

## Join Team Emily & Help Cure FA!



We would like to invite you to participate in a bike event that will be held in Channahon on Sunday, July 22nd. The ride is sponsored by the not-for-profit organization FARA. All proceeds will go to funding research and awareness for a neuromuscular disease called Friedreich's Ataxia. Friedreich's Ataxia is a genetic, debilitating, life-shortening disease. Our youngest daughter, Emily was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia about 10 years ago. Since then our family has been actively involved in fundraising efforts for research. This is our 7th year for the ride. The ride offers a 4, 12, 27, and 50 mile route choice. There is also a 1 mile walk route. All routes start and end in Central Park in Channahon. Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill and Bonefish Grill feed all participants post ride. Emily recently enrolled in her second clinical trial. This is possible, in part, because of donations like yours.

Come on out and be a part of the cure!  
For registration information please go to:  
[rideATAXIA.org/Chicago](http://rideATAXIA.org/Chicago)

**Rick & Becky Young & family**  
Please call 217-781-4746 with any questions.

## 2018 Vacation Bible School



This July/August we will be making a splash with Jesus at Vacation Bible School! Classes will be held from 9:30am-11:00am from July 30-August 3. VBS is open to kids from age 3 though entering 5th grade We will end the week with a family pool party at the Gibson City Pool from 7-9pm on Friday night (Aug 3). All church families are invited to come, whether or not you were able to make it to VBS earlier in the week!

In order to make this a fun learning experience for the kids, we NEED volunteers! Be looking for sign-up sheets and emails/phone calls asking for help!

Pastor—John Tennyson  
Church Phone 217-784-5452  
Church Email [gcumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gcumc@sbcglobal.net)

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

Worship

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

## This Day Our Daily Bread

Distance to Champaign: 28 miles. Distance to St. Louis: 195 miles. Distance to Ann Arbor to Ithaca NY to Washington DC and back home to Gibson City.... 2259 miles. We traveled two thousand, two hundred and fifty-nine miles to be with our family spread throughout the eastern United States. It gives a person a lot of time to reflect; and challenges one's endurance and our usual expectation of comfort:

- Over 35 hours of hectic, traffic filled roads.
- Strange hotel beds.
- Noisy neighbors.
- Lack of a good night's rest
- Changing time zones.
- Shared space 24x7

What reflections result from leaving your home and comforts, and leaving your usual routine and demands? The most immediate word that comes to my mind is "gratitude".

Gratitude for my daily bread.

Gratitude for the gift of each new day.

Gratitude that God overwhelmingly meets my daily needs.

Gratitude for the simple pleasures and moments of life.

Gratitude for friends, family, church, and home.

Gratitude to see the wondrous world God has made.

- flowing rivers, lakes, and oceans
- sunrises and sunsets
- farmland and forests

Gratitude for human freedom.

Gratitude for being in a safe place.

Gratitude for health.

Gratitude to worship with family and friends.

Gratitude to glimpse God's work around the globe.

Psalms 118:28-29 says:

*You are my God, and I will praise You;*

*You are my God, and I will exalt You.*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;*

*His love endures forever.*

*~ Pastor John*

## 5th Sunday Fellowship Hour

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Fellowship following the 8:45 worship service (around 10am) and fellowship until 11:00am. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the Young Family.

Our children will enjoy snack time with us and then head off to Sunday School. Adult Sunday School classes are invited to stay for all or part of the fellowship time.

Please consider participating in this time of friendship and conversation! For more information, contact any member of the Connection Team.

## Shout Out!

Have you noticed? The flower beds, north of the parking lot, are blooming again! After several seasons of more weeds than flowers, Morgan Hazen and dad, Dave Hazen, prepared the soil and planted perennials last fall. These folks were observed transporting gallons of water to the site last fall, to make sure the perennials got a healthy start. Take a look at the color and variety. Thank you Morgan and Dave for sharing your enthusiasm and talents! **The Connection Team**



"The main feature..is the plant called Stachys byzantine...Lamb's ear...I used it not only for the name, but for the texture. The leaves are amazingly soft, like a lamb's ear! I put it out there so kids who are playing out there can touch it and enjoy the plants as much as the adults would!"

~Morgan Hazen

## Annual 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 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 12 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 10<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets in Gibson City. Adjacent free parking is available, and the sanctuary is fully accessible.

## Bike To Church Sunday!

For four years many members from our congregation have participated in rideATAXIA, a bike ride fundraiser for FARA, Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance. Friedreich's Ataxia is a genetic, debilitating, life-shortening disease. The 2018 ride will be held in Channahon, IL on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. To show our church's support for the event, Pastor John will offer a "Blessing of the Bikes" on July 15<sup>th</sup> between the 8:45 and 11:00 services. This blessing is open to all whether you plan to be a rideATAXIA participant or not. So, to support rideATAXIA *and* to celebrate healthy living and a healthy environment, all who are able are encouraged to ride their bikes to church on the 15<sup>th</sup>! If you have questions, please contact the church office. If you'd like more information on rideATAXIA, contact Becky Young.

