Dear Friends,

This Sunday, November 5, is “All Saints Day,” when we take a moment and remember those of our church family who have died this past year. This is our way of offering thanksgiving to God for all of those “saints” that have served Christ and this church and now go to receive their reward.

Every year we have this service, I think of the “saints” in my own life that have impacted my faith. There would be Edna Detroy, whom I remember as a person of powerful prayer. When she prayed, I knew God heard – not because of how loud it was, but it was clear that her heart was close to God’s heart when she prayed. I remember Connie’s grandfather who was a humble man with not many financial resources, who was a committed giver to the church. He had about a twenty acre field, the best field he had, that he called God’s field. This was the field from which the harvest went to the church. Whatever income there was, regardless of how bad the crops were in every other field, he gave that income to the church.

I remember those “saints” I respected, just because I knew how faithful they were to the church and how hard they worked. They never got paid, but they were always there doing whatever needed doing. These were the men who led my Boy Scout troop, to those that helped teach my Sunday School Class. There were those who came and offered their support when my family members died and provided a funeral dinner. There were those who would send a card, for no reason, just to let me know they were remembering me in their prayers. They never expected any recognition or praise, they just served the Lord.

I would like to think that sometime down the road, someone might remember something I did or said that had an impact on their life and that they are thankful for. I don’t want any recognition, for that will come when I meet the Master. Just knowing I did my part as a servant of Christ and it touched someone’s life is enough recognition for me. As we gather Sunday, take a little time and think about the “saints” in your life and about whether someone will call you a “saint” one day because they saw Christ in you.

See you Sunday,

Alan

Of a more personal note: Connie and I would like to thank you for all of your kind words and other gestures of appreciation you have given. We are thankful each day for the privilege we have to serve you as a parsonage family.
In Church This Week

November

2 Thursday
1:00 Priscilla Circle, Room 210
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

3 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

4 Saturday
5:00 Saturday Night Live, Bandana’s Restaurant, Lorraine & Ron Stadt, hosts

NOTE: REMEMBER TO TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT!

5 Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church

6 Monday
10:00 Oak Grove Outreach
1:45 Blood Drive, Heritage Room, until 6:00 p.m.
5:00 Missions Committee, Room 308
6:00 Board of Trustees, Room 410
6:30 Good News, Atrium

7 Tuesday
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

8 Wednesday
10:00 Children’s Storytime, Diane Neil Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library, Room 413.
1:30 Wednesday Women’s Fellowship, Heritage Room
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 Jr. High Youth, Fellowship Hall and Rm. 409
6:00 Chime Choir

9 Thursday
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

10 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

11 Saturday
1:00 Nichole Mize Wedding

12 Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church

13 Monday
Veterans Day Holiday
Office Closed

Thank you!!
Thank you for the thoughtful cards, gifts and acts of kindness given us in celebration of Pastor and Staff Appreciation week.

We enjoy working with you!
From Pastor and Staff

2018 FLOWER CHART
Our 2018 flower chart is ready for sign-ups. It is in the same location — on the wall at the incline, leading to the church office.
Thank you.

CACHE RIVER DISTRICT RALLY
Sunday, November 12, 2017
6:00 p.m. • Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL
Bishop Frank Beard will be preaching on “Firing Up the Troops”

PARISH PULSE
As of October 31, 2017

In Sympathy: Sympathy to Molly & Fred Sobey on the death of their brother, Charles William Sobey, who passed away on October 18, 2017 in Florida.

In Sympathy: Sympathy to family and friends of Ronald M. Rodgers, who died on October 25, 2017.

Health Concern: Gerald Fink is recovering at home.

Thank you: “Please share a heartfelt ‘thank you’ with all that helped with the Annual Coat Drive. Once again, your members, along with others, have been a tremendous help in collecting coats for members of our community. So far, we have handed out 133 winter coats. We’ve also scheduled an evening Give Away for families with children. Thanks again!”

Karen Zelten, Church Coordinator

Ham Loaf Update: Thank you to all who purchased — proceeds help support United Methodist Women’s mission projects!

If you ordered ham loaves and were not able to pick them up on Sunday, they are now in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen refrigerator’s freezer compartment. These can be picked up at your convenience. Each is labeled with your order form. Mustard sauce cups for your order (1 for each ham loaf) can be found in the refrigerator section.

