



IGNITION

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INVITATION: Opportunities to share Good News!

WITNESS

2017– 2018 Snacks for Students

On Wednesday, May 23 we completed the “Snacks for Students” program for the year. This program was started March 23, 2012. This past school year, August 25, 2017 - May 23, 2018, we packed and delivered 7,955 snack packs for Pre-K through 4th grade at Washington, Webster and RIHS. Those snack packs consisted of 9-10 healthy snacks and include fresh fruit, juice, and cereal each week. On a 3-day weekend, a jar of peanut butter and sleeve of saltine crackers were included with the average cost of \$5.25. In April, we also sent toothbrushes and toothpaste home with the students.

The program is funded through anonymous donations and contributions from individuals and churches in the community. Fagan’s Corndog Stand donated proceeds from their Friday, April 27th. Sale and we certainly appreciate the Easter offering from our congregation. The money received is used only to purchase the snacks.



Those who have helped with the snack program this year include: Jennifer Billingsley, Linda Butler, Christie Cox, Denine Cox, Konnie Crane, Don Fagan, Shara Fagan, Kelly Greene, Beth Grover, Janet Hall, Cindy Henninger, Cynthia Henninger, Ron Herr, Sylvia Herr, Carol Klitz, Teresa Merna, Cindy Paisley, Nancy Peak, Phyliss Peak, Connie Pepple, Sally Poltawsky, Judy Quillen, Ryan Quillen, Ruby Rice, Gregg Roegge, Myah Scott, Monica Shepherd, Marilyn Sillars, Joan Sullivan, Naomi Taylor, J.T. Thoenen, Joni Thomas, Nancy Toland, Joan Woodworth, and Sheila Yates.

We all believe this is a very important mission in our community. The friends who help each week are passionate about the program, and when school resumes in August, we will be continuing this program.

WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday Night Casual Service: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning Traditional Service: 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Contemporary Service: 10:35 AM

Weekend of	Sat PM	8:30AM	10:35AM	Offering
May 6	31	70	48	\$4051
May 13	25	74	76	\$3974
May 20	27	72	55	\$3249
May 27	32	65	78	\$3117
Total	115	281	257	\$14,391

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Saturday Worship 5:00 PM | Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30 AM | Sunday Contemporary Worship 10:35 AM

WORSHIP

WORSHIP WARM-UP: This month's sermon series

“Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon the earth.” - Methodist Founder John Wesley

With my last submission to the newsletter, I have the option to look back, or look forward. I've mentioned a few times that dwelling on what's past is not my strong suit, even though there is much for which I am thankful. I hope to express that gratitude to you personally, somehow. As I look ahead at the future of this congregation, I see crossroads. Some things will necessarily come to a conclusion due to transition. That's natural. Other things will naturally spring up as a result of the transition, as well. This is all to be expected. As a church, when faced with choices, we have a standard given to us by the Holy Spirit regarding which paths to take, and which paths to avoid. Here is the standard: Are people entering into and deepening faith in Jesus Christ because of this thing, or event, or area? People may seek to impose their own standards based on fondness, friendships, sentiment, or sorrow. While those motivations are completely understandable, they cannot be the limitations we set on the mission that God has given to the whole church.

What is God's hope for Rushville and Schuyler County? I imagine God hopes people would see His saving power and the goodness of Jesus Christ in ways that result in deepening faith and Christian leadership, new commitments to Jesus Christ, and baptisms. Jesus asked questions masterfully. Maybe questions are central to His plan for the church, as well. Will this choice cause us to invite more people into the family of faith? Will this action allow people to have a better encounter of the saving work of Jesus Christ? Will our work here deepen our expressions of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, understanding, gentleness and self-control? Are people experiencing the unmerited favor of God's grace through the church? Perhaps when we ask those questions and choose to follow Christ, even when it's against our own preferences, God will honor that choice and give favor to the church.

John Wesley helped establish a movement that turned into a denomination which places great value and trust in the hands of the congregation. The quote at the top of this page shows the heart that God planted into this movement. If this congregation moves forward fearing nothing but sin and desiring nothing but God, then the gates of death itself will collapse, and this community will see Heaven in its very midst. Other fears and other desires lead to other outcomes. God gives us a choice.

