

# ASBURIAN



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 JULY 21, 2013

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

**Sermon:** "One Thing Is Necessary"  
Rev. Alan Rhein

**Scripture:** Luke 10:38-42

**Anthem:**

8:15 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
Brass Sextet

10:45 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Sanctuary Choir, brass & percussion

**Hymns:**

61 *Come Thou Almighty King*  
396 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
399 *Take My Life, And Let It Be*  
671 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*



**Altar flowers this week** are given by Dick and Carole Daesch

**Greeters:** Earl & JoVonna Noble

**Acolytes:** 10:45 Khana Nelson, Abby Bahr

**Sound System Operators:**

8:15 Scott Wright  
10:45 Ron Browning

**Liturgists:** 8:15 Helen Deniston  
10:45 Will Stevens

**May Ushers:** David Conrad, Capt.

(8:15) Ron Benton, Sharon Benton, Mike Durr, Joyce Vancil, Mike Vancil  
(10:45) Mary Beth Aguilar, Dick Brooks, Wilma Davis, Phil Gilbert, Sidney Matthews



## IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

### July

#### 18 Thursday

8:30 Weight Watchers, Heritage/Parlor  
5:45 GTSY, 402  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

#### 19 Friday

#### 20 Saturday

#### 21 Sunday

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

#### 22 Monday

#### 23 Tuesday

#### 24 Wednesday

4:45 M'boro Women's Disciple Group, 308

#### 25 Thursday

8:30 Weight Watchers, Heritage/Parlor  
5:45 GTSY, 402

#### 26 Friday

#### 27 Saturday



**The Singles Ministry of First United Methodist Church** is dedicated to enriching the single life for young singles and single parents. The mission of this ministry is to offer a safe and comfortable environment where singles, age 55 and under, can grow spiritually and relationally, taking time to develop meaningful relationships with friends who are supportive and encouraging. We believe that through serving others, we share our faith in Jesus Christ and in return find purpose and fulfillment in our own lives.



Join us for dinner  
Wednesday, July 24 at 6 p.m.  
Boondocks Seafood Co.  
(formerly Houlihan's)

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## Everywhere Fun Fair Where God's World Comes Together



Sunday, July 28 -  
Thursday, August 1  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



*Musings*

Dear Friends,

It is Monday and a new week begins. Actually, I guess, a new week began yesterday but for me Sunday is the focal point and after Sunday is over I start final preparation for the next Sunday. As I start a new week I look out my window and there is someone tending the flower beds we have here at the church. These beds add a lot to the appearance of the church and it takes a lot of work to keep them weeded, watered, and tended. I know you appreciate those who are committed to caring for them.

As I watch the gardener I can't help but think of how our faith and Christian walk are much like a garden. We have to care for our souls the same way we do a garden. We have to take the time to "weed" out the parts of life that can steal joy and peace in our lives. Often, anxieties and stresses fall into this category—generally things that we are not able to do anything about anyway.

We also have to water the garden and we have to "water" our souls as well. We have to do the kinds of things that will keep our spirits from going dry. We have to, as John Wesley taught, use the means of grace: prayer-private and public, worship-private and public, searching scripture, and receiving Communion. These practices have not evolved so that we can keep the church going but rather so that we can keep our spiritual life growing in our relationship with God.

Sometimes, in a garden, we have to prune. We have to cut off those things that are not serving as a benefit to our faith. These may not be "sins" necessarily, but things that take our time and energy and do not leave enough time and energy for us to "bear fruit". In other words, we do not grow spiritually and we do not involve ourselves in ministering to the needs of others and helping others experience God's grace and love, through the acts of kindness and caring that we practice.

How is your "spiritual garden" growing? Do you need to spend some time tending and nurturing it by watering it, weeding it, or pruning it? With some effort and time spent we can see the beauty of the "garden" of our spiritual lives grow and bear fruit.

See you Sunday,

*Alan*

## Student First Aid Kits

Each year, the Health Cabinet assists the Wesley Foundation in packaging 500 First Aid Kits for SIUC students. Kits include: Band-Aids , Plastic Gloves, Wet Wipes and Health Information Cards. We are asking you, the congregation, to help us in this effort.

For the next 3 weeks (July 21, July 28, August 4), we ask you to bring in:

- + boxes of bandaids ,
- + boxes of vinyl or nitrile (Latex-Free) gloves,
- + boxes of individually packaged wet wipes (or antiseptic wipes),
- + and zip-lock bags (quart size) to package the kits!

No specific brands need to be purchased.

Also, if anyone would like to help with the "production line" on August 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley Center to stuff the kits, please leave a message in the Health Cabinet mailbox with your name and contact information.

THANKS, Health Cabinet

### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF June 30, 2013

#### GENERAL FUND

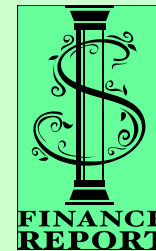
Income	\$ 331,438.34
Expenses	\$ 311,254.52

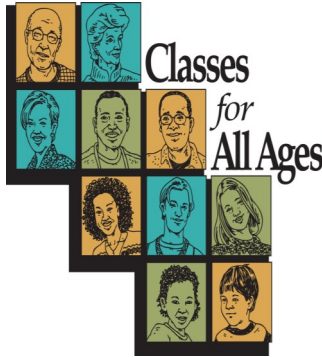
#### BUILDING FUND

Income	
Contributions	\$ 155,922.42
Promissory Notes	\$ —
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Expenses	
Promissory Notes	\$ 145,000.00
Promissory Note Interest	\$ 12,145.52
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	\$ 157,145.52

#### INDEBTEDNESS

Promissory Notes	\$ 874,833.00
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## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Children's Opportunities

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School** - K-5th grade uses *Grow Proclaim Serve* from Cokesbury. The morning begins with music at 9:30 in Room 415.

