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.”

In Church This Sunday
October 8, 2017
8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sermon: “Earn All You Can”
Rev. Alan Rhein


Anthem: 8:15 Here I Am Lord
Paula McNally, soloist
10:45 Here I Am Lord
Sanctuary Choir; Jeremy Holmes, director

Hymns:
181 Ye Servants of God
273 Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands
344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Altar flowers this week are given by Carol Mocaby and Julie Beck, in memory of Linda Walker.

Indoor Greeters: John & Karol Phelps

Acolytes: 10:45 Paolita Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Julie Beck, in memory of Linda Walker.

October Ushers: John Williams, Captain;
8:15 Kathy Hollister, John Phelps, Joe Swindell, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Ed Tresnak, Bruce Wallace

Children’s Church: K-2nd Tabitha Koch;
3rd - 5th Rob & Linda Lucas

At the time of Wesley, people in England lived in a very depressing society. Some historians say that England was in such dire straits, and that there is evidence, that without John Wesley and his understanding of what it meant to follow Christ, and how it changed peoples’ lives, England may not have survived. Wesley did give hope to people who were hopeless. When people caught a glimpse of hope that there was something better in life than the position they were in, their whole attitude changed. They began to think about the future, they became more willing to put in effort to achieve, and they began to see that social change was possible, and needed. Because of their own experience, they saw the potential for a different way of life. Loss of hope seems to be a part of our day as well, even though not to the extent it was in England in the 1700’s. Today, the news gave us the story of the shooting tragedy in Las Vegas. The loss of life, the scenes depicted on television, and the senselessness of it all is frustrating and depressing to say the least. The general unrest in our country, as a whole, weakens our sense of hope and promise. So, this act of violence on defenseless people is just another contributing factor. Perhaps it is time for us to put aside our hesitancy and begin to make it known that we believe things can change and things can get more positive and hopeful. How do we do that? May be it is time for us to go back to the spiritual understanding of John Wesley - that understanding which is focused on a deep and growing relation with God through Christ, and one that translates into facing and dealing with the realities of a broken society. It’s the age-old discussion about “personal piety” and “social justice,” to put it in our current language. We can sit back and let our society move in the direction it is, or we can prayerfully decide to do what we can to change it. First, we need to commit ourselves to growing in our relationship with Christ. Our faith has to be of the “heart,” one that moves and shapes us in the image of Christ. Without this we will never have the strength to persevere as we work for justice. Wesley and the Methodists did not have an easy time as they took on social issues, but because they spent time in prayer, and covenanted to make the heart of that prayer support for one another, they were able to deal with the stress. They had meetings each week where they supported each other on this journey, and covenanted with each other to be held accountable for their faithful-ness. They focused on a disciplined spiritual life. This disciplined life dealt with all areas of life - from study of scripture to personal finances. Perhaps it is time to be “Methodist” again in the way of Wesley and those early Methodists. Maybe we might usher in a new day of hope. It certainly can’t hurt to try.

See you Sunday,
In Church This Week

5 Thursday
1:00 Priscilla Circle, Heritage Room
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 404
6:00 Education Committee, Room 410
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
10:30 Church Women United, Heritage Room

7 Saturday
10:00 - Noon - FUMC Coat Drive, Drop off gently-used winter items at the Atrium entrance. Youth volunteers will be on hand to assist.
6:00 Saturday Night Live, Hunan’s Restaurant, Your 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
10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church Registration:
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
15 Sunday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
14 Monday
9:30 Memorial Children’s Library, Room 413

10 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
6:00 Finance Committee, Room 308
7:00 Church Council, Heritage Room
7:15 Arrow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

11 Wednesday
10:00 Children’s Storytime, Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library, Room 413
1:30 Wednesday Women’s Fellowship, Heritage Rm 445
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal

6:00 Wednesday Night Downtown Book Study, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet," by Adam Hamilton, led by Pastor Alan, Heritage Room
6:00 Chime Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308.
6:00 Jr. High Youth, Fellowship Hall, Room 409
6:00 Scouts Committee, Room 410

12 Thursday
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 404
6:00 Charge Conference, Grace UM Church
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

13 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

14 Saturday
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
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Appreciation Sunday
After each service, please join us for a cake and card reception in the Atrium.

When should we have a thankful heart? (1 Thessalonians 5:18) …give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

FUMC STAFF
Alan Rhein - Pastor
Tom Byford - Associate
Sharon Ranmar - Office Manager
Necia Jannings - Director of Christian Education
Anita Hutton - Organist & Parish Visitor
Robert Weiss - Music Director
Janet Earnest - Finance
Julia Morrill - Office Assistant
Jeff Peterman - Custodian
Jack Peterman - Sunday Custodian
Sheli Peterman - Relief Custodian
Carol Cain - Nursery Worker
Anne Krippenstapel - Nursery Worker
Jessie Church - Nursery Worker
Lia Driscoll - Nursery Worker

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.

Health Concern:
Debbie Berry-Shock is recovering at home.

Congratulations:
Congratulations to Casey and Jenna Shultz on the birth of their daughter, McKenna Rose, on July 7, 2017. Grandparents are Michael & Gail Peterman, grandmother is Mrs. Bobbie Shultz, great-grandmothers are Sue Peterman and Charlotte Neishaus, all of Carbondale.

Thank you:
Thanks to each and every one who has expressed love and sympathy to us on the death of John’s sister. John & Aveniel Cherry
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

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

Parents and children are invited to join us
Wednesdays  10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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.

in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
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.

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

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

October Children's Church

The Boy's Lunch (John 6:1-14) “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” (John 6:9) Jesus accepted a boy’s simple, yet generous gift of two fish and five loaves of bread. Jesus blessed this gift and turned it into a feast for more than five thousand people.

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

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 meets Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Room 308.

Jr. High Youth meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in Room 409 and Fellowship Hall.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GATHER UP YOUR GENTLY-USED WINTER ITEMS

Winter Coat Drive
THIS Saturday, October 7 • 10:00 a.m.-

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 10:00 a.m. and noon on Oct. 7 and the children will be there to unload your donations.

Contact Necia for more information

COMING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
SALE OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND POPCORN

BOY SCOUT TROOP 66
WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND POPCORN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 AFTER BOTH SERVICES

This is the largest fundraiser for the Troop, raising money for Troop activities and the Scouts, who have a portion of the sales placed into a personal account. They may use this account to help pay for summer camp and other scouting events. Please call Brian Gorecki for more information at 534-9617.

POPCORN SALES

are important to the Troop and its council. Our council, the Greater St. Louis Area Council, provides summer camps, District Executives, Service Centers, etc. — the support that allows boy scouting to exist. Please take a little time to visit with us October 15.

We are requesting payment when you place the order.

Please call Gary Kinsel for more information at 618-539-5619.

Thanks from Boy Scout Troop 66