



# THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 2018



## Hymn Sing Festival August 12, 3:00 PM

The popular annual Hymn Festival sponsored by Gibson Area Music Foundation will be held this year at 3pm on Sunday, August 12th at the

United Methodist Church of Gibson City.

There is no admission charge for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of the music foundation's mission to bring quality musical events to area residents and summer music camp scholarships to high school students.

Donations may also be made to Gibson Area music Foundation, PO Box 292, Gibson City, IL 60936. The church is located at the corner of 10th and Church Streets in Gibson City. Adjacent free parking is available, and the sanctuary is fully accessible.



## Poured Out Church • August 24-26

Schedule for August 24-26:

**August 24**—Cookie Packaging

**August 25**—Saturday Night Light Worship @ 5:30pm

**August 26**—Traditional Worship at 8:45am, Sunday School at 10:00am, Contemporary Worship at 11:00am. Lunch at the North Park at noon, followed by Community Outreach Projects

Please see inside for more details on all of the above.

## Family Fun & Fellowship



Friday, August 3 @ 7pm (at the Gibson City Pool)

We have the pool rented out from 7pm-9pm, so please

come as a family and invite friends! Snacks and drinks will be provided by Children's Ministries. What a great way to finish out Vacation Bible School Week!



### September 2

- no Sunday School for Youth

### September 9—Rally Day!

- Stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer.

Pastor—John Tennyson  
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Saturday • 5:30pm—Casual Worship  
Sunday • 8:45am—Traditional Worship  
Sunday • 11:00am—Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School—10:00am

Visit us at [gcumc3.org](http://gcumc3.org) or Find us on Facebook: "Gibson City UMC"

## A Pretty Good Definition of a Christian

A Christian is an apprentice of Jesus Christ. An apprentice learns by doing; by imitating or copying the teacher's techniques. An apprentice of Jesus does the same thing Jesus did while on earth: 1) Love God more than we love ourselves; 2) Love people without exclusion; 3) Invited people to discover the joy and love of knowing God.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is clear and straight forward: to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Is this missional purpose central to your Christian life, focus, and agenda? Is it the primary focus and agenda of our church?

Jesus says to us his apprentices: "My food is to do the will of the Father who sent me and to complete His work. Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting".

Jesus applied basic agricultural principles to Church's Primary Purpose on Earth. The more seeds a farmer plants, the greater the harvest; and harvest comes months after the seeds are planted.

In his own ministry, Jesus started planting his harvest 2.5 years earlier. He traveled from N to S, E to W, village after village, synagogue after synagogue, planting the Word of God and proclaiming good news; simple basics of seeds, water, soil, sunlight, and time. Jesus understood spiritual farming in the fields of human hearts. Do we?

The Church has been given an imperative mission: we are called to represent Jesus Christ on earth. Our primary purpose as the church is to be witnesses to the existence of God and the sacred value of all human life. Our task is to connect with people for the purpose of enabling them to connect with Jesus. We are called to offer friendship and integrity to people who are hungry for the genuine. The church must create a safe environment where people feel comfortable, accepted, invited, and wanted.

Poured Out Church is coming soon on August 25 & 26. It is an opportunity to practice being an apprentice of Jesus, and invite someone to work along side of us in the fields of human hearts.

~*Pastor John*

## Mission Socks

Mission Socks collected in August will benefit CAPS, GCMS' afterschool program.

## Blessing of the Backpacks



Gibson City United Methodist Church will celebrate the beginning of a new school year and send students back to school, with a Blessing of the Backpacks.

The Blessing will be offered at all three worship services, Saturday, August 11, at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, August 12, at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Students, of all ages, preschool through college, are encouraged to attend. All are welcome! By blessing the backpacks, students are reminded that God is with them every day, even at school.

Blessing tags will be given to each student as a daily reminder that the church family cares and will be praying for them throughout the school year. For more information, contact the church office @ 784-5452 or Judy Eckhoff @ \_217-249-4387.



## Prayers for Our Kids

In September we will be starting a Prayer for Kids Campaign.

