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Newsletter of:

The First United Methodist Church

214 W. Main St.

Carbondale, IL 62901

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."

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IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2016

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sermon: *So We Won't Forget*

Rev. Alan Rhein

Scripture: Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22

Anthem:

8:15 *To God Be The Glory*
Jeremy Holmes, soloist

10:45 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Sanctuary Choir

Hymns:

332 *Spirit of Faith, Come Down*
384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
347 *Spirit Song*



Altar flowers this week are given in memory of
Marge Cralley.

Indoor Greeters: Mike & Rhonda Kelley

Acolytes: 10:45 Sam Baker and Jackson Beaupre

Sound System Operators:

8:15 Scott Wright; 10:45 Ron Browning

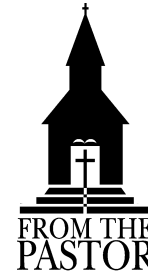
Liturgists: 8:15 Joyce Vancil

10:45 Adam Wallace

January Ushers: Darrell Bryant, Captain;

8:15 Doug Bedient, Bill Crippen, Steve Mitchell,
Scott Wright

10:45 Dan Anderson III, Gary Hill, Sue Hall,
Gene Morgan



Musings

Dear Friends:

To catch up a bit, I want to thank all of you for your many expressions of Christmas for my family. The cards and other expressions of the season were greatly appreciated. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas, as we did, with family and friends. And again, 'thank you.'

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year. Another year has passed and we enter a whole new calendar. I always try to take a little time and think about what I hope and pray for in the new year. Here are some things on my prayer list for 2016:

- If you have had a rough year and things have not gone the way you thought or hoped, then I pray that this new year will give you what you need to be able to deal with whatever you have to deal with. In our minds at least, we can see a new year as a new beginning. We can feel that we have a new start and a clean slate. I pray that this new year is the 'new start' you need.
- I pray that this new year will bring joy and blessedness that only God can give. I pray, as a Church, we will see new and exciting opportunities open for ministry, and that we will seize those opportunities.
- I pray for our nation and world -- that this new year will bring a spirit of peace to our world.
- I pray that all of those who suffer in this world will find their suffering eased, because those of us who are not in their situation, share what we have in a spirit of love and caring.
- I pray that we all may find the love and grace of God to fill us with the knowledge that we are loved regardless of how we feel we have fallen short of what God wants us to be.
- I pray that the walls that divide us in our community and world will be torn down because people of faith (regardless of what faith they are) have committed themselves to not letting prejudices rule our world.

I know that these 'prayers' are a tall order, but we have a God that is known for filling tall orders.

See You Sunday,

Alan

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

JANUARY

7 Thursday

1:00 Un-decorate the church
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

8 Friday

9 Saturday

10 Sunday *Blood Pressure Checks after both services*

8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
10:45 Worship Service & Children's Church

11 Monday

9:30 Feed My Sheep, Bethel AME
5:00 Missions Committee, Heritage Room

12 Tuesday

8:30 Men's Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 402
10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

13 Wednesday

9-3 Healing Touch (by appointment)
10:00 Children's StoryTime, Diane Dorsey Memorial Library, Room 412
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 Jr. High Youth, Fellowship Hall

14 Thursday

7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

15 Friday

16 Saturday

PARISH
pulse
As of January 5, 2016

Health Concern:

Bettye Doerr is recovering at home.

2016 Calendar Events: If you have not done so already, please stop by the church office to add calendar information for the new year. Each group or class is responsible for keeping their schedules up to date on the calendar. It is from this calendar the Asburian and Bulletin calendars are updated each week.

Thank you!

Church Un-decorating: On Thursday, January 7 at 1:00 p.m. lots of extra hands will be needed to help remove the greenery from outside and in, put away tree ornaments, and vacuum pine needles.

No special skills required!



**17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Annual Community Celebration
Sunday, January 17
4:00 p.m. Carbondale Civic Center**

"We who believe in Freedom shall not rest until it comes."

