Dear Friends,

He is risen!!! He is risen, indeed!!! What a great service of resurrection we had this past Sunday. Easter Sunday is always a great time of worship as we focus all of our attention on the resurrection of our Lord. As usual there was an “extra” excitement because we had a lot of visitors for both services. Some of those present were family of our members that I have met in past years, but, as usual, there were persons who came who are local people who do not attend worship anywhere. With a full house of people, local visitors can come to worship and not feel singled out because there are other visitors present as well. If you know of someone in this last category, I encourage you to see what you can to invite them back and make them feel comfortable in our worship.

During the season of Lent, as you recall, we studied a book by Adam Hamilton entitled, “Simon Peter, Flawed But Faithful Disciple.” This study had several parts in it that helped us look at Lent and Simon Peter as a way for us to look at ourselves. Simon Peter, we know, failed Jesus by promising to stand by him even unto death, but when the time came for Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion, Simon Peter betrayed Jesus just like everyone else did. When we think of Peter, we can’t help but look at ourselves and our times of failing to be what we know we should be. The important thing about the whole story of Simon Peter is that Jesus never gave up on him and in the end Peter becomes the “Rock” upon which Jesus builds the church. After the resurrection, Peter and the other disciples go about the task of establishing the Christian church where they lived and ultimately it spreads throughout the world.

The great mission for us is the same as it was for those first disciples—to bring God’s kingdom to our world. How do we do that? Well, going back to the reference I made earlier about visitors on Easter, our study of Simon Peter’s post-resurrection life helps us see how important acts of love and kindness are. Adam Hamilton states in his book (as one of our persons who was a part of our Lenten study pointed out) a powerful way, that any of us can do, to reach others for the kingdom. He says:

“Regardless of whether the miraculous answer to prayer occurs, when we demonstrate compassion and kindness to others in their hour of need, as when Peter traveled a half-day’s journey to Joppa to pray with a dead woman’s friends and family, people are impacted by our kindness……. God’s kingdom comes, even if it is through our comfort, compassion, and acts of selfless love.” (Adam Hamilton, “Simon Peter, Flawed But Faithful Disciple”, page 142).

Why is it that you came to be a part of the Church? Was it by someone’s kindness and compassion?

See You Sunday,

Alan

Altar flowers are given by Nancy Cook.

Acolytes: 10:45: Anne Marie Simonds, Olivia Bishop

Indoor Greeters: Katy & Quincy Scott

Liturgists: 8:15: Ted Pilger

10:45: Doug Baker

Sound System 8:15: Joyce Crippen

Operators: 10:45: Mike Hanes

April Ushers: John Williams, Captain; 8:15 Kathy Hollister, John Phelps, Joe Swindell, Dick Verduin; 10:45 Ed Tresnak, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Bruce Wallace
PARISH
As of April 24, 2019

In Church This Week

25 Thursday
11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon, $8
4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

26 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

27 Saturday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
10:45 Super Church

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29 Monday
8:30 Men's Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

30 Tuesday
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9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

1 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appoint. only), Rm 403
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308
7:00 Youth Group, Chapel

2 Thursday
1:00 Priscilla Circle
4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm 404
6:00 Education Committee
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

3 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

4 Saturday
9:30-10 Victorian House Tours for Bob Harper
10:00 Service for Bob Harper
5:30 Saturday Night Live, Giant City Lodge,
   Hosts: John & Sharon Sims

5 Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

CALLING ALL
2019 GRADUATES
AND PROUD FAMILIES
Congregation members who will have new graduates from middle school, high school, or college-level degrees in their families this year, please place them on the sign-up list in the Narthex, or contact the Church office (457-2416).

PLEASE INCLUDE THE GRADUATE'S FULL NAME, DEGREE LEVEL, SCHOOL, AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

DEADLINE:
Before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26.
These graduates will be honored in the May 6 edition of the Asburian.

“Caps for Kids”

YARN DONATIONS are welcome FOR “Caps for Kids.” Ninety-one year old Maurine Bovee knits hundreds of caps for children seeking medical attention at the Danis Clinic in Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital for indigent children.

Please drop off any Donations of YARN to the church office.

Call for Volunteers:
We need volunteers to be Usher Captains for May/November 2019. Regular Ushers needed at 8:15 a.m. for August and June/December. Please call the Church Office to volunteer.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP is just around the corner! Camps are available for Kindergarten — Adults. Check it out at www.igrc.org/camping. 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. Please, register through the church office. Camping brochures, camping information, and registration information are available from Yiwen Bi.

Disciples for Sunday, April 28, 2019

Coffee 8:15 Charlena & Mike Bitting
Hosts: 10:45 Debbie & Armen Asaturian

Outside Greeters: John & Sally Washburn
Van Driver: Dan Anderson III

April Nametags: Mary Lou Goodman
Welcome Center: 8:15 Jean Boone
10:45 Matt & Laura Bishop

Children’s Church: Nedia Jannings
Children’s Church Registration: George & Shirley Everingham
Parish Nurses: 9:15 Sharon Meyer; 11:45 Dana Oberg

YOUTH SUNDAY
May 5th 2019
- Youth-Led Worship
- Special Music Performance
- Messages From High School Graduates
April 27—UMW Cache River District Meeting
Location: Grace United Methodist Church

May 2 - Priscilla Circle, 1 p.m.
May 21 - Morning Circle, 10 a.m.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT GROCERY BAG
The children of Children’s Church will be handing out grocery bags at the end of the service on Sunday, April 28 (this Sunday) to collect items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.
Please take a grocery bag, fill it with nonperishable food items and return it to the church on Sunday, May 5.

ITEMS NEEDED
Rice, Rice mixes, Pork & beans, Dry Great Northern Beans, Cereal, Oats, Peanut butter, Jelly, Dry milk, Egg noodles, Canned pasta, Crackers, Soup, Chili Beans, Kidney Beans, Koolaid, Lemonade drink mix, Sugar, Coffee, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned fruit

No household goods or paper products
“...Feed my sheep” John 21:17

JULY 21 - 26, 2019
Volunteers Needed!
Teachers
Escorts
Youth Helpers
Servers for Dinners
Assistants with Decorations
Pre-VBS craft preparation

A nother season of camping is near at Little Grassy Camp and that means much preparation is needed for the season. A work day at the camp is scheduled for June 1, 2019, weather permitting, and all are invited to participate. The work day will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch, which is served at 12:00 noon, will be provided by the camp staff. If you are only able to work part of the day, that is fine. It is necessary that camp staff has a firm number of people who will eat lunch at the camp as they provide food for lunch. Bring any snacks and water/drinks you may need during the day.

There are many projects on the to-do list for all skill levels including, but not limited to, painting, cleaning, washing. Supervisors and workers are needed. A parent or other adult supervisor is responsible for those under age 16 years. You may bring your own work gloves if desired, although the camp will supply gloves. Please wear protective footwear and do not wear open toed footwear (flip flops, sandals, etc). A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex as of April 26, 2019. Additional information, including allergy (food) and health concerns will be gathered once participants are committed.

Thank you, Missions Committee
### 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: “Observing Lent with Your Family” - April 28 Sunday School—“Feed My Sheep”

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 Room 414 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 group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection and prayer. 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**

- **The Daniel Plan Essentials** meets in Room 403 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. They started the series The Science of Natural Healing on April 2. Everyone welcome.

- **Grateful Hearts** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Room 308. They are studying Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs.

- **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.

- **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.

Get Connected...to great opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship on your Christian journey.

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