

Fairfield First United  
Methodist Church

September 2018

## You're Invited

To Our Bicentennial Celebration  
Celebrating 200 Years  
of Methodism in Wayne County



**Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 10:00 am**  
**First United Methodist Church, Fairfield**

**Worship with Bishop Frank Beard**

**Time Capsule Dedication**  
immediately following worship

**Catered Meal by Matt Kinney**  
Pork loin and chicken, cheesy potatoes, corn,  
green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and drink



**Bishop Frank J. Beard**  
Illinois Great Rivers  
Annual Conference



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# 200th Anniversary Celebration

Our 200th Anniversary Celebration will continue  
on Sunday , October 14th , 2018.

Bishop Frank Beard will speak during  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following the service we will have  
a time capsule dedication and lunch.

The lunch will be catered by Matt Kinney. The  
cost for donation will be \$12.00 per person  
(children 12 and under are free).

If you would like to sign up for the luncheon,  
please fill out the form and return with your  
payment. We have to have a count for food.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Payment amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Thoughts from Pastor Donna

Some days we need more strength than we have. This month we are going to focus in worship on how the promises of God are a source of strength readily available to us and a help as we seek to live as God's people. Living as a following of Jesus in today's world is a challenge. We need strength for the journey! Come and be filled by the Holy Spirit and get stronger through Christ. You are not alone. Our mighty God is with you every step of your life. Be reminded and hold onto our God in the whirlwind of living in America in these turbulent times.

Pastor Donna

### Sermon Series for September, 2018 "Stand Jesus Strong"

September 2 "Standing on the Promises" Luke 1:32-33

September 9 "Trust and Obey" 1 John 5:1-13

September 11 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Psalm 34:1-22

September 23 "Victory in Jesus" Romans 8:1-28

September 30 "Soon and Soon" Revelation 21:1-

## **Outreach Workshop**

Rev. Jeff Newton of Kokomo Urban Outreach has been rescheduled to present a workshop at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 27 from 9 to Noon. Pastor Jeff will be sharing with us how to be a missional church. The first steps in becoming a missional church are prayer, meditating on God's Word, and believing and living that we are beloved children of God, called and sent to make a difference in the world, then taking action. Being a missional church means that every single person is a missionary right where they are. For those who are unable to be physically present, we need prayer warriors undergirding everything we do! Prayer and meditating on God's Word are the foundation from which will spring forth Spirit-led plans. God is calling us to share our gifts and talents with our neighbors by building relationships and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! Sign up in the church office, 842-2129.

E. A. Johnson  
Fund  
Applications and requests for financial assistance with utilities, lodging, gas, medical and other needs by non-church members are now being handled by the Wabash Area Development, Inc., 2004 W. Delaware St., Fairfield, Phone – 842-2962.  
Church members in need may seek help by contacting Pastor Donna.



Sunday Funday!  
Ages 3-12 are welcome!  
Invite your friends!  
Meal, Bible Story, Craft and  
Games!  
Sunday, September 9th  
4:00-6:00 pm

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*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

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Watch for in-formation on our Christmas Program practice! We look forward to this exciting event and hope you will be a part of it!



M&M's will meet....  
Sunday, September 23rd  
4:00 pm!

Again, invite your friends to come along and have some fun!



Homecoming and Formal Dress Giveaway

Saturday, September 22nd

8 a.m. until Noon

A variety of formal dresses, bouquets and accessories will be available for you to choose from, FREE OF CHARGE! We have a large selection of dresses and sizes available.

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For more information, please contact Donna Reever,  
618-516-1785 or FUMC at 842-2129



### Twigs Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Twigs Ministry in Fairfield served 2903 meals with the support of 657 volunteer hours. We were a part of a much larger fight against hunger. The Twigs ministry which began in 2011 at a United Methodist Church in Granite City served 108,047 free summer lunches this summer!

As a thank you to our volunteers, there will be an appreciation dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All who helped are invited. Please let Pastor Beth or the church office know if you will be attending.

