Dear Friends,

We continue our journey to Commitment Sunday, October 22, as we think about the words of our founder, John Wesley, “Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.”

Last week’s message was on “earn all you can” which emphasized that earning all we can is not an “evil,” but rather a good use of the gifts and abilities God has given us. By seeing our vocation as a "calling," what we earn becomes something sacred. Then, "earning all we can" becomes a way of expressing gratitude to God because of the ability we have been given to earn. When we use this ability with "common sense," and when we understand that we must make certain that our "earning" does not consume all of our time and energy——that we make certain we leave time in our lives for taking a Sabbath — "earning" is not a bad thing. We need a Sabbath to commune with God, reflect on our relationship with God, and how we are living out that relationship. This week we will focus on, "save all you can." The theme of the day will lead us to think about how we need to be good stewards with what God blesses us with. By being good stewards, we use what we have been blessed with to its fullest, and not recklessly waste what God has given us.

Now, I want to remind you of two things: First, I want to remind you to sign-up for our “Celebration Brunch” on October 22. We will have one service that day at 10:00 a.m., and then have our brunch at the Carbon- dale Civic Center at 11:30 a.m. The brunch is catered and there is no cost to you. The brunch is a time for us to fellowship as a congregation and celebrate our renewed commitment to the ministry of the Church through our financial giving. Whether we are able to make a financial commitment or not, we want every- one to come to the brunch. It gives us a chance to share around the table with others in the Church. With our Church the size it is, we have very few opportunities for this kind of fellowship, so I hope you will take ad- vantage of this opportunity. There will be a sign-up insert in the bulletin this Sunday or you may call the Church office at 457-2416.

The second thing I want to remind you of is our “Prayer Vigil” on October 20 and 21 in preparation for our Commitment Sunday. This is a chance to set aside a time to prayerfully meditate and pray for the ministry and mission of our Church. There are 30-minute time slots available to sign-up for from 7:00 a.m. Friday, October 20, to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, October 21. You may come to the church for this time of prayer, or you may use any place you choose.

Either way, the important thing is that we all take time to pray for the future ministry of our Church. As we work together to do God’s work, it is important that we pray together for God’s guidance.

See you Sunday,

Alan
**As of October 10, 2017**

**In Church This Week**

**12 Thursday**
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 308
- 6:00 Charge Conference, Grace UM Church
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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

**14 Saturday**

**15 Sunday**  
**Bread for the World Offertory**
- Troop 66 Wreath & Popcorn Sale

**Children’s Sing,** 10:05 service
- 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
  - Children Sing, *Kum Ba Ya*
- 11:50 Music Committee, Choir Room

**16 Monday**
- 8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
- 9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
- 9:30 Morning Circle, Heritage Room
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404
- 5:00 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
- 7:00 Eagle Board, Room 308
- 7:00 AGO Choral Clinic 2017, FUMC Sanctuary
  - Clinician: Dr. Susan Davenport, Free

**18 Wednesday**
- 10:00 Jackson County Retired Teachers, Heritage Rm.
- 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 Jr. High Youth, Fellowship Hall and Rm. 409
- 6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308
- 6:00 Chime Choir

**19 Thursday**
- 5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch & Yoga, Room 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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

**21 Saturday**

**22 Sunday**  
**Stewardship Brunch Sunday**
- One Service at 10:00 a.m.
- No Sunday School Today
- 10:00 Worship Service and Children’s Church
- 11:30 Stewardship Brunch, Civic Center
- 5:00 Rotary Club, Heritage Room
- 7:00 Eagle Board, Room 308
- 7:00 AGO Choral Clinic 2017, FUMC Sanctuary
  - Clinician: Dr. Susan Davenport, Free

**Health Concerns:** Joe Harrison is in Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, KY.

Our District Superintendent, Roger Russell and his wife, Carol were in a car accident.
Roger is recovering at home and Carol is in St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Kirstyn Tucker and John Hays IV on the birth of their daughter, Elliott Marie Hays on September 3, 2017 in Carbondale. Grandparents are Tracy & Greg Gibson of Carbondale and Erin Hudson of DeSoto.

**Have you written yours yet?**

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 29.

**Pastor-Staff Appreciation Sunday**

Join us for a Cake and Card Reception following both services on October 29.

**EARN. SAVE. GIVE.**

Join us next Sunday, October 22 for the **CELEBRATION BRUNCH** at the Civic Center at 11:30 a.m.

There will be only one service at 10:00 a.m.
There is no Sunday School

There is no charge for the brunch, but sign-up is requested.
Use the form on our website or one located in the Narthex.

**Disciples for Sunday, October 15, 2017**

**Van Drivers:** John Graig and Brian Gorecki

**Welcome Center:** 8:15 Jean Bohne; 10:45 Phil & Gail Gilbert

**Coffee Hosts:** 8:15 Deanna & Ron Diehl; 10:45 Sally Washburn

**Nursery:** Tabitha Koch - *Info*; Heather Criswell - Youth

**Children’s Church:** K-2nd Jennifer Woolridge; 3rd - 5th Necia Jannings

**Children’s Church Registration:** Doug & Amy Baker
UMW October Events

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
(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

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND
Income $ 541,394.50
Expenses $ 548,232.36
INDEBTEDNESS $ -0-

BUILDING FUND
Income $ 105,634.05
Expenses $ 22,814.36
BUILDING FUND BALANCE $223,509.43

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
Contact Necia for more information

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.

MOBIL STORYTIME
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.
**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.

**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 studying, “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!

**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.