

# Tidings

## “Developing Followers of Jesus Christ to Serve the World”

Dear church family:

How does the **appointment system** work in the UMC? When a church has an opening, the District Superintendent (DS) meets with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to assess the state of the church, its strengths and weaknesses. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee meets to complete a profile of the church listing their perceived needs and wants.

The DS meets and goes over the profile so he/she can understand and further clarify the mission of the local church. The DS then presents those findings to the Bishop and Cabinet (all of the ten DS’s). They go through a process of prayerful discernment where potential pastors who could fit the profile are considered. Age, salary, experience, length of time at present appointment, personality, educational background, personal strengths and weakness are all considered – and then a decision is made.

That person is contacted by the DS and brought in for a “presentation”—**not exactly a hiring interview**. The incoming pastor is presented to the Staff-Parish Committee as the one discerned best to fit that church profile. In very rare cases, the S-P Relations Committee or the pastor may request re-consideration—something is revealed in the presentation that was previously unknown, making the appointment difficult.

In most cases, when the DS brings the new pastor in, the appointment is confirmed. We do not have a “call system” where pastors “try out” for churches or where the local committee seeks candidates. The committee is always free to make suggestions, but there are no guarantees that persons the committee suggest would be considered.

The Bishop has almost nine hundred churches to fill—hence the complexity of the situation. Once the appointment is finalized, the announcement of the move is made first in the “leaving” church and then in the “receiving” church. Most moves are done with a July 1 starting date. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or any member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

*Still* in His Service,

**Pastor Ed**



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### Third Wednesdays

United Methodist Men  
Krause Room, 5:30 pm

### Every Thursday

Ruth Circle Quilters  
Krause Room, 9:00 am

### July 6

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### July 7

Mops Bike Night

### July 20

MOPs Lunch & Swim Party

### July 26 through July 31

Vacation Bible School

### August 9

Kids-on-the-Go Swimming  
Party of the home of  
Jane and Thom Peters  
6:00 pm to 7:30

Dear Union UMC,

We appreciate your donation of \$500.00 to the United Methodist Children's Home.

Summer school has started this month and is an exciting time at UMCH. Each Monday, kids take field trips off campus, including Alton to the pre-Civil War Underground Railroad, Cave-in Rock to learn about early slave trade, the General John A. Logan Museum and Woodlawn Cemetery, Ingram's Pioneer Village in Kinmundy and the Jefferson County Historical Society, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial east of Evansville and Giant City State Park. Trips are not state funded; they are possible because you care enough to make it happen.

We are grateful for the love you show our kids by enabling these activities. " Hope, Help and Healing for a Brighter Tomorrow."

Randy Winn, UMC Children's Home

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Rev. Ed Weston, Senior Pastor

## SUMMER MID-WEEK WORSHIP OFFERED IN CHAPEL

We will be offering three mid-week worship services during the summer for those who are traveling and/or working on Sunday mornings.

The first one was held on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Pastor Jay led the Healing Service as found in our UM book of worship.

**Pastor Ed**

### CROSSWALK



The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*Psalm 121:7-8 NIV*

See you Sunday!

**Beth**

June 28  
Crosswalk Praise Band  
"I Am Not Alone"  
Congregational Singing  
"The Heart Of Worship,"  
"Happy Day,"  
"Give Us Clean Hands"

July 5  
Communion  
Crosswalk Praise Band  
"Start A Fire"  
Congregational Singing  
"A Thousand Hallelujahs",  
"Indescribable," "Give Thanks"

## UNITED METHODISTS MOURNING FOR CHARLESTON, THEN PRAYING FOR ACTION

BY LINDA BLOOM JUNE 22, 2015 NEW YORK (UMNEWS SERVICE)

Through Sunday sermons, prayer vigils and public statements, United Methodists are expressing feelings of sorrow, determination and hope over the racially motivated June 17 massacre of nine church members at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Church bells tolled at 10:00 am in that city on Sunday as government and community leaders joined grieving but defiant worshippers at Emanuel. In Charleston and elsewhere, many congregations mourned the loss and vowed to take a hard look once again at the plague of racism and violence in the U.S. Rather than dissect the killer's motive, suggested the Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg, Columbia, South Carolina district superintendent, focus on

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### UNION UMC GREETERS SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IN MCKINLEY HALL.

Date	Narthex	Welcome Center	East Main
June 28	Grace Moon	Roger and Cindy Knox	Charles and Sophia Treser



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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FREEBURG

Welcome new members: Gina Heiligenstein, Jim Cogdill, and Tami Walton-Cogdill.



Even though it's summer we continue to see new faces and have steady attendance. On Father's Day twenty-three children attended Sunday school.



Near the end of the school year, I was chatting with a mom at school about Facebook. She said she and her husband joke that everyone either brags or complains. I laughed, but I thought there is a lot of truth to that. Hmm.

So if we don't brag or complain, what are we to talk about? There aren't really any "rules." I did put a query out to see what others enjoy seeing on Facebook. Here are some of the responses: support, encouragement, connection, photos of family and friends, personal posts, keeping in touch with people we don't normally see, life hacks, funny pictures or videos of animals, memes, and prayer requests.