**July Lesson:** God gives me courage.

**July 21:** Daniel and the Lions

**Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Children's Church** (Kindergarten through 5th grade). All children are invited to Children's Church following the Children's Time at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

**July Lessons:** David the Boy

### Youth Opportunities, 9:30 a.m.

**6th & 7th Grade** - meet in Room 410

**8th Grade - High School Class** meet in Room 409 and uses "As We Follow Christ, we experience a transformation that changes everything." That's REVOLUTION, by Doug Fields.

### 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.

**Home Builders Class:** Beginning August 10, we will start a new DVD-lead study by Adam Hamilton, entitled "Why? Making Sense of God's Will." We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 in Room 402. The next few Sundays we will be showing NOOMA videos during class time. Join us in a casual setting for thought-provoking discussion, spiritual growth and fellowship!

**The Investors Class**, an intergenerational class for all adults, meets in Room 404 (The Chapel). This Sunday we will continue our study "Power of a Whisper."

**The Elective Class**, meets in the Parlor. This week we will follow a lesson from *The Wired Word*.

**College Age Class**, grab a cup of coffee and join us in Room 308 for discussions on current issues and our Christian faith.

**The Challengers Class**, a class for special needs adults, meets in Room 212 on the second level. They use the Adult Friendship Curriculum. This class is led by Susan Watson and Dan Anderson.

**The Hospitality Class**, uses the International Lesson Series (Adult Bible Studies.) Adults, of all ages, are invited to join us in room 403.

### Small Group Opportunities

#### Mondays

**Christian Explorers** meets Mondays at 7:15 p.m. in the Atrium. Contact Susan Watson or check the church calendar for exact dates.

#### Wednesday Groups

These groups are on summer break. See everyone again in the Fall.

#### Thursdays

**Gentle Stretch and Tone Yoga:** Room 402. Most Thursdays at 4:45. Check the church calendar.

## PARISH PULSE

As of 07/16/13

**Health Concerns:** Lois Herr is at Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery; Bob Arthur is recovering at Herrin Rehab.

**Sympathy to** Bud and Vern Koch and family on the death of his sister, Anna M. Rinker, on July 10 in Pennsylvania.

**Welcome to** Cassidy Taylor Bowen born July 9 to Loren Scott & Chance Bowen. Grandparents are Katy & Quincy Scott.

**Thank you:** When my brother was in the hospital at Carbondale and rehab in Herrin he mentioned several times he wanted thank his church family for their prayers & support. He really enjoyed the flowers, balloons, visits & cards. Marvie was always excited when Rev. Rhein or Tom Byford would visit. As an outsider of your church my respect and appreciation for your congregation has grown. You practice what you preach with love. I realize Marvie was not always an ideal member, but it seems this was not a factor with your love and acceptance. The numerous visits from Rev. Rhein and Tom will not be forgotten. Marvie had a small surgery at Herrin hospital a few years ago and Rev. Rhein was there early in the morning to pray and comfort Marvie before the procedure and stayed until the surgery was completed. Rev. Rhein did the same thing again this past April when Dr. Watson did a lengthy surgery on Marvie's lung. Dr. Watson asked for prayer and guidance along with Rev. Rhein. Tom and my brother-in-law, Joe Kelly, did an excellent job of following Marvie's funeral, which he had planned even to the page numbers in the hymnals for the songs and readings. I have over 30 names of people in your church I heard Marvie mention, but I fear I would accidentally omit names. He really enjoyed the Prime Timers group. Thank you for making Marvie part of your church family. *Kathie West, Cindy Dame Van Horn, and Melinda Kelly*

**Member Update:** Ruth Wood is doing well at Lewis Memorial Christian Village, Room 515, 3400 W. Washington, Springfield, IL 62711. Mail is a highlight of the day for her and she always appreciates hearing from church friends and keeping up with church news. She will celebrate her 97th birthday on Aug. 9.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** We need a few gallons of homemade ice cream for Sunday, August 18. Priscilla Circle will be hosting an All Church Ice Cream Social as a UMW mission fundraiser. Anyone willing to make some ice cream could contact Janet Earnest (549-0416). Thank you!

**PrimeTimers Reminder:** There is no meeting in July. See you again in August!

### Disciples for Sunday, July 21, 2013:

**Outside Greeters:** Jon Gobert, Bill Crippen

**Van Drivers:** Don Bryant, Jr., David Caldwell

**Welcome Center:** 8:15 Sue Stucky; 10:45 Irene Carlton

**Coffee Hosts:** 8:15 Carol & Gordon White; 10:45 Shelby & Joe Schafer

**Nursery:** Joyce Vancil - Info; Madeline Halstead - Youth

**Children's Church:** K-2<sup>nd</sup> Necia Jannings; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Shelby & Joe Schafer

**July Nametags:** Barb & Dick Swinburne