It's been a gift to serve this congregation and community. We'll carry with us many fond memories and gratitude. Our family hopes that you have experienced the presence of Jesus because God has allowed our stories to intersect, and that Christ's many blessings will continue for countless years to come.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Grant

Dates	Message	Scripture
June 2/3	“What's Comes Next?”	Hebrews 13:1-8
June 9/10	“One Thing”	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
June 16/17	Guest Speaker, Holly Acheson	
June 23/24	Guest Speaker, Dan Wise	

Sunday Worship Volunteers

June 3

8:30AM Service

Acolyte:

Liturgist: Sheila Burton
Greeter: Marvin & Ruth Phillips

10:35AM Service

Acolyte: Cora & Gretchen Wise
Liturgist: Carol Fuller
Greeter: Leland & Barb Hardy,
& Donna Young

June 10

8:30AM Service

Acolyte:

Liturgist: Amanda Showmaker
Greeter: Wilbur & Marian Kindhart

10:35AM Service

Acolyte: Jason Klitz
Liturgist: Dianne Klitz
Greeter: Mike & Leanne Lamb
& Delilah Gray

June 17

8:30AM Service

Acolyte:

Liturgist: Martha Tippey
Greeter: Richard & Judy Peterman

10:35AM Service

Acolyte: Elli Henninger
Liturgist: Eric Ewing
Greeter: Doug, Kara, &
Sophia Henninger

June 24

8:30 AM

Acolyte:

Liturgist: Cathy Teel
Greeter: John & Barbara Botts

10:35 AM Service

Acolyte: Adam Wise
Liturgist: Carol Fuller
Greeter: Niki, Adam, Cora
& Gretchen Wise

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Fill out the form at:
<https://goo.gl/5yvSXQ>
or call the church office
at 217-322-3328
to let us know what notices you would
like to start or stop receiving.

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WORK**SERVING: Making a difference through action****INREACH**

Lawn Mowing Sign-up Sheets - Lawn mowing sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary for people to either pay to mow (\$30) or mow the church yard themselves. Please help us keep our church grounds looking nice.

WANTED: Passionate Worship Volunteers - Each week it takes a dedicated team to help make worship happen. If you're passionate about helping others experience Christ in our times of praise, please add your name to the roster! We're inviting students 3rd grade or older to light candles as an acolyte. If you're a joyful and expressive reader, we'd love to hear you as a liturgist. If you enjoy greeting people with a smile, there's a place for you as a greeter. If you enjoy providing safe, nurturing environments for our very young ones, our nursery would be a great fit. Please let us know how God may be calling you to serve in the comments of your communication card, and we'll be in touch! You may also contact the office at 322-3328 or office@rushvillefumc.org.

OUTREACH

Pregnancy Resource Center - Baby Bottle Boomerang - The PRC's annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fund raiser is underway. Baby bottles are expected to be returned to the church on Father's Day weekend, Sunday, June 17th. If you have a baby bottle from the campaign, please remember to fill those with cash, coins or a check to help support the PRC educational programs, baby supplies and counseling support.

Want to Play? - Pandora's Playhouse, in conjunction with the Hub, is offering an acting workshop for students in 1st - 6th grades. The workshop will include a production at the end of the class. Cost to attend is \$5.00 per student and \$1.00 for each additional siblings. The workshop will be held June 11-14 and June 18-31, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Hub. The final performance is scheduled for Friday, June 22. For more information, contact thehub.art.com or call 217-216-5032.



Garden Walk - The Hope Circle of Jacksonville Centenary UMW is hosting our semi-annual garden walk on Sunday, June 24 from 2 to 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available at any of the gardens. Cost is \$5. Gardens on the walk include: Renee Cisne's Garden, 2615 Union Baptist Rd. (near Pisgah), Leslie Denny's Garden, 617 Coronado St. (South Jacksonville), Maggie Herzberger's Garden, 1508 S. Clay St. (South Jacksonville), Chris Morris's Garden, 3103 Old State Rd. (north of Alexander), Marilyn Sorrill's Garden, 1506 S. Clay St. (South Jacksonville), & Dena Warbonetta's Garden, 702 Park St., (Jacksonville).

Bicycles Needed - Do you have a bicycle that is taking up space in your garage? Perhaps you have an old bicycle that is broken and needs to be trashed? Serendipity Circle is spearheading a drive to collect bicycles for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Volunteers there repair old bicycles and send them to various countries around the world where those bicycles may be the only means transportation for many men and women. Your bicycle donation may be placed in front of the garage/shed door. Please be sure to tell someone in the church office when you leave a bicycle so it can be moved to a secure location until delivery to the distribution center.



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WALK**Sunday School*****Servants In Training/Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM***

Room 205 Facilitator: Bob Walker

Used by hundreds of UM churches worldwide, this curriculum is based on the Uniform Series, which enables Christians across the globe to study the same Scriptures and topics on the same Sundays throughout the year. It's published quarterly and can be used in multiple settings.

