Dear Friends,

We had a full Sunday this past week - presenting certificates to our 50-year members, giving Bibles to our third graders, receiving our Confirmation Class, and celebrating Holy Communion. A special part of the day for me was that our confirmands helped serve Communion at both services. Why? Well, because it is an example of how we all can participate in important parts of celebrating our faith regardless of our age. I don’t think I ever helped with Communion until I entered the ministry. If I had, I believe I would have remembered it as a high point in my Christian journey. At any rate, our two confirmands, Julia Oberg and Andrew Shafer, did an excellent job in leading the liturgy for the day and helping serve Communion. I hope, when you see Julia and Andrew, you will tell them how much you appreciated their efforts in the service.

Many of you were very generous with the fundraisers for our youth ASP trip in June - sharing in the pancake breakfast, the silent auction, and sponsoring a youth, both financially and with prayer. We have an excellent group of young people who make the mission trip a priority in their summer activity. There are many other things to do, but they choose to serve others by going on the mission trip. I can remember when I was in a youth group and we took our annual mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. This was always a highlight of my summer. I encourage all of us to continue to support our youth and those adults who will be going with them (many thanks to those adults who volunteer to go!) by keeping them in our prayers as they do their work.

What an important time this is in the life of our young people! With all of the challenges and struggles they face, we need to support them all we can. Among all of the things we are to be as a church, what should be at the top of the list is supporting and encouraging our youth. We may not fully understand all they have to deal with or the pressures they feel, but we can be there to mentor them through their times of struggle.

I can remember the adults in my life that always seemed to be there when I needed someone to lean on or to seek counsel from when I had questions. There was no greater feeling of security in my life than when I knew there were these individuals I could depend on to be there for me no matter what. These were men and women in my Church family. I knew that when I attended worship on Sunday, my support group was there. I hope our youth feel the same about us, don’t you?

See you Sunday,

Alan
In Church This Week

21 Thursday
11:30 Prime Timers Luncheon and Program, Fellowship Hall, $8 lunch
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

25 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

26 Saturday
27 Sunday
28 Monday
29 Tuesday
30 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appt. only), Rm. 308
10:15 CANCELED Children’s Story Time
5:00 SI Fest at FUMC: Eric McCluskey & Anita Hutton Recital, Sanctuary, free

31 Thursday
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

In Sympathy: Sympathy to C.L. & Millie Murden, family and friends, on the death of their daughter, Carol S. Murden, who passed away on May 17, 2018.

Health Concerns:
- Holly Immel, Janie Bouton and Sue Peterman are recovering at their homes.
- Shirley Everingham is in Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

AN ADVENTURE IN NATURE & WILDLIFE
Join us for our Autumn Getaway
Tuesday, Oct. 9 - Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS GROUP invites you travel with them to Wonders of Wildlife, the largest attraction in the world, showcasing 35,000 live fish, mammals, reptiles and birds, and immersive wildlife galleries that bring visitors eye-to-eye with the greatest collection of record-setting game animals ever assembled.

In Branson, we will check into the Grand Plaza Hotel for our overnight stay and enjoy dinner at the top of the Plaza View Restaurant. That evening we attend a Sight and Sound Theater production of “Samson!” This show has received rave reviews and is truly an unforgettable, uplifting Bible story that will literally bring the house down!

The next day after enjoying a full breakfast at the hotel, we head to Dogwood Canyon Nature Park and board the open-air tram to enjoy its beauty on a Wildlife Tram Tour. We travel the canyon floor, past waterfalls and bluffs, making a stop at Glory Hole, a magnificent blue-green pool where some of the largest trout reside. We’ll mingle with herds of American bison, elk, whitetail deer and Texas longhorn. An included lunch buffet will feature Tomato basil soup, Yukon Gold potato salad, and Butcher’s fare – build your own sandwich.

Questions? Call Don Boehne
618-549-1319

PER PERSON COST: $394 Based on Double; $445 Based on Single; $379 Based on Triple. TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, one night accommodation at the Grand Plaza Hotel, tram tour of Dogwood Canyon with buffet, Tour of Wonders of Wildlife, dinner, theater production of “Samson,” and tax and gratuity.

Disciples for Sunday, May 27, 2018
Outside Greeters: Sara, John, Carlisle and Cayden Hinde
Van Drivers: John Graig and Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15 Carol White; 10:45 JoVonna Noble
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Carol & Gordon White; 10:45 Pam & Steve Yarbrough
Parish Nurses: 8:15 Carol White; 10:45 Mary Pohlmann
Children’s Church: K-5th, Rob & Linda Lucas; Youth Helpers: Kayli and Jaden Lucas
Children’s Church Registration: Amy & Doug Baker May Nametags: Joan Hart
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!!!

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NEWS

It seems that allergy season came upon us with a bang this year. So, those of you who are allergic to substances in the environment, may be suffering right now. Symptoms may be worse during times of high winds when offending pollens are spread rapidly. Late mornings or early afternoons tend to have higher pollen counts. The heavy air from high temperature and humidity (Southern Illinois’ summers!) will trigger an asthmatic’s allergies. Of course, different types of pollen are prevalent at different times of the year.

Besides environmental triggers, allergies can be categorized as chemical (perfumes, latex, medication), foods (especially nuts, milk, wheat) or surroundings (animals, mold, bee stings). No matter what triggers an allergy, the diagnosis can be made through medical testing or perhaps the detective process of an individual. Be observant to symptoms and the activities leading up to an allergy attack. Was there a change in diet, environment or product use?

Consider others and eliminate bringing potential triggers into public venues whenever possible. To help others, know if the cologne you are wearing could bother asthmatics. Label your food dish if it contains allergens, like peanuts or shellfish. Take non-latex balloons to the party. Little steps like these can go a long way to prevent someone’s discomfort.

Betty Graig, Parish Nurse
Parish Nurse Ministry

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.

PLEASE NOTE: StoryTime will not meet on May 30

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

S S S SUMMER CAMP CAMPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN - ADULTS

Summer Church Camp is just around the corner! CAMPING BROCHURES AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM TOM BYFORD.

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
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 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.

Youth Group has recessed for the summer and will start up next Fall for the 2018-19 school year.

We wish the following members and friends of our church family a very happy birthday in June, 2018

June 1  Joan Hart  June 11  Sue Tresnak  June 21  Ervin Legendre
June 2  Wilma Davis  June 12  Sarah Brown  June 22  Michael Bailey
Reveta Black  June 13  Maurine Bovee  June 23  Bruce Francis
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Shelby Seegers  June 19  Ben Hoffman  June 29  Bruce Wallace
Mary Stucky  June 20  ColinNeill  June 30  David Caldwell
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