

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

Forward Momentum

As we move into our summer schedules, our schedules don't slow down, they just change. We must continue moving in a forward direction as the spirit moves through the church!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I've had several conversations with people at First UMC recently. We've been talking about the fact that the school year has wound down. Teachers have observed that, even with us reaching the end of the school year, their schedules don't slow down - they just become different. Parents have been sharing with me about vacation schedules, sports practices and games, and summer camps.

As a pastor, I've noticed that their experience mirrors my own, and the church's. Yes, I've looked at my calendar, and have noticed that there are fewer meetings. Kids' Club and Refresh Student Ministries are on a break for the summer, as is Disciple Bible study. Those regular weekly commitments aren't on the schedule. However, the schedule becomes different, but just as busy. June brings with it Annual Conference; a week of continuing education with Antje, Brenda, and Janelle Oxford; Music and Arts Camp; nine days of this summer's student mission trip; NOW lunches three times a week; NOW Kids' Shopping Days; more continuing education.

You may notice that the calendar looks less "full" than it usually does, but rest assured, we have many things happening in the life of our church. We keep pressing forward, because we have forward momentum! God continues to lead our church as the Spirit moves through this place, and as we listen.

So, make sure you read through the pages of The Herald for things that are going to move us forward - more opportunities to participate in "what's next?"; more opportunities to serve and grow; and plans for the future. Be a part of the forward momentum the Spirit is providing for us. I'll see you in worship!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jay

2ND WEDNESDAY DINNER

We're in for a treat for our June 2nd Wednesday Dinner! On June 13, we'll gather for a potluck at 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share - table service and beverages will be provided.

Following dinner, Richard Boyd will be offering a concert in the sanctuary. Richard is a "son" of First UMC, having served as our director of music, and ordained as a diaconal minister of music.

Richard will be making a presentation to us as part of his ministry, and we will receive a free-will offering - half of which will go toward Richard's ministry, and the other half toward First UMC's Stephen Ministry (to find out more about Stephen Ministry, read Janelle Oxford's article elsewhere in The Herald).

JUST ONE

Yes, school has just ended for 2017-2018, but before you know it, it will be time to buy school supplies and get ready for the new school year.

We'll be collecting pink erasers for the month of June for the NOW Program. Simply pick up a package of full-size (not pencil-end) erasers the next time your at the store, bring them to church with you, and place them in the "Just One" bin outside the church office. Thanks for helping to support the NOW Program as we prepare for our Kids' Shopping Days in August. (By the way, Kids' Shopping Days are August 6 and 7 - please put those dates on your calendars, and contact Kirbie in the church office if you are able to help.)



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The outreach committee would like to invite everyone to an outdoor movie night. Wednesday June 20th, as the sun is setting, we will be showing Disney's *Moana* to kick off a summer of family friendly movie nights. Bring your lawn chairs and we will bring the popcorn.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Yes, it's summer, but that doesn't mean growing in your faith has to take a break! Every week, we have classes after worship for younger elementary (grades K-2, room 2100), older elementary (grades 3-5, room 2104), middle and high school students (grades 6-12, room 3100), young adults (room 2102), Faith and Friends (adults, room 2103), and Koinonia (adults, room 2101). Please consider trying out these classes this summer.

In addition, there will be a Music and Arts Camp July 9-13 from 9:00 am -1:30 pm for student going into kindergarten through those who have completed fifth grade. Registration is available on our website, <https://www.robinsonfumc.org/music-arts-camp>.

Other studies and opportunities will be coming, including "Jesus in the Gospels" (Disciple V) in the fall, a small group for parents, and more. Stay tuned upcoming newsletters for these opportunities, and how you can register to take part!



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THROUGH STEPHEN MINISTRY

An exciting new ministry opportunity called Stephen Ministry is headed to FUMC soon. Never heard about Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that trains people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. People may be facing hurts from grief, divorce, illness, life transitions, job loss, aging, and so many other difficult situations. Stephen Ministry would train lay people to work with the pastor and to minister to others in our church and community who are facing some type of difficult situation. Stephen Ministry is a non-denominational ministry that has existed since 1975 and is currently shared in over 70,000 congregations worldwide. On April 14, a small group from our church attended an Introductory Stephen Ministry Workshop at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Urbana, Illinois. This group came away from the workshop with an excitement and vision of how this ministry would meet emotional care needs among our congregation and in our community. Being only a vision at this time, this ministry needs lots of prayer from our congregation to see where the Holy Spirit might be calling the church to serve and use this ministry. The Holy Spirit may even be calling some of us within our congregation to serve through this ministry. Each of us has need for emotional care during different times of our lives and Jesus calls us to be a caring, reaching, and equipping church. Galatians 6:2 reads: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." In the upcoming months, our congregation will have opportunities to learn more about Stephen Ministry and how to get involved. Please consider attending one of these informational sessions in the upcoming months. Please also pray for our new FUMC Stephen Ministry and for those being called to serve as Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and for how each of you may be called to support this new care and outreach ministry. If you are interested in learning more or possibly serving within our Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Jay, Susan Inboden, Linda Null, Janelle Oxford, or Lori Treadway. You can also learn more at www.stephenministry.org.



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SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Many of you may or may not have noticed some of the updates where safety and security are concerned. One of the commitments of this committee is to remain transparent and let the congregation know about updates and progress. The Safety and Security Committee, in the few short months it has been in existence, has worked hard to make updates to ensure everyone feels welcome in our church while helping to ensure everyone can worship and participate in church ministries while feeling safe and secure in our building. You may notice the new inclement weather signage around the building to assist people if there would be a weather emergency. The committee has also installed an alarm on the back door by the kitchen. This alarm will help remind anyone using the door to make sure it is closed properly after use. An additional safety camera has also been installed in the nursery area. The committee, working with the Sheriff and the police department, has installed three buttons to contact the Sheriff and Robinson Police directly if ever there would be any type of emergency in our building. On Sunday mornings we have new volunteers called “shepherds” walking around during worship to monitor the building and grounds and assist the children going to Children’s Church. The shepherds monitor the entrances such as at the Narthex after the other entrances are locked once worship begins. You may have also noticed a computer monitor at the Welcome Center. This will give the volunteer shepherds access to the cameras throughout the building, if needed, on Sunday mornings. One of the tasks the committee is currently working on is addressing issues of safety with each church ministry and outside groups using our church facility. This has been rewarding and positive. One result has been the addition of greeters on Wednesdays during Refresh Breakfast Bible Study for youth and Kids Club. This committee will continue to gain insight and direction from guidelines suggested through current recommendations from programs such as Safe Sanctuaries for children and vulnerable adults and other current safety conversations taking place among churches and other public entities. The Safety and Security Committee appreciates the feedback, support, and patience as we work to address needs of our church and its ministries. If you have questions or want to provide feedback, please contact Jack Davis , Brandon Harmon, or any of the committee members.



PAYING IT FORWARD

A number of us remember the devastation we felt December 25, 2012 when the church burned. We know and felt the generosity of prayers, presence, hospitality, and gifts in the months and years after the fire as we sought to rebuild. One of our sister congregation, Bluford Otterbein UMC (located near Mt. Vernon, IL) had a devastating fire last month. As people who have been received generosity, we have an opportunity to pay it forward. If you wish to help this congregation, please use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution - you can send it into the church office, or you can put it in the offering plate on June 3. We give God thanks for what God has done here at First UMC, and we give generously so that others may have life, and have it in abundance.

FUMC OUTREACH FUNDRAISERS

M&M's For Spare Change

Time again to trade that pocket full of change for mini M&M's. The outreach committee is working to raise funds to help our outreach programs like Stephen Ministry, Jail Ministry, NOW, Praisefest and more. Stop by the welcome center to pick up your M&M's today!

Cookbook

Calling all bakers, calling all cooks, calling all grill masters! The Outreach Committee is in need of your finest recipes. We are working to compile recipes for a church cookbook fundraiser that will help to register our church as a Stephen Ministry location. We need your finest entrees, your most decadent desserts, and your most delicious pastries and pies. Recipes that have been lost to a fast paced world and the fresh, new culinary inventions that we all love. For more information contact Daniel Boatman at danielnboatman@gmail.com or 618.843.5152.

Thank You

Thanks to all for the kindnesses and support you have shown to my family and me since my accident. The love of this congregation helped us through a difficult time. We are especially grateful for Pastor Jay and his support. We are very fortunate to be a part of such a loving congregation.

- Shirley Treadway

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Peggy Dart
6/2 Debbie Goff
6/3 Jon Anderson
6/5 Sharon Miller
6/10 Brennan Seth Tracy
6/15 Larry Bonnell
6/16 Susan Neely, Shirley Treadway,
Pam Bell
6/17 Janis Daugherty
6/20 Don Taylor, Tyler Veenstra,
Lillie McDonald
6/21 Steve Diel, Tahnee Dunlap,
Dan Fearday, Benjamin Hays
6/23 Alice Taylor, Guy Treadway,
Alice Holtzouser,
Rose Ellen Osborne
6/25 David McGahey, Kay Bonnell
6/28 Matthew Elliott
6/29 Edna Frakes

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/3 Tricia & Jay Anderson,
Allison & Rusty Reinoehl
6/6 Gary & Linda Null
6/13 Greg & Janis Daugherty
6/15 Greg & Jackie Still
6/20 Chris & Emily Midgett
6/21 Kirbie & Ben Ackman
6/25 Bob & Jeanette Berty
6/27 Bob & Antje Pippin
6/28 Leonard & Debbie Goff

PRAYER REQUESTS

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello;
Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton;
Judy Wilson Wall; Michael Brady;
Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson
Richardson; Jerry Adkins; Jennifer
Newlin; Jennifer Null; Julie Zhang;
Bill Thompson; Bob Duzan; Michael
Keene; John Larrabee; Larry Nichol;
Janet & Charley Clark; Allen
Summers; Nicole Young; Bev Turkal;
Evan Prah; Ray Dotson; Bev
Arrington Campbell; Rick Koester;
Margie Moore McNamara; Richard
Youngs; Kay Young; John Poland; Bob
Berty; Joan Fulling; Nancy Young;
Jackson Barry; John Mosher; Tim
Roth; Fred White; Kip Davis; Jenny
Stanley; Emily Harp; Jason Chronic;
Vonna Shipman; Nash Drake;
Carolyn Leggitt; Rodney Denoux;
Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Nelda
Dotson; Jan Foulk; Kim Collins; Lois
Hout and Family; Sidney Iubelt; Bill
Hubbard; Brenda Wolfe; Alastair
Titworth; Shirley Treadway; Ashley
Griffith; Jennie Smith; Claudette
Mejean; Klayton Payne; Paul Goebel;
Robert Riddle; Otterbein U. M.
Church in Bluford; Madison
Utterback; Cade Fulling; Grant
Oxford and Shiloh UMC

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00 pm Lifetouch Portraits	2 10:00 am Lifetouch Portraits
3 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Evening Worship	4 6:30 pm Safety & Security	5 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch	6 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch	7 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 2:30 pm Heritage Health Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship	11	12 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch	13 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch 5:30 pm Second Wednesday Dinner 7:30 pm Richard Boyd Concert	14 10:30 am NOW Summer Lunch 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	15 11:00 am FRSB NOW Fundraising Cookout	16
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