The celebration of music, dance, readings, and fellowship will include the presenting of the Community Service Award. A community choir will perform under the direction of Pat Work, accompanied by the Southern Illinois West African Drumming Ensemble. Members of the Carbondale High School Choir, under the direction of Miss Kara Gregory, Choir Director, will also perform.

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Disciples for Sunday, January 10, 2016

Outside Greeters: John & Sara Hinde, Carlisle and Cayden

Van Drivers: Brian Gorecki, John Graig

Welcome Center: 8:15 Kathy Swindell; 10:45 Lavina Thomas

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan & Gary Austin; 10:45 Cindy Bertsch, JoVonna Noble

Parish Nurses: 8:15 Betty Graig; 10:45 Lianne Watson

Nursery: - Info; - Youth

Children's Church: K-2nd Necia Jannings; 3rd-5th Susan Watson, Joan Hart

Children's Church Registration: Eric & Heidi Jung

January Nametags: Betty Graig



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UPCOMING EVENTS



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Church **UN-DECORATING**
time is here!

Join us this Thursday, January 7
at 1:00 p.m.

*Note: There will NOT be an additional
Priscilla Circle meeting in January.*

*More information on the February meeting to
be announced*

CONTRIBUTIONS NOTICE

Year End Pledge Status Statements were recently mailed. If you **pre-paid** any part of your 2016 pledge in 2015, you may need a Contribution Detail Statement to accurately reflect your total giving in 2015. Please contact the office and let Sharon or Janet know if you would like to have a Contribution Detail Statement for the IRS.

Statements reflect contributions received and deposited to the bank as of our last office day, December 27. Contributions received after that date will be shown on your 2016 statements. If you need to have contributions that were dated in December acknowledged for tax purposes, a separate written letter will need to be prepared. Again, please contact the office for this assistance.

Please take a moment and review your Pledge Status Statement to make sure we have credited all your contributions to the correct category. We strive to make sure our records reflect your giving choices

JOIN US IN 2016 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY PROGRAMS

THE DANIEL PLAN
FIVE ESSENTIALS SERIES

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The Daniel Plan explores both the spiritual and the health benefits of following a healthy lifestyle by focusing on the five essentials:

Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends.



GOLDEN YOGA

Tuesdays, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., Room 404
\$12/session

Discounts available for multiple sessions
This class specializes in slower movements and less stressful poses.

Children's Story Time

Parents and children are invited to join us each

Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

in the Diane Dorsey Memorial Children's Library.

Jane Robertson shares stories, craft activities, music, and lots of activities for preschool & early elementary children!!!

Contact Necia for more information or to join our team today.



DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH?

Join our team of children's church leaders. Two leaders co-teach lessons during the 10:45 a.m. service.

LESSONS AND MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED.



JANUARY



13 Wednesday

Jr. High Youth starts-up for 2016, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

20 Wednesday

Jr. High Youth meets, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

24 Sunday

SuperChurch for 6th - 12th graders, 10:45 a.m., Chapel

ASP Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Room

27 Wednesday

Jr. High Youth meets, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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. **Starting January 10**, January curriculum of study will be, *Worship the Lord with Gladness: God's Children in Worship*. "Come, Let's Worship God." **January 10 Bible Verse:** *I rejoice with those who said to me, Let's go to the Lord's house!"* Psalm 122.1

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, a group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection, and prayer, meets in Room 201. Women of all ages are welcome to join us.

HomeBuilders Class For adults of all ages, this class focuses on social issues, relationships, spiritual issues and current events in building stronger values, growing in faith, and developing loving, lasting relationships. They meet in the Heritage Room.

The Investors Class, an intergenerational class for all adults meets in Room 404. Previous study, *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, continues January 10.

The Electives Class meets in the Heritage Room. Scripture studies are led by John Sims.

The Challengers Class, a class for special needs adults, meets in Room 212 on the second level. They use the current scripture each week. This class is led by Susan Watson and Dan Anderson III.

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., Room 308.

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

YOUTH MEETINGS RECONVENE IN 2016 ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13