October 13th
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series:  Happy People
The Sermon: “Happy People Live in the Present”
Rev. Howard White

Scripture:  Jeremiah 29: 1-4-7  OT Pg. 731
Matthew 6: 26-27, 34  NT Pg. 6

Anthem:  8:15 Goodness of God
Leah Farrar-White, soprano;
Shadi Frick, guitar; Sophie White, Cajon
10:45 Somewhere in the Silence
Sanctuary Choir

Hymns:  157 Jesus Shall Reign
140 Great is Thy Faithfulness
433 All Who Love and Serve Your City
519 Lift Every Voice and Sing

October 20th
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
(One Service only at 10:00 a.m.)

Sermon Series:  Happy People
The Sermon: “Happy People Grapple with God”
Rev. Howard White

Scripture:  Genesis 2:22-31

Anthem:  10:00 Children of Love, Children of Light
Sanctuary Choir & Youth Choir

Hymns:  96 Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
451 Be Thou My Vision
386 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
463 Lord, Speak to Me

In Church On Sunday
OCTOBER 9, 2019 Issue
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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People will not let you influence them today unless they feel like you get them. And if you’re coming in with some message or plan to change them, or if you bring conversations to a quick conclusion and invitation to come to Christ, those all hook fears of people. But when you come in to really accept and love and affirm all you can early in the relationship, they relax. And all of a sudden, anything is possible, and any conversation can work.

Hospitality, Bibliically, is about opening up to the other — the person different from you. And so as we work in our congregations, as we live our lives, it’s that openness and welcome to people who are different than us spiritually, religiously, in terms of their sexual ethics, all of that stuff, we express Biblical hospitality when we create space for them to be loved and served and welcomed by us, even though they’re different than us. And so that’s really a huge part of reaching people today. And when people feel that sense of hospitality and acceptance, and being beloved for who they are, then they’re ready to be influenced.

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Last Week, I shared some myths about the Millennial generation that have discouraged many church leaders. New research reveals there is actually a lot of receptivity to religion in this generation, even among the group we call “nones.” None simply means they have no current church affiliation, not that they are unreceptive. The vast majority believe in God. Many (20%) pray every day. This is reported in a new book called “You Found Me” by Rick Richardson of Wheaton College. This should change the perspective of the 48% of Christians who believe most not-Christians have no interest in hearing about Jesus. The truth is that most people who aren’t connected to a religious group are actually somewhat spiritual, and if approached in the right way, will welcome a spiritual conversation.

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**As of October 9, 2019**

**In Church This Week**
Oct. 10 to Oct. 24

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**In Sympathy:** Sympathy to Kyle & Terry Harfst & family & friends on the death of his twin brother, Kent, who died on September 28, 2019 in Iowa.

**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.

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**Luncheon & Program, Thursday, Oct. 24**

Time: 11:30 a.m. Location: Heritage Room Cost: $8

Program: "Learning and Retirement” Speaker(s): Don Boehne and Gary Hartlieb

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**Thank You...**

We are in the process of collecting written notes of thanks for our pastors and church staff. There is a “Basket of Thanks” in the Atrium ready to receive your card! Please write a note of thanks and place in the basket before Sunday, October 27.

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**FUMCNext-Carbondale Event—(SAVE THE DATE)**

The United Methodist denomination is engaged in a debate about the Wesleyan understanding of LGBTQ inclusion. The FUMC Next-Carbondale group is sponsoring a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 28. The meeting is intended to offer the opportunity for dialogue on this important issue. Representatives of other southern Illinois churches have been invited. Dr. Jennie Edwards Bertrand who is the lead pastor at Hope UMC in Bloomington and co-chair of IGRC for Unity (Illinois Great Rivers Conference) and Rev. Paige Campbell will be our speakers. You are welcome to attend whether or not you have attended any of the past meetings.

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**Parish Pulse**
As of October 9, 2019
Disciples for Sunday, October 13, 2019—Blood Pressure Sunday

Altar flowers are given by Bobbe & Joe Lenzini in honor of Kelly Lenzini and Tevin Taylor’s Wedding.

