Dear Friends,

This week we begin our study of the book, *Earn, Save, Give*, by James Harnish. This is a guide for us as we enter our yearly financial commitment campaign for the fall. We will be focusing on John Wesley’s words about “earning all you can, saving all you can, and giving all you can.” The whole point of the study is to emphasize that we don’t need more money in our lives as much as we need wisdom on how to manage it. Even if you are not in one of the groups studying the book, we have the material available for “self-study” in the Narthex, near the Sanctuary. This year we will be having the Fall Campaign for the General Fund of the Church. A separate Building Fund Campaign will be in the spring of 2018. This campaign will take place after a proposal is submitted to the congregation for a vote. The proposal will focus on remodeling the downstairs of our older structure, enlarging our facilities for our music department, and a new youth area. You will hear more about this in the future.

Also, we began a study this past Wednesday on *Moses: In the Footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton. This is a study of one of the key figures in the Hebrew tradition that is part of our history as Christians. Moses’ life is a backdrop of much we read about in the New Testament. Even if you were unable to make the first session, feel free to join us next Wednesday, and every Wednesday through October 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Both of these studies give small group opportunities of fellowship and study, and I hope you will make the time to attend them. I know it is difficult for us sometimes to rearrange our schedules to fit in a time that is not a part of our regular schedule. Also, I know how important it is for us to take time to focus on aspects of our faith journey. Both of these, and other small group opportunities we offer, are excellent ways in which we learn about our faith and about areas in which we might need to grow. So, take advantage of these opportunities.

Finally, I want to commend you on your generosity in helping those who experienced devastation because of recent hurricanes. You gave $4,264.50 for flood buckets and $2,009 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for general needs coming as a result of the hurricanes. Many individuals will be helped because of what you have given!

See you Sunday,

Alan
In Church This Week

**21 Thursday**
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, and Yoga, Rm. 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**22 Friday**
- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 7:00 Sl Audubon Society, Fellowship Hall

**23 Saturday**
- 7:00 Church Garden Restoration Project. If you would like to help, contact Jean Boehne, 549-1319.

**24 Sunday**
- Blood Pressure Checks (9:15)
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages: Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Harnish, Renew Class, Room 402 and Electives Class, Heritage Room
- 10:45 Worship Service and Children's Church

**25 Monday**
- 7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**26 Tuesday**
- 8:30 Men's Group, Heritage Room
- 9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 7:15 Arrow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**27 Wednesday**
- 10:00 Children's Storytime, Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children's Library, Room 413
- 4:45 Handbells Rehearsal
- 6:00 Wednesday Night Downtown Book Study, Led by Pastor Alan, Heritage Room
- 6:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal

**28 Thursday**
- 11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon & Program, Fellowship Hall, $8 lunch
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, and Yoga, Rm. 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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

**30 Saturday**
- 4:00 - 6:00 Bandy’s Pumpkin Patch

**1 Sunday**
- World Communion Sunday
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Harnish, Renew Class, Room 402 and Electives Class, Heritage Room
- 10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church

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**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 7 • 6:00 P.M.**

**HUNAN’S RESTAURANT**

Sharon & Larry Meyer and Barb & Doug Bedient

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**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IN THE NURSERY**

The needs of the children in the nursery vary each week and are unpredictable because of the number of children and their ages. At times, additional care is needed beyond what the staff can supply. You can help! Check in to the nursery before the church service and check out a pager. The pager will buzz if you’re needed. Return the pager to the nursery after the church service.

If you have any questions, call or text Carol Cain at 618-967-5105.

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**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017**

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**PRIMETIME LUNCHEON & PROGRAM**

**Thursday, September 28, 2017 • 11:30 a.m.**

Musical entertainment featuring Kathy Hollister and Andrea Studer, performing “A Little Celtic, a Little Bluegrass, and a Little Folk.”

Fellowship Hall • Lunch $8

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**Disciples for Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Outside Greeter: Joyce & Mike Vancil
Van Drivers: Dan Anderson III, Brian Gorecki
Welcome Center: 8:15 Jon Gobert; 10:45 Sara Hinde
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Lyn Christy & Jeff Anderer; 10:45 Lane & Joe Hudgins
Parish Nurse: (9:15) Bobbi Levels
Nursery: - Info
Children’s Church: K-2nd Claire Beaupre/Joan Hart; 3rd - 5th Sam Indorante, Carolyn Gibson
Children’s Church Registration: JoVonna Noble
September Nametags: Sally Washburn

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**In Sympathy:** Sympathy to Bob & Jan Weiss, family, and friends on the death of his mother, Roberta Ruth Weiss, who passed away on September 16, 2017.