### Military Bible Sticks

**We are again inviting you to participate in support of this ministry to our men and women in the military. For a gift of \$25 the Bible is provided to service personnel and their family. During the month of September as we remember the tragedy of 9/11, matching fund gifts will double your gift reaching twice as many in need of hearing God's Word as they serve our nation. Gifts may be put in the offering on Sunday morning or dropped off to the church office. Please mark that your gift is designated for Military Bible Sticks.**

### Wesleyan Covenant Association Meeting Friday, Sept. 24



#### GLOBAL LEADERS OF WESLEYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION VISIT

Keith Boyette and Walter Fenton, the President and VP of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) will be in the Illinois Great Rivers conference to share insights, respond to questions and engage in discussion with interested clergy and laity regarding the upcoming Special General Conference and the Way Forward Process. Their schedule to date is as follows:

Thursday, September 13 - TBA

Friday, September 14 - Aldersgate UMC in Marion from 9AM-Noon

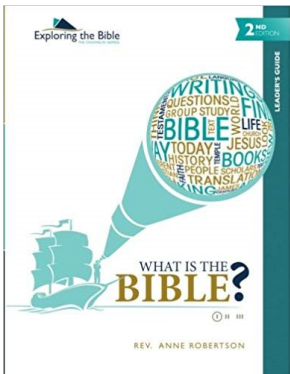
Friday, September 14 - First UMC of Fairfield at 2 PM

Saturday, September 15 - St. Matthew UMC, Belleville, at 9AM

## New Sunday School Class

How well do you know the Bible? Do you know the stories? Do you know how the Bible is organized and how those texts were chosen? Have you ever thought about all the different ways people approach the Bible and decided for yourself what to think? If you said "no" to any of these questions, you need *What Is the Bible?*

Pastor Donna will be using this book in a new Sunday School class beginning on Sunday, September 9 in the Liquid Classroom by the Sanctuary. This is the first book in a series called *Exploring the Bible* by Rev. Anne Robertson. Rev. Robertson is a United Methodist clergywoman who is also the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bible Society.



## Meals on Wheels

Fairfield First UMC began this ministry many years ago at the suggestion of Rev. Bob Krause and with the guidance and direction of Grace Sullivan. When it began six churches were involved in delivering the meals. For some time FUMC volunteers have covered deliveries four days a week and First Christian Church volunteers deliver one day. Many have served in this ministry as coordinators and in service by delivering meals. Due to the need for help with coordination, billing, and obtaining more volunteers, the Administrative Board has decided to turn this ministry over to Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Susie Devoy from the hospital's Senior Life Solutions Department will be coordinating Meals on Wheels beginning October 1, 2018. Requests for meals and those interested in volunteering will be asked to call to Susie at 847-8298 in the future. Our last day to deliver and oversee this ministry is Friday, Sept. 28.

A Meals on Wheels Appreciation Dinner is planned for Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Kay and the kitchen staff from Aperion Care Fairfield have also been invited. They have done a great job providing meals for many years! All who have ever helped with this ministry are invited to come to the appreciation dinner. Please let us know in the office if you are able to join us on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOKING BACK.....

By Susan Brake

September is upon us, and this means that summer is ending whether we like it or not. The choir is getting back to regular weekly practices with Christmas music showing up in their folders very soon. School has started following our school supply/backpack giveaway earlier in August where 275 children were given school supplies appropriate for their grade Thank you to those who helped **Elizabeth Gonzalez** hand out supplies, **Kathy Land, Ginny Reynolds, Marilyn Book, Raymonda Wise, Julie Hutson, Nancy and Gary Hallam, Rita Otey, and Donna Reever**. Also thank you to those who donated items and/or money to purchase supplies.

In addition to the give-a-way, there was another event on our parking lot, as **Ken Otey** arranged for a "touch a truck" time for the kids. Vehicles available were Wayne County Ambulance, **Carl Walker's** custom motorcycle, **Derek Lee's** semi truck, Fairfield Police, Wayne County sheriff, Fairfield Fire and Rural Departments. The kids were allowed to be "hands on" and enjoyed talking with the personnel. Ken thanks **Clifford Reever** and all others who participated, and we thank them too. This is a wonderful idea that they hope to repeat next year!

