

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Arrowood family at the passing of Irene, the wife of former superintendent Richard Arrowood, on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Please make memorial contributions payable to Iowa Ministry Network. The family wishes to have the memorial distributed to our Iowa World Missionaries.

Bill Davis
Music Director



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Mark your calendars for the 2011 BGMC Pheasant Hunt on October 22. It will be held at Doc's Hunt Club in Adel, IA.



If you're interested in participating or would like more information on this event, contact Jonathan Barthalow at (515)473-5208 or JBarthalow@imnag.org.

Jonathan Barthalow
Chi Alpha



This year we will have a Chi Alpha/Young Adults Retreat at Sunstream Retreat Center on September 30-October 1. Before September 1, cost for the retreat will be \$40. After September 1, cost will go up to \$50. This will include all lodging and meals. Dave Leedahl will be our guest speaker.

The retreat will be a great opportunity for young people across our state to encounter God together and build community. Be sure to save the date for this exciting weekend!

Please contact Jonathan Barthalow at (515)473-5208 or JBarthalow@imnag.org for more information.

Now is a good time to review the housing allowance designated for any credentialed minister on your staff for 2011. It may be that the allowance designated for 2011 was too low. If so, it can be increased for the remainder of the year. Simply have the church board adopt a resolution amending the allowance. This need not result in any additional compensation being paid to a minister. Rather, a minister's salary can be decreased by the amount of the increase in the housing allowance. But remember: any amended housing allowance is only effective from the date of the amendment. It cannot be applied retroactively.

George Edgerly
Network Treasurer

Look for upcoming information about the Small Employer Health Insurance Tax Credit.

If you have questions on any of this feel free to contact Brad at BThomas@imnag.org.

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Tom Jacobs Superintendent



This edition of IMN News features Sunstream Retreat Center. The Iowa Ministry Network is committed to investing in the next generation, and Sunstream is a proven resource to help accomplish that objective. We are so thankful to God that Sunstream's altars have witnessed students saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit and called into the Lord's service. Under the outstanding direction of Ebon and Raneer Carter, the Sunstream calendar is full of camps, retreats and other gatherings. If you are considering booking an event with Sunstream, we encourage you to book as early as possible. We want to prioritize our IMN churches in all of our planning.

We hope you enjoy the information included in this newsletter, as we celebrate what God is doing at Sunstream!

This year at camp has been one of the best yet. Keeping in mind that camp is for the camper, we made a few strategic changes to our camp structure this year.

First, we believe that the local church is the hope of the world; therefore, resourcing leaders to be able to see camp as part of the discipleship process is essential. We made changes to the camp schedule to enable our counselors to invest more time with campers. What occurs in conversation over meals in the cafeteria, walking together to an activity and hanging out in the dorms is just as transformational as what occurs in the sanctuary.

Also, needs of Millennials demand a slightly different approach to recreation as well as teaching. Looking at cognitive development and the differences between culture and tradition, we changed the structure of morning chapel and have made an effort to resource counselors to better enable us to weave Truth throughout the week rather than focus on nightly services for teaching.

Finally, campers arrive at camp with a variety of strengths and hobbies, so we have broadened our menu of activities allowing us to impact those less interested in sports and more interested in the arts. We believe that camp can be an incredible, life-changing event for all campers. We deeply appreciate your continued investment in camp!



Heath Adamson Student Ministries Director



I believe that Sunstream is one of IMN's most valuable resources in the effort to reach more people for Jesus. As we strive to provide great facilities for your off-site ministry needs we constantly find ourselves overwhelmed with the generosity of the local church. Volunteers are coming in droves and their labor is multiplied through the work of the Holy Spirit as we join together to reach our vision for Iowa. Here are a few highlights of the work done this spring:



- Pastor Brian Smith and the New Hope youth group came to Sunstream for three days of their spring break to work tirelessly to improve the campground.
- Marc and Eric Pluff of Mountain Movers helped us rebuild the collapsed wall on the putt-putt course and make some needed updates to this attraction.
- Lauren Eichorn and Lauren Dake from Sioux City Morningside helped us open the pool to get ready for camp.

- A team from Iowa City First Assembly of God invested time to put a new roof on Dorm #1.
- Iowa State University donated bunkbeds and wardrobes enabling all of our guests to sleep comfortably on inner spring mattresses.
- A team from Cedar Rapids First Assembly of God painted every dorm on campus in just two days!
- The IMN staff came to the campground the week before camp started to help put a few finishing touches on the campground before campers arrived.



We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers who have made an investment of time and work in Sunstream. Your labors have landed on good soil and are producing a harvest for the kingdom!

Starting in June, Sunstream entered into a partnership with the Illinois District Assemblies of God Campgrounds. This has served to help us advertise more strategically to churches and organizations across the state to make our facilities available to a wider variety of ministries.

Our dreams are becoming a reality as God blesses the campground through people all across Iowa. Your partnership in the camp ministry is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to serving the local church for years to come!

For the latest updates on what's happening at the campground:
visit www.sunstream.org
follow us on Twitter @IMNSunstream
or www.flickr.com/photos/iowaministrynetwork

If you're interested in booking Sunstream for an event or if you'd like to volunteer to make the campground even better, contact Ebon Carter at (515)275-2117 or ecarter@sunstream.org

Ebon Carter Sunstream Director

