December 8th
Second Sunday of Advent
March to the Manger
The Homily: “Making Room”
Rev. Howard White
Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7
Anthem:
8:15 Brightest and Best of the Stars
Handbell Choir
10:45 Peace, Peace
Sanctuary Choir & Children’s Choir
Hymns:
203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed
178 Hope of the World

December 15th
Third Sunday of Advent
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Lessons & Carols
December 15, 2019

In Church On Sunday
December 4, 2019 Issue
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Newsletter of:
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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.”

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I was encouraged by Rev. Phil Maynard’s recent book, “Shift: Helping Congregations Back Into the Game of Effective Ministry.” Maynard has been working as a consultant with United Methodist Churches for many years and has seen the majority of our congregations struggling to adjust to cultural and demographic changes. He has also witnessed a significant number of congregations that continue to be vital and fruitful or have returned to vitality after a season of decline. The book documents observations about what some of these thriving congregations have in common. It was encouraging, because most of these are things Carbondale First has already identified as ministry priorities, started working on under previous pastors, and for which I have both a passion and training.

The “Shift” Maynard writes about is really not one, but a series of small shifts that begin with the way we think about some of the core purposes of the church. As I share his list, you can think about the adjustments we have already made and may have ideas about others we should consider. Here is an overview:

Shift 1: From Fellowship to Hospitality
In the Bible, hospitality focuses on welcoming strangers, which includes those who need shelter (like Joseph and Mary) but also includes welcoming those who know the pain of exclusion. Fundamentally, we invite others to experience God’s love because we have experienced God’s love. Hospitality happens both inside the church building as we welcome guests and outside the building as we build relationships in order to represent Christ to those who don’t know him.

Shift 2: From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle
Maynard focuses on the need to intentionally plan worship services that connect with the different ways people receive, process and act on information and experience. Some worshipers “feel and then reflect.” They need to sense something is important in their hearts before they will reflect on it. Others “think and then reflect.” They connect to concepts. Some worshipers “Think and then do.” They process by putting ideas into action. Finally, some “feel and then do.” Once they sense something is important, they are already trying to apply it.

Shift 3: From Membership to Discipleship
Jesus didn’t command us to “make members,” but to “make disciples.” A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who is committed to being a part of the body of Christ, becoming more like Jesus and joining Jesus in ministry.

Shift 4: From “Serve Us” to Service
Charitable giving is important for any church, but vital congregations are involved in “ministries of engagement.” They get their hands dirty, get to know the people who are receiving aid and seek to be Christ in their midst.

Shift 5: From “Survival Mentality” to Generosity
People in these congregations resist the culture’s idea that security and value is found in what we own, and realize that our security and value is found in our relationship with Jesus.

God Bless, Pastor Howard
In Church This Week
Dec. 5 to Dec. 19

5 Thursday
11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon/Program, $8, Fellowship Hall
4:00 Chimes
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404 *

7 Saturday
8:30 Priscilla Circle, Hanging of the Greens

8 Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent
March to the Manger
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
5:00 Advent Music Vespers, Dr. Sidney G. Smith, MD - Organ
5:30-7 Scouts Girl Troop 66, Room 410

9 Monday
7-8:30 Scouts Boy Troop 66, Fellowship Hall
8-10:00 Serving coffee at SIUC Morris Library

10 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404 *
8-10:00 Serving coffee at SIUC Morris Library

11 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by Appointment), Room 403
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308
6-7:00 Youth Group, Young Room

12 Thursday
2:00 Rhonda Kelley & Volunteers to decorate church with Poinsettias
4:00 Chimes
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

13 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404 *

14 Saturday

15 Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent
8:15 Service of Lessons & Carols
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Service of Lessons & Carols
5:00 Advent Music Vespers, Anita Hutton-piano
5:30-7 Scouts Girl Troop 66, Room 410

16 Monday
7-8:30 Scouts Boy Troop 66, Fellowship Hall

17 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404 *
11:30 Morning Circle Christmas Lunch-Hunan’s
6:30 Eagle Board, Rm. 308
5-6:30 Rotary Club, Conference Room

18 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by Appointment), Room 403
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308
6-7:00 Youth Group (last one in 2019), Location TBD

19 Thursday
4:00 Chimes
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

* A fee is charged.

