In Church This Sunday  
JULY 29, 2018

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services 
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sermon:  “Why Are You Here?”
Rev. John Sims

Scripture:  1 Kings 19: 8-13

Anthem:  Lord, Listen to your Children
Betty Buzzbee, soloist

Hymns:
733 Marching to Zion
534 Be Still, My Soul
593 Here I Am, Lord
436 The Voice of God is Calling

Altar flowers this week are given by Barbara Stotler, in memory of her husband Raymond Stotler.

Special flowers this week are given by Connie Rhein, in celebration of Alan Rhein’s birthday.

Newsletter of:
The First United Methodist Church
214 W. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Our Mission Statement: “Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God’s presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth and adults to become disciples of Jesus Christ, live fully in the Holy Spirit, and embrace God’s love.”

Dear Friends,

I want to share with you some important things that are coming up. First, I want to share with you about our new church directory. The directories are in and this coming Sunday, July 29, Sally Washburn will be in the Narthex to give you your copy, if you had your picture taken for the directory. She will also have a sign-up sheet for you to sign-up for a directory if you did not have your picture taken. As you know, the directory company gives the number of directories according to the number of persons having their picture taken. But, we want everyone who wants a copy to have one. We plan to order more directories, so just sign-up to order one and we will get one for you.

The second thing I want to share with you is about our “New Member Class” that will be held on August 5, 9:30 a.m., during the Church School hour. The meeting place will be Room #308, which is the room next to the Heritage Room and the older elevator. Several persons have expressed a desire to become a member of the church and this is a class for that purpose. If you are interested in becoming a member or want to inquire about membership, come to this class. If you know of someone who might be interested, just let them know about the meeting. If you can’t attend on that day or want further information, feel free to call me at the church office—457-2416.

Finally, our Vacation Bible School is in full swing! Sunday night was our first night and there was a lot of energy and excitement as the program “Shipwrecked” began. Just a preliminary “thank you” to all of those who are working in VBS this year. It takes a lot of time to do this important work and it is greatly appreciated. You may not get this before VBS is over, but if you do and get a chance, stop by and see what is going on. The program goes from 6pm-8pm through Thursday night with a program on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. Connie and I have our two grandsons, Tucker and Haven, for the week to attend. Tucker is 8 and Haven is 5. They have come the last two years and have a great time. We have to kick-up our energy level a notch which is a bit of a challenge, but we can do it---I hope! Just say a little prayer for us.

Have a great week,

Alan
Our New Church Directories are Here!

Copies of our new Church Directory will be available to pick up in the Narthex following both services this Sunday, July 29.

If you had your photo taken for the directory, your copy is FREE. Thank you!

In Sympathy:
Sympathy to Luan Neal, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Fred Neal, who passed away on July 18, 2018.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Wories, who passed away on July 22, 2018.

Health Concern: Robert Reid is in Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Call for Volunteer(s): We need volunteers to take care of flowers after the late service each week. Please let the office know when you sign up for flowers, whether you will be taking them after the late service or they are to be given away. Thank you!

Saturday Night Live: Join us at Pagliai’s for Saturday Night Live, August 4, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. Your hosts for the evening will be Gordon & Carol White.

New Addresses:
Helen Nolting has moved to a long-term hospice care facility in Louisville, KY. Please continue to use her daughter’s address to send cards and keep her in your prayers: c/o Nan Tate, 12704 Ledges Drive, Louisville, KY 40243-2081.

Marlene Fink has moved. Her new address is 2980 N. Syracuse Street, Unit 306, Denver, CO 80238. Her mobile number is the same. If you need it, please call the Church office.

ATTENTION METHODIST MEN!

Join the "Men's Group," led by Reverend John Sims, on Tuesday mornings in the church Parlor (Heritage Room). The group meets from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for conversation, sharing, and coffee and donuts. Men of all ages and faith are welcome.

Join us and invite a friend.

Disciples for Sunday, July 29, 2018

Outdoor Greeters: Bud & Vern Koch
Van Drivers: Dan Anderson III, Don Bryant, Jr.
Welcome Center: 8:15 Susan & Don Frey; 10:45 Evelyn Bailey
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Revita & Fred Black; 10:45 Cindy Bertsch, JoVonna Noble
Children’s Church: K-5th: Sam Indorante and Carolyn Gibson
Children’s Church Registration: Sharon Sims
July Nametags: Barb Swinburne
**Musicians Needed**

We have a continuing need for new Sanctuary Choir members due to the loss of several singers this past year. The choir will be on break from July 29 to August 12. **Rehearsals will resume Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m.** This would be a good time for new singers to join. We also have one or two openings in the Handbell Choir. Rehearsals are from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on **Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 12.** Basic rhythm reading skills and the ability to ignore the conductor seem to be the primary requirements. Give Bob Weiss a call.

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**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.

**July Sunday School**—Main Topic: **Stories Jesus Told**

**July 29 Sunday School:** “The Ten Talents”

**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 Essentials** meets in Room 403 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.

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**VBS CLEAN UP CREW NEEDED!!!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**

9-Noon

Contact Necia if you can help

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**WEDNESDAY STORY TIME**

in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Join Ms. Jane for stories, games, music, crafts, and snacks.

Preschool—early elementary

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**DANIEL PLAN ESSENTIALS**

Everyone welcome!

Join us Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 403

Contact Necia for more information