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See you Sunday,

Alan

Altar flowers this week are given by Anita Hutton, in memory of her mother, Winona Hutton.

Indoor Greeters: Gordon & Carol White

Acolytes: 10:45 Paige Hefferman and Olivia Bishop

Sound System Operators: 8:15 Scott Wright; 10:45 Ron Browning

Liturgists: 8:15 Ron Diet; 10:45 Debbie Asaturian

May Ushers: 8:15 Mike Durr, Joyce & Mike Vancil 10:45 Mary Beth Aguilar, Wilma Davis,

In Church This Sunday
May 13, 2018
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Sermon: “Prayer Fixes Things”
Rev. Alan Rhein
Scripture: John 17:6-19
Anthem:
8:15 Who Will Teach the Children?
Paula McNally, soloist
10:45 Who Will Teach the Children?
Sanctuary Choir; Paula McNally, soloist
Hymns:
157 Jesus Shall Reign
163 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know
500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
463 Lord, Speak to Me

Happy Mothers Day

ASBURIAN

Newsletter of:
The First United Methodist Church
214 W. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Our Mission Statement: “Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God’s presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth, and adults to become disciples of Jesus Christ, live fully in the Holy Spirit, and embrace God’s love.”

Pastor: The Rev. Alan R. Rhein
Associate: Tom Byford
Dir. of Christian Education: Necia Jannings
Prayer Chain: Email Sara Hinde at sjhinde04@gmail.com
Broadcast: 10:45 service is heard live on WCIL-AM (1020)
For van rides: Call the church office (457-2416)
Email: fumc@fumccdale.org
Website: www.fumccdale.org
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In Church This Week

Help decorate the Sanctuary with red geraniums this year on Pentecost Sunday, May 20

You may order a Geranium for $7.25. To order a geranium and place a memorial / honor listing in the bulletin, return this form to the church office no later than Tuesday, May 15.

Your Name:_____________________________________________________

In Memory / Honor of (circle one):

Enclosed is $7.25 for each geranium. ________ x $7.25 = Total $________

__________  I will take the geranium home after worship on May 20.

__________  I will take the geranium to a homebound friend.

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10 Thursday
3:00-5 Chimes, Fellowship Hall & Bell Room
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

12 Saturday
Happy Mother's Day
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
(2nd Week ASP Silent Auction, following the second worship service.)

14 Monday
7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

15 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Room 403
10:00 Morning Circle, Heritage Room
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
5:00 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
7:00 Scout Eagle Board, Room 308

16 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch, by appt. only, Rm 308
10:00 Children’s Story Time, Diane Neill
Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
10:00 Jackson County Retired Teachers, Heritage Room
6:00 Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & 409

17 Thursday
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

18 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

19 Saturday
20 Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Communion
Heritage Day - Pentecost Sunday

8:30 Worship Service
8:30-12:30 ASP Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
(3rd and final Week - ASP Silent Auction, following the second worship service. Auction concludes at 12:20 p.m.)

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Congratulations to the following people:

Disciples for Sunday, May 13, 2018

Outside Greeter: Sandy Gobert and Jon Gobert
Van Drivers: John Graig and Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15 Jean Boehne; 10:45 Terri Glasser
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Gordon & Carol White; 10:45 Bobbe Lenzini, Michelle & Mike Neill
Parish Nurse: (9:15) Betty Graig
Children's Church: K-2nd Necia Jannings; 3rd-5th Claire Beaupre/Joan Hart
Children’s Church Registration: Sharon Sims
May Nametags: Joan Hart

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In Sympathy: Sympathy to Paul & Cheryl Intravaia, family and friends, on the death of his mother, Toni Intravaia, who passed away on April 25, 2018.
In Sympathy: Sympathy to Dan Anderson III and family, on the death of his brother, Anthony George Anderson, who passed away on May 4, 2018 in Waukegan, IL.
Health Concerns: Sue Peterman is in Marshall Browning Hospital. Conrad Hinckley is at Century Living. Holly Immel is in Manor Court.

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Disciples for Sunday, May 20, 2018

PrimeTimers
LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
Thursday, May 24, 2018
11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
$8 Lunch

Please join us as we welcome
Julia Obery & Andrew Schaffer
as they become professing members of our congregation.

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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!

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You CAN Make a Difference!

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PARISH
As of May 8, 2018

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CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY
MAY 20, 2018

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In Sympathy:

PARISH
**MAY EVENT**

**Tuesday 15 May**

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

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The Murphysboro Food Pantry held its annual Community Challenge in March and April. Near the end of its drive almost 2,000 pounds of food had been collected and $22,000 had been raised. An anonymous sponsor donated the percent match for the Challenge. The new director, Megan Austin, reported she is impressed with the camaraderie the community shows to help this effort.

The Pantry’s Souper Bowl of Caring was held the day before the Super Bowl. Six different shifts were staffed with 3 to 5 SIU football players. The players withstood the cold conditions for Murphysboro’s and other food pantries. The players raised $10,000!

If you are a gardener, the Murphysboro Food Pantry welcomes fresh produce. When you plant, you might consider making a row for the pantry. Client favorites include turnips (especially the greens), carrots, green peppers, lettuce, potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes and radishes.

Finally, the Postal Carrier Food Drive will be May 12. Gather boxed/canned goods and put them in a sack and hang them from your mailbox. The food helps the pantry in the summer months when kids are not in school and eating school lunches.

The Jackson County/Murphysboro Food Pantry received $1,000 from FUMC Easter funds.

*Thanks for your support of so many agencies.* - Missions Committee

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**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF APRIL 30, 2018**

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**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.

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
Contact Necia for more information

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**Join our team of “Castaways” at VBS**

**July 22-26 • 6:00-8:00 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!!!!**

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**Summer Church Camp**

Is just around the corner!

Camping Brochures and Information are available from Tom Byford.

Camps are available for Kindergarten - Adults

Check it out at www.igrc.org/camping

The church will provide a scholarship that pays 1/2 of the registration fee.

If you have a friend who would like to attend camp with you, the church will provide 1/2 of the registration fee for your friend.

Submit Applications & Forms to The Church Office

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**Storytime**

Parents and children are invited to join us

**Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00 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.
**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.

May Sunday School - May Topic: Change Your Hearts and Lives.

May 13 Lesson: Paul and Silas,” Acts 16:16-40

**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 Essentials** 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.

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**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 13, 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.

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**ASP SENDING TEAM PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Please Help us Help Others!!**

Sunday, May 20, 2018
8:30 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)**

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

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**2018 ASP MISSION TRIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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