Dear Friends,

During both services this week, the individuals who represented our church at our Annual Conference will give a report. Carol Cain and Joan Hart were our representatives. Of course, it is also Father’s Day and I hope you find a way to express your love and appreciation to the important men in your life.

Tom Byford, our associate, along with 19 youth and adults, are currently working in east Tennessee on our annual ASP trip. The group left on Saturday, June 9, and will return on Saturday, June 16. Please keep them all in your prayers as they travel and as they do the work they will be doing. As you all know by now, Tom Byford and his family will be moving to Hillsboro, Kansas the first week in July. July 1 is their last Sunday with us, and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is planning a “sending off” for the Byford’s on that Sunday. We will miss Tom and his family, but we pray the best for them as he becomes lead pastor of the Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro.

This past Sunday, our District Superintendent, Rev. Roger Russell, met with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee to introduce a new Associate Pastor. The Committee met with him and made a unanimous affirmation to accept him as our new Associate. His name is Yiwen Bi – pronounced U-N-Bee. Yiwen is a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee, with a Master of Divinity Degree. Yiwen has a great deal of experience working with youth and young adults. He has worked, teaching English as a second language as well as translating the United Methodist Church Handbook into Chinese. He has been involved in various volunteer mission projects as he worked in United Methodist Churches in the Nashville area. You will hear more about Yiwen in the future, but I wanted to share about Yiwen’s coming to be with us. He will begin his ministry here sometime this summer.

This is a lot of change for us to deal with in these coming weeks, but I know we can make the necessary adjustments and thank Tom Byford for his ministry with us and welcome Yiwen Bi as he comes to be a part of our church family.

See you Sunday,

Alan
In Church This Week

14 Thursday
6:00 Education Committee, Room 210
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

15 Friday
9:30 CANCELED Golden Yoga

16 Saturday
Father's Day
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

17 Sunday
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

18 Monday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Room 403
10:45 Worship Service

19 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Room 403
10:45 Worship Service

20 Wednesday
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
6:00 Board of Trustees & Building Committee, Heritage Room
7:00 Scout Eagle Board, Room 308

21 Thursday
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

22 Friday
9:30 CANCELED Golden Yoga

23 Saturday
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

24 Sunday
8:30 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE: CREATING SPACES WHERE PEOPLE THRIVE
As of June 6, 2018, we have had commitments from 138 pledging units, committing a total of $1,024,442.00 throughout a three-year period. As of May 31, 2018, we also have a cash account of $422,013.27. This is an excellent start to the projected cost of $2,250,000.00 the church has agreed to spend. What a great job! We will be continuing with ways to raise the needed difference as soon as we can, in order to save interest on this loan.

Thank you! The Campaign Committee

HEALTH CONCERNS:
Bob Moore is recovering at home.
Betty Crippen is in Herrin Hospital.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS: Our ASP Team is traveling and working in Hancock County, TN this week. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank You: “Dear First UMC - For my mother, Fern DeJarnett, I want to thank all who sent her birthday cards for her 100th birthday. She may not have been awake enough to hear who they were all from, but my brother and I appreciated them and all the thoughts sent her way.”

Peace, Don DeJarnett

LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
Thursday, June 28, 2018
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall $8 Lunch

Lunch menu: Indoor barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans and watermelon

DISCIPLES FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018
Outside Greeters: Sara, John, Cayden and Carlisle Hinde
Van Drivers: Dan Anderson III, Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15 Carol White; 10:45 Judy McNeill
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Deanna & Ron Diel; 10:45 Joan Hart, Carol Cain
Children’s Church: K-5th Necia Jannings; Youth Helpers: Catherine Mitchell, Julia Oberg
Children’s Church Registration: JoVonna Noble
June Nametags: Barb Bedient
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!!!!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes announced its summer 2018 camps that will afford hundreds of student-athletes and coaches from southern Illinois a unique opportunity to develop their sports skills, friendships, and to develop the spiritual dimension of their lives as well. The following were some of the results of the 2017 FCA Camps:

- 535 campers participated in four camps;
- 85 campers made their first-time commitments to Christ;
- 113 area high school and college student-athletes served as huddle leaders; and
- 138 area adults and coaches served as volunteer staff for the camps

Habitat for Humanity acknowledged receipt of $445 for Jackson and Union County projects. Progress has been slow in getting the 2018 home underway. Habitat hopes that community groups of 8-10 people might donate a workday.

Information is available at 618-457-8480

Eagle House Ministries’ Partner Update reports its Easter Sunrise Service was glorious. Pastor Daniel Money reported he has been leading ministry at the Harrisburg Youth Corrections Center for over 7 years. He sees more young men being stirred and awakened by the Holy Spirit as His word is taught teaching CHRIST and the gospel. The Harrisburg Center chaplain is leaving that position and Money seeks prayers for his transition and for the right person to fill the chaplain post as a good soldier for the Lord.

Thanks for your support of so many agencies.
Missions Committee

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF MAY 31, 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

Summer Church Camp
Starting now! CAMPING BROCHURES AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE 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.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP
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.

Small Group Opportunities

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. Join us for a new study just starting: “Top 10 UM Beliefs” by Don Adams. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 404 (the Chapel). Books are available in 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 has recessed for the summer and will resume in Fall, 2018.

Youth Group has recessed for the summer and will resume for the 2018-19 school year.

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.

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.

QUESTIONS? Call Don Boehne 618-549-1319

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT: Call 618-536-7751

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 3