

News From the Pews

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Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together

2016 Rushville CommUNITY Vacation Bible School was held from June 6-10th 9 AM till noon. The ages for VBS were 4 years old thru 6th grade. There was a daily average of 108 children at VBS this year. The theme was Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together. The children discovered 5 Bible truths & enjoyed fellowship in Bible Challenge, Storytelling, Snacks, Crafts & Games. VBS supports at least one mission every year. This year the children collected a trough full of canned vegetables & fruit for the Schuyler County Food Basket & collected \$414 for Heifer International! The 5th & 6th graders enjoyed being out in the community during VBS week. They participated in the following activities: being educated on gardening by Bob Gebitz & helping at the Community Garden; they spent a couple of days being educated by Rob Kirkham about photography & religion; Dan Wise took them around town to help clean up Rushville & collect trash; & they made a trip to the Humane Society to learn about that mission and help out! There also was a nursery available for the volunteers' children under the age of 4, where they participated in VBS activities. It was a fun & fulfilling week for the children of this community!

Thank you to all of the core volunteers & area leaders who attended the meetings prior to VBS to plan and prepare. Thank you to the area leaders for their hard work during the week to provide the activities that make VBS a success. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped out during the week to make VBS a fun experience for the children & leave a lasting impression on them. We hope more can join in the fun next year!

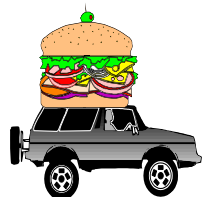
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Blue Jean Saturday Night Worship 5:00 PM
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:35 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

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Mobile Meals For July

- July 1 Konnie Crane
Sally Poltawsky
- July 4-8 Sheila Yates
Konnie Crane
- July 11-15 Dick & Judy Houser
- July 18-22 Carol Fuller
Sylvia Herr
- July 25-29 Sally Poltawsky
Martha Walker

Dear First UMC Family,
Thank you. For the ways you supported our family through prayer, kindness, notes, words, gifts, concern, questions, patience and countless other blessings, we are grateful. During our trip to China, we had peace knowing that Christ had the care of the congregation in hand through skilled preaching and gifted care. We are adjusting to our new normal with the knowledge that you have provided us with a foundation of grace. The Armstrong family is thankful for our family in faith.
Yours in Christ,
Grant, Amy, Lilli, Clara and Theo Armstrong

Worship, Attendance & Giving for June

Weekend of	Sat	8:15	10:35	Offering
May 29	34	46	54	\$3,114.00
June 5	33	82	63	\$4,686.00
June 12	36	46	75	\$2,821.00
June 19	37	65	82	\$3,528.00
June 26	50	58	84	\$3,374.00



As a faith community, we graciously continue to return gifts to our generous God. Through His grace and the workings of His Holy Spirit, we are enabled to accomplish the ministry He has set for us in the community and throughout the world. Thank You.

July



- 1 Bob Phillips
- 2 Leland Hardy
- 3 Hannah Esther
- 4 Mark Vincent
B. J. & Jennifer Busby
- 6 Benny & Kelly Phillips
- 9 Molly Sorrell, Janet Gabbert
Bill Bartlow, Andria Downs
Betty Curl, MaKalee Davidson
Ken & Cathy Wilson
- 10 Austin Allen
Larry & Betty Paisley
Doug & Janet Surratt
- 11 Leland & Barbara Hardy
- 13 Barney & Karen Williams
- 15 Jocelyn Esther
- 16 Mary Jo Worthington, Sara Wilson
- 17 Jane Wendling
- 18 Carolyn Ambrosius, Jody Worthington
Tyler Trone
- 19 Cara Kirkham
- 20 Sheila Burton, Cindy Henninger
Michelle Hannant Beil
- 21 Florence Bottorff, Carol Peacock,
Brian & Molly Sorrell
- 22 Carol Walker
- 23 David Morgan, Emily Hardy
Steve & Brenda Bottorff
Desmond & Cara Kirkham
- 24 Rob & Crystal Bartlett
- 25 Kay Heitz, Paisley Baker
Joyce Heitz
- 26 Jay Henninger
- 27 Bob Walker, Janet Shelts
Loren & Carol Wilson
- 29 Allen Settles
Jason & Gina Lowe
Art & Wanieta Ament
- 30 Jamie Boyd, Danny Phillips
- 31 Allen Tippey
Jim & Helen Peterman





