Dear Friends,

We will be having our Commitment Sunday for the Capital Campaign, “Envisioning Our Future,” on Sunday, April 29. We will have one service that day at 10:00 a.m., followed by a brunch at the Carbondale Civic Center. This is a catered meal and we need to know if you plan to be there. Last Sunday, April 15, you had the opportunity to sign-up for the brunch. Again, this Sunday, April 22, you will have a chance to sign up. I hope you will plan to attend worship and the brunch, on April 29, even if you feel you cannot make a financial commitment to the campaign. It is an important time to share together as we worship and then eat together around the table. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the success of the campaign and even if you are not able to make a commitment, you are still an important part of this church family and we want to share the brunch with you.

The Finance Committee, the Trustees, and the Building Committee have put in a lot of time and commitment to the “Envisioning Our Future” campaign. I want to say how much I appreciate all that these people have put into the campaign. I want to thank you as well. Many of you have watched the video that shows specifics about what needs to take place in the renovation. Also, many of you have already made commitments; some of you have come into my office to discuss the plans and the importance you see it has for the future of this church. I know many of you have had this whole process in your prayers and, again, I appreciate your prayerful support.

What happens on April 29 is an important step into our future. The whole idea of the renovation is to make our facilities the best they can be; not just for us, but for those who will come many years down the road. The people who were a part of this church when the older structure was built, and which will be remodeled, had a vision of the future during their day and time. We have reaped the benefits of their hard work and prayer. Now it is our turn to look to the future and create the kind of atmosphere that future generations will utilize.

This is our moment to “Envision” what God has for this church for many years to come. I pray God will bless our efforts as we make this important commitment to our future as servants of Christ in Carbondale.

See you Sunday,

[Signature]

Altar flowers this week are given by Joe Trobaugh, in memory of Norma Wooland.

Indoor Greeters: Katy & Quincy Scott
Acolytes: 10:45 Olivia Bishop and Timothy Young
Sound System Operators:
8:15 Joyce Crippen; 10:45 Ron Browning
Liturgists:
8:15  Don Frey; 10:45 Gene Morgan
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
23 Monday
5:30 Finance Committee, Room 308
7:00 Church Council, Heritage Room
7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall & Rm.409

24 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

25 Wednesday
10:00 Children’s Story Time, Diane Neill
Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library,
6:00 Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & 409

26 Thursday
11:30 Prime Timers Luncheon & Program,
Fellowship Hall, $8 lunch
3:00-5 Chimes Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Room 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

27 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
6:00 S.I. Audubon Society, Fellowship Hall

28 Saturday
Commitment Sunday
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.
8:45 Confirmation Class, Room 403
10:00 Worship Service
Brunch at the Carbondale Civic Center
immediately following the service

SAVE THE DATE
SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE
YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO APPALACHIA
MAY 6th, 13th AND 20th, 2018

Bidding is in the Heritage Room before and after each service, continues each week, and stops at a set time after the second service on May 20th.

We are currently taking donations of items to be featured in the auction.
Homemade food items, handcrafted goods, and new items are needed to fill the auction tables. Used items of particular value, like antiques, may also be acceptable.

Please contact Tom Byford at the church office, if you have any questions about item donations.

Health Concerns:
Sarah Hefferman, Jim Grant, and John Jennings are recovering at their homes.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CONCERNS LIST INSERT IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN:
Please check the weekly bulletin CONCERNS LIST for names of those who can now be taken off of it, then let the office know. This will give us some needed space.

Thank you!

Prime Timers

PROGRAM FEATURING ILLINOIS BOTANIST, CHRIS BENDA

“THE FLORA OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS”
Menu: Sunshine salad, meatloaf, whipped potatoes, & gravy, green beans, and chocolate cake
Sign up in the Narthex today

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS APRIL 29
‘Envisioning Our Future: Creating Spaces Where People Thrive’
Join us for a brunch at the Carbondale Civic Center immediately following the church service and the announcement of the final count of our total commitments.
We ask that between now and April 29, the entire congregation pray that we reach our goal.

