Dear Friends,

Well, Commitment Sunday was a great day for Carbondale First!!! We had a great response to our “Envisioning Our Future” capital campaign. The response that you have made to this renovation is a real movement forward for us. As of today, we have received commitments from 119 giving units totaling $928,379.02, to be given over the next three years! We have on hand $362,471.90, which gives us a total of $1,290,850.92 to start the project with! Now we can begin moving forward with the project. As you recall, the Finance Committee had set a base amount of $750,000.00, not including the $362,471.90, before the final plans would be completed and the bidding begin. Now that this goal has been met, we will move forward. In the coming years, we will still need to work to meet the remainder of the $2,200,000 total cost of the project, but I am convinced we can and we will.

As I mentioned Sunday, this congregation has always taken its financial obligations seriously and there has always been a spirit of generosity. I know I have said this many times before, but the important thing for me is that even when we have been paying for a building project, our “March to the Manger” and “Easter Offerings” have stayed the same or have been even higher. That says that we will continue to be in mission even when we have building projects going on! What a witness that is! Building and remodeling are important, but they should never take the place of ministry that helps people.

As this project begins in the next few months, there will be changes we will have to make in order to accommodate the remodeling. We will have to experience some inconvenience, but it will only be temporary. This is what happens with a building project and we all know that. As pastor, I want to thank you for the commitment you have made and the way in which you have done it. Sometimes churches have fundraisers outside the church to raise money when they are doing something similar to our project. There is nothing wrong with this, but for me, it is our responsibility to pay for our needs and not the community. When we do what we have done here, we understand what our responsibility is, and we have a commitment to meet that responsibility. What a great moment this is in the life of our Church, and I pray God will bless us as we move forward!

I have a word to say about this coming Sunday. Customarily, on the first Sunday of each month, we have Holy Communion; however, for the month of May, we will not have Communion on the first Sunday, May 6, but instead on May 20. This is when we will receive this year’s Confirmation Class, present Bibles to our third graders, and celebrate Heritage Sunday. Our Confirmands will be assisted with the Communion part of the service, as our newest members. I know “change” can be a challenge but we can handle it, can’t we?

As pastor, I do not want to say anything that is going to be a distraction from the work of the Church in these next few months. There is so much to do, and so many things we need to be working on! As I mentioned Sunday, this congregation has always taken its financial obligations seriously and has always been a spirit of generosity. I know I have said this many times before, but the important thing for me is that even when we have been paying for a building project, our “March to the Manger” and “Easter Offerings” have stayed the same or have been even higher. That says that we will continue to be in mission even when we have building projects going on! What a witness that is! Building and remodeling are important, but they should never take the place of ministry that helps people.

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See you Sunday,

Alan

RECEPTION FOR DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, ROGER & CAROL RUSSELL

On Sunday, May 6 from 2:00—3:00 p.m., the Committee on Superintendency is having a reception for Roger & Carol Russell, who are retiring. This reception will be held at Aldersgate UMC, 1201 N. Fair St., Marion, IL. All interested persons may attend. At 3:00 p.m., there will be a brief, special presentation to the Russells from the pastors and churches in the District. Dress is casual and refreshments will be served.
In Church This Week

**PARISH As of May 1, 2018**

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**Thursday**
- 1:00 Priscilla Group, Room 210
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
- 5:00-5 Chimes Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall and Bell Room
- 6:00 Education Committee, Room 410
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 7:30 SI Flute Choir Concert, Sanctuary

**Saturday**
- 11:00-1 Vivienne Hertz Visitation
- 1:00 Vivienne Hertz Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 5:30 (NOTE UPDATED TIME) Saturday Night Live, Bandana’s, hosts for the evening are Jean & Don Bohne

**Sunday**
- **ASP Silent Auction**
  - 8:30 Worship Service
  - 9:30 Sunday School
  - 10:45 Worship Service
  - **1st Week ASP Silent Auction, following the second worship service.**

**Monday**
- 1:30-5:45 *Red Cross Blood Drive, Heritage Rm*
- 6:30 Good News, Atrium
- 7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday**
- 9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Rm. 403
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**Wednesday**
- 9:00-3 Healing Touch, by appt. only, Rm. 305
- 6:00 Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & 409
- 6:00 Scout Committee, Room 410

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**FUMC, HERITAGE ROOM**

**MAY 7, 2018, 1:30 - 5:45 p.m.**

**visit www.redcross.org/give-blood Give Blood, Save a Life.**

**Health Concern:** Sue Peterman is in Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

**In Sympathy:** Sympathy to Becky Baker & family, on the death of her brother, Rex Heacock, who passed away on April 27, 2018.