Prayers for our Church Family

Please continue to keep these family members and loved ones in your prayers. Steve Bottorff has moved into Heartland Health Care Center of Macomb. Brenda is hoping to get approval from insurance to go to Heartland also for rehab on her legs. Ali Wilson, grand daughter of Betty Johnson has been having some problems due to her concussion she received a while back. Dana Hopping was in McDonough District for a while. Jane Peak, mother to Michael Kessler is undergoing chemo treatments in St. Louis. Luella Hedden fell, had surgery on her hip but since has been moved to the swing bed at Culbertson. David Jones is back at home. Please keep the families of Rev. Paul Sellers, Gloria Fuqua, and Nicky Cassady in your prayers. Glenna Prather is still in Jacksonville Heritage Health but feels she is progressing nicely. We have good news, Doris Young has moved back to her apartment. Bill Bartlow fell and is in Culbertson Hospital. Ruth Teel fell and is at Culbertson Hospital. Johnny & Tanya Gaither had a small fire at their home. We need to keep Susan Caldwell in our prayers while she deals with the aftermath of the fire. Patti Shoemaker's mother, Vera Royce was able to be in worship with us on Sunday morning.



Mykka Marie Merrill was baptized on Sunday, June 19. Mykka is the daughter of Kelly & Lessa Merrill, the grand daughter of Don & Donna Young, Tod & Tracey Hamilton and Jim & Terri Merrill, and the great grand daughter of Doris Young.

If you have any updates on the following folks that might result in having their names removed from the list, please contact the church office so that corrections can be made.

Please continue to remember these folks in your prayers as well: Cathy Heckel, Mary Ward, Diana Dowacter, John Cessna, Joe Simpson, Dan Swift, Norma Toland, Linda Wilson, Elvis Wilson, Melissa Poling, Dusty Mathis, Donna Manning, Joyce Schafer, Brian Stephens and family, Duane Easley, Kruse Logsdon, Dean Taylor, Barry Scego, Pam McNeely, Beatrice Hall, Sharon Russell Peck, Bonnie Vaughn, Brenda Reynolds, Eloise Baxter, Dorcas Herche, Dick Etter, Doris Young, Warren Dodds, Dale Abbott, Marie Leonard, Mike Dean, Dixie Prather, Helen Donohew, Dessie Zingher, Don Webster, Gale Lee, Denine Cox, Norma Rowland, Amanda Law, Nancy Stauffer, Edith Goldsborough, Kristi Hamilton, Freddie & Sherry Henninger, Mildred Hunter, Florence Bottorff, Wayne Runkle, Bill Kinsey, Frank Billingsley, Virginia Stocker, Larry Lashbrook, Pat Unger, Janet Hayes, Emmett Garriott, Dana Hopping, Sue Morrell, Eric Peacock, Nancy Greene, Beth Stambaugh, Georgie Haney, Vera Royce, Linda Allen, Jim Stevenson, Linda Shaw, Kraig Kotter, Tonya Gaither, Margaret Street, Jonathan Cox, Larry Trone, Tom Eifert, Glenna Prather, Peggy Settles, Carter Thomas, Steve & Brenda Bottorff, Luella Hedden, and David Jones.

Each week in worship we will be lifting up a different church or charge and pastoral team from our community in prayer. As we lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ and their work for the Lord, the ministry and message of Christ shall be strengthened. This month we will be praying for the following churches and their pastors:

The week of July 3	Central Christian Church, Browning	Justin Schwartz
The week of July 10	Church of Christ, Christian	Jason Triplett
The week of July 17	Church of the Nazarene	Fred Fritz
The week of July 24	Doddsville United Methodist Church	David Haney
The week of July 31	First Christian Church Disciples of Christ	John Sowers

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Dear UMW Helpers,

Thank you for the delicious meal you prepared for all of Betty Herche's family. It was wonderful to be able to visit with family and friends after the service & not have to

worry about the dishes.

