Dear Friends,

As you are aware, we will be conducting our Commitment Campaign during the first four weeks of October. We are using study material by James A. Harnish, *Earn. Save. Give.*, based on John Wesley’s admonition to the early Methodists.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had no issue with “earning” money. He did, however, want his followers to learn how to save, so that they were able to give to help others.

This Sunday we will deal with the idea that it isn’t “more” money we need as much as it is having “wisdom” when it comes to using the money we have. I hope you have begun a study of the *Earn. Save. Give.* material, either on your own or in a group. We have daily devotional material available that goes along with our study which will be helpful. Sometimes, we look at this time of year and our finances, as a church, and think, “Well, this is money month,” and we look forward for it to be over, so that we don’t have to talk about money anymore. I know many of us feel that way. But, really, we are talking about looking into our understanding of one of the main parts of our lives. Money is an important part of who we are, isn’t it? From getting a job that provides for our needs, learning to budget, learning how to plan for retirement, and deciding what we are going to do about our financial resources when we are gone, as we look at estate planning; all are about money and how we use it. We deal with these things from the beginning of our working years until we are gone from this life. So, we need to talk about it in the church as well.

We know that money can bring us happiness, when we use it correctly, or it can cause heartache and anxiety when we don’t. As far as the church goes, money is also an important part of who we are. We do have to pay the bills just like every homeowner does. But, the more important thing is that, as the church, we help people to deal with money in a way that brings joy and fulfillment, not anxiety, to their lives. If, as a church, we can help ease the anxiety of the financial pressures and concerns in people’s lives, we have done a great ministry.

We will always be dealing with issues around money, so the church ought to offer understanding and learning that can help us all. This month, I hope we can provide that help, and it will be beneficial now and for the future. As your pastor, I pray that we will all grow in our faith during this month, and be able to grow in our wisdom about money, so that we learn to earn, save, and give with joy and peace.

See you Sunday,

Alan
**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

**October**

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

**2 Monday**
10:00 Outreach to Oak Grove
5:00 Missions Committee, Heritage Room
6:30 Good News, Atrium

**3 Tuesday**
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
7:15 Arrow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

**4 Wednesday**
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 Wednesday Night Downtown Book Study, Led by Pastor Alan, Heritage Room
6:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Jr. High Youth, Fellowship Hall, Room 409

**5 Thursday**
1:00 Priscilla Circle, Room 210
6:00 Education Committee, Room 410
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**6 Friday**
10:30 Church Women United, Heritage Room

**7 Saturday**
10:00 - Noon Coat Drive, Drop off gently-used winter items, Atrium entrance
6:00 Saturday Night Live, Hunan’s, hosts for the evening are Sharon & Larry Meyer and Barb & Doug Bedient

**8 Sunday**
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
Renew Class and Electives Class: Fall Financial Commitment Study,
Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Harnish
10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church

**9 Monday**
Columbus Day Holiday
Church Office Closed

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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**

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**In Sympathy:**
Sympathy to John & Aveniel Cherry on the death of his sister, Betsey Cherry Wiswell, who passed away on September 18, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

**Health Concern:**
Barb Doherty is recovering at home.

**Flood Buckets Donations:**
On Sunday, September 24, a total of $468.00 was raised for Flood Buckets. The grand total raised for Flood Buckets in the month of September is $4,732.50. Thank you!

**Autumn Spectacular Getaway to Branson, Missouri Reminder:**
At 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, the bus to the Autumn Spectacular Getaway in Branson, MO. departs from the south end of the SIU Arena parking lot. Look for the BIG bus!

**Saturday Night Live:**
Join us for Saturday Night Live, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Hunan’s Restaurant. Your hosts for the evening are Sharon & Larry Meyer and Barb & Doug Bedient.
UMW 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
Saturday 21  Cache River District Retreat, Little Grassy Camp

Volunteers Needed at Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale:
Volunteer for Boys and Girls Club from one to five hours a week. Tasks include riding the bus to and from Jackson County’s main base, children’s school, and monitoring while on the bus/van. Contact Tina Carpenter at tcarpenter@bgc-cdale.org

HAM LOAF SALE RETURNS OCTOBER 29 - ORDER NOW!

INA BELLE’S HAM LOAF SALE
Help Priscilla Circle Fundraise for UMW Missions Home and Abroad

Sunday, October 29
…Order INA Belle’s Ham Loaves to be picked up after either Worship Service. Last day to place your order is October 22.
* Include cash or make check payable to UMW.
Questions? Contact Kathy Hollister, 549-6529

(Please respond with this form in the offering plate or to the office.) Order forms also available at fumc-cdale.org/Resources/Current Forms

I would like to order:
NAME________________________________________ PHONE #__________________

I would like ____PRE-COOKED, SINGLE SERVING HAM LOAVES x $3.00 = $______

Paid by Cash_____; Check____  * Make check payable to UMW

The children will be singing the anthem with the Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, October 15  •  10:45 a.m. service
“Kum Ba Yah”

Practices will be held in Children’s Church. Pick up a copy of the practice CD in the Atrium. We hope you can join us for this special event!

