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.”

**November 17th**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon Series: **Happy People**
The Sermon: **“Happy People Take Their Faith Public”**
Rev. Howard White

Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Anthem:

8:15 Beautiful City
Howard White, soloist

10:45 Sing Unto the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Hymns:

383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings
724 On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand
729 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines
428 For the Healing of the Nations

**November 24th**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon Series: **Happy People**
The Sermon: **“Happy People Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ”**
Rev. Howard White

Scripture: Colossians 1: 11-20

Anthem:

8:15 Alleluia
Trumpets and Organ

10:45 Harvest Carol
Sanctuary Choir & Trumpets

Hymns:

188 Christ Is the World’s Light
102 Now Thank We All Our God
87 What Gift Can We Bring
327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Grammy winning Singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer sang this lyric from her song “Leaves Don’t Drop” when she performed in Macomb last year. I’m remembering it on this early snow day. Newcomer finds consolation in the turning of the seasons. Living in a time where we are confronted by new catastrophes every day, it’s good to embrace the wisdom of creation as it keeps time by seasons, and invites us to take a longer view on our lives and relationships. Newcomer’s song recalls the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 3.

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;” (vss, 1-2)

Everything passes. That’s sad when we grieve the passing of many people. It’s sad if we can’t enjoy something as long as we wish. But Ecclesiastes also knows that good comes from our constant change. If we don’t have everything we want or haven’t accomplished all we want, yet, remember everything has its time. Some good things don’t last, but most of our troubles aren’t going to last that long either.

“Leaves Don’t Drop” is a reflection on growing older. Newcomer has keen insight into one of the changes aging often brings - a change from the black and white world view of childhood, to seeing shades of grey. As we age, we often discover the world is much more beautiful, amazing and richly textured than we gave it credit for. What we “know is true” becomes much more nuanced. This is true of how we understand and appreciate other people. It’s also true of how we understand and appreciate God. She sings:

“I’ve traveled through my history,
From certainty to mystery.
God speaks in rhyme in paradox.
This I know is true.”

Anyone who has read a psalm or studied a parable has a sense of what she means about rhyme and paradox. They may also have a sense of what she means by mystery. There is more happening in this world than we sometimes realize. In religious language, we talk about Holy Mysteries - like sacraments - where both scripture and experience lead us to understand more is happening beyond what our senses tell us.

“Leaves Don’t Drop (They Just Let Go)” can be found on YouTube, as can many of Carrie’s songs. Carrie Newcomer’s books and albums can be purchased in the usual places.
“Carol of the Animals” at the Annual ‘Round the Table Carol Sing’
December 1 at 6:00 pm
Bring a plate of cookies to share and join us.
Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities as we sing in the blessed season, share some cookies, and enjoy as the children present...

“The Children will be bringing unwrapped gifts to be presented at March to the Manger on Sunday, Dec. 8 during both services. These gifts will be taken to Jesus es el Senor, the Hispanic Ministry at Cobden for distribution to children in their community. Please bring your unwrapped gifts and leave them at the manger during either service.

FUMCNext-Carbondale Event—November 18, 6:30 p.m.
We plan to review ideas from the October 28 meeting as well as what is next to come for us in Carbondale. Come and hear our story. The meeting is in the Heritage Room.
Disciples for Sunday, November 24, 2019

Altar flowers are given by Al & Mary Felthous in loving memory of their parents Clarence & Louise Wilkins and Bob & Agnetta Felthous.

Acolytes: Paige Heffeman, Reese Matzenbacher
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Sharon & Larry Meyer
   10:45 Debbie & Arman Asaturian
Indoor Greeters: Joe & Bobbe Lenzini
Outside Greeters: The Hinde Family
Liturgists: 8:15 Deanna Diel
   10:45 Mary Lou Goodman
Sound System Operators: 8:15 Joyce Crippen
   10:45 Ron Browning
Welcome Center: 8:15 Deanna Diel
   10:45 Angie Voss
November Ushers: Mike Durr, Joyce & Mike Vancil, John Phelps; 10:45 Mary Beth Aguilar, Wilma Davis, Joe Lenzini
November Nametags: Betty Graig
Children’s Church Registration: Sharon Sims
Children’s Church: Neia Jannings, Tabitha Koch
Youth Helpers: Michael and Abby Koch

There will be no PrimeTimers in November or January
Join us in December for
PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & PROGRAM
Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 11:30 a.m.
Holiday Program presented by Shadi Frick and the Carbondale Middle School Jazz Ensemble

Asburian Notice: This week’s Asburian will cover Sundays, November 17 and 24. Next week’s Asburian will cover Sundays, December 1 and 8. No Asburian will be published during the Thanksgiving week.

