IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY
AUGUST 4, 2019
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Sermon: “Look Beyond Yourself”
Rev. Howard White


Anthem: Give Me Jesus
Howard White, soloist

Hymns:
126 Sing Praise to God
121 There’s a Wideness
632 Draw Us in The Spirit’s Tether
548 In Christ There is No East or West

Altar flowers are given by Lorraine & Ron Stadt in honor of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Acolytes: Madison Voss, Olivia Bishop
Indoor Greeters: Janet & Andy Earnest

Liturgists: 8:15: John Brocato; 10:45: Will Stephens

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

August Communion Ushers: 10:45: Karl Bartelsmeyer, Captain; George Everingham, Jan Waggoner

August Communion Committee: 8:15: Lyn Christy, Jeff Anderer; 10:45: Setup & Cleanup-Crystal & Steve Mitchell

Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of Carbondale

Those words for me are a picture of who we are and are also a snapshot of what we aspire to be and do. I shared some of these thoughts in last week’s sermon, but this is my daily prayer, and I hope it will become yours.

When I saw vans full of youth and adults heading out from the heart of Carbondale on their ASP work trip, it was the heart of Christ they carried with them from our parking lot at the corner of Hwys 13 and 51 (the Heart of Carbondale). And, it was the heart of Christ we felt when they told their stories in Church. They filled our hearts to overflowing.

Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of Carbondale...
This is what happened when dozens of youth and adults prepared for VBS: to teach the children of the community about God’s goodness and God’s protection and challenge them to love our neighbors, and when those children left this place and scattered across the community to share that good news in their families and neighborhoods, and to be the hands that answer prayers.

It’s what First UMC is doing every Sunday morning. Hundreds of people gather to praise God, to dig into the Word, to have our hearts lifted up in music. And yes, we also come with our pain and our anxieties, and bring them to our loving Father. Sunlight illuminates the rainbow in our stained glass window promising hope and safety for all caught in the storms of life. And then, having received peace, we become God’s peace in all the places in our community where we live and serve.

“The Heart of Carbondale” not only says something about WHO we are, it tells people WHERE we are. In an era when lots of churches are moving to the edge of town, First has doubled down on our commitment to Carbondale - investing in our location so we can share “the Heart of Christ” even more effectively. We stake our claim in a location where the shadow of our steeple falls on the City Hall, SIH Hospital, banks and businesses, and the poor who spend their days in the parks and on the streets of our neighborhood.

It’s my prayer that First will continue to be such a church. And, because our street address is 214, I am inviting you to join me in that prayer every day at 2:14 p.m. Some of you are setting alarms on your cell phones. Daily, let’s boldly ask God that First United Methodist Church will continue Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of Carbondale.

God Bless, Pastor Howard
As of July 31, 2019

 PARISH PULSE

In Church This Week

1 Thursday
1:00 Priscilla Circle, (NOT MEETING)
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga (NOT MEETING)
6:00 Education Committee
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary (on vacation)

2 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

3 Saturday
5:30 Saturday Night Live. The August SNL will be a potluck in the Church Heritage Room at 5:30, August 3. Italian beef and buns will be provided. Bring a dish of salad, vegetable, and/or dessert. Tea, water, and coffee will also be provided. Carol and Gordon White are hosts.

4 Sunday
Communion Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

5 Monday
5:00 Good News Sing
6:30 Open Hearts, Minds, Doors, Heritage Room

6 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

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

8 Thursday
4:00 Assemble First Aid Kits at Wesley Center
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga (NOT MEETING)
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary (on vacation)

9 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

10 Saturday

11 Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
4:00-6:00 Open Hearts, Minds, Doors (Date and location are tentative).

Volunteer Opportunity: A volunteer is needed to coordinate the Coffee Hosts for 10:45 a.m. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

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.

Altar Flowers Needed: August 25 and October 6 are the next dates still open. They are the same price of $49. Please call the Church office if you are interested in one of these dates.

Thank You: Thank you to all of you who helped to make To Mars and Beyond VBS 2019 a great success. You are AWESOME!! -Necia

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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Disciples for Sunday, August 4, 2019

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan Verduin; 10:45 Cindy Bertsch, JoVonna Noble
Van Driver: John Graig
Outside Greeters: Mike & Joyce Vancil
August Nametags: Carolyn Saunders
Welcome Center: 8:15 Carol White; 10:45 Jim & Mari Ann Oberg
August Ushers: Mike Neill, Captain; 8:15 Volunteers Needed; 10:45 Ron Browning, Joe Lenzini, Lori Palmer, Krishna Balasubramanian, Will Stephens
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Next Meeting Monday, August 5
6:30 p.m. Heritage Room

This group is meeting in response to the General Conference 2019 vote on LGBTQ issues, with a goal of affirming that First United Methodist Church of Carbondale welcomes everyone. It is also a place for sharing information about what is happening across our denomination and ways to effect change.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
FUMC, HERITAGE ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, 1:30 - 5:45 p.m.

visit www.redcross.org/give-blood      Give Blood, Save a Life.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEx.
Volunteer Opportunity at Wesley Foundation

Looking for a simple service project close to home? The Wesley Foundation at SIUC is looking for groups/churches to provided Sunday Suppers for the 2019/2020 School year.

Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. You can use our kitchen or bring food prepared at your church. Students are open to all types of food ( I provide special food for students with allergies). We hope your group plans to stay and fellowship with the students over the meal. For more information email Sherry at umwesley@siu.edu or call 457-8165.

Thank you for considering supporting this ministry.

Available Dates are:

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Thank you,

Missions Committee