’s Message: Rita Sandman Flowers: Greeters: Colleen Schroeder Ushers: Gary & Orlene Herbst Worship Leader: Howard Nelson</p>
February 12	<p>“Who hears our prayer?” Psalm 55:16-17</p> <p><i>God is faithful</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Tara C. & Matthew S. Children’s Message: Kathy Kenkel Flowers: Evelyn Koson Greeters: Colleen Schroeder Ushers: Dan and Janna Whitlock Worship Leader: Tamme Saul</p>
February 19	<p>“How should pray?” Matthew 6:9-13</p> <p><i>Giving voice to our love for God</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Anna K. & Autumn B Children’s Message: Flowers: Evelyn Koson Greeters: Colleen Schroeder Ushers: Dan and Janna Whitlock Worship Leader: Katie Roberts</p>
February 22	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>“Greater than Ashes” 2Corinthians 4:7-15</p>	<p>Greeters: Ushers: Howard and Karen Nelson Worship Leader: Tamme Saul</p>
February 26	<p>“When do Prayers Becomes Problematic?” Psalm 66:16-19</p> <p><i>Assessing the problem to make room for Divine act of God</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: James B. & Tori W. Children’s Message: Scott Squires Flowers: Greeters: Colleen Schroeder Ushers: Dan and Janna Whitlock Worship Leader: Kathy Blair</p>

Attendance and Stewardship

	Attendance	Stewardship
January 1	49/17 (66)	\$1,004.25
January 8	78/13 (91)	\$1,646.81
January 15	70/18 (88)	\$1,024.00
January 22	55/16 (71)	\$1,368.67
January 29		

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Book Club-1pm Hooked on Prayer-3pm	2 Choir-5:00pm Trustee Mtg-6pm Nominations-7pm NA-7:30pm	3 Westwood Service - 10:30am	4 Men's Breakfast-8am Girl Scouts-11-1:30 pm
5 Communion Children's Change IMPACT-4pm	6 Cub Scouts-7pm	7 T-N-T Valentine Family Event-6-9pm Boy Scouts-7pm	8 Book Club-1pm Hooked on Prayer-3pm	9 Choir-5:00pm NA-7:30pm	10	11
12 Boy Scouts Sunday	13 Cub Scouts-7pm	14 Worship-5:30pm Growth-6pm Boy Scouts-7pm	15 Book Club-1pm Hooked on Prayer-3pm	16 Choir-5:00pm NA-7:30pm	17 Mixed Blessings-1pm	18 Pancake Breakfast -7-11am Mary's Circle-2:00 p.m.
19 IMPACT-4pm Lay Speakers Mtg. -6pm	20 Presidents Day Cub Scouts-7pm	21 Boy Scouts-7pm Administrative Council-7pm	22 Book Club-1pm Hooked on Prayer-3pm K4C/ M&M Registration-5:30-6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service-7pm	23 Choir-5:00pm NA-7:30pm	24	25
26 Lenten Study-6pm	27 Cub Scouts-7pm	28 Boy Scouts-7pm	29 Book Club-1pm Hooked on Prayer-3pm K4C/M&M Circle-5:30pm			

Team Meetings

Team Members– If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please call the Chairperson.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	
Thursday, February 2nd	6:00pm.	Trustees	Steve DeVries	(712) 899-3918
Thursday, February 2nd	7:00 pm.	Nominations	Scott Squires	(712) 899-6315
Tuesday, February 14th	5:30 pm.	Worship	Scott Squires	(712) 899-6315
Tuesday, February 14th	6:00 pm.	Growth	Scott Squires	(712) 899-6315
		Asst.	Sheri Porter	(712) 333-4967
Sunday, February 19th	6:00 pm.	Lay Speakers	Scott Squires	(712) 899-6315
Tuesday, February 21st	7:00 p.m.	Ad. Council	Vicki Young	(605) 422-1363
		Asst.	Sharon Fischer	(712) 258-5988
Sunday, February 19th	6:00 p.m.	Lay Speaker	Scott Squires	(712) 899-6315

Please Note the Administrative Council Meeting has been moved to the third Tuesday of the month.

Free Family Entertainment

Promenade Theater located at 924 4th street in Sioux City, Iowa is once again offering Free Family Flicks. Patrons will get free admission with the donation of a canned good/non-perishable item, or a \$1 per person donation to the Food Bank of Siouxland.

Movie Schedule:

February 4 - Zookeeper

February 11 - Spy Kids 4

February 18 - Mr. Popper's Penguins

February 25 - Kung Fu Panda 2

March 3 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules

Shows start @ 10 a.m.

Doors open approximately 30 minutes in advance.

Just for You

A note from Pastor Scott



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2826 Myrtle Street
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-Noon

Pastor's Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-1:00pm

The Pastor tries to maintain regular office hours but due to the volatility of ministry he is sometimes called away. If for some reason he is not in the office, please feel free to call him at (712) 899-6315.

Check us out on the web at www.crescentparkumc.com