Urgent—“A volunteer is needed for the Welcome Center on December 15 & December 22. If you are available to volunteer for either date, please e-mail Kathy Swindell at kbury@siu.edu.”

Saturday Night Live—Will not meet for December 2019 or January 2020.

Jack Whitlock Art Sale—605 W. Walnut, 12/7/19 (1 to 4 p.m.)

Save The Date: Coming Late January 2020-Financial Peace University. Contact Necia for more information.

Dear Congregation, Thank you for supporting our Youth 2020 Summer Mission Trip and our nut sale! Every year many of you buy the nuts not because you really want them as snacks; you simply do this to support our youth ministry. The youth mission trip participants very much appreciate your generosity and help! We hope you enjoy using the nuts in any way you choose.

FUMC 2020 Youth Mission Trip Participants

FINAL EXAM GOODY BAGS

Dear College Students,
Final Exam week is almost here. We would like to wish you the BEST. Please be sure to pick up a Goody Bag in the Narthex after either service. We hope its contents "nourish" your mind and spirit as you prepare. Thinking of You.

Sincerely, Your Church Family

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

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Disciples Corner

Disciples for Sunday, December 8, 2019—2nd Sunday of Advent (March to Manger)

Altar flowers are given by Al and Mary Felthous in memory of their sister, Linda.

Acolytes: Lexi and Logan Frick
Advent Readers: 8:15 Ted & Sara Pilger
10:45 John & Sharon Sims
Indoor Greeters: Phil and Gail Gilbert
Liturgists: 8:15: Paul McRoy; 10:45: Paul McRoy
Sound System Operators: 8:15: Joe Swindell
10:45: Keven Mitchell
December Ushers: John Washburn, Captain;
8:15 Bill Tally; 10:45 Don Bryant, Jr., Paul Chugh,
Greg Gibson, John Hinde, Angie Voss

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan & Gary Austin
10:45 Angie & Neil Voss, Jackie Cox
Outside Greeters: Jan & Gary Austin
Van Driver: Dan Anderson III
Welcome Center: 8:15 Sara Pilger
10:45 Judy McNeill
December Nametags: Sheila Crippen
Parish Nurses: (9:15) Betty Graig; (11:45) Dana Oberg

Give a gift of music for Christmas, or treat yourself to beautiful sounds of the season from FUMC. We still have copies of two CD’s produced by FUMC musicians which feature Christmas music. “For Unto Us a Child is Born” features the Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by orchestra, as well as the Handbell choir and various soloists. “Piano @ First” is a double CD of piano music performed by Anita Hutton. One of these discs is all Christmas music. Copies are available for $10 from Bob Weiss or in the church office.

Please Join us for the All Church “Hanging of the Greens”
8:30 a.m. • Saturday, December 7
This event is coordinated by Priscilla Circle.
Your participation is welcome. See you there!

Volunteer opportunity - The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers at local Carbondale businesses. The information below explains how to sign up.

Go to the following site: registertoring.com (Register To Ring)

— Enter zip code
— Select a Date/s: The date range for ringing is Nov 15 - Dec 24.
— Select a Location: Hobby Lobby, Kroger, Schnucks, Wal-Mart
— Select a time shift: Shifts are in one-hour slots, which are from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
— You can sign up for multiple time slots.
— Once you have selected the location and time, scroll down to confirm.
— When you arrive at your time, there will be a bag with a Salvation Army apron and the bell. If you play an instrument, feel free to play! Or you can play music (not too loudly). The key is to be friendly, smiling, courteous!
— If you have questions, you can call 618-993-5854. You may need to leave a voice message.

Thank you, Missions Committee
Almost Christmas—a Wesleyan Advent Experience
New 4-week study. Join in for any or all sessions. Everyone is welcome!

When: 12/8 and 12/22
Time/Location: 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School hour in Room 402
Led by: Leah Farrar-White

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.