We will be asking congregation members to select a child and spend time in prayer for them. Please keep an eye out for more information in upcoming bulletins.

## Poured Out Church August 24 - 26



“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”  
-John 7:38  
(NRSV) Let’s all be thinking and praying:

### *How are we called to be Living Water this year?*

You are invited to celebrate our community and our commitment to Christian service by participating in this year’s Outreach Event. Due to community involvement from non-church groups, this year’s “Poured Out Church” is called “Community Outreach Weekend”.

Please consider keeping some time free the dates of **August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** to come together with other members of the community to help others.

**Friday (August 24<sup>th</sup>)** bakers will hopefully have dozens of cookies dropped off at the church by noon so a group of workers can assemble plates of cookies for distribution during the entire weekend to other workers and members of the community.

**Saturday (August 25<sup>th</sup>)** there will be opportunities to work at the Gibson Area Food Pantry; help with yards, fences, ramps, gutters; install safety features inside and outside homes; and work on buildings that we rely on within our community.

**Sunday (August 26<sup>th</sup>)** we will meet for worship at our regular times of **8:45 and 11:00 at the Gibson City United Methodist Church**. At 12:00 you are invited to join the many service groups and churches from our community at the North Park Pavilion for a time of lunch and fellowship. We will have smoked loin of pork, baked beans, salads, chips, desserts, and beverages. Everything is being provided, including a golf cart ride from the parking lot so no walking is necessary. So all you need to do is bring yourself, your

family and friends for the fun. Our congregation is responsible for the **baked beans** this year. There will be a sign-up in the Narthex to provide a large can of any kind of baked beans.

Once we have finished eating, we will be going out to join others with card making; praying around our community; singing at Heritage, the Annex, and the Villas of Holly Brook; bagging and assisting people with their groceries; washing vehicle windows; collecting items from homes for our household goods/paper products drive; distributing cookies; tying quilts, working at various service buildings within the community; telling your heritage stories and a few other projects. There will be something for everyone to help with no matter your age or physical abilities.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the church and further announcements in the weekly bulletin. You should also see information in the local papers and hear about it on WGCY or WBGL radio.

We are so excited to partner with the local community service organizations and other churches for this incredible weekend dedicated to making our community safer, helping one another, and making some new friends.

**Be thinking about how you would like to join in on the Community Outreach Weekend.** Our many hands can accomplish much!

*Somewhere out there is a person God plans to use you to reach.*

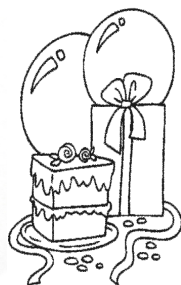
*Somewhere out there is a person God will use to change your life as you reach them.*

*Somewhere out there is person for whom Christ died, and for whom your church was built, and for whom God has uniquely prepared you to reach.*

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

# PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

James Hazen	1	Grace Steidinger	17
Casey McCullough	2	Jenny Arsenaault	17
Brian Steidinger	2	Justin Endsley	17
Kaci Farmer	5	Dustin Heavilin	17
Stephanie Berkey	6	Gary McCullough	17
Sarah Tubbs	7	Kara Snyder	17
Bill Siegfried	8	Terri Snyder	18
Mark Davis	8	Josh Chase	19
Max Moody	9	Bill Pierce	19
Marie Schneck	10	Laura Hazen	20
Susan Hawthorne	10	Brad Fairfield	22
Katie Jones	11	Michelle Kietzman	24
Jack Royal	11	Phil Lutz	24
Lennon Fairchild	11	Jo Nettleton	24
Jacob Barnes	12	Alexis Farmer	26
Schuyler Frashier	13	Jessica Romshek	26
Bettie Main	13	Janet Troyer	26
Wilma Reiners	13	Lori Frashier	29
Marlene Royal	14	Ethan Murphy	29
Megan Shields	15	Dorla Parker	30
Courtney Shields	16	Betty Pearson	31
Kathy Eagleson	16	James Steinman	31
Bill Tubbs	16		
Gabe Fairchild	16		

