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Associate: Tom Byford
Dir. of Christian Education: Necia Jannings
Prayer Chain: Email Sara Hinde at sjhinde04@gmail.com
Broadcast: 10:45 service is heard live on WCIL-AM (1020)
For van rides: Call the church office (457-2416)
Email: fumc@fumc-cdale.org
Website: www.fumc-cdale.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistCdale
Twitter: @FUMCCarbondale

In Church This Sunday
MARCH 18, 2018
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Sermon: “Walking on Water”
Rev. Ed Weston
Scripture: Matthew 14:22-34
Anthem:
8:15 Give Me Jesus
Paula McNally, soloist
10:45 Beneath the Cross
Sanctuary Choir, Rhonda Kelley & Anita Hutton, piano
Hymns:
57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
534 Be Still, My Soul
539 O Spirit of the Living God

Altar flowers this week are given by
Jane Robertson, in memory of her sister, Peg Dosch.

Special flowers are given by Jim & Bonnie Lewis, in honor of their 50th anniversary.

Indoor Greeters: Lianne & John Watson
Acolytes: 10:45 John and Madison Voss

Sound System Operators:
8:15 Joe Swindell; 10:45 Keven Mitchell

Liturgists: 8:15 John Brocato; 10:45 Marianne Lather

March Ushers: 8:15 Ron Diel and Sue Stucky
10:45 Dan Kimmel, Will Stephens, and Bruce Wallace

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5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Room 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

16 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

17 Saturday St. Patrick’s Day

18 Sunday “Envisioning our Future Kickoff”
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Lenten Studies continue
9:30 CANCELED Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship Service

19 Monday
7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

20 Tuesday First Day of Spring
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
9:30 Morning Circle, Heritage Room
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
11:00 Morning Lenten Study, Room 308
5:00 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
6:00 Finance Committee, Room 308
6:00 Evening Lenten Study, St. Andrews Church

21 Wednesday
10:00 Retired Teachers, Heritage Room
10:00 Children’s Story Time, Diane Neill
Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal

22 Thursday
11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon and Program, Fellowship Hall
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23 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
6:00 Audubon Society, Fellowship Hall

24 Saturday

25 Sunday Palm Sunday
Children’s Palm Parade
One for the Cross Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Lenten Studies continue
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship Service
Special Anthem performed by the Sanctuary
Choir and Children’s Choir

In Sympathy: Sympathy to Al Morgan, family, and friends, on the death of his wife, LaVonne, who passed away on March 10, 2018.

Altar Flowers Needed: Altar flowers are needed on April 8 and 15, 2018. Please help decorate the altar and sign up on the flower chart located on the wall at the incline that leads to the church office.

Raymond James Broker Check: The office has received a check from Raymond James Broker and it does not have the name of who it is for. If this is a check you had sent here, please let the office know. Thanks!

Sign-Ups for New Church Directory: We will continue SIGN-UPS for the new Church Directory, this Sunday, March 18, following both services. SIGN-UPS will continue every Sunday through April 1.

PICTURE DATES WILL BE APRIL 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 AND 10

Help Needed - Volunteer as a Host or Hostess on Photo Dates: We need about 30 volunteers to take 2-hour sessions during the photo dates. You would be signing people in, answering questions, etc. This is an opportunity to volunteer and help with an exciting event! Thank you!! Sally Washburn and Nancy Mitchell

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS: If you don’t think you’ll be back in time to sign up for your picture for the new directory, you can e-mail Nancy Mitchell at NANCYB25@MCHSI.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you removed towels or linens from the kitchens, please put them back in the same kitchen they came from. Also, if you have taken any linens and towels home to wash, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018
11:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL
Jennifer Randall, with Giant City State Park, presents “Giant City: A Hidden Treasure”
Palm Sunday Parade
Children sing with the choir
Sunday, March 25 at 10:45 a.m.
Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the choir
The children will be singing the anthem, “Blessed is He Who Comes”, with the Sanctuary Choir.
The children will meet in the Atrium before the worship service begins to prepare for the palm branch parade. During the first hymn, we will parade around the Sanctuary, waving palm branches. When the song is finished, the children will sit on the front pews in preparation to sing the anthem.
Practice online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VYHDeU7ufo

CAMP OUT: Getting S’more of Jesus
Friday, April 20 • Noon - 6 p.m.
Registration: Now thru April 1 in the Narthex
We will leave the church parking lot at 12:00 noon. Transportation to the camp is provided.
Lunch will be served at the camp followed by an afternoon of “Camp Out” fun as we learn about Jesus as the Light of the World.
Parents and families are invited to join us, 5:00-6:00 p.m. for a wiener roast and closing time.
Pick-up will be at the camp on Giant City Road.
www.littlegrassycamp.org/lg-directions
Contact Necia for more information

CHECK IT OUT!!!...
in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
The Prayer
by Stephen J. Myers
“Sometimes the children who need things the most, are lost to the night and a pale winter’s ghost...”
Don’t Forget...
STORY TIME EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 a.m.
Stories, games, music, and crafts with Jane Robertson

Summer Church Camp
is just around the corner!
CAMPING BROCHURES AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM TOM BYFORD.
CAMPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN - ADULTS.
Check it out at www.igrc.org/camping
The church will provide a scholarship that pays 1/2 of the registration fee.
If you have a friend who would like to attend camp with you, the church will provide 1/2 of the registration fee for your friend.
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS & FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Parents and children are invited to join us
Wednesdays 10-11 am.
Diane Dorsey Memorial
Children’s Library
**Bald Knob Cross**

*Every Church, Every Person, One Dollar*

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, along with other churches and worshipers in the region, our congregation will participate in "One for the Cross." As Bald Knob Cross celebrates its 51st anniversary, let us continue the tradition of supporting the progress of this landmark of southern Illinois. This yearly event offers every church and every person an opportunity to contribute one dollar to support ongoing efforts to maintain and expand this symbol of Christianity.

On Palm Sunday, members of our Youth Group will be in the narthex after both services to collect your offering. Please contribute one dollar (or more) towards supporting the progress and maintenance of Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

Thank you.

"At the Welcome Center, there is a basket of small, wooden crosses. Please take a cross for yourself or a friend during this Lenten season."

**Midwest Mission Distribution Center Needs Crayons!**

With an unexpected number of requests for Student School Bags (4,177 bags sent to Central America and Watseka, IL) MMDC is quickly running out of crayons. Any brand of 24-count crayons are needed for these kits.

To donate by check, please make checks payable to: Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558

For bulk supply donations: www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist

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