Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I shared about going through things when you are moving. I concluded that by saying I was going to leave some things for my children to look through, after I am gone, and ask the question, “What in the world did he keep this for and what is it?” I still think I will do that, but now I am coming across things that I am asking this same question myself. “Where do these things come from and what are they?” I think someone snuck in our house and put these unknown items there just to torment us! However these things got there they are gone now. Someone emailed me the other day and asked how packing was going. I said “fine” which is partly true in that Connie has done the major part of packing and I have moved boxes and loaded some to take them to our new home. It is a slow process with all kinds of interruptions that make the process even slower, but that is what moving is, isn’t it. You just have to keep at it and it will get done.

Anytime we move or go through a major change in life, it can be a slow process. These changes do not have to be negative; with just some effort they can be positive. This will be true when the new pastor, Howard White and his family, get here. It will take time for you both to get to know each other and to build a relationship. The important thing to remember is that this transition is as hard for Howard and his family as it is for you. Sometimes this process can be slow, if there isn’t much personal contact. This is often true in the summer because of vacations and things that limit the number of times you and the Whites will have a chance to meet. But, everyone will adjust to the change and be fine. What needs to happen is for there to be as many opportunities to have contact with Howard and his family, Leah, Sophie, and Dow as possible. Any way you can do that will be an important step in this change. Sophie and Dow will need a little extra contact because they are leaving behind friends they have known for most of their school days. So, just take a little extra time and effort to connect with them. This will help this slow process to move along more quickly. This is another one of those things that we just have to stay with and the change will come and be good.

I want to mention again that on June 2 we will be receiving new members into the church. If you desire to join First Church or want to inquire about membership just call the church office at 457-2416.

See You Sunday,

Alan

Altar flowers are given by Judi Rossiter in memory of her father, Robert S. Henderson.

Special flowers are provided by Judi Rossiter in honor of her daughter, Beth Fender, who graduated from Seminary with her doctorate in ministry.

Acolytes: 8:15: Anne Marie Simonds, Lexi Frick

Indoor Greeters: Betty Bishop, Joan Hart

Liturgists: 8:15: John Phelps 10:45: Paul McRoy

Sound System 8:15: Joyce Crippen Operators: 10:45: Mike Hanes

May Ushers: 8:15: Mike Durr, Joyce & Mike Vancil 10:45 Mary Beth Aguilar, Wilma Davis, Phil Gilbert
In Church This Week:

**16 Thursday**
- 4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**17 Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**18 Saturday**

**19 Sunday Heritage Sunday / Golden Cross Sunday**
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 10:45 Super Church, Chapel

**20 Monday**
- 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 Church Council Meeting

**21 Tuesday**
- 8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
- 9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
- 10:00 UMW Morning Circle
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 5:30 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
- 6:30 Eagle Board, Rm 305

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

**23 Thursday**
- 11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon/Program, Heritage Room
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, NOT MEETING
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary-NOT MEETING

**24 Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**25 Saturday**

**26 Sunday**
- **Memorial Sunday**
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- Silent Auction—Ends at NOON TODAY

**27 Monday**
- **Memorial Day—Church Office Closed**

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**Dedicated to the members of our church community!**

**PrimeTimers Luncheon**

**Thursday, May 23rd**

**Luncheon $8, 11:30 a.m., Heritage Room**

Program Speaker: **Paul Chugh**

~ A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex ~

**SAVE THE DATE: PrimeTimers Luncheon/Program, Heritage Room**

**Thursday, May 23th**

WE HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING 50-YEAR MEMBERS:

- Betty Buzbee & Ken Buzbee
- Bobbe Lenzini, Chuck Reno,
- Bobbi Levelsimer, Joyce Hesketh
- Helen Deniston (75 years)

**In Recognition of 50-Year Members**

**May 19, 2019**

**Heritage Sunday**

We honor and recognize the following 50-year members:

**Disciples for Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**Coffee** 8:15 Karol & John Phelps
**Hosts:** 10:45 Betty Bishop and Family
**Outside Greeters:** Kathy Hollister
**Van Driver:** Brian Gorecki
**May Nametags:** Joan Hart
**Welcome Center:** 8:15 Sara Pilger
**10:45 Barb Swinburne**

**Children’s Church:** Tabitha Koch
**Youth Helpers:** Michael and Abby Koch

**Children's Church Registration:** Sharon Sims

**Bible Presentation & Recognition of 50-Year Members**

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP** is just around the corner! Camps are available for Kindergarten—Adults. Check it out at www.igrcc.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.

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

**Thank you** for supporting Bald Knob Cross. Your generous One for the Cross offering totaled $219 which will be presented to Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Inc. Thank you, Mission Committee

**SAVE THE DATE:** The next Saturday Night Live will be on June 1 at 5:30 p.m. Location: New Thompson Lake Shelter, Hosts: Pat Cuendet and Lorraine Stadt

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**Let's get RE-acquainted!** We can start by WEARING OUR NAME TAGS again!

- Get to know your pew-mates and our new members and visitors
- Look for name tag racks in the Narthex.

(Let the office know if you don’t have a name tag.)

**Last Call for Brick Donations:** 96 year-old bricks from the original church foundation are available in the wheelbarrow in the Narthex. Own a piece of history for $100. Envelopes for donations are in the wheelbarrow. Turn in your envelope to the Offering Plate or to the Church Office. Donations will be used toward the purchase of a conference table and chairs in the new conference room.

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**MAY 19, 2019**

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**Help decorate the Sanctuary with red geraniums this year on Pentecost Sunday, June 9**

You may order a 5” Potted of Geranium for $3.00. To order a geranium and place a memorial/honor listing in the bulletin, return this form to the church office no later than Friday, May 31.

- Your Name: ____________________________________________
- In Memory / Honor of (circle one): ________________________
- Enclosed is $3.00 for each geranium. _______ x $3.00 = Total $________
- I will take the geranium home after worship on June 9.
- I will take the geranium to a homebound friend.

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**PARISH pulse**

As of May 15, 2019
Another 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 is available in the Narthex and everyone is welcome. Adult supervision is required for those under 16 years of age. If you’re interested in working at the camp that day, please sign up by May 17th if possible. If you have any questions, contact Jon Gobert at j_gobert@msn.com. Additional information, including allergy (food) and health concerns will be gathered once participants are committed. Thank you, Missions Committee.

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

PAYLOAD EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR OUR MISSION “TO MARS AND BEYOND” VBS
Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to...
1. Locate the “To Mars and Beyond” bulletin board in the narthex
2. Select one or more items from the bulletin board
3. Purchase the selected items
4. Bring your purchased items back to the church by June 9
5. Deposit your purchased items in the box in the narthex
Thank you for making this mission “To Mars and Beyond” possible

PROJECT GROCERY BAG
If you didn’t get a chance to pick up a bag and return it filled with non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you can still do so. Pick up a bag in the narthex and return it any time during the month of May. We will make sure that the items get to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.
Confirmation Class of 1969

Front Row (Left to Right): Joni Hays, Nita Winn, Duncan Renfro, Steve Sutton, Jon Youngs, Terry Richison
Second Row: Susie Brown, Evelyn Gates, Jim Hertz, John Kamnalade, Jay Boor, Kent Marlow
Third Row: Rev. Lee Moorehad, Susan Shiplett, Suzanne Hungerford, Mark Atwood, Mark Dietrich, Mike Goodman, Duane Johnson, Rev. Louis Young
Back Row: Linda Hungerford, Nicki Koenigstein, Bobbe Schultz, Dan Morgan, Claude Sehnert, Bruce Wallace,___

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. Also bring completed registration forms and the release form.

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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: “Family Friends” - May 19 Sunday School—“The Four Friends”

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.

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

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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