Shara & Don, Robin,
Nena & Tom & families

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you very much for the cards, prayers and calls before, during and after my surgery.

Jeff Peacock

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful and moving worship service for our sweet Nathan and for the wonderful meal served afterward. We felt surrounded by love. God Bless you all.

Chuck, Gretchen,
Sarah, Ben, Therese and
Kyleigh Grace Edmiston

First United Methodist Church Congregation,

I would like to thank all of you for thinking of the EMT's, police, and fire departments of Schuyler County. We appreciated being honored during the service and the breakfast was very nice.

It really meant a lot to us.

God Bless,
Bill Redshaw, Sheriff

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to the UMW for my Dairy Queen gift card for graduation. I am so thankful that my mom raised me in church.

Austin Allen



United Methodist Women's Prayer Calendar 2016

- July 1 Ephesians 4:25-32
- July 2 Isaiah 26:1-12
- July 3 Romans 2:17-29
- July 4 John 8:2-11
- July 5 Acts 13:36-41
- July 6 Psalm 38:17-22
- July 7 Acts 26:12-18
- July 8 James 1:12-18
- July 9 1 John 2:1-6
- July 10 Romans 3:9-20
- July 11 Galatians 4:28-5:1
- July 12 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- July 13 Romans 11:30-36
- July 14 1 Corinthians 12:12-20
- July 15 Ephesians 2:15-22
- July 16 John 12:40-50
- July 17 Romans 3:21-31
- July 18 Isaiah 40:27-31
- July 19 Isaiah 52:7-12
- July 20 Isaiah 54:9-14
- July 21 Jeremiah 29:10-14
- July 22 Psalm 42
- July 23 Matthew 12:15-21
- July 24 Romans 5:1-11
- July 25 John 17:1-6, 12-15
- July 26 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
- July 27 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
- July 28 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- July 29 Philippians 1:20-26
- July 30 Philippians 3:7-14
- July 31 Romans 6:1-4, 12-4, 17-23

Sunday Worship Info for July

July 3 **8:15 AM**
No 8:15 AM Service

10:00 AM
Jagger Bartlett
Amy Armstrong
Eric, Corrie, Bill & Oliver Swenson

July 10
Acolytes: Macon Kessler
Liturgist: Sheila Burton
Greeters: Mike & Lou Ann Winston

10:35 AM
Adam Wise
Praise Band
Keith, Michel, Keaton & Kynzie DeMoss &
Lisa Adams

July 17
Acolytes: Macon Kessler
Liturgist: Amanda Shoemaker
Greeters: Dick & Judy Peterman

Ellie Henninger
Sylvia Herr
Fred, Sherry & Ellie Henninger

July 24
Acolytes: Macon Kessler
Liturgist: Cathy Teel
Greeters: Allen & Martha Tippey

Alonna Davis
Praise Band
Jerry & Martha Walker & Carol Fuller

July 31
Acolytes: Macon Kessler
Liturgist: Tina Cox
Greeters: Betty Davis & Betty Roberts

Bronson Bartlett
Cheri Baker
Marvin & Ruth Phillips & Mark Tyson

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Rev. Scott Henley to Celebrate 30 years of Ministry

Scott Henley, a former pastor in Rushville, is celebrating his 30th year in pastoral ministry this year. As a **surprise**, Sandy would like to throw him a card shower. (He is not retiring.) If you would like to send a card, we would really appreciate it. He will receive them July 10th. Please send them to:

Rev. Scott Henley
c/o Sandy Henley
178A State Route 13
Marissa, IL 62257

If you would like to be there, it will be at the 10:30 service at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee.



Teresa Boyd on Vacation

My vacation days have been scheduled for July 26-August 7. I will be calling to get volunteers to sit in the office from 8:00-12:00 during those days. Starting on August 1, I get to have 2 or 3 of my granddaughters all week! A week of Camp Grandma!

Thank You

Thank you to Leland Hardy for painting the walls in the Goodwill class room before the new carpet gets laid!

