Dear Friends,

There is a commercial on television about parents and children that I saw recently. The point of this commercial is that our children listen more to us than we think they do. Well, this past Sunday emphasized that point. Last Sunday, May 5, was our Youth Sunday. The youth led the entire service and offered the message for the day. They led us in prayer, led the service of Holy Communion, served as liturgists and ushers, and formed a musical ensemble that provided most of the special music for the day.

Two of our senior high youth, Drew Hudgins and Claire Beaupre, gave the message and did an excellent job telling why Carbondale First has been so important in their spiritual life. It was very clear that they have been "listening" all the years they have been a part of this Church. Sometimes, I think, as adults, we are not certain whether our young people are listening when we try to teach them the lessons of life that they will need as they grow into adulthood. Sunday’s service was an affirmation that they are listening and why we have learning opportunities for children and youth here in the Church. What is most important is that the service was truly a worshipful experience and not just a time of involving youth. I went away from the service knowing that I had been in worship and I had connected with God as I worshiped.

Some of you have taught in our children and youth departments at one time or another and so you should feel good about the work you have done. Sometimes it is the smallest of things that can make a difference in a child’s or teenager’s life and so that makes everything we do as adults important. Keep up the good work!

I want to thank the youth for providing their leadership in worship this week. I also want to thank Bob Weiss, our Director of Music, for practicing and directing the ensemble. I want to thank Yiwen Bi, our Associate Pastor, for putting together this service and getting our youth involved. Yiwen planned and organized the entire service. Finally, I just want to thank our youth, again, for being who they are and for making Carbondale First very proud of them. I came away from the worship service feeling good about what it means to have watched these young people grow and mature in their faith these last ten years.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2, WE WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN JOINING OR JUST WANT TO INQUIRY ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 457-2416.

See You Sunday,

Alan
**In Church This Week**

**PrimeTimers**

**Welcome Committee Members for 2019-2020**

Linda Meredith, Jean Boehne, Kathy Hollister, and Carol Mocaby.

Thank you Sandy Goert and Lianne Watson for staying on as committee members.

Thanks to everyone for continuing the primetimers tradition. Connie Rhein

**Altar Flowers Needed**

The 2019 flower chart is hanging up in its usual spot for sign-ups.

June 30 and August 18 are the next dates still open. They are the same price of $49. Rosebuds are $10.

Please call the Church office if you are interested in filling one of these dates.

**Concerns**

In order to have space to add names to the concerns, we need your help in keeping the list updated. If it’s time for yourself or a family member to be removed from or placed on the Concerns List, please notify the office (457-2416) or e-mail Sharon at fumc@fumc-carbondale.org. The information on this sheet is printed on Thursday mornings.

**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.

- Thank you: A BIG heartfelt thank you to everyone from Connie & Alan Rhein for the wonderful party and gift at Saturday Night Live last weekend. Also a very special thanks to John and Sharon Sims for their hard work in planning the party. We can buy a HUGE tree.

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 an 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 Yifen Bi.

**Disciples for Sunday, May 12, 2019**

Coffee: 8:15 Karol & John Phelps

Hosts: 10:45 Dan Anderson III

Outside Greeters: The Hinde Family

Van Driver: John Craig

May Nametags: Joan Hart

Welcome Center: 8:15 Carol White

10:45 Terri Glasser

Children’s Church: Rob & Linda Lucas

Youth Helpers: Kayli and Rayna Lucas

Children’s Church Registration: Doug & Amy Baker

Parish Nurses: 9:15 Carol White; 11:45 Lianne Watson

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The Murphysboro Food Pantry has been struggling with roof damage that occurred due to high winds on March 14, 2019. The Pantry has had to change how it operates and relocate some of its operations to areas not affected by the roof damage. Contributions to assist with repair are welcome and can be sent to P.O. Box 671, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

The Pantry published its 2018 Annual Summary. Donations were successful due to contributions from many supporters. The Pantry served 33,337 individuals, within 8,446 households. That’s a monthly average of 1,262 children, 283 seniors ages 62 and over, and 111 veterans. Murphysboro residents totaled 3,853 individuals while Carbondale was close behind with 3,335. Other communities within Jackson County had 1,253 persons counting on Pantry services. A total of 544,491 pounds of food were distributed in 2018. That amounts to over 272 tons of food. This year the Pantry is also tracking dog/cat food and non-food items such as toilet paper, soap, and various toiletries.

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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.

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Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) TRIP PLANNED

The next trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center is planned for Tuesday, June 4th. We will be leaving the church at 7:00 A.M., drive up to the center and arrive home around 6 or 7:00 p.m. Bring a lunch, your insurance card and wear closed toed shoes. There is something for everyone, whether you are young or old and can’t stand for long periods of time. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, call Nancy Mitchell at 618-303-3127.

Thank you for the support of our various campaigns. Our cooperation with MMDC and other agencies help make a difference across our local area, the state, nation and world.

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