Dear Friends,

We are approaching the time when we will experience a change in our lives. First, you will welcome a new directing pastor and family: Howard, Leah, Sophie, and Dow White. Second, Connie and I will change from being a pastor of a local congregation to being retired. We both will experience mixed feelings about these changes. I know, for Connie and me, we are excited about a new phase of our lives, but saddened to leave you as our church family. Over these last ten years we have grown to love and appreciate this congregation more than you will ever know. Prior to our coming here, we thought we were going to be appointed to a different congregation. I can’t tell you how blessed we have felt being appointed to Carbondale First, instead of somewhere else, and we definitely feel that God called us here!!!!!

Bud Koch passed along to me a newsletter from a church in Oil City, Pennsylvania, that was getting a new pastor this year. There are some good points I think might be helpful during this time of change. The article begins by saying, “When a congregation welcomes a new pastor, it is exciting, a new beginning for both the congregation and the new minister. To maximize this new beginning, it is important to prepare spiritually, cognitively, and emotionally….there are a few things that can be done for a new spiritual leader”: (I have edited some of these points to fit our situation.)

1. Pray for your new pastor daily but especially when the “honeymoon period” is over and the daily grind of ministry begins.
2. Send your pastor a welcome note or email. This doesn’t need to be long or a lengthy statement of what you expect from him.
3. Mention your name on your first several encounters with your new pastor. Remember, the new pastor has several hundred names and faces to put together—you have one.
4. Embrace the uniqueness of your pastor. Everybody is different with unique spiritual gifts and we should embrace those gifts.
5. Be prepared to follow. Don’t be a backseat driver. Serve with your best gifts.
6. Give your pastor permission to fail. No one succeeds 100% of the time. Don’t hold the pastor to a standard of perfection that no one could follow.
7. Speak positively about your pastor publicly and privately. Focus on the new pastor’s strengths and minimize his weaknesses.

Finally, the article concludes with these helpful words, “If you receive your new pastor as a spiritual leader sent to encourage your faithfulness, challenge your presuppositions and bring out God’s best in you, the relationship between the pastor and your congregation will be vibrant and effective.”

See You Sunday,

Alan
Remember: Remember in prayer our ASP Mission Trip volunteers and staff.

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.

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.

Save the Date: Saturday Night Live, July 13, 5:30 p.m. at the Lake of Egypt, hosted by Sue & Duane Stucky and Debbie & Armen Asaturian.

Construction Open House: After each worship service on June 23, the congregation is invited to an open house “walk-through” of the recent construction areas of the church. Keep in mind that there is still work being done as the total construction is not over since we have added more things to be done in some areas and there is still some touch ups to be done.

Disciples for Sunday, June 23, 2019

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Sue & Duane Stucky 10:45 Crystal & Steve Mitchell

Outside Greeters: The Hinde Family

Van Driver: Dan Anderson III

June Nametags: Barb Bedient

Welcome Center: 8:15 Sara Pilger 10:45 Mary Lou Goodman

Children’s Church: Jennifer Woolridge

Children’s Church Registration: Sharon Sims

Youth Helpers: Catherine Mitchell Brenden McNally

Parish Nurse: Carol White

20 Thursday
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

21 Friday 1st Day of Summer
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404-NOT MEETING

22 Saturday
ASP Group Returns Today

23 Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

After each service, there will be an Open House Walk-Through.

24 Monday

25 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403-NOT MEETING
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404-NOT MEETING
6:00 VBS Teachers Meeting, Rm 410
6:30 Safe Sanctuaries Training, Rm 410
7:00 VBS Volunteering Meeting, Rm 410

26 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appointment), Rm 403

27 Thursday
11:30 PrimeTimers, Heritage Room, Luncheon $8
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

28 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404-NOT MEETING

29 Saturday

30 Sunday Only One Service Today
10:00 Worship Service
11:30 Farewell Brunch, Civic Center (sign up required by June 25)
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1 - Priscilla Circle, 1 p.m.
August 20 - Morning Circle, 10 a.m.

Mission News

thisABLEVETERAN (TAV) sent thanks for the $800 they received from FUMC’s Easter offering. Several future events were also announced. PTSD Essentials Service Dog Trainer Academy was held June 2 - 15, 2019. Their Annual Rotary Fundraiser Dinner will be September 14, 2019. PTSD Service Dog Trainer Academy will be held September 26 - October 5, 2019. kNow More PTSD Awareness Conference will be held November 16, 2019. TAV has established two scholarships for veterans who are eligible for either of the trainer academies.

TAV’s envelope reports 20 veterans, not 22 as in the past, still take their own lives—EVERY day. “We find that completely unacceptable and want to do our part to change it.”

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY sent thanks for $500 that was part of our Easter giving. Jackson, Union County Habitat has built 32 homes in the two counties, and are trying to expand its Minor Repair Program in order to help more families.

EAGLE HOUSE MINISTRIES thanked FUMC for our “generous gift of $500 on March 28, 2019.” Eagle House held three Rekindling the Spirit Youth Rallies in the spring that brought many of the area youth groups together to worship and be challenged in the Word! To Live in Christ Youth Conference was held May 5. Volunteers are always welcome and information can be found at 222.eaglehouseministries.com. Thanks to everyone for the ongoing support of the Missions Committees activities.

Thank You, Missions Committee

FAREWELL SUNDAntag 10:00 a.m.
CHURCH SANCTUARY

There is no Sunday School and this is the only service

FAREWELL BRUNCH
JUNE 30, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.
CIVIC CENTER

There is no charge for the brunch but sign-up is requested. Please use the form below and place in offering plate or return to the Church office by June 25.

Please register me and my guests for the Farewell Brunch on June 30 at the Civic Center at 11:30 a.m.

Print Name _____________________________________________

Number Attending Adults __________ Child Ele __________

___________ I/we cannot attend

Thank You!
Remember to wish a happy birthday to these church family members and friends with birthdays in July 2019:

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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:** “Church Family” — June 23 Sunday School — “Believers Share”

**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**

- **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.

- **Grateful Hearts** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Room 308. They are studying Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. This class is taking a break for the Summer. Class will resume some time in August.

- **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.

- **Open Hearts, Open Minds** meets in the Heritage Room. First meeting is July 1. How can we share the love of Christ with all people? Come share your ideas. Looking forward to seeing you!

- **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.

- **Youth Group** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. This group is on Summer Break. They will resume meeting in August.

Get Connected...to great opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship on your Christian journey.