With the choir singing one Sunday, there were specials the other three. **Myra Parrott** self accompanied a vocal solo. Other vocal solos were by **Donna Reever** and **Kati Cox** who is the daughter of **Keith and Cheryl Cox**, our new choir members. Kati is a doctoral student in music education. She lives in Austin, TX. Thank you to all of these musicians who share their talents with us.

**Linda Monge** hosted a women's group at her home with **Melissa Garrison** as the speaker. The 15 women who attended enjoyed hearing Melissa and just sharing time together. Two more meetings are planned.

Thank you to **Ken and Rita Otey** who are again leading the M&Ms group for fun times with our children.

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Joe Fleming**, who passed away in July in Arizona, was brought back home for a memorial service with burial here on the 4<sup>th</sup>. A meal was provided by the church for his family and friends. Sympathy goes to **Judy**, his wife, **Joe Jr.** and **Jeff** and their families. At one time Joe and his wife, Libby, were active members here.

**Pastor Donna** led a service on the 10<sup>th</sup> for **Robert Clark** from New Lenox, IL. He had been a member of the UMC in Mill Shoals. His wife was the former **Peggy Johnson** whose family was in our church several years ago. Our church also provided a meal for his family. We thank those who provide food for these dinners as well as those who help serve it.

**Let's keep supporting WADI by bringing our non-perishable items  
next Sunday, September 2.**



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday Fellowship- 8:30 am Sunday School- 9:00 am Worship- 10:00 a.m.-	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 Lions Club Meeting - 6:00 pm AA-8:00 pm	5 SPRC Mtg- 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal- 6:00 pm	6 Rotary-Noon Weight Watchers- 5:00 pm Ad Board Mtg- 6:00 pm NA-7:00 pm	7	8 Girl Scout Recruitment 4:30-7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
9 Fellowship- 8:30 am Sunday School- 9:00 am Worship- 10:00 a.m.- Kids Night-4:00-	10 Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Twigs Appreciation Dinner - 6:00 pm AA- 8:00 pm	12 Fall Fun Fest Nominating Comm. Mtg- 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00	13 Fall Fun Fest Rotary-Noon Weight Watchers- 5:00 pm NA-7:00 pm	14 Fall Fun Fest  Walter Fen- ton/Keith Boyette 2:00-4:00 pm	15 Fall Fun Fest
16 Fellowship- 8:30 am Sunday School- 9:00 am Worship- 10:00 a.m.	17 Knit Together- 5:30 pm Prayer Mtg-6:00 pm District Ministry Team- 6:30 pm	18 Lions Club meeting- 6:00 pm AA-8:00 pm	19 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Women's Group Meeting- 7:15 pm Kathy Land's House	20 Rotary-Noon Weight Watchers- 5:00 pm NA-7:00 pm	21	22 Homecoming Dress Giveaway 8:00 am until Noon
23 Fellowship- 8:30 am Sunday School- 9:00 am Worship- 10:00 a.m. M&M's 4:00 pm	24 Prayer Meeting- 6:00 pm	25 Meals on Wheels Volun- teer Dinner- 6:00 pm AA-8 pm	26 Food Delivery - 9:45 am Nominating Comm. Mtg- 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00	27 Rotary-Noon Weight Watchers- 5:00 pm NA-7:00 pm	28	29
30 7:30 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship- 8:30 am Sunday School- 9:00 am Worship- 10:00 a.m. Book Family FH-						

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**

2. Jeff Baker, Susan Hanks, Jeff Wise
4. Theron Berry, Alyssa Lang, Scott Pearce
7. Pat Kenshalo
9. Daphne Pruitt
10. Bill Book, John Miles Jones
12. Shawn Otey
14. Beth French, Jenna Jones, Josie Jones
15. Kathy Cribelar, Bruce Dickey,  
Matthew Dickey, Tony Sullivan,  
Jamie Jones
17. Janet Kent, Lori Robson, Chuck Turner,  
Cori Copeland
18. Andrea Farmer Ward
19. LaShay Mooring
20. Madison Blackford, Bea Parker,  
Ciara Turner
21. John Cox, Janice Tucker
22. Steve Ward
23. Heidi Brown, Doug Rorex
24. Eric Martin
25. Ben French, Reece Copeland
26. Zach Robson
27. Alison Curtner
28. Lisa Vaughan, Landon Walsh,  
Shirley MacDavid
29. Alex Brake
30. Linda Jones, Sutton Sherrard