**Praise the Lord!!!** At Last Sunday’s Celebration Brunch, Greg Meredith announced that “the total commitments made during the two-month campaign, *Our Future, Creating Spaces Where People Thrive*’ was $928,379.02. The amount we needed to start the renovation project was $750,000.00. Therefore, we exceeded the minimum and will be contacting the architects to secure the contracts for this project. Before the campaign started, we had $362,471.90, which people contributed towards the building fund after the previous mortgage was burned. That, added to the $928,379.02, equals a total of $1,290,850.92, meaning we will not have to borrow as much as we thought we would."

"Thank you to all!! Greg Meredith"

**Thank you!** The women responsible for funeral meals are grateful to everyone who brings food and works in the kitchen, and is our faithful dishwasher. It is best to bring food in disposable containers serving 12-15 people. **IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AND HAVEN’T BEEN CALLED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH AT 457-2416.**

**Final Exam Goody Bags:** Dear College Students: Exam week is fast approaching. We wish you great success! Please stop by the table in the Narthex following both services on May 6 to pick up a Final Exam Goody Bag. We hope the goodies give you that lift while studying.

"Love, Your Church Family"

**Church Directory Photo Update:** Did you miss getting your picture taken for the new church directory? We are gathering a list of names of people who would like to have their picture taken by Lifetouch for the directory. If we can get enough people who want to do this, we can request a make-up day. If you are interested, please call Sharon in the office to get your name on the list.

"Volunteers Needed:** Pentecost Sunday is May 20th. Traditionally, FUMC gives the congregation an opportunity to purchase a red geranium in memory or honor of a loved one, to help decorate the Sanctuary with red that day. Volunteers are needed to organize the ordering of the geraniums, collecting the money, coordinating the delivery, and distributing them by Sunday, May 20th. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 457-2416."

"Thank you."
~ FROM THE MUSIC CORNER ~

Notes on the Service Music for May 6, 2018

GERALD FINZI was born in London on July 14, 1901 and was a prolific composer and one of the most popular modern British composers. Finzi was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Disease in 1951. He died on September 27, 1956. His “Five Bagatelles” began as a set of three ‘character pieces’ for clarinet, using, according to Finzi, “20-year-old bits and pieces.” He added a fourth movement, completed January, 1942 and the four movements were first performed on January 15, 1943. When Finzi discussed publication of the “Bagatelles” with Leslie Boosey (co-founder of the music publishers, Boosey & Hawkes); Boosey wanted to publish the pieces separately, but Finzi refused. The publishers agreed to publish the pieces as a set, only if Finzi would add a fifth quick movement. Thus the “Five Bagatelles” were ‘born’. They soon became Finzi’s most popular work, with the initial printing selling out within one year. Finzi commented on them that “they are only trifles, not worth much, but got better notices than my decent stuff!”. You will hear the 4th and 5th movements in today’s service.

AARON COPLAND was born on November 14, 1900 and by age 9, was making up songs at the piano. His first public performance as a pianist was in 1917. Copland was a pianist, composer, conductor, teacher, author, and leader of several musical organizations. Copland won the Pulitzer Prize in Music for “Appalachian Spring” in 1945. He won the Academy Award for Best Original Musical Score for the film “The Heiress.” In 1964, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America’s highest civilian honor, and he was a Kennedy Center Honors recipient in 1979. Copland died December 2, 1990. The Clarinet Concerto was commissioned by Benny Goodman and was composed between 1947-49. Benny Goodman premiered the concerto on the NBC Radio Broadcast with the NBC Symphony Orchestra on November 6, 1950. 

Anita Hutton, Organist

This summer, we will again collect canned/boxed Food for local food pantries. We ask that you bring in one can or one boxed food item every Sunday (or each time you come into the church). We will distribute the collected food as follows:

- June: Jesús es el Señor
- July: Good Samaritan Food Pantry
- August: Feed My Sheep
- September: Wesley Foundation

You CAN Make a Difference!

DANIEL PLAN ESSENTIALS

“In this four-session video-based Bible study, The Daniel Plan team explores both the spiritual and the health benefits of following a healthy lifestyle by focusing on the first essential of The Daniel Plan: Faith. The sessions include: Every Body Matters; Magnificent Obsession; God’s Power, Not Will power; Your Soul’s Path to God.” We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about the Daniel Plan and living a healthy life to join us

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 403
STARTS TUESDAY, MAY 8
Contact Necia for more information

PROJECT GROCERY BAG

Don’t Forget! This Sunday, May 6, return your grocery bag, filled with non-perishable items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry

We will be delivering collected food items to the Good Sam’s Food Panty on Monday, May 7. If you can help load and unload or have a van or truck that you can drive to help transport the food items, please let Necia know by calling the church office or email at neciaj@fumccdale.org

CHECK IT OUT!!!

in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library

Clam-I-Am
by Tish Rabe

“Hello! I’m the Fish. To the beach. Let us go! The Fish Channel asked Me to star in a show.” Part of The Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library.