Adult Discussion Forum/Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM

Room 101 Facilitators: Sarah Duncan & Crystal Bartlett

Have you ever wanted to talk more about a sermon topic, explore the ideas a bit, or take it a little farther? Gather with others to build some relationships while digging deeper into each week's message.

Children's Sunday School/Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM

Room 202/203 Pre-K - 4th Grade

Room 201 Middle School

UMW: United Methodist Women

All women of Rushville United Methodist Church are invited to join one of the following UMW circles for Bible study, mission lessons, and fellowship:

UMW Circle Information

Serendipity: No meeting in June, July or August.

Esther Daystar: 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
at Deb & Di's

New Beginnings: No meeting in June or July.

UMW New Beginnings Weekly Bible Study/Tuesdays at 5:00pm

The UMW New Beginnings Group will begin hosting a weekly Bible Study Group on June 5th. Kay Matheson will be the facilitator and the group will meet each Tuesday for six weeks in room 101/Good Will Classroom. If you would like to participate or for more information, please contact the church office or Kay at kaylorene24@gmail.com.

***United Methodist
Women's
Prayer Calendar 2018***

June 1	Exodus 19:1-9a
June 2	Exodus 19:16-25
June 3	Exodus 20:1-21
June 4	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
June 5	Joel 2:18-29
June 6	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
June 7	Numbers 11:24-30
June 8	Job 38:1-11
June 9	Job 38:12-21
June 10	Job 38:22-38
June 11	Psalms 8
June 12	Job 38:39-39:12
June 13	Job 39:13-25
June 14	Job 39:26;40:5
June 15	Genesis 21:1-7
June 16	Genesis 24:1-9
June 17	Genesis 24:10-52
June 18	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
June 19	Genesis 23:1-19
June 20	Genesis 25:7-11
June 21	Nehemiah 9:1-8
June 22	Exodus 12:43-49
June 23	Genesis 35:1-4
June 24	Ezekiel 29:3-7
June 25	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
June 26	Genesis 16:1-15
June 27	Genesis 25:12-18
June 28	Jeremiah 42:18-22
June 29	Micah 7:18-20
June 30	(2) Chronicles 20:5-12

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Prayers for Healing and Recovery:

Lori (Hughes) Biehl, Al Hamilton, Nick Beard, Alexis French, Steve Reuz, Bob Kessler, Shirley Phillips, Freddie Henninger, Jerry Curry, Joe Finney, Kenny Haines, John Hymes, Judy McMurl, Jacob Hamlin, Vic Jackson, Sue Hester, Freddie Fritz, Charles Peart, Ruby Hess, Steve Bottorff, Jerry Bartell, Steve Ewing, Chris Ashmore, Andrew Spears, Jim Hesse, Bob Phillips, Ace Thrash, Craig Edlin

Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy:

The families of Pauline Parsano and the family of Bobby Utter.

Prayers for Those with Ongoing Illness:

Luan Phillips, Mary Jean Hertling, Harold Sargent, Terry Runyon, Eric Peacock, Tommy Pruitt, Emmett Garriott, Dena Diseron, Linda Shaw, Brian Days, Doug Fulks, Jim Stevenson, Dianna Crum, Phyllis Rutledge, Donna Chapmen, Pat Unger, Doris Young, Ruth Teel, David Jones, Allen Tippey, Virginia Stocker, Keith & Bonnie Vaughn, Carla Floyd, Edith Goldsborough, Larry Lashbrook, Bob Hood, Vera Royce, Carol Perrine, Ed Fegley, Wayne & Gloria Tomlinson, Marie Leonard, Hazel Gurnsey, Glenna Prather, Eloise Patton, Kraig Kotter, Margie Tyson, Peggy Settles, John Walker, Bob & Nancy Stauffer, Kent Drawve, June Morrow, Jane Wendling, Betty Curl, Marilyn Taylor, Tanya Gaither, Red & Carolyn Ambrosius, Rose Rebman, Leroy Bollinger, Jerry Walker, Dick Etter, Lynn Kettering, Bill Connell, Liz Wood, Cathy Harrison

Prayers of Joy: The Baptism of Sophia Henninger, Ezekiel Reynolds, James Haywood, Kristen Ewing & Thea Ewing. Dan Wise on his pastoral assignment to West Central Charge. The membership of Kimberly Marie Markee-Behrends, James Haywood, Briley Spears, & Kristen Ewing

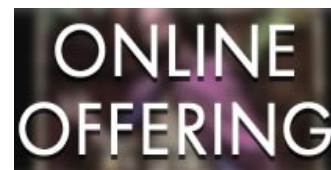
Prayers for Churches and Pastors:

Each week we lift 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 June 3	Frederick Christian Church	Brenda Wessel
The week of June 10	Hope Church (Free Methodist)	Greg Fish
The week of June 17	Industry Assembly of God Church	Jon Keck
The week of June 24	Life Family Church	Chris Miller

Stewardship News

Online Offering at RushvilleFUMC.org - Fewer and fewer people are carrying cash or checkbooks these days. Even the most committed attendees are often physically in worship with less frequently. It's not that people love the church or her mission less. These are just some of the realities of our lives today. To make it easier to invest, we now have Online Offering available at RushvilleFUMC.org. You can click on "Give" in the menu, or click on the "Online Offering" button on the right-hand side of the page. Fill out some simple information, and you've invested in ministry! We're trying to make it even easier for you to make a difference for Jesus Christ! Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you for your generous support of life-changing ministries through Rushville First United Methodist Church!
 "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever!" - Ephesians 3:20-21

June Birthdays

1	Betty Roberts		Don & Karen Phillips		Nathan & Stacey Briney
	Mark & Kim Tyson	15	Tanner Spencer	24	Liesel Vincent
2	Keith DeMoss	17	Donovan Anderson		Josh & Cathy Spencer
3	Olivia Kliffmiller		Robert Utter	25	Madelynn Graham
7	Jason Klitz		Jeff & Jane Kliffmiller		Myriah Zeeck
	Steve & Karen Beghtol	19	Bill Kinsey		Jim & Jody Worthington
	Sam & Luan Gossage		Stephanie Ewing	26	Ron & Sylvia Herr
8	Jen Little		Linda Peacock		Karen Phillips
9	Cathy Teel	21	Jerry & Martha Walker		Zac & Tabitha Royer
	Michaela Lamb		Kelly & Leesa (Young)	27	Drew & Yvette Seal
	Don & Donna Young		Merrill	28	Wilbur Kindhart
11	Andy Ebby	22	Marie Leonard		Matt & Stephanie Hendricks
	Ken & Lora Vogler		Shalee Painter	29	Jim Moore
	Tim & Shalee Painter		Camdyn Royer		Logan Ambrosius
13	Nancy Stauffer	23	Thomas Wilson	30	Katelynn Stover
	Ron & Linda Peters		Mindy Garrett		Leanne Lamb
14	Charles & Sheila Burton,		Juna Garrett		
	Bill & Debbie Worthington		Cathy Spencer		



Dedication of Memorial Gifts



<i>Elevator Fund</i>	<i>Tom Dodds</i>
<i>Florence Bottorff</i>	<i>Chuck Nelson</i>
<i>Martha Davis</i>	<i>Norma Rowland</i>
<i>Harold Davis</i>	
<i>Betty Herche</i>	<i>Wi-Fi, Wiring, & Music</i>
<i>Mary Armstrong</i>	<i>Bob Teel</i>
<i>Jeanne Bartlett</i>	
<i>Mary Ward</i>	<i>Snacks for Students</i>
<i>Dennis Yates</i>	<i>Dr. Russell Dohner</i>
<i>Doris Vancil</i>	
<i>John Tavernier</i>	

2018 Graduates

<i>8th Grade:</i>	<i>College:</i>
<i>Andree Claire Ambrosius</i>	<i>Tanner Breedlove,</i>
<i>Alonna Davis</i>	<i>Carl Sandburg College</i>
<i>Annika Ebey</i>	<i>Dental Hygienist</i>
<i>Olivia Kliffmiller</i>	
	<i>Jennifer Harrison Busby</i>
	<i>WIU</i>
	<i>Masters of Educational Leadership</i>
<i>High School:</i>	
<i>Katelyn Nicole Koch</i>	
<i>Sara Jane Wilson</i>	
	<i>Lauren Cox</i>
	<i>SIUE</i>
	<i>Bachelors in Social Work</i>



THANK
YOU
NOTES

Dear United Methodist Serendipity Women,

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to help the Schuyler-Industry Middle School lunch program. Mr. Shepherd shared that it was very appreciated. ~ Marian Kindhart

First United Methodist Congregation - THANK YOU for Sustaining Loves Embracing Arms through your gift to Our conference Kids.

God Bless you for loving our kids!
~Spiritual Endowment Campaign.

First United Methodist Church,
Your prayers and monthly card was much welcomed. I'm in total remission and getting back to normal.

May God Richly Bless,
John Vancil

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please let us know if you have a change of contact information so we can update our records. This helps us stay in touch with you. Contact the church office with any updates.

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