I noticed no one said they enjoy seeing political posts or complaining or negative comments, and yet these are so pervasive on social media. During the last presidential campaign, I "hid" one very outspoken liberal and one very outspoken conservative from my newsfeed. I got tired of both. I don't like seeing cursing, excessive drinking, or putting people down. I've hidden more people because of those things.

Social media is like anything else – it can be used for good or bad. I think we reveal our priorities by our posts and photos. I hope that I draw attention to God and my family. I strive to be real without complaining. My career is important to me, too, but I don't mention it constantly because nobody wants to be sold. I try to be sensitive to others. I like to connect and help people and make them laugh or think.

Like I said, there are no rules, but I ask you to think about what you are posting. For example, I cringe a little when people put pictures of their kids' report cards on Facebook. I'm proud of my kids, too, but how does that impact the feelings of one who is parenting a child that struggles in school?

What do your posts say about you? As Christians, I think it's important to be conscious of our words and actions and how they affect others – including on social media.

**Cathy O.**



### THANK YOU

The family of Joe Altman, who died March 20 this year, wants to express our appreciation to everyone who

supported us with their presence at the memorial service and reception.

Your gifts in his memory to the Union Youth Mission trip amounted to \$750. Hospice of Southern Illinois also benefited from your many gifts.

Joe's spirit lives on in the many lives he touched during his eighty five years.

**Marcie Altman**



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We thank you for your contribution

of \$500.00 to the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association. Your donation is very much needed and appreciated and will benefit the youth and families in the Franklin Neighborhood Community.

**Al Wunderlich**

Director FNCA



**Every Sunday:**

9:30 am Worship; Gospel Project for Kids

10:45 am Lunch  
assembling

6:30 pm Senior High  
Youth Group

7:30 pm College Aged  
Group



**WORKING ON A HOUSE PROJECT THIS SUMMER?**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING BEGINNING IN JULY!**

Besides gift cards to Ace, Lowes, Home Depot, Menards and Sears, we have cards to Target, Wal-Mart and Office Max to name a few.

Please come look at our extensive order form! Our next order will be placed on Sunday, July 5. Please drop off your order and payment (check or exact cash) between 10:00-11:00 at the Welcome Desk or drop off/mail to the church office during the week. Thank you.

**UNION MOPS/MOMSNEXT**



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the circles, Mary Philip and Jenny Johnson and Sheri Hill for helping to put together an enjoyable evening for the Mothers and Others Banquet.

The gathering enjoyed the musical duo of Julie and Emma Petraborg and storytelling of MaryLu Bretsch. The Invocation was led by Zona Ludlum and the honoring of the Mothers and Others by Carrol Woods.

A special thank you to Jim Maule and the Boy Scout Troop 53 who helped with clean-up.

Hopefully some of the people in attendance were able to get in contact with some loved ones they had not written to in a long time! All of your time and effort was appreciated.

In Christ's Service,  
**Jane Peters**



**KIDS ON THE GO SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

**July - Vacation Bible School.** Sunday, July 26 through Friday, July 31

**August - Swimming Party.** On Sunday, August 9, we will be having a swimming party at Jane and Thom Peters' home from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. We will be having hotdogs, chips, dessert and drinks. We will be welcoming our new 1st graders and saying good bye to our 4th graders. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 5.

**August - Promotion Sunday/Blessings of the Backpacks** Sunday, August 16 at the 9:00 and 11:15 church services.



**MOPS/MOMSNEXT SUMMER PLAYDATES**

**Tuesday, July 7 - Bike Night** at Union UMC Upper Parking Lot 6:00 P.M. -

Bring helmets, bikes, and water. Nursery available for younger children. \*Let us know if help is needed to transport bikes by emailing [unionmcmops@gmail.com](mailto:unionmcmops@gmail.com)\* Frozen treat provided afterwards!

**Monday, July 20- Lunch and Swim party** for Moms and Kids-11:00 A.M. - Geri Mueth's house in Columbia, IL. Bring swim suits, towels, water shoes. MOPS will supply pizza. Moms sign up to bring drinks and side items. RSVP's are required to [unionmcmops@gmail.com](mailto:unionmcmops@gmail.com).

**Thursday, Aug. 6 - Splash Pad** at Schranz Park in Swansea. 6:30 P.M. - Wear swim suits and water shoes. Bring towels, snacks and water.

**Wednesday, Sept. 2 - Appetizer Kick Off Party** for MOMS 6:00 P.M. - At Union UMC. Childcare provided for children. MOPS Steering Team will supply desserts. Moms sign up to bring appetizers. RSVP's are required to [unionmcmops@gmail.com](mailto:unionmcmops@gmail.com).