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.

I CAN
One (1) Can

You CAN Make a Difference!
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 Investors 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

The Daniel Plan meets in Room 402 at 9:00 a.m. on most Tuesdays. Check the church calendar. Everyone welcome.

Grateful Hearts will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 308 soon. Watch for updates.

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

ASP SENDING TEAM

We are seeking 20 people or families who will personally partner with the attendees on the Annual 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 the ASP experience
A daily prayer guide for your ASP prayer times
Free Pancake Breakfast May 20th

We have about 20 ASP team members going to Hancock County, June 9 - 16th. We will partner each person going on the trip with one or two Sending Team members. As a Sending Team member you will be asked to pray for your ASP Team member leading up to and during the trip.

To join the Sending Team, please fill out and return the form which can be found in our upcoming Sunday Bulletin for May 6, or on our website at www.fumc-cdale.org/resources/current forms. Please mark “Sending Team” in the information line of the check. And, please write a separate check from your regular offering.

22 May
10:00 a.m. - Morning Circle, Heritage Room
Hostess: Elaine Crain

MAY EVENT

2018 ASP MISSION TRIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please Help us Help Others!!

Sunday, May 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

DONATION: $5.00
FAMILY: $15.00 MAX
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12: $3.00 SENDING TEAM $50 (no meal charge)

ASP MISSION TRIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Sausage, Strawberries, Whipped Cream, Coffee and Juice

FUMC
Graduates

Elementary and Middle School

Lily Bishop ~ Carbondale Middle School ~ Daughter of Matt & Laura Bishop
Lana Gillman ~ Alexander Graham Bell School, Chicago, IL ~ Granddaughter of John & Sally Washburn
Brendan McNally ~ Carbondale Middle School ~ Son of Mike & Paula McNally
Catherine Mitchell ~ DeSoto Elementary School ~ Daughter of Steve & Crystal Mitchell

High School

Anne Pender ~ Decatur Eisenhower High School, Decatur, IL ~ Granddaughter of Judi Rossiter
Thea Elizabeth Ferdinand ~ Sycamore High School, Montgomery, OH ~ Granddaughter of Sid & Alice Smith
Tabitha Koch ~ Carterville High School ~ Granddaughter of Bud & Verna Koch
Jillian Meredith ~ Carbondale High School ~ Granddaughter of Greg & Linda Meredith
Cameron Misner ~ Avon (IN) High School ~ Son of David & Sue Misner; Grandson of Jan & Dick Verduin
Sierra Springhorn ~ Carbondale High School ~ Daughter of John Springhorn
Kyna Lee Stanley ~ Highland Park (IL) High School ~ Granddaughter of Sid & Alice Smith
Gabielle Story ~ South Paulding High School, Dallas, GA ~ Granddaughter of John & Betty Graig
Jodie Spikes ~ Carbondale High School ~ Granddaughter of Sharon & Larry Meyer
Gabbi Vordtriede ~ Pinckneyville High School ~ Granddaughter of Georgann & Victor Besse
Sydney Wahl ~ Parkway South High School, Baldwin, MO ~ Daughter of Tim & Rosza Stadt Wahl; Granddaughter of Ron & Lorraine Stadt

College and University

Maggie Bryant ~ Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO ~ BS (Accounting) ~ Magna Cum Laude, Honors College ~ Daughter of Don & Donna Bryant
Sarah Canview ~ Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, IL ~ MS ~ Granddaughter of Sharon & Larry Meyer
Erin Connell ~ Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL ~ BS (Hospitality) ~ Granddaughter of John & Betty Graig
Cason McHose ~ Chapman University, Orange, CA ~ BA ~ Grandson of Larry & Sharon Meyer
Scott Mitchell ~ Associate ~ Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, AL ~ Son of Kevin & Nancy Mitchell
Beverly Verduin ~ Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA ~ BA ~ Daughter of John & Susan Verduin III; Granddaughter of Dick & Jan Verduin
John R. Verduin, IV ~ University of Washington, Seattle, WA ~ MBA ~ Son of John & Susan Verduin III; Grandson of Dick & Jan Verduin
Stephanie Waggoner ~ Illinois State University, Normal, IL ~ BS (Molecular & Cellular Science) ~ Daughter of Jan Waggoner