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, now through 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

Parents and children are invited to join us

Diane Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
Join Ms. Jane for stories, music, games, and crafts as we learn about the Bible and how Jesus taught us to live and love.

CHECK IT OUT!!!...
in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
The Oak Inside the Acorn
by Max Lucado
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.
**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.

**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. For the Fall Financial Commitment, they are studying Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Harnish. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 402 on Sundays. Women of all ages are welcome.

**The Investors Class** - Investors is an intergenerational class for all adults. They are beginning a new study, "All the Places to Go!" by John Ortberg. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 404 on Sundays. Everyone welcome!

**The Electives Class** - For the Fall Financial Commitment, they are studying Earn. Save. Give. by James A. Harnish. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room on Sundays. Join us!

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

**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** will soon meet Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 308. Watch the Calendar.

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

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**BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

On October 15, we join with people of faith across the country in prayer for those who struggle with hunger - and in rededicating ourselves to efforts that help end hunger.

Our prayerful work to end hunger is a response to the Gospel’s invitation to take part in the banquet of God’s mercy and abundance that is ours through Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:1-14).

Our prayers and actions are especially urgent at this time. South Sudan is suffering from a devastating famine, and famine threatens Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen. In the United States, the president and Congress are making budget decisions that could make life even harder for the one in eight families struggling to get enough to eat.

In response to these urgent needs, FUMC will join with many other churches involved in Bread for the World. Working together, we can persuade our nation’s leaders to get our country and the world on track toward the goal of ending hunger by 2030.

Our faith is in Christ, who makes all things new, and we place our hope in God’s vision of a world without hunger.

**Missions Committee**

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**Southern Illinois Group**

invites you to celebrate a **Down Home Country Christmas**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

Cost per person: $92.00. For Information, call Don Boehne at 618-549-1319. All payments are non-refundable AFTER Oct. 6, 2017.

**Join us for an exciting day in Grand Rivers, Kentucky for the Kentucky Christmas celebration!**

Enjoy lunch at Patti’s 1880’s Settlement, with a wonderful assortment of entrée choices. As you dine, enjoy the finery of the holidays with ornaments filling the restaurant from floor to ceiling!

Following lunch, the Badgett Playhouse presents a “Down Home Country Christmas.” Join the professional cast as they pay tribute to the great country songs that always put us in the holiday spirit.

Following the performance, it’s shopping time in the Settlement and a chance to enjoy the dazzle and twinkle of the village lights.

Bus departs from the south end of the SIU Arena parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017, returning approximately 7:00 p.m.
From July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, the following memorials were received:

Mary Lou Brown
General Memorials
Emma Smith
Charles Hellaney
Gordon & Carol White
Michael & Emma Jean Durr
Roger & Sally Tedrick
Richard & Carole Toselli
John & Karol Phelps
Mary Lou Goodman
Dan & Barbara Kimmel
Jane & Edward Gary
The Bank of Carbondale
Armen & Debbie Asaturian
Joel & Penney Beasadean
McCarthy Mambro Bertino
Chi Zeta Beta Sigma Phi (Wanda Greer)

Mary Lou Brown
Education Fund
Harry W. Schulz

Mary Lou Brown
Building Fund
Doug & Barb Bedient
William & Bettye Doerr
William & Joyce Crippen
Naomi Miali
Alan & Connie Rhein
Andrew & Janet Earnest

Mary Lou Brown
Music Fund
Anita Hutton
Bob & Jan Weiss
Duane Cole & Joe Powers
Carol Harper

Mabel Landreth
Music Fund
Bob & Jan Weiss
Harriet F. Simon
Mike & Paula McNally
William & Evelyn Bailey
Robert & Marcia Moore
Kent & Connie Boyd
Rodney & Debra Finch
Brian & Donna Butler
Jan Waggoner

Steve Niemann
Music Fund
Jan Waggoner
Sharon Ranmar
Anita Hutton
Investors Class of FUMC
Don & Susan Frey
Richard & Carole Daesch
Brian & Donna Butler
Gail & Linda White
Andrew & Janet Earnest
Ken & Betty Buzbee
Alan & Connie Rhein
Bob & Meg Buser
Sue Stucky
Don & Dorcy Prosser
Armen & Deborah Asaturian
Conrad & Nelda Hinckley

LeRoy Pittman
Building Fund
William & Evelyn Bailey

Keith Snavely
Building Fund
William & Evelyn Bailey

Dick Swinburne
Building Fund
Doug & Barb Bedient
John & Aveniel Cherry
Jared Hunter, Hunter Law Firm
Armen & Debbie Asaturian
William & Evelyn Bailey
Roger & Denise Lirely
Emma Smith

Dick Swinburne
Materials & Equip for Children
Jan Waggoner

Ruth Weiss
Music Fund
Sharon Ranmar
Mary Sue Niemann
Don & Dorcy Prosser
Andrew & Janet Earnest
Conrad & Nelda Hinckley

Earl Noble
Building Fund
William & Evelyn Bailey