**UNION UMC FIRST TIME VISITOR LIST FOR JUN-AUG**

*Primary Team*

*Alternate Team*

June 28 John and Linda Gray

Mike and Julie Callaghan

July 5 John and Linda Gray

July 12 Mike and Julie Callaghan

John and Linda Gray

July 19 Don and Connie Stein

Dick Frette

July 26 Jerry and Lisa Koerkenmeier

Kent and Susan McVety

Aug 2 John and Linda Gray

Mike and Julie Callaghan

Aug 9 Dick Frette

Barb Edwards and Sue Davis

Aug 16 Kent and Susan McVety

Jerry and Lisa Koerkenmeier

Aug 23 Dan and Laura Nollman

John and Linda Gray

Aug 30 Barb Edwards and Sue Davis

Don and Connie Stein



## PARISH NURSE NOTES: BUG BITES AND STINGS

Now that summer is here, we will be seeing our usual bonanza of bugs. Most bug bites and stings can be treated at home. Often topical medications such as hydrocortisone cream or ointment help. Sometimes an oral antihistamine is taken to decrease the itch. I have read that we may get more “stink bugs” than usual. (I hope not.) But I wish to emphasize that after you receive a bite or sting or you eat something new, and then you notice a different feeling, you may need to go the ER. So, if you have one of the following symptoms: feeling like your throat is closing, difficulty breathing, swelling of the lips and or tongue (and sometimes even the face), chest pain, rapid pulse, headache, dizziness, nausea and/or vomiting, or a rash, go to the ER. A tick bite looks like a doughnut or bulls eye, and sometimes it may appear as a black spotty rash according to the American Academy of Dermatology. Either of these types of rash can be a symptom of a serious tick-related illness. Family, always observe your skin and scalp after you have been outside—and check it closely!

Our beautiful weather makes us want to spend time outside. It also invites bugs! There are things you can do to keep insects away. Use window screens and netting, avoid wooded, brushy and grassy areas. You can avoid wearing bright colors which attract bees. Avoid scented soaps and cologne. If you are eating outdoors, cover your drinks. And don't forget to cover your garbage containers. Wear light clothing as it will help you to spot ticks and bugs. Wear long sleeves and slacks when possible. You may tuck your pant legs into your socks. Protect your head with a hat. Although you may love bird baths, consider putting them far away from your entertainment area. Standing water gives mosquitoes a perfect breeding ground. (I understand mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus have been found in Illinois.) If you use insect repellent, be sure the ingredients are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. Never use insect repellent on a baby or on your face or on your pets. Be sure to store it out of the reach of children. Always wash your hands with soap and water after using repellent.

If this “stuff” sounds like Mom is talking to you, just remember: it is for your own protection and to share with those that you know. The bottom line is: “Sure, I want you to stay happy and healthy this summer!

**Carol**

Your Parish Nurse

The next Tidings  
deadlines are  
**JULY 6 AND JULY 20**

## HOW TO HELP CHILDREN AFTER A CRISIS

In times of crisis, more than anything else, children need our love. They need to know they are loved, not with a showering of gifts but in a physical way. Hug them. Hold them. Let them know you are there for them.

Assure them of their own safety, but avoid being overprotective, which may encourage more fear. Whatever you do, don't ignore them. Don't think they don't know what's going on, and don't pretend that they are too young to have feelings about the event. Acknowledge them and their fears and help them learn to cope in a world that is often very unpredictable and scary to children as well as adults.

Keep the lines of communication open. Select pictures in a book or ask the children to draw pictures to express feelings. Then talk about the pictures. Take the lead from the child as to how much they need to talk about and know about the situation. Keep answers to questions simple, giving only what is needed. Listen to comments of children as they play. Are there clues here that need further conversation? Children may have trouble distinguishing between TV shows that blow up buildings, shooter video games or superhero movies, and the factual news reports of a tragic event.

Explain, “Yes, this really happened. It is a sad time, but we will come through it with God's help.”

*(Read more on the United Methodist Church Website.)*



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## UUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Ed and the congregation of Union United Methodist welcome **Jesse and Nancy Joiner** who joined our congregation at the 10:15 worship service on June 14. We are glad you are now a part of our church family.

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the bigger picture.

"We may be tempted to overanalyze what happened, but let us look forward and ask, 'What will motivate us to prevent this kind of violence from happening again?' she noted.

"What will motivate us to tear down racial, political, ethnic, economic, and religious boundaries, and build a world of harmony and peace?"

"Action is required beyond prayer vigils," said the Rev. Tiffany Knowlin, pastor at College Place United Methodist Church in Columbia, in her sermon.

"We must open our mouths for silence is consent. . . ."



## MUSIC TIDINGS

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to thy name,  
O Most High; to declare thy  
steadfast love in the mornings,  
and thy faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp  
to the melody of the lyre;  
For thou, O Lord, has made me glad  
by thy works; at the works of thy hands  
I sing for joy." Psalms 92:1-4*

### Sunday, June 28

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir Anthem:

"Seek Ye the Lord" - Young

Rev. Weston's sermon: "Life Changers: Pashea to Terror"  
Jeremiah 20: 1-13

10:15 am Rev. Krumeich in the Chapel with Natalie Gravois

11:15 am Crosswalk in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, July 5

9:00 am Sanctuary Choir Anthem:

"America, May God Bless This Our Land"  
with trumpet, Len Bull

Rev. Weston's Sermon: "A Good Soldier"  
2 Timothy 2:1-7

10:15 am Pastor Jay Krumeich in the Chapel with Natalie Gravois

11:15 am Crosswalk in the Sanctuary