Dear Friends,

This past Sunday we honored those who have been members for 50 years. (I made a mistake in our 8:15 a.m. service and said “25 years” but it was for fifty years). Those that we honored Sunday were: Betty and Ken Buzbee, Bobbe Lenzini, Chuck Reno, Evelyn Gates, Bobbi Levels-mier, and Joyce Hesketh. We have one member Helen Deniston, whom we recognized, as the person who has been a member the longest, for 75 years. Helen has recently moved to Kentucky to live with her daughter and we will miss her.

We also gave Bibles to our third graders last Sunday. Those receiving Bibles were: Logan Frick, Aiden Davis, Nicholas Ledbetter, Jordyn Crippen, Olivia Goodson, Margo Simonds, Amani-Joi Roberts, and Molly Bishop.

Both of these are important events in the life of First Church because we recognize just how important our children are as they grow in their faith. Also, it is important to remember those who have been members for a period of time because it shows these children and all the rest of us that our faith is a life long journey and the scriptures are important as we make that journey.

Our Sanctuary Choir will be in New York by the time your receive this. It is a great honor for our choir to be asked to participate in this concert. Bob Weiss, our Director of Music has put in a lot of extra hours making arrangements and extra rehearsals. I am sure you know how committed and dedicated Bob is to the music here at First Church. I have said many times before that this church has a music program that exceeds any other church music program in our conference. Keep the group in your prayers as the make this trip. Connie and I are privileged to be asked to be a part of this trip and sing with the Sanctuary Choir. It has been awhile since we sang in a church choir and this has been a very enjoyable time for us and we look forward to the trip.

One last reminder: On June 2, we will receive new members into the church. As I have said the last few weeks, if you have an interest in becoming a member or want to inquire about church membership just call the church office at 457-2416 and I will schedule a time to meet with you.

This is graduation time, of course, and I want to wish all of our graduates the best of luck in whatever new adventure they will enter in. Each step we take as we move forward in our education is a challenge, but also an opportunity. Sometimes there is excitement and anticipation as well as anxiety about what the future will be like. I pray that our graduates will continue to grow in whatever new area they move into.

See You Next Sunday,

Alan
**PARISH pulse**

*As of May 22, 2019*

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**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 Yiwen Bi.

**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.

**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 & Ron Stadt.

**The Service Music** and the anthems during the month of June have been chosen based on favorites of Alan and Connie Rhein. This is our musical “Thank You” to them for ten years of service and their strong support of the music program at FUMC.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION SERIES RECITAL—Monday, June 3rd - 7:30 PM, Shryock Auditorium - ADMISSION FREE** featuring Isabelle Demers, Organist, a native of Quebec and a Doctoral Graduate of The Juliard School, Isabelle Demers is Organ Professor and Head of the Organ Department—Baylor University in Texas.

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**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@fumccdgle.org. The information on this sheet is printed on Thursday mornings.

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**Disciples for Sunday, May 26, 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.
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

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. 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. Missions Committee

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERTS

The Southern Illinois Music Festival is coming to FUMC. The 15th annual Southern Illinois Music Festival begins soon and includes four concerts here at FUMC. The complete schedule can be found at sifest.com.

Concerts at FUMC include:

- **Tues., May 28,** 7:30 pm – Chamber Orchestra Concert ($20/$8)
- **Wed., May 29,** 5:00 pm – Eric McCluskey Recital (Anita Hutton, piano) (Free)
- **Tues., June 4,** 7:30 pm – Chamber Music of Women Composers ($15/$5)
- **Thurs., June 6,** 5:00 pm – Benyas Family Recital (Donation)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**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

**ASLP SENDING TEAM**

We are seeking 23 people or families who will personally partner with the attendees on the annual Appalachia Service Project

**Here’s what you give:** $50
- Prayer
- Encouragement

**Here’s what you get:**
- A personal partnership with one of our team members
- A connection with ASP experience
- A daily prayer guide for your ASP prayer times
- A get-together with the youths after the trip

This year we have 24 ASP team members going to Knox County (KY) 6/15-6/23. We will partner each person going on the trip with 1 or 2 Sending Team members. To join the Sending Team, please fill out the form in the narthex and return it to the church office. Please designate your offering to “ASP Sending Team.” Thank you for your support!
We wish the following members and friends of our church family a very happy birthday in June 2019

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 26 Sunday School—“Prayerful 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.