There are a few extra ham loaves available for purchase. Just call Janet Earnest (549-0416).

LIFE’S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. DONATE BLOOD.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - 1:45 - 6:00 P.M. HERITAGE ROOM

WHO NEEDS BLOOD? A 3-year-old has cancer. Leukemia strikes a high schooler preparing for college. A young mother has unexpected complications after giving birth. A grandfather needs open heart surgery. Every day, patients across the U.S. need an average of 44,000 units of blood. That’s about 17 million donations - or nearly 23 million blood products - transfused to 5 million patients a year.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY IN THE NARTHEx!

Don’t forget! For the fastest donation experience possible, go to www.redcrossblood.org/rapid

Disciples for Sunday, November 5, 2017

Outside Greeter: Jan & Gary Austin  Van Drivers: Dan Anderson III, Don Bryant, Jr.
Welcome Center: 8:15 Deanna Diet; 10:45 Carolyn Saunders
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan & Gary Austin; 10:45 Millie Kaiser
Nursery: - Info; Michael Koch - Youth November NameTags: Betty Craig
Communion Ushers: 10:45 Karl Bartelsmeyer, George Everingham,
November Communion Committee: 8:15 Don & Jean Boehne;
10:45 Jan Weiss, Team Leader; Carole Daesch, Tracy Gibson, Keven & Nancy Mitchell, Carol Mocaby, Sally Washburn

Firing Up the Troops
**Parents Night Out Movie Night**
Friday, Nov. 17    5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- **4 years - 5th grade**
- Bring your sleeping bag or blanket
- We will sack out on the Fellowship Hall floor as we watch the movie

*Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas*

Pizza, popcorn, crafts, games and activities provided

**Sign up in the Atrium by Nov. 12**

Contact Necia for more information

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**Check It Out!!!...**

in the Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library

**The Very Beary Tooth Fairy**

by Arthur A. Levine

“Zach is a little bear with a very loose tooth who hears a boy and his mother talking about the tooth fairy. Will the very "beary" tooth fairy come to his bedroom tonight?"
Our current United Methodist Hymnals were published in 1989 – about 28 years ago. Since then, a variety of additional music and worship resources has been published in supplements to meet the changing needs of some congregations.

In anticipation of changing needs and use of new technology, the 2016 General Conference approved a petition to establish a Hymnal Revision Committee (2017-2020) to "prepare and present to the 2020 General Conference a limited core and substantial supplemental canon of song and ritual resources to be produced and made available in multiple media as an official hymnal of The United Methodist Church for primary use in The United States of America.” Note that there are two significant, new aspects to this process:

1. The new hymnal will be made available in multiple formats, including Internet cloud-based and printed on demand.
2. Regardless of format, there will be a core canon of music and ritual resources that will be included in all formats. These formats will make it possible for individual congregations to select the supplemental materials best suited for their needs to be included in the cloud-based or printed on demand hymnal which they design for their own use.

If approved by the 2020 General Conference, a new official hymnal of The United Methodist Church might be available as early as 2021. Meanwhile, please try to take care of our current hymnals. Many are starting to show their age and come apart at the binding. Some of our church members have tried to repair those that need attention so that we can continue to use them for the foreseeable future.

Robert Weiss, Music Director

IRELAND AND SCOTLAND
September 17, 2018 - for 12 Days

Tour with a full time tour manager, all breakfast and dinners, cliffs of Moher, Shrine of Knock, Belleek Pottery Factory, Giant’s Causeway, Old Bushmills Distillery, Culzean Castle, Isle of Mull, Duart Castle, Benedictine Abbey, Oran’s Chapel, Isle of Skye, Portree, Dunvegan Castle, Castle Urquhart, Loch Ness Visitor Center, Stirling Castle and Scottish Entertainment Dinner.

Call Don Boehne for tour literature and pricing of this trip at 618-549-1319.

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. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 402. 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. Everyone welcome!

The Electives Class - Scripture studies are led by John Sims. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Join us!

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 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. Please gather in the Atrium upon arrival.

November, 2017

Native American Heritage Month