Thank You

Thank you to Bob Bottorff and Barb Huntley for changing the sanctuary flowers from spring to summer! The sanctuary always looks beautiful.

Dear Church Family,

Steve and I would like to say thank you for all of the prayers and cards that were sent our way while Steve was in ICU and the hospital in Springfield. Steve has been moved to Heartland Health Care in Macomb for continued IV antibiotics and rehab. I hope to join him for rehab on my legs soon.

Please keep the prayers coming!

Thank you,
Steve and Brenda Bottorff

Appreciation Breakfast for All Medical Personal

Come join us on Sunday, July 24, at 9:15-10:30 AM for an Appreciation Breakfast for all medical personal. We hope everyone will come and show your appreciation and enjoy a nice breakfast with them also. Cathy Wilson will be coordinating the breakfast, but would appreciate your help.

Rev. Paul Sellers

We received word on the passing of Rev. Paul Sellers on May 27. Paul and his family served our church in 1981-1986. Dianne's address, if you would like to send a card:

Mrs. Dianne Sellers
301 Benning Ct.
Hendersonville, NC 28792-8237

RUSHVILLE FUMC BUILDING STUDY TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT - JUNE 2016

What has already taken place?

In the March update, we shared how our Administrative Board authorized a Building Study Task Force in the fall of 2014 to begin working through the process for advancing ministry via building as set forth in our United Methodist Book of Discipline. The catalysts for action included a dire need for improved accessibility, and some time-sensitive resources available for this unique purpose.

Our Building Study team continues to prayerfully follow the disciplinary process. We have designs for both a fellowship hall located on the south lot of the church, as well as a functional elevator planned for the south side of the sanctuary. The team solicited bids for a contractor and labor, and through the bid process selected Mark Tyson as the project contractor. In recent months, the fellowship hall project specifically has received some significant designated financial support, making the project completely funded except for approximately \$70,000 of construction contingency funds. This information, including the proposed building design, contractor, available resources, and proposed expense went before our Administrative Board on the evening of June 14. After some vigorous discussion and scrutiny, the plan to advance the fellowship hall portion of our building to the next level of approval met with unanimous consent.

What steps are still ahead?

We have been in contact with the LaMoine River District Board of Church Locations and Building, who will assess the project on the criteria of need, design, expense and proposed financing. With the approval of the Board of Church Locations and Building, the proposal (including design and financing) then comes before the membership of the church for vote at a charge conference. This meeting is scheduled for July 6 at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary. The approval of a majority of members present is required to move forward.

To prepare for this charge conference meeting, the building study task force will host three informational meetings to help share information about the project and answer any questions you may have. These informational meetings are scheduled for Tuesday June 28 at 7:00pm, and Wednesday, June 29 at 10:00am and 5:30pm in carpeted area of the lower level. If you have any questions or concerns before or after these meetings, please don't hesitate to contact members of the building study team.

If this project is affirmed through the remaining processes set forth by our discipline, we can then move towards construction of the fellowship hall. Only when we have successfully achieved each of these steps will this fellowship hall project be "shovel ready."

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What about the elevator project?

The vast majority of the gifts already in hand have been earmarked and designated specifically for the fellowship hall project. Joining these projects together may provide some benefit, but at this point, we anticipate needing to raise less money for an elevator installation than we would have were these projects merged together. The task force is still dedicated to responding to the accessibility needs of the existing building, but did not want to squander the opportunity to move ahead with the fellowship hall project that has received such significant financial support.

How can I be a part of this?

We continue to covet your prayers and invite your conversation.

Please attend the informational meeting of your choice, and continue to ask that we are faithful to God's will. Members, please mark your calendar for the charge conference on July 6 so your discernment counts towards the future of this possible construction project and Christ's mission in this community.

Who is part of the Building Study Task Force?

Our members are:

Cheryl Smith	Charles Burton	Mark Tyson
Christie Cox	Don Goldsborough	Sally Trone
Lisa Adams	Grant Armstrong	

You are also welcome to contact the church office, and we will attempt to direct you to the best resource for your need. Please pray that we boldly and obediently follow Christ's leading, wherever He may direct our steps.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Grant Armstrong