MARCH 11, 2020 ISSUE IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: “Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God’s presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth, and adults to become disciples of Jesus Christ, live fully in the Holy Spirit, and embrace God’s love.”

MARCH 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
The Sermon: Series: Boot Camp for the Soul
Title: “Hydrated”
Rev. Howard White
Scripture: John 4: 5-32
Anthem: 8:15 He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word
Howard White, soloist
10:45 He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word
Sanctuary Choir, Paula McNally, soloist
Hymns:
127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
479 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

MARCH 18, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent
The Sermon: Series: Boot Camp for the Soul
Title: “Redefined”
Rev. Howard White
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; John 9: 1-41
Anthem:
8:15 As the Deer
Olivia Donnel, soprano
10:45 Restoration
Sanctuary Choir
Hymns:
127 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
454 Open My Eyes, That I May See
128 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought
581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

FIRST Thoughts

The next time I gather with the group of Senior Pastors I train with, we will be meeting at Wycliffe Bible translation headquarters. Wycliffe is named after the Oxford scholar who lived in the 1300’s and made the very first translation of the Bible in English. This took great courage, and Wycliffe was was under constant threat from the church and the Pope. William Townsend who founded the translation ministry once said, “no one should have to learn another language to hear and read God’s Word.” There are about 7,000 languages in the world, and right now about 25% of those don’t have a single word of Christian scripture translated. In some cases a few thousand people speak the language. In others, hundreds of thousands do. There is an intense commitment made by translators who move to an area to understand not just the language but the people themselves as the put together a team of native speakers to assist. If a language has a written script, it takes about 7 years to translate the New Testament and forty years if it does not, since it involves creating a written language and teaching people how to read and write.

On another recent trip, I sat next to a pastor who works with The Jesus Film, created by Campus Crusade as an evangelism tool. He had spent months overseas with a portable projector sharing the film with people who had never seen a film in their own language. It is an effort to put the story of Jesus from the gospels into a film. Their big, audacious goal is for everyone on earth to see this film in their own heart language. So far, it is dubbed into over 1000 of the world’s languages. We talked about the huge lengths they go to, including hiring local people to help make sure the translation and dubbing sound natural. Both of these groups are committed to sharing the Good News with people who have never heard it in their “heart language.”

When you consider the hurdles others are leaving to share the good news with others, suddenly it seems our challenges in Southern Illinois aren’t so hard. Let’s look for opportunities to tell others what Jesus means to us.

God Bless, Pastor Howard
2020 FLOWER CHART
As of March 11, 2020

Our 2020 flower chart is ready for sign-ups. It is in the same location—on the wall at the incline, leading to the church office.

Calendar Dates for 2020: PLEASE come in to the Church Office and write in or call in your church-related events held in March 2020 on the Office Calendar as soon as possible.

Altar Flowers: The next available dates for Altar Flowers are April 26 and May 17. Altar Flowers cost $49. Flowers should be paid for in the Church Office prior to the designated Sunday.

Asburian Deadlines: Just a reminder that Mondays by Noon is the deadline for submitting articles and other revisions to that week’s Asburian. Please send submissions/revisions to barbm@fumc-cdale.org.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: the Church Office will be open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The Church Office will be closed on Fridays.

**Youth summer mission trip fundraising sale**

**SMOKED PORK BUTT**

$30, delivered to church on 4/10, order and payment deadline on 4/5. Thank you for your support!

**American Red Cross Blood Drive at FUMC**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Monday, March 16**

1:30 - 5:45 p.m., Narthex

Please sign up in the Narthex for an appointment or plan to drop in that day to give. Blood supplies are also low and your help is needed. You can also register online prior to the event.

www.redcrossblood.org

**SAVE THE DATE**

**July 26—30, 2020**

**Vacation Bible School**
Disciples Corner

Disciples for Sunday, March 15, 2020—Third Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers are given by Barbara Stotler in memory of beloved husband, Ray Stotler.

Acolytes: 8:15: Reese Matzenbacher, Paige Hefferman
Indoor Greeters: Lianne & John Watson
Liturgists: 8:15: Kathy Hollister
10:45: Brian Matzenbacher
Sound System Operators: 8:15: Joe Swindell
10:45: Dow White
Children’s Church: Sam Indorante, Carolyn Gibson
Youth Helper(s): Katie and Guy Indorante
Children’s Church Regis.: JoVonna Noble

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jean & Don Boehne
10:45: Lianne & John Watson
Outside Greeters: John & Sally Washburn
Van Driver: Don Bryant, Jr.
Welcome Center: 8:15: John Brocato
10:45: Barbara Kimmel
March Nametags: Sue Stucky
March Ushers: 8:15 Ron Diel, Sue Stucky, Co-Captains, Jean Hoagland; 10:45 Dan Kimmel, Will Stephens, Bruce Wallace, Dan Anderson, Gary Hill

Disciples for Sunday, March 22, 2020—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers are given by Bill and Gail Shanks in celebration of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Acolytes: 8:15: Anne Marie Simonds, Margo Simonds
Indoor Greeters: Marilyn Michener & Class member
Liturgists: 8:15: Scott Wright
10:45: Darren Wright
Sound System Operators: 8:15: Joyce Crippen
10:45: Ron Browning
March Nametags: Sue Stucky
March Ushers: 8:15 Ron Diel, Sue Stucky, Co-Captains, Jean Hoagland; 10:45 Dan Kimmel, Will Stephens, Bruce Wallace, Dan Anderson, Gary Hill

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Charlene & Mike Bitting
10:45: Evelyn Bailey, Donna Butler
Outside Greeters: Jon & Sandy Gober
Van Driver: Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15: John Brocato
10:45: Angie Voss
Children’s Church: Necia Jannings
Children’s Church Regis.: George & Shirley Everingham
Parish Nurse: 9:15 Betty Graig

March 29, 2020, will be the 5th Sunday in March. The Mission Committee asks for your help in supporting the Laundry Project program for the homeless in Carbondale, through the 5th Sunday loose change offering. This program operates at Laundry World in Carbondale, through a coalition of local church and community organizations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Missions

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17—Morning Circle, 10 a.m.
Hostess: Sue Stucky
Location: Heritage Room

2020 Spring Blooms Order Form

Help decorate the Sanctuary with a 6” pot of Tulips this Year on Easter Sunday, April 12th

To order tulips and place a memorial/honor listing in the bulletin, return this form to the church office no later than WEDNESDAY, March 25. (You may order a pot of Tulips for $12.00. All dedication information must be turned in to the office by March 25.)

There are several plants in each pot. The tulips will be in pink, orange, purple, yellow and red. No choice of color will be given.

Please take your flower home on Easter morning after the late service.

Your Name_________________________
In Memory / Honor of (circle one) ________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
Qty: _______ Enclosed is $12.00 for each flower arrangement. Total $__________

DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

“Hosanna in the Highest”

The children of Sunday School and Children’s Church will be joining the Sanctuary Choir for the singing of the anthem, “Hosanna in the Highest” on Palm Sunday, April 5, at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The children will be practicing during Children’s Church beginning March 8.

Pick up a copy of the song in the narthex to practice at home.

On Palm Sunday, April 5, the children will rehearse with the sanctuary choir in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. At the 10:45 worship service, the children will join Necia for Children’s Time and remain for the anthem. They will be dismissed to Children’s church following the anthem.
Our Lenten Sermon Series is called "Boot Camp for the Soul." Reflection and change take work, hard work. Lent can be like a boot camp for the soul, a restart in a focused area. We walk this season together, demanding the best of ourselves, ready to support one another, and prepared to see truths that shatter our self-understanding. After that, our Easter series is “Closer and Closer” - the resurrection means deeper relationships with God and one another.

**Children's Opportunities, Sundays**

- **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School** (K-5th grade) uses the *Deep Blue* from Cokesbury.
- **Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Children's Church** (K-5th grade). All children are invited to Children's Church following the Children's Time at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

**Youth Opportunities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

- **9:30 a.m. Junior/Senior High Class** meets in the Youth Room and uses a variety of materials connecting the lessons of the Bible with issues relevant to today's youth.

**Adult Opportunities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

- **Renew Class** - Renew is a multi-generational Women's Study Group that focuses both on the Bible and devotional books enhancing scriptural study. All women are welcome!! We meet in the Chapel, Room 404. On January 12th, we will begin a six-session study using Adam Hamilton's book: *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life.* This is a 6-week study focusing on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church."

- **The Electives Class** - Scripture studies following the lectionary led by Rev. John Sims. They meet in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

**Small Group Opportunities**

- **SUPER CHURCH** meets in the Heritage Room. Help us explore ways we can share the love of Christ with all people? Come share your ideas. Looking forward to seeing you!
- **FUMCNext-Carbondale** meets in the Heritage Room. "All men of the church are invited to coffee and refreshments on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. We discuss anything and everything from the perspective of our relationship with God."
- **Golden Yoga** meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Rm 404, the Chapel. A fee is charged for this class.
- **Grateful Hearts** - Grateful Hearts is a group of women who meet to strengthen their faith through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. They began the Lenten study Seven Mile Miracle by Steven Furtick on Wednesday, March 4. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6 pm in room 308. All women are welcome.
- **Saturday Night Live** is a group of "mature" or "maturing" adults who meet monthly for dinner and fellowship. The group usually meets the first Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Watch the Asburian calendar for dates and location information. Everyone is welcome.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP**

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP** is just around the corner! Camps are available for Kindergarten to Adults.

Please check out [www.iigr.org/camping](http://www.iigr.org/camping) to see this year’s full camping guide. If you have any question on camping information or registration, please contact Yiwen: yiwenbi@fumc-cdale.org, 618-457-2416

Carbondale First UMC will pay half of the registration cost for students from our church who wish to attend a IGRC camp and half for one friend who attends with them.