## March for Missions

Remember that big snow storm on Palm Sunday this year? That was also our annual Parade of Palms offering for missions. Since many of us were not able to make it to church, we didn't pay our missionaries as much this spring as we usually are able to do. Our spring offering to the four missions is usually \$1,300 for each, but this year we gave each \$800. We would like to be able to make that up to our hardworking missionaries.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July, the 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a March for Missions. All money given will go directly toward our missionaries. If you know you will be gone that Sunday, there will be special envelopes in the office and we invite you to put your money in one of those that will be designated for our missionaries.

We currently support the following missionary families:

### Margaret Farnsworth

Margaret is currently serving in Kenya as the field treasurer for World Gospel Mission and works in connection with Mission Society ministry partners. She also participates in local Bible studies and Africa Gospel Church ministries.

### Mark & Rebecca Smallwood

The Smallwoods have served with Red Bird Mission since 1988. Mark directs vocal & instrumental music at Red Bird Mission School while Rebecca teaches elementary classes.

### Doug & Cindy Tankersley

Doug and Cindy currently serve as One Mission Society missionaries with Men for Missions. As regional directors for Latin America, they serve alongside OMS partners and local churches throughout Latin America as facilitators, helping with their expansion of evangelism as well as preparing Latin Americans to serve on their own short-term mission teams and begin crossing their own borders.

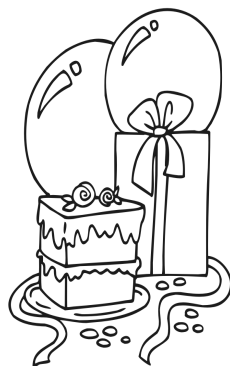
### Robb & Sheila Warfield

Robb & Sheila Warfield and their 3 children (Avery, Avalyn, and Hayden) serve with Global Outreach Missions in Dakar, Senegal, on the west coast of Africa. Robb serves as High School Principal at Dakar Academy, a school primarily for missionary kids.

*Happy Birthday!*

Meg Fairchild	1	Bill Hunter	16
Irelynn Morris	2	Katie Steidinger	16
Jacob Chase	2	Jean Noellsch	17
Dan Jones	3	Torrie Cox	17
Carrie Young	4	Austin Borton	20
Howard Nettleton	4	Allison Davis	20
Karen Kummerow	4	Tara Copher	21
Ryan Snyder	6	Kathy Littlefield	22
Megan McCoy	6	Paige Cowell	22
Jennifer Quinley	7	Jacob Rutledge	23
Amy Hood	8	Maci Lindelof	23
Barbara Wittemann	9	Maddox Lindelof	23
Joan Pool	9	Aubri Bennett	23
Morgan Hazen	10	Connie Reum	24
Hailey Rutledge	10	Mary Hinthorn	24
Jordan Moore	11	Edith Christenson	25
Greg Pool	12	Dean Farmer	25
Lauren Anderson	12	David Hazen	25
Elizabeth Cope	13	Staci Ward	27
Merle McCallister	13	Phil VanSwol	28
Phillip Noellsch	13	Susie Tongate	28

George Frashier	28
Sam Arsenault	28
Mitchell McNutt	29
Casey Duke	30
Karen Wright	30
Dave Freehill	30
Bill Pool	31
Mary Jo Kingsley	31
Justin Hunter	31
Jessica Hunter	31



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
James & Carol Steinman	1	57
Matt & Staci Lindelof	1	12
Lynn & Gail Anliker	3	58
Phil & Malinda Lutz	4	53
Peter & Kate Provin	6	5
Tom & Kris Barnes	8	23
Doug & Ellen Maxey	9	13
Josh & Christina Moody	10	8
Kent & Jean Bielfeldt	11	26
Denny & Susie Tongate	13	16
Bill & Joyce Dewey	14	45
Mick & Mary Jo Kingsley	17	53
Glenn & Marsha Riddle	17	52
Jason & Kate Main	19	15
Rick & Jean Ertel	20	33
John & Connie Tennyson	25	37
Doug & Sheila Bennett	26	



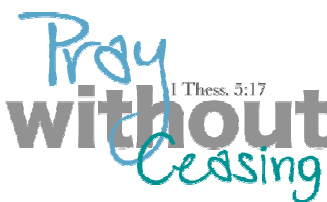
### Mission Socks

The missions socks collection in July will be on the 15th/16th and will benefit the Hanley School Fund

## Offering & Attendance

Jan—May 2018 Offering for Budget	\$124,096.03
Jan—May 2018 Budget	\$133,941.86

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
May 26/27	17	123	28
June 2/3	18	101	27
June 9/10	23	115	17
June 16/17	23	100	22
June 23/24	10	111	23



### 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

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



<p>1 Communion 7:00 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 2:00pm Communion Manor/Annex</p>	<p>4 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Office Closed</p>	<p>7 5:30 pm Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>8 10:00am One Service Sunday led by Jake's Boys</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Covenant Council</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00pm Pie Night/Manor</p>	<p>12 Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>13 Office Closed</p>	<p>14 Mission Socks</p> <p>5:30 pm Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>15 Mission Socks</p> <p><b>Bike to Church!</b> 8:45 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>16 Office Closed</p>	<p>17 Office Open 10am-2pm</p>	<p>18 Office Open 10am-2pm</p>	<p>19 Office Open 