Dear Friends,

Summer is moving along quickly and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. This is a great opportunity for children to focus on what it means to believe in God and learn about God’s love and grace for them. Many of us grew up in a church where Vacation Bible School or just Bible School, as it used to be called, happened every summer. In my days of growing up, we had our Bible School during the day from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. In those days many mothers didn’t work outside the home, and finding teachers as well as children being available was not an issue. Today, in many cases with both parents having jobs outside the home, and so many summer activities, having our VBS at night has worked well for us. As you know, ours begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m., July 22-26, which will be here before you know it.

This year, as is the general rule, we need teachers and workers. Necia Jannings, our Director of Christian Education, is working hard to have enough teachers for the various age groups. If you would be willing to teach or work in some way in Vacation Bible School, please call the church office at 457-2416. Also, if your children have friends, or if there are children in your neighborhood who might benefit from VBS, try and encourage them to attend. As I said earlier, this summer activity is a great way to start someone on a faith journey that will be a part of their life from now on.

Now for an update on our “Envisioning Our Future” capital campaign. At the beginning of June, we have $400,656.07 on hand in our Building Fund Account, which is a great start on paying for the remodeling. We also have three-year financial commitments from the congregation of $1,024,442, which gives us a total of $1,425,098.07. The Building Committee and Board of Trustees have met, bids have been looked at, and a decision will be made on the construction as soon as financing is arranged for the project. If all goes as is planned, construction could very well begin sometime in August. We will just have to wait and see. At any rate, things are moving along and construction will begin soon, which means adjusting to the inconvenience while construction is going on. But I know we can handle it.

I hope this information brings you up-to-date on some things in the near future.

See you Sunday,

Alan
**In Church This Week**

**12 Thursday**
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch & Yoga, Room 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**13 Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**14 Saturday**
- 5:30 Saturday Night Live, at the Lake of Egypt home of Armen and Debbie Asaturian. This is a potluck (meat is provided). Maps are available in the church office.

**15 Sunday**
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service

**16 Monday**
- 5:00 Missions Meeting, Heritage Room

**17 Tuesday**
- 8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
- 9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 5:00 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
- 6:00 Vacation Bible School Mtg., Room 410
- 7:00 Scout Eagle Board, Room 308

**18 Wednesday**
- 9:00-3 Healing Touch (by aptt. only), Rm. 305

**19 Thursday**
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
- 6:00 Vacation Bible School Setup
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**20 Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**21 Saturday**
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 6:00-8 SHIPWRECKED Vacation Bible School (VBS continues through 7/26.)

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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
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.

July Sunday School - Main Topic: Stories Jesus Told
July 15 Sunday School, “The Mustard Seed and the Yeast”

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. Join us for a new study just starting: “The Ten United Methodist 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 Rev. 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. for the 2018-19 school year.