March to the Manger
Sunday, December 8

New Items Only please.
Toy cars & trucks
Dolls
Toy dishes
Soccer balls
Basketballs
Footballs
Educational toys, puzzles and games
Christian children’s books
Christian music CD’s
Christian DVD’s
Toddler Toys
Building blocks

“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 rehearse with the choir at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Dec. 8.

Advent Music Vespers Programs
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
December 8 Dr. Sidney G. Smith, M.D.-organ
December 15 Anita Hutton-piano
December 22 Tammy Kirk-flute; Anita Hutton-piano

Classes for Middle/High School & 1st-5th Grade Students
Friday, Jan 3, 10 a.m.—noon
Sign up for one, 2 hour class, to learn a new skill or hobby. Cost $10/student. Sign up by Dec. 15.

Middle/High School: Pour Painting, Robots, and Pipeworks
1st-5th Grade: Science and Cooking

Registration Forms available in the Atrium.

FUMCNext-Carbondale Event
January 13, 2020—6:30 p.m.
The meeting is in the Heritage Room.

COMING LATE JANUARY 2020!!!
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Join us as we learn about the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.
This 9 week course includes workbook, lessons, access to website and online community, budgeting tools and much more. Childcare will be available.
For more information, contact Necia
March to the Manger Giving List

First United Methodist Church, Carbondale, Illinois

UPDATED LIST

1. Boys & Girls Club
2. Carbondale Women’s Center
3. OCHS Lifesavers
4. Feed My Sheep
5. FUMC: Youth Mission Trip (ASP)
6. Gum Drops (provides weekend food for at-risk children in southern Illinois)
7. Hannah House
8. “I Can Read” Program
9. IGRC (Illinois Great Rivers Conference): Africa University
10. IGRC: Eagle House Ministries
11. IGRC: Good Samaritan Ministries
12. IGRC: Jesus es el Señor
13. IGRC: Little Grassy United Methodist Camp
14. IGRC: Our Conference, Our Kids
15. IGRC: Wesley Foundation @ SIUC
16. Jackson County Food Pantry
17. Jackson-Union County Habitat for Humanity
18. Meals on Wheels (Senior Adult Services)
19. Marion Medical Mission (Water Wells in Africa)
20. Midwest Mission Distribution Center
21. Pastor’s Benevolent Fund
22. SPERO (Formerly the United Methodist Children's Home)
23. S.T.A.R.T. (Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation)
24. This Able Veteran
25. UMCOR: (United Methodist Committee On Relief):
   - Connie Wieck (China Missionary)
26. UMCOR: Global Food
27. UMCOR: Liberia
28. UMCOR: Relief in the USA
29. Victory Dream Center/Reality Youth Center
30. Unspecified
31. Your Designation

- Please make your checks payable to FUMC and indicate your chosen organization on the memo line.

- Help us get your donation to the proper location. If you choose “Your Designation”; please provide an accurate address where donations are accepted for that organization.

Thank you.
March to the Manger

2019

Cast

Reader: Paul McRoy
Stable Boy: John Voss
Innkeeper: Neil Voss
Joseph: Mark Albertini
Mary: Angela Albertini
Baby Jesus: Alexander Albertini
Angels: Lily Bishop, Evie Mullen, Reese Funk, Madeline Mullen, Carlisle Hinde, Julia Oberg, Cayden Hinde, Renea Pace, Katie Indorante, Emma Partlow, Catherine Mitchell, Sophie White
Shepherds: Sam Baker, Guy Indorante, Jackson Beaupre, Alex Partlow, Braden Hudgins, Dow White
Wise Men: Doug Baker, Karl Bartelsmeyer, Don Boehne

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: “Church Communities Celebrate Jesus” - Dec. 8 Sunday School—“Joseph’s Story” - Dec. 15 Sunday School—“Jesus is Coming”

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.

Almost Christmas - A Weslyan Advent Experience. This is a new four-week study. Join in for any or all sessions. Class will meet on 12/8 and 12/22. Time and Location are 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour in Room 402. This class will be led by Leah Farrar-White.
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 How Happiness Happens by Max Lucado 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.