	Day	Years
Dwaine & Barb Horsch	1	37
Doug & Susan Schultz	3	33
Brain & Cathy Steidinger	3	27
Merle & Krista McCallister	5	39
Frank & Casey McCullough	7	
Dan & Denise Kearfott	7	36
Kyle & Sara Bielfeldt	7	8
Ray & Oleta Lantz	7	58
Nick & Taunya Elder	8	9
Jim & Jo Gramley	8	26
Steve & Susan Hawthorne	8	
Bryan & Sue Shields	8	36
Fred & Barbara Wittemann	9	55
John & Ruth Davis	12	46
Matt & Danielle Brown	15	9
Steve & Leigh Ann Sharp	15	31
Ryan & Lauren Blackford	15	3
Craig & Karen Kummerow	16	38
Mike & Janet Utterback	17	33
Brad & Sarah Fairfield	18	11
Link & Angie Woodward	26	29
Don & Mary Rhodes	27	24
Bob & Janet Davis	30	49
Kevin & Sherrie Knerr	31	

## Offering & Attendance

Jan—June 2018 Offering for Budget	\$144,170.44
Jan—June 2018 Budget	\$160,730.23

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
June 30th & July 1st	16	106	26
July 7th & 8th	14	155	
July 15th & 16th	12	93	39
July 21st & 22nd	15	98	31



### Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young  
AB Cody McCoy  
PFC Glenn Mehl III

### Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel  
Edith Christensen  
Nancy Davis  
Ruth Fisher  
Bob Hill  
Phil Lutz  
Bettie Main

### Nursing Home Residents

#### Manor

Ruth Fisher  
Judy Peters  
Carol Hari  
Bob Hill  
Jane Hill  
Phil Lutz

#### Annex

Mary Rosebraugh  
Sonny Boundy  
Doug Hager

#### **Paxton Health Care**

Bill Dueringer

# AUGUST 2018

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

			1 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School  1:00 PM Connection Team	2 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School	3 9:30 AM Vacation Bible School  7:00 PM Pool Party	4 Communion  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
5 Communion  7:00 AM Men's Breakfast  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	6 9:00 AM Prayers	7 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex	8 7:00 PM Pie Night/Manor	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 Backpack Blessing  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
12 Backpack Blessing  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship  3:00 PM Hymn Fest	13 9:00 AM Prayers  5:30 PM SPRC  5:30 PM Visioning Meeting Worship/ Connection Team/ Children's Ministries  7:00 PM Covenant Council	14 Newsletter Articles Due	15	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 Mission Socks  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
19 Mission Socks  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	20 9:00 AM Prayers	21	22 9:00 AM Newsletter Prep	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 POURED OUT CHURCH  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
26 POURED OUT CHURCH  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	27 9:00 AM Prayers	28 10:00 AM Communion/ Holly Brook	29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	



# AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Greeters (West, South, North)</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Sound (8:45)</b>	<b>Projector (8:45)</b>	<b>Projector (11:00)</b>
<b>August 5</b>	Sharon Pool	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Todd & Uyen Littell Jim & Chris Hazen	Maci Lindelof	Jon Clark	Katie Quinley	Phillip Littell
<b>August 12</b>	Donna Douglas	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Todd & Uyen Littell Jim & Chris Hazen	Addison Farmer	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Katie Steidinger
<b>August 19</b>	Karen Kummerow	Dean & Lisa Farmer Wayne & Terry Snyder Eckerty Family	Grace Steidinger	Steve Hawthorne	Rachel Quinley	Jeremy Steidinger
<b>August 26</b>	Virgil Rosendale	Dean & Lisa Farmer Wayne & Terry Snyder Eckerty Family	Maddox Lindelof	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Phillip Littell
<b>Head Usher for August is Virgil Rosendale</b>						

## OUR STAFF

Pastor—John Tennyson

Children/Youth Coordinator—April Rotramel

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Susan Schultz, Volunteer



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