Acolytes: Anne Marie Simonds, Margo Simonds
Indoor Greeters: Sam, Katie and Guy Indorante
Carolyn Gibson
Liturgists: 8:15: Dick Verduin
10:45: Debbie Asaturian
Sound System Operators: 8:15: Steve Mitchell
10:45: Keven Mitchell
October Ushers: John Williams, Captain; 8:15 Kathy Hollister, John Phelps, Joe Swindell, Dick Verduin; 10:45 Ed Tresnak, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Bruce Wallace
October Nametags: Sally Washburn

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan & Dick Verduin
10:45 Lianne & John Watson
Outside Greeters: The Hinde Family
Van Driver: Dan Anderson, III
Welcome Center: 8:15 Jan Verduin
10:45 Phil & Gail Gilbert
Children’s Church Registration: Sharon Sims
Children’s Church: Necia Jannings
Youth Helpers: Brenden & Rhys McNally
Parish Nurse: Betty Graig (9:15)

Disciples for Sunday, October 20, 2019—Commitment Sunday

Altar flowers are given by Elaine Crain in memory of Bob Crain’s Birthday

Acolytes: Rayna Lucas, Reese Matzenbacher
Indoor Greeters: Don & Jean Boehne
Liturgists: 10:00: Darren Bailey
Sound System Operators: 10:00: Mike Hanes
October Ushers: John Williams, Captain; 10:00 Ed Tresnak, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Bruce Wallace

Outside Greeters: Jan & Gary Austin
Van Driver: Don Bryant, Jr.
Welcome Center: 10:00 Elaine Crain
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 66 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, after both services

The wreath sale is the largest Troop fundraiser. The funds raised help pay for summer camp and other scouting events. Call Brian Gorecki at 534-9617 for more info.

A SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A WREATH WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

TROOP 66 POPCORN SALES are important to the Troop and its council, the Greater St. Louis Council, and allows boy scouting to exist.

STOP BY AND VISIT WITH US ON THE 13th AND THE 27th !!

We Are Called for Detention Visitation

Carbondale Interfaith Council is developing an immigration detention spiritual care ministry. We are looking for people who are willing to visit detained immigrants in Ullin, to listen to their stories with compassion and to provide spiritual care, offering calm presence, reading and prayers. Volunteers will be required to take a training workshop. The training session will be on Thursday, October 17, 6-8:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

We are seeking volunteers from all faith backgrounds. While Spanish speakers are particularly needed, English speakers and people with other language skills are also welcomed. Counseling experience may be helpful, but is not required.

If you have an interest or questions or would like to contribute, please fill out the form or email at SIDetentionVisitation@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (773)234-1238. The interest form is found at https://forms.gle/hVwucrCFWACJLBK9.

If you would like to contribute to this urgent and meaningful ministry financially, you may write a check to Carbondale Interfaith Council, noting Detention Visit in the memo line and mail to Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 854, Carbondale, IL 62903.

It is a critical time for us to make a difference for detained immigrants and their families.

Nut Sales Coming in November!

Our youth group’s annual nut fundraiser will begin Sunday 11/3. A great selection such as fancy marshmallow pecan halves, deluxe mixed nuts, giant whole cashews, heart healthy out mix, fruit & nut mix, dark chocolate almonds, dark chocolate cranberries... All proceeds benefit the youth ASP trip in 2020. Thank you!
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.
CHURCH SANCTUARY
There is no Sunday School and this is the only service

SHARING JESUS’ HEART
CELEBRATION BRUNCH
OCTOBER 20, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.
CIVIC CENTER
There is no charge for the brunch but sign-up is requested.

Please use the form below and place in offering plate or return to the Church Office by October 15.

Please register me and my guests for the Celebration Brunch on October 20 at the Civic Center at 11:30 a.m.

Print Name(s) ________________________________________________
Number Attending  Adults ______  Children ______
I / We cannot attend _______

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.
Oct. 20 Sunday School—“Community in the Wilderness”

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 the Youth Room 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.

Searching for Happiness—How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life by Martin Thielen. The class will be led by Pastor Howard White and Leah Farrar-White. Meeting Dates: Sept. 15 to Nov. 10, Room 308.

Renew Class - Renew is a group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection and prayer. New study started September 22: Holy Spirit Here and Now by Trevor Hudson. 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
FUMCNext-Carbondale meets in the Heritage Room. Help us explore ways we can share the love of Christ with all people? Come share your ideas. Looking forward to seeing you!

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. A fee is charged for this class.

Grateful Hearts is a group of women who meet to strengthen their faith through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. They began the study Mountaintop Moments by Ed Robb on Wednesday, September 18th at 6 p.m. in room 308. All women are welcome.

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.

The Daniel Plan Essentials meets in Room 403 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. They are studying the series The Science of Natural Healing. Everyone welcome.

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room. Time and location to be determined each week.