PLEASE PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY

Sign up for the Brunch in the Narthex

Disciples for Sunday, April 22, 2018
Outside Greeter: Jan & Gary Austin
Van Drivers: Dan Anderson III, Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15 Sara Pilger; 10:45 Carole Daesch
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Kathy Hollister; 10:45 Jackie Cox, Shelby Seegers
Parish Nurses: 8:15 Carol White; 10:45 Dana Oberg
Children’s Church: K-2nd Grade, Necia Jannings; 3rd-5th Grade, Necia Jannings
Children’s Church Registration: JoVonna Noble
April Nametags: Mary Lou Goodman
APRIL EVENTS

21 Saturday
Cache River District Spring Meeting,
Carterville First UMC, 309 Pine Street, Carterville
Featured speaker: Suzanne Wesley
9:00 a.m. - Registration, light breakfast, and fellowship
9:30 a.m. - Welcome, worship and program
12:00 noon - Lunch and fellowship

Join our team of “Castaways” at VBS
July 22-26 • 6-8 p.m.
Have you always dreamed of a tropical island in the middle of the ocean? Ever wanted to be Gilligan, the Skipper, Mary Ann or the Professor? Here’s your chance!!! Grab your sunscreen and beach hat and join our Crew...teachers, escorts, musicians, crafters...there is a place for everyone at the Shipwrecked adventure.
Contact Necia to be a part of the VBS Crew!!!!

CAMP OUT: Getting S’more of Jesus
Friday, April 20 • Noon - 6:00 p.m.
For those students who are registered:
We will leave the church parking lot at 12:00 noon. Families of Camp Out students are invited to join us, 5:00-6:00 p.m., for a wiener roast and closing time.
PICK-UP WILL BE AT LITTLE GRASSY UM CAMP
#1 Methodist Camp Road, Makanda
Contact Necia for more information

STORYTIME
Parents and children are invited to join us
Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Diane Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
Join Ms. Jane for stories, music, games, and crafts as we learn about the Bible and how Jesus taught.

CHECK IT OUT!!!
in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
God Made the Sun
by Mary Manz Simon
"...a celebration of God's gift of daytime. Beginning with the first rays of sunlight and moving through the day, this book reminds little ones that God's love shines on us, much like the sun shines on the earth.

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER (MMDC)
BIKE RESTORATION
Last year, the bike shop spent only $106 to repair 550 bikes. In the last 3 years, hard-working local volunteers have restored and shipped out 1,165 used bicycles. The bikes were donated to MMDC and have been distributed to Ghana, Nicaragua, Panama, and Mexico. Domestically, bikes have gone to foster children in Illinois, to Missouri and Texas children, and bicycle repair training programs.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS
What is a PDK? It contains a bath hand towel, bath washcloth, comb, nail/toenail clipper, adult toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, razor with guard and toothpaste. All items are placed in a one-gallon plastic bag. Each kit is valued at $14. In 2015, 15,906 kits were distributed. In 2017, 36,456 were shipped. In the past three years $1,156,960 worth of PDK’s were sent all over the Midwest and internationally to help people maintain basic hygiene, an essential component of human dignity.

Thanks to all who support our various mission activities!
Missions Committee

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER
TRIP SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
Sign up now for the Tuesday, May 1 trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatam, Illinois.
This is a memorable volunteer experience you will not want to miss!
A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

JOIN IN THE BLESSING
"...a celebration of God's gift of daytime. Beginning with the first rays of sunlight and moving through the day, this book reminds little ones that God's love shines on us, much like the sun shines on the earth."
CALLING ALL 2018 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 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30. These graduates will be honored in the May 6 edition of the Asburian

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF MARCH 31, 2018

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DON'T MISS OUT!

BASICS OF SPIRITUAL CARE AND HOSPITAL VISITATION TRAINING

Has God given you the desire to care for those experiencing adversity? Then you need to attend:
Basics of Spiritual Care and Hospital Visitation Training
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, taught by Chaplain Stephen Pyle
Each Thursday, May 10 through June 7
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Call 618-549-0721 for information

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Opportunities
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School - (K - 5th grade) uses Deep Blue from Cokesbury. The morning begins with music at 9:30 a.m. in Room 415.

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, 9:30 a.m.
Faith development through Bible lessons, emphasizing a relationship with God through Jesus.

Middle School meets in Room 410 and uses On the Go.

High School Class meets in Room 409 and uses a variety of materials connecting the lessons of the Bible with issues relevant to today’s youth.

Adult Opportunities, 9:30 a.m.
Renew - Renew is a group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection, and prayer. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 402. Women of all ages are welcome.

The Investigators Class - Investors is an intergenerational class for all adults. They are studying, “Anxious for Nothing, Finding Calm in a Chaotic World,” by Max Lucado. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 404 (the Chapel). Everyone welcome!

The Electives Class - Scripture studies are led by John Sims. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

Small Group Opportunities

Grateful Hearts - Grateful Hearts meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Room 308.

Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays in Room 409 and Fellowship Hall.

Daniel Plan meets at 9:00 a.m. weekly on Tuesdays in Room 403. Everyone welcome!
Remember to wish the following friends and church members a very happy birthday

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