

First United  
Methodist Church  
JUNE 2016

# THE HERALD

LISTENING TO GOD'S HEART FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY



## Connections

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You know, June is one of my favorite months out of the year. I'm not necessarily a fan of hot weather, but I really like all of the things that happen during this month. One of the things I like most is the gathering of Annual Conference. Coming off the heels of last month's General Conference in Portland, OR, and moving toward Jurisdictional Conference in Peoria, IL in July (where we will elect four new bishops in the North Central Jurisdiction), our annual conference session allows us to see what makes United Methodism unique – connectionalism (among other things).

You may remember a few months ago, when Dorothy Youngs transferred her membership to First UMC, I explained that Louis would not be "joining," because he and I are not members of local churches, but of the annual conference. I get to meet with "my congregation" once a year for four days in Peoria, where we worship together, hear about ministries happening throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, ordain men and women for ministry, and make decisions. One of the best things about this week of holy conferencing is that I get to see my brothers and sisters in Christ. I count a number of my colleagues as my closest friends, and we get to be together, face to face.

We here at First UMC are a fantastic, vital, growing congregation, but we don't exist in a bubble. We are connected to United Methodists in Robinson, Crawford County, our conference, our nation, and throughout the world. I'm excited for you to read about some of these connections today in this edition of The Herald. You may be quite surprised at what you learn about ministry and the ways we are connected together.

Grace and peace,



Pastor Jay

# THE CONNECTION AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BY JANIS DAUGHERTY

LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Every year, the Illinois Great Rivers Conference gathers in a location (usually Peoria) to work and worship together. This is my third year attending Annual Conference, and there is a lot that happens. We gather for worship and communion at the beginning, but we also have a memorial service to remember those who have died, worship to honor our retiring pastors and spouses, worship to ordain and commission ministers for ministry, and worship to send us out into the world.

We will hear a number of reports about our conference's ministries, including the conference board of pensions; missions and outreach ministries to Liberia, Honduras, and other locations near and far; the conference board of trustees; our conference treasurer; congregational development; the United Methodist Foundation; the

Commission on Camping and Retreat Ministries; and others. We will vote on a number of items, such as amending policies and procedures of committees; develop covenants with some health and welfare agencies; vote to discontinue churches that have completed their missions; and adopt a conference budget.

Speaking of the conference budget, 2016 is the second consecutive year that Robinson First UMC has been included as part of the benevolence budget. It is being recommended that the NOW Program receive an additional \$2,000 in funding for 2017 – which means over the course of four years (assuming that the 2017 budget passes), we will receive \$7,000 back to our church from our apportionment.

We also spend quite a bit of time in prayer. We pray during worship. We pray before we gather back together at breaks. We pray when we vote. And you can pray with us. Our district (Embarras River) will be joining together to pray during the final day of Annual Conference, June 11. If you feel led, pray anytime between 8:00 am and noon that day for all that we hope to accomplish together.

There will be many opportunities to learn, fellowship, and worship together. We gain a lot by sharing different perspectives with one another. I'm looking forward to this time to be able to know more about what God is doing in the larger church.

# YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This month's youth mission trip takes us into the heart of connectionalism. Did you know that we have 22 youth and adults who are traveling to Baldwin, LA June 25-July 2? We will be staying at UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sager Brown, which is the major shipping depot. United Methodist churches (and others) collect supplies for a variety of kits, which are sent to Sager Brown for packing and distribution to those affected by natural disasters, new mothers, business entrepreneurs in developing countries, and other places. We plan to take the contents of several of these kits with us for packing, and you can help. See below for the contents of some of these kits – simply place them in the collection bins in the narthex by June 22.

In addition to our work in the distribution warehouse, we will also be helping those who live in the community by doing simple home repairs and other projects.

After last year's mission trip, several in our congregation mentioned that they wished the youth would share about their trip, and we listened! This year, we're doing one final fundraiser – selling stock! For \$25, you can receive a stockholder's certificate, which grants you admission to a stockholders' dessert meeting on July 17 at 3:00 pm. Youth will provide desserts for stockholders, and will share pictures and stories from their mission trip. If you'd like to purchase stock, youth will be selling shares in the narthex before and after worship June 5 and 12.

