IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY
JULY 21, 2019
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: “Be The Peace”
2019 ASP Team


Anthem:
8:15 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Brass, percussion & piano
10:45 And Can It Be?
Sanctuary Choir, brass & percussion

Hymns:
103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)
183 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
408 The Gift of Love
545 The Church’s One Foundation

Altar flowers are given by Barbara Peterson in memory of her parents Gene & Ruth Woods.

Special flowers in front of the pulpit are given by Evangeline (Vangie) and Paul Chugh to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary.

Acolytes: Rayna Lucas, Reese Matzenbacher

Indoor Greeters: The Bryant Family

Liturgists: 8:15: Youth; 10:45: Youth

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

FIRST Thoughts

I’ve heard it called “The Harry Potter Effect.” Many college-aged students and young adults are attracted to traditional buildings and worship styles. Millennial church writer, Andrew Ponder Williams writes, “We...grew up on stories of a young wizard who escaped a locked closet under the stairs, came of age in a giant gothic castle and was shaped by much older professors and mentors. [This] has shaped our minds to see gothic spaces as places of great intrigue and even opportunity.”

Yes, Millennials are used to living in a world that changes every five minutes, suggests Williams, but they also understand that for something to last hundreds of years it must be pretty special. For this generation, tradition doesn’t mean old, it means “mystical.”

Many churches with traditional worship assume they can’t reach this generation. If their version of “traditional” feels tired and out-of-touch, they probably will have a hard time, but there are many drawn to a connection with ancient practices of the church like singing the doxology or sharing responsive prayers in a sanctuary with Christian symbols. As long as those things are part of a vital spirituality and a church that is making a difference in the world, they will be attractive to a cross-section of young adults.

First UMC is a living legend in Southern Illinois for it’s great music, inspiring architecture, generous outreach, and grace-filled messages. You can’t walk ten feet in our building without running into a wise and caring mentor. (I even wear my dress robe on Sunday mornings.) We are what Harry Potter stories have been teaching people to look for in a place—to learn, grow and make a difference.

God Bless, Pastor Howard
UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

— July 14 - Aug. 4 —

Come hear what Jesus has to say about acting on what we believe. It’s important for people of faith to talk about what God has done for us and for our salvation, but we also have to talk about what God requires of us. God asks us to engage in a radically different way of loving, seeing, and doing. Jesus shows us the difference in some of his most famous (and surprising) stories and interactions: The Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, The Persistent Friend, and the Rich Fool.

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In Church This Week

18 Thursday
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
19 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
20 Saturday
21 Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
6-8:00 Vacation Bible School Begins
22 Sunday
8:15 ASP Mission Trip Presentation
24 Monday
6-8:00 Vacation Bible School
25 Tuesday
8:00 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
6-8:00 Vacation Bible School
26 Wednesday
6-8:00 Vacation Bible School
27 Thursday
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28 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
9-Noon Vacation Bible School Cleanup
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THURSDAY, JULY 25
11:30 A.M. Heritage Room
LUNCHEON & PROGRAM, Cost $8
Program: Youth Presentation of
ASP Mission Trip
(ASP Participants & their Sponsors
Eat for Free)

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**VBS SALE!!!!**

**CHURCH T-SHIRTS**

Children sizes-$5.00  
XS, SM, Med, LG

Adult sizes-$7.00  
SM, Med, LG, XL, XXL

**JULY 21 - 25, 2019**

**To Mars and Beyond VBS**

Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You

6:00-8:00 p.m.  
4 years through 6th Grade

**NOW REGISTERING!!!!**

**Clean Up Crew Opportunity!!!**  Friday, July 26  
9:00 a.m.-noon.  Sign Up in the atrium.

The Missions Committee thanks you for your generous donations of food items in June, which will be delivered to Jesus es el Señor. We continue the I Can, One (1) Can summer food donation mission in July, and donated canned and non-perishable food items will be given to Feed My Sheep at Bethel AME Church. A receptacle for food items is in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping to serve those in need!  
Missions Committee

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**Count Down of 10 Reasons to Volunteer to Teach...**

8. Kids will start waving at you in church.

**BONUS:** Along the way, you’ll grow in patience, humility, and selflessness

**SKILLS NEEDED:** ability to read, sense of humor, caring spirit, love of God growing in your heart.

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**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

**GENERAL FUND**

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**BUILDING FUND BALANCE**

$68,900.81

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**Celebrate Our New Youth Room**

7/25, 1pm, @ new youth room in church  
PARTY

**SAY GOODBYE TO YOUTH WHO ARE LEAVING US**  
**AND WELCOME YOUTH WHO ARE JOINING**
**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT**

**HISTORY**

In 1969, Rev. Glenn “Tex” Evans — a United Methodist minister — became one of the first people to connect the energy of youth with the deep needs of the poor. During Tex’s 13 years as director at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, he witnessed the great need for home repair assistance. So as part of his already-thriving outreach to the people of Appalachia, he recruited 50 teens and adult volunteers to repair homes in Barbourville, Kentucky. They worked on-site during the day and worshiped in the evenings. By summer’s end, four families had safe, warm homes for the winter, fifty young lives had been changed forever — and a longstanding legacy was born.

But Tex was more than a leader; he was a born motivator. A true student of Appalachian culture and a legendary storyteller, he set the tone for what ASP is today: an extended family where laughter is king. Where relationships matter. And where changing the lives of families and volunteers alike is the highest priority of all.

*“We accept people right where they are, just the way they are.”*

By transforming faith into ASP service, volunteers respond to a specific need: housing. By putting aside their own needs and desires, ASP volunteers free themselves to share talent, love, and concern with the people of Appalachia and with one another. More important than construction know-how is a willingness to enter the communities and homes of Central Appalachia with sensitivity, concern, and love — accepting people right where they are and just the way they are.

**ASP Today**

Since 1969, 393,643 volunteers from across the nation have repaired 17,866 homes and, in the process, Appalachian families, volunteers, and staff have been immeasurably blessed.

**Reference**

This article is from Appalachia Service Project. Our History: [https://www.asphome.org/about/](https://www.asphome.org/about/)

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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: “Families of the Old Testament” — July 21 Sunday School—“Sarah and Isaac”

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 was July 1. Future meetings to be determined. 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.