

An Invitation to Walk the Wheel of Time with Us

The long days of summer that linger into evenings of reflection and conversations with family and friends on the back porch, the rich landscape that invites us for long walks and vacations of hiking and renewal are quickly coming to an end for our family. The flowers and leaves are beginning to look old and tired; they have completed their season and are readying to let go and replenish their root systems in order to reproduce life again during the long days of sun and light. Not only do I walk this wheel of time physically but I find the seasons to also be a spiritual metaphor and guide for me on the journey. Fall is a time of letting go, regrouping and preparing to step into the months where shadows lengthen, days shorten and I reach deep into my roots where I renew and nurture definition and meaning for life. It seems that as seasons change so do our routines as we continue to grow with the events and experiences of our lives.

September 28 is the beginning of our fall worship at church which will take us to Thanksgiving and prepare us for Advent, Christmas and a new year. I'd like to invite you to come and try us out if you are looking for a progressive Christian faith community. We are willing to struggle with our Christian faith and the complex questions of our day regarding living in a diverse, chaotic and creative world. We base our understanding of righteousness in the Hebrew Scriptures of the Bible where "righteousness" is about being in "right relationship with God, with others and with creation," rather than being "right" about God.

At Wellspring we will do our best to both welcome you as well as give you the space you need to visit whenever you would like. We have about 40-50 people on a Sunday morning which includes 8-14 children and youth. We have a wide variety of ages which makes an engaging and lively group on Sunday mornings. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers; classes for children. The size of our community affords us opportunity to discuss the morning scripture and wrestle together with its meaning. We believe one's conscience is critical to meaningful faith and that conversation within a faith community should broaden rather than narrow one's understanding of God.

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Currently and for the past 7 years we have met at Medbury Hall on Drake Campus. We do not own real estate but meet in rented space on Sunday mornings in order to be freed by the experience of worship rather than bound by a church building. Our vision is to create a place of gathering where people can be inspired and recreate their vision for meaningful life both personally and in the broader community and world.

Check out the website to get a feel for who we are and our work in the Des Moines Community. The website includes a map as to where to find us as well as more information about who we are. There is much construction going on with the walkway at Drake where we are located. Follow the flags and look for the signs. Of course you are free to call me anytime with questions or concerns at 515-249-1336.

On the journey.....Naomi