**Anniversaries**

1. Tom & Janice Tucker  
Jim & Gail Brown  
Glen & Tammy Lee
2. H.G. & Ginny French  
Bob & Dena Young
4. Jarrod & Jamie Jones
8. Brian & Anna Foster
13. Ron & Anne Riley
16. John & Teri Dickey
23. Jim & Nancy Coale
26. Terry & Colleen Taylor
28. Boyd & Jayna Kinney
30. Ryan & Meredith (Land) Kirkpatrick

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYER:**

**BROOKSTONE ESTATES**

315 MARKET AVE., FAIRFIELD, IL 62837

**Grace Sullivan, #40**

**Norma Donnay, #11**

**WAY FAIR**

305 W. ELEVENTH ST., FAIRFIELD, IL 62837

**Kathryn Cooper**

**WABASH CHRISTIAN VILLAGE**

216 COLLEGE BLVD. CARM, IL 62821

**Neil Totten**

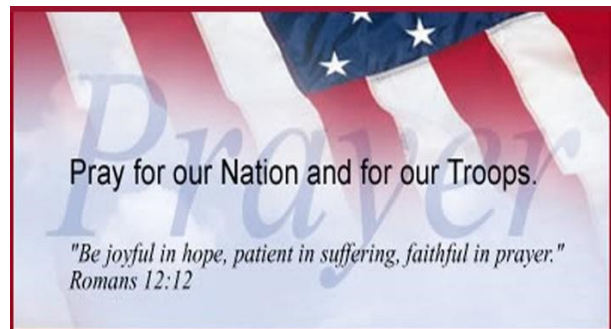
**Russell Wilson**

**Dan Melrose**

**HOMEBOUND:**

\*Mary Ellen Harriss, 1306 A Mt. Vernon Rd.

\*Call church office



**OUR SOLDIERS:**

**ALAN REYNOLDS, JACKIE ADAMS, JOHN HARVEY, CANDICE HOLBROOK, JASON WHIPPLE, JASON EDGINGTON, KEVIN SONS, THOMAS BROWN, LARRY & TERESA SULLIVAN, TODD MEYERS, JEREMY VAUGHAN, KAYLYN FUHRHOP**

# Notes of Appreciation

Our summer worship services have been blessed with many members who have been faithful in sharing their musical talents. Thank you to Cori Copeland, Steve Lee and Janie McDowell for their preludes and offertories. Bill Book and Ginny Reynolds are always willing to lead the congregation in singing during my absence. A very special thanks to Kati Cox, Lisa Friske, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Myra Parrott, Donna Reeve, David Woods and the children's group M & M's for their special music. A great big thank you to the vocal ensemble of Sherrill Bartley, Marilyn Book, Mike Copeland, Keith Cox, Dave Land, Larry Williams and David Woods who sang during our special July 4th worship service.

Choir rehearsals are back in full swing and meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. We will begin rehearsing the Christmas Cantata very soon. Anyone interested in joining the choir or singing just in the cantata is welcome. JOIN US!

**Pastor Donna –Thank you & the Ladies for a beautiful meal.**

**-The Family of Robert Clark**

**Thank you so much for the scholarship! I can't wait to use the money to help me with my college goals. I appreciate it so much!**

**Thanks again,**

**Meredith Richards**

**Dear All-**

**Just a note to thank all those caring and wonderful folks who provided the delicious food for the Family of Joe Fleming, Sr. We so appreciated it and the time and effort that went into the meal. Really enjoyed meeting and talking with some of you as well.**

**God Bless,**

**Sue & Joe Fleming, Jr.**



**USHERS/GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Kathy Cribelar

Cheryl Holmes

Terry Werner

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