**In Sympathy:** Sympathy to Casey Nelson, family, and friends on the death of her sister, Barbara Lester, who passed away on September 1, 2017 in Oklahoma City, OK.

**Coming Soon:** HAM LOAVES - October 29. Watch the Asburian for details and an order form!

**Donations Updates:** On Sunday, September 17, you generously donated $1,240.00 for Flood Buckets and $1,259.00 for Hurricane Relief. To date, $4,264.50 has been raised for Flood Buckets and $2,009.00 has been raised for Hurricane Relief.

Thank you! Missions Committee
Little Acorn was afraid. “Just be the tree God made you to be,” said Mother Oak. It was hard for Little Acorn to believe he would ever be a big, strong oak tree. But as time passed he did grow into a big oak. Then one day, he found that his strong branches were just right for a very special purpose.

God has a special purpose for you, too. This heart-tugging tale urges you to pursue it…

...God made one version of you, so be the best that you can be.

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**Upcoming October Events**

**Thursday 5**  Priscilla Circle, 1:00 p.m., Room 210

**Wednesday 11**  Women’s Wednesday Fellowship, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Room

**Tuesday 17**  Morning Circle, 9:30 a.m., Heritage Room

Hostessing and Program by Judy Dillinger and Dorothy Rudoni

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**WEEKLY GOLDEN YOGA SESSIONS**

TUESDAY, 10:15 A.M. AND FRIDAY, 9:30 A.M.

ROOM 404

Cost is $12 per session; $50 for 5 sessions.

For people of all ages who are looking to increase their flexibility and balance.

Questions? Call Necia Jannings (457-2416) or Janet Earnest (549-0416).

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**CHECK IT OUT!!!...**

in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library

**The Oak Inside the Acorn**

by Max Lucado

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**MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet**

“...come to know Moses...how his life and story speak to our lives and stories today. Moses’ story is an important part of sacred Scripture; as such, Jews and Christians believe it reveals something to us about God, about ourselves, and about God’s will for our lives.”

Wednesdays, Sept 20-Oct. 25

at 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room, led by Pastor Alan

Sign up in the Narthex

or contact Necia for more information

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**A Fun Evening for the Entire Family at Bandy’s Pumpkin Patch**

(Saturday, September 30 • 4:00—6:00 p.m.)

Hayride, Play Barn, Maze, bonfire, hotdogs, s’mores, & more

Space for this event is limited. Deadline to sign up is September 24.

Sign up in the Atrium or contact Necia for more information

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**Winter Coat Drive**

Saturday, October 7 • 10:00 a.m.- noon

Do you have winter coats taking up room in your closets? Have your children or grandchildren outgrown last year’s coats? We will be collecting gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for Good Samaritan Ministries.

Drive up to the Atrium entrance at the church between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 7 and the children will be there to unload your donations.

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.

September Children’s Church: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
“The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost.” (Luke 19:10)
Jesus loved and called Zacchaeus to come to Him. Zacchaeus’ life was changed because he said “yes” to Jesus. Jesus also loves and calls children, and their lives can be changed by saying “yes” to Jesus.

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. On September 24, the fall financial commitment study begins, Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Hamish. They meet in Room 402 at 9:30 a.m.

The Investors Class - Investors is an intergenerational class for all adults. They are studying, All the Places to Go! by John Ortberg. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 404.

The Electives Class - On September 24, the fall financial commitment study begins, Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Hamish. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

Small Group Opportunities

Book Study, Wednesday Night Downtown - Led by Pastor Alan. Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet, by Adam Hamilton, Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. now through Oct. 25th in the Heritage Room. Everyone welcome!

The Daniel Plan meets in Room 402 at 9:00 a.m. on most Tuesdays. Check the church calendar. Everyone welcome.

Grateful Hearts will meet again soon. Watch for updates.

Jr. High Youth meets at 6:00 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays in Room 409 and Fellowship Hall.
Please gather in the Atrium upon arrival.