Dear Friends,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for your cards and other expressions to Connie and me for Staff Appreciation. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to the Rhein household! Some of you made special mention of Connie and her working alongside me and how you saw her as an important part of our ministry here. She has always worked hard in whatever church we have served these past 47 1/2 years. For you to recognize that and to share kind words to her and about her is a special part of our ministry here. As some of you have said, “You can go anytime you want, but Connie has to stay.” Ouch!

Every year when the Staff-Parish Committee plans appreciation month I am reminded of how fortunate we are as a parsonage family to serve you. Now that it has been nearly ten years we can’t help but feel we are blessed beyond measure. Whenever one of you sends a nice note or other expression of appreciation, we can’t help but give thanks to God for this opportunity we have. So, again, I say “thank you”!

Work on the remodeling continues to move on and soon some of the parts of the building we have closed off will be usable again. There have been some inconveniences, but all in all a smooth process. One of the things that has happened recently is that the air conditioning in the sanctuary had to be disconnected so that some other work could be done. Naturally, this past Sunday was a warm day and so it was a little stuffy in worship, but again that is a small item. At this point we have not had to borrow any money because we are able to use what we had on hand first. Sometime in the near future we will have to borrow, but the longer we can put off borrowing, we save a lot on interest. Thank you for your continued support of the renovation.

Finally, with all that has been going on in this country, it is even more evident that we, as followers of Christ, have need to be diligent and committed in our faithfulness. Now, is the time, for us to step up to the plate and live out our faith in a way that says violence and hatred have no place in our society. Our brothers and sisters in Pittsburg are trying to put their lives back together and as they do I am reminded just how precious life is and how we need each other to find richness in life. The simple statement that we should love our neighbor as yourself still has power, even today.

See you Sunday,

Alan
8 Thursday
4:15 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Worship Service
After 10:45 Service ASP Meeting, Heritage Room
Youth Group Nut Sales after both services

9 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Rm. 404

10 Saturday

11 Sunday  Veteran’s Day
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
Welcome Center:
8:15 Sharon & Larry Meyer; 10:45 Barb Swinburne
Outside Greeters: Mike & Joyce Vancil
November Nametags: Betty Graig
Van Drivers: Brian Gorecki, John Graig
Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Joe & Kathy Swindell
10:45 Bobbie & Joe Lenzini
Children’s Church:: K-5: Joan Hart, Cayden and Carlisle Hinde
Children’s
Youth Helper: Reese Funk
Church Registration: Doug & Amy Baker
Parish Nurse: 9:15: Betty Graig

CALENDAR EVENT REMINDER for PRIMETIMERS
There will be no PrimeTimers in November
Join us in December for
PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & PROGRAM
Thursday, December 6, 2018 • 11:30 a.m.
Holiday Program presented by Ed and Kara Benyas

12 Monday  Church Office Closed - Honoring Veteran’s Day
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Rm 403
10:15 Golden Yoga, Rm. 404

13 Tuesday

14 Wednesday
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appoint. only), Rm 403
10:00 Children’s Story Time, Diane Neill
Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal, Rm 418
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Rm. 308
6:00 Youth Group, Chapel
6:00 Scout Committee, Rm 410

15 Thursday
4:50 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, Yoga, Rm. 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

16 Friday
9:30 Golden Yoga, Rm. 404

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18 Sunday
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Altar Flowers for December 9: Can you help beautify the Sanctuary on December 9 with Altar flowers? If you can, please contact the Church Office at 457-2416. Altar flowers are only $49.00. Thank you.

Call for Volunteers: We need volunteers to be Usher Captains for May/November 2019, March/September 2019. Regular Ushers needed on a continual basis. Call the Church Office to volunteer.

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

In a January mailing, you will be assigned one Sunday in 2019 to greet. If you are unavailable that Sunday, you may trade with another greeter. If you are unable to stand, please ask the ushers for a chair. If you are a choir member, you will be given a choir break week. Thank you for your willingness to brighten someone’s day!

GREETER’S UPDATE...Could you give us a hand?

A welcoming handshake is often the first impression we make as a warm and friendly church. If you would like to be added to the 2019 greeters’ list for the 10:45 service, please contact Evelyn Bailey at 618-697-4038 or baileysre@gmail.com.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 22—NOON—2 P.M.
At 715 S. Washington Street in Carbondale
Between the SIU Rec Center and the train tracks

To volunteer, make a donation, or have a meal delivered, please call 618-529-3311 by 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 21.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday 20  UMW Morning Circle, 10 a.m.
Speaker: Doug Kimmel
Hostess: Barbara Kimmel
Location: Heritage Room

All college students and young adults who come back to Carbondale area or who can’t go home for Thanksgiving are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving meal together and fellowship at Pagliai’s Pizza
On Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 12pm 509 S Illinois Ave., C’dale 62901

RSVP to Yiwen Bi (979-422-0108, yiwenb@fumc-carbondale.org)
Pick up available

50th Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry is offering a scholarship opportunity for undergraduate students during 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be accepted starting Dec. 1. Please apply online at www.wesleyfoundationsofillinois.org/scholarships/.

Applicants must be members of a United Methodist Church in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for a minimum of one year. Scholarships awarded will be sent to the community college, college or university that the student will be attending during the 2019-2020 school year to help pay for their undergraduate tuition. The scholarships awarded will be a minimum of $500.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2019. If you have any questions, contact Christy Blickensderfer at cblickensderfer@igrc.org or Amy Shreve ashreve@igrc.org.

Please note: There is no way to save this application in process. Once you have submitted your application you will not be able to review or edit it. It is recommended that you review the entire application process before beginning.
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Christmas is an anonymous gift program. The gifts you will be giving may be the only ones the person will receive. We ask that you include only new, nicely wrapped items. It is not necessary to purchase every item requested. With your help, over 1,000 Jackson County residents will have a

Gifts are due Sunday, November 25

For more information on this project, contact FUMC Coordinators Doug & Amy Baker at 618-457-0630.

PLACE YOUR POINSETTIA ORDER NOW!

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If making your own arrangements, please wrap the pot in foil and bring the plant in during office hours on December 11, 12 or by noon on the 13th. For further information, contact Rhonda Kelley (618) 534-6590.

Name: ___________________________ Daytime Phone: ___________________________

I would like to order the following:

I will be bringing a poinsettia _________

Regular Size (6") $10.00

Large Size (8") $23.00

Enclosed is cash or a check

Red ________

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made out to First UMC in the amount of $ ________

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