## Sewing Kit Materials

- 3 continuous yards of fabric
- 1 pair fabric scissors
- 1 package needles
- 1 medium to large spool thread
- 5-8 buttons, packaged
- 1 gallon sized zip-loc plastic bag

## Layette Kit Materials

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts (undershirts or onesies)
- 2 infant-sized washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins (with plastic closures)
- 1 sweater or jacket (must open from front)
- 2 receiving blankets (28"x28" to 32"x32")

## Health Kit Materials

- (keep in original packaging)
- 1 hand towel (15"x25" to 17"x27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (longer than 6")
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- 1 bath-size soap (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 adult toothbrush
- 6 adhesive bandages (3/4" to 1")
- 1 gallon-sized zip-loc plastic bag
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

## School Kit Materials

- 1 pair blunt rounded-tip scissors
- 3 pads of paper, spiral or loose-leaf
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (at least 1")
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (no symbols)
- 6 unsharpened pencils (no symbols)
- 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser (no symbols)
- 1 24-count box of crayons
- 1 14"x16" inch cloth bag (no symbols)



# CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

*There are several ways that you can connect with the people of our community, so read below for some easy options:*

## **VBS**

VBS is taking place at the City Park (Shriner's Shelter) June 1, 8, 15, and 22nd. We start at 9:00 am and finish at 11:00 am. Kids in preschool through 5th grade will experience crafts, recreation, music, and Bible stories as they spend time together. Registration forms are available on the church website or at the welcome center, but children can also be registered at the park on the first day. Want to connect our church to the community? Make sure that your children and grandchildren are invited, or your neighbor's children. It's simple, and it's free.

## **Just One**

As June rolls around, we're getting closer and closer to Kids' Shopping Day (mark your calendars – August 8 from 4:00-7:00 pm, and August 9 from 9:00 am-noon), so your monthly "just one" donations really matter. This month, we're collecting 24-count crayons. Simply pick up one package and place it in the collection bin outside the church office.

## **2nd Wednesday Dinner**

Our monthly 2nd Wednesday dinner is June 8 at 5:30 pm. We'll be having a carry-in this month, so bring your favorite dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided. In addition a basket will be available if you would like to donate funds toward this summer's Praise Fest (August 20), which is a free event that helps connect our church with the neighborhood and community.

## **Summer NOW program**

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with summer lunches for the NOW program? Beginning May 31 and ending August 4, we will serve lunch at City and Washington parks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In addition, during the month of July, we will be providing lunches to the students in Summer Success on Wednesdays. Bag preparation is at 10:30 am every day, and serving at the parks is from 10:45 am to 11:45 am. If you want to help, all you have to do is sign up online at Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/5Dpc2X>, enter your e-mail address, and sign up, choosing your spots!

## **Ark of the Covenant**

Did you know we have a local soup kitchen? Did you know it provides hundreds of meals for the hungry twice each month? First UMC is committed to helping alleviate hunger in Crawford County, and partners with Ark of the Covenant twice a year to provide canned goods. During the month of June, we will be collecting commercial-sized cans of fruit and vegetables for their meals. Examples of the sizes of cans will be available in the narthex by the grandfather clock, where you can drop off your donations.





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Peggy Dart
- 6/2 Debbie Goff
- 6/3 Jon Anderson
- 6/5 Sharon Miller
- 6/10 Brennan Seth Tracy
- 6/14 Doris Prier
- 6/15 Larry Bonnell
- 6/16 Susan Neely, Shirley Treadway, Pam Bell
- 6/17 Janis Daugherty
- 6/20 Don Taylor, Tyler Veenstra
- 6/21 Steve Diel, Tahnee Mefford, Dan Fearday, Benjamin Hays, Dan Fearday
- 6/22 Martha Markello, Nancy Young
- 6/23 Alice Taylor, Guy Treadway, Alice Holtzhouser, Rose Ellen Osborne
- 6/25 David McGahey, Kay Bonnell, Sandy Roberson
- 6/28 Matthew Elliott
- 6/29 Edna Frakes

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/3 Jay & Tricia Anderson
- 6/6 Gary & Linda Null
- 6/13 Greg & Janis Daugherty
- 6/15 Greg & Jackie Still
- 6/21 Kirbie & Ben Ackman
- 6/25 Bob & Jeanette Berty
- 6/26 Elmer & Beverly Harness
- 6/28 Leonard & Debbie Goff

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Peg, John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Ken Martin; Carol Wolf; Lois McConnell; Carl and Helen Blanton; Judy Wilson Wall; Stewart family; Margaret Talley; Marilyn Musgrave; Sherell Oxford; Michael Brady; Elaine Siler; Nancy Young; Amy DeDoming; Susan Rodgers and family; Gary Albin; Donna Reed; Mike Richards; Betty Burgess; Lynette Trout; Charley Clark; Neema Mutayoba; Scott Campbell; The family of Ruth Carter

## CONNECTIONS: SPECIAL PREACHER

On Sunday, June 26, we'll have a special preacher in worship with us. Although the agency is not one of our conference's health and welfare agencies, Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana has a unique connection to our conference and to First UMC. For nearly 120 years, the United Methodist Women of our conference have supported this home (which was gifted to the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church by the Cunninghams), which provides a number of services to children and youth. A representative from CCH will be with us in worship to preach that day, and will meet with all adult Sunday School classes in Asbury Hall during their class time, to share more about the CCH mission and ministry.