CHI SUPP'T FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 5:30 P.M., FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1200 S. Carbon, Marion IL, Contact Kimberly@m3mwater.org for more information. Join us for an awesome chili dinner and hear about Marion Medical Mission’s progress toward providing safe, healthy water sources to the people of Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Carbondale in Thanksgiving. Join us in giving thanks and celebrating the diversity of our many faith traditions, Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 7168 Old Highway 13, Carbondale, IL. Please bring a canned good to the celebration. Canned goods and financial offerings will go to support Saluki Food Pantry, Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen, and Good Samaritan Ministries.

Thank you for your generous blood donation on Nov. 4th - FUMC had a total of 30 donors, 1 first time donor, 27 units were collected and 81 potential lives will be saved. Driscilla Circle

51st Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019, Noon-2 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington, Carbondale, IL. Call (618)529-331 for information on volunteering.

Dear Members of FUMC, Thank you so much for continuing to support our Annual Coat Drive. So far we have given out 129 coats and will continue to distribute on Monday and Friday mornings. As the weather continues to get cooler, we will see more people. A special thank you to the youth group for collecting the coats!

Karen Zeiten, Church Coordinator
University Baptist Church

Spirit of Christmas is an anonymous gift program. The gifts you will be giving may be the only ones the person will receive. We ask that you include only new, nicely wrapped items. It is not necessary to purchase every item requested. With your help, over 1,000 Jackson County residents will have a more joyous Christmas.

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Sunday, November 24
For more information on this project, contact FUMC Coordinators Doug & Amy Baker at 618-457-0630.
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 19  Morning Circle, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Room
Program: Pastor Howard—Living for a year in John Wesley’s home in London.
Hostess: Sue Stucky; Co-Hostess: Mary Nell Chew

Nov. 24  UMW, Priscilla Circle Annual Potluck, Beary Christmas Tree Setup, Noon, Heritage Room

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Opportunities, Sundays

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (K-5th grade) uses the Deep Blue from Cokesbury.
Main Topic: “Stories That Shape Our Faith Community—Nov. 17 Sunday School—”Daniel and the Lions” - Nov. 24 Sunday School—”Jonah and the Fish”

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.

Searching for Happiness—How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life by Martin Thielen. The class will be led by Pastor Howard White and Leah Farrar-White. Meeting Dates: Sept. 15 to Nov. 10, Room 308.

Renew Class - Renew is a group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection and prayer. The group is studying Holy Spirit Here and Now by Trevor Hudson. They meet in the Chapel. Women of all ages are welcome.

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

FUMCNext-Carbondale 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!

Gentle Toning, Stretch, and Yoga Techniques meets on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m., Rm 404, the Chapel.

Golden Yoga meets on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., Rm 404, the Chapel. A fee is charged for this class.

Grateful Hearts is a group of women who meet to strengthen their faith through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. The group is studying Mountaintop Moments by Ed Robb on Wednesdays, at 6 p.m. in room 308. All women are welcome.

Men’s Group 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.

The Daniel Plan Essentials meets in Room 403 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. They are studying the series The Science of Natural Healing. Everyone 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.

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room. Time and location to be determined each week.

“Peace, Peace” anthem with the Sanctuary Choir Sunday, Dec. 8
The children will be singing the anthem during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 8. We will practice during Children’s Church in November and will rehearse with the choir at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Dec. 8. Pick up a CD with all of our Christmas songs in the narthex.

Eagle House Ministries thanked FUMC for $100 that was contributed to assist with its summer programs. We also supported the 9th Annual Run for Hope that was held October 4 during the Fall Festival. Watch for announcement of the live nativity as Christmas approaches.

Spero Family Services requests support from donors so it can support families, children, and individuals to make the changes necessary to become stable and healthy. As the need for Spero services grows the need for additional support does also. The newsletter includes a quote that seems especially appropriate, “October is a symphony of permanence and change.” (Bonaro W. Overstreet.)

Thank You, Missions Committee