# JUNE 2016

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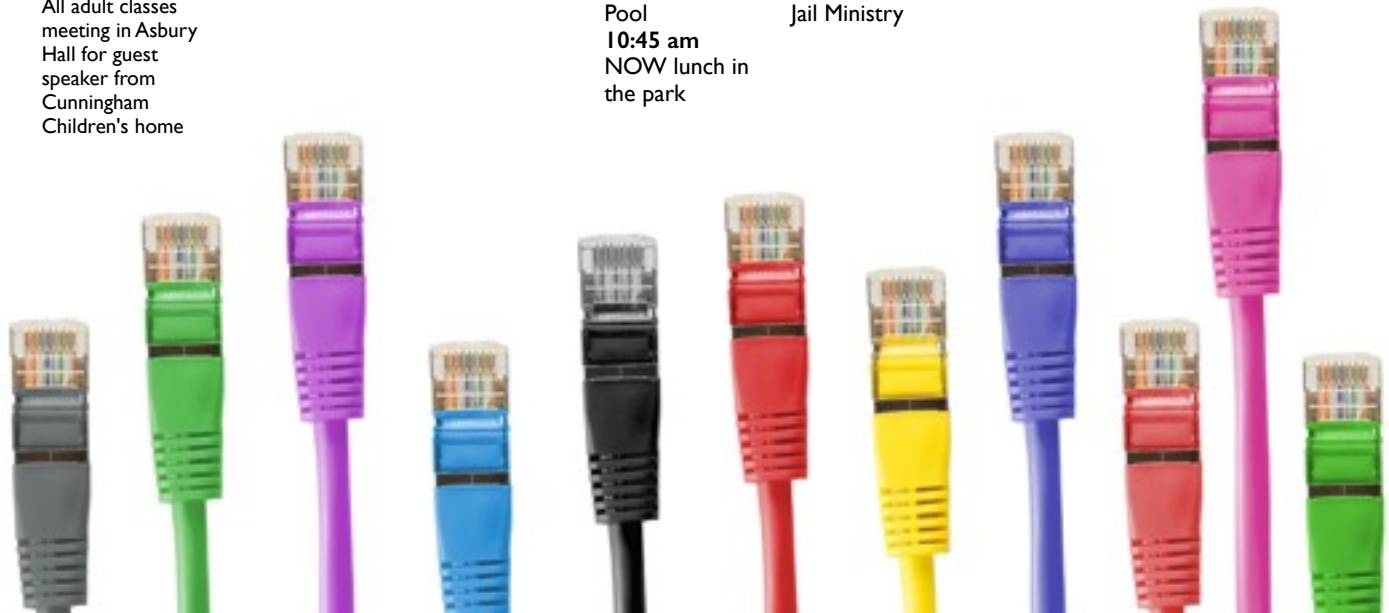
			1 9:00am VBS 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting	2 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	3	4 11:00 am Carrie Finkbiner Memorial service and luncheon
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5 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	6 9:30 am Library Reorganization Group	7 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park	8 9:00am VBS 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park 5:30 pm 2nd Wednesday Dinner	9 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	10	11
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12 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Worship service at Heritage Health	13 9:30 am Library Reorganization Group 6:00 pm Finance Meeting	14 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting	15 9:00am VBS 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Lay Leadership Meeting	16 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	17	18
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19 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School	20 9:30 am Library Reorganization Group	21 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park	22 9:00am VBS 10:45am NOW Lunch in the park 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	23 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Jail Ministry	24	25 8:00 am Youth Mission Trip departs
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26 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School - All adult classes meeting in Asbury Hall for guest speaker from Cunningham Children's home	27 9:30 am Library Reorganization Group	28 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park	29 10:00 am VBS Farewell Pool Party at Robinson City Pool 10:45 am NOW lunch in the park	30 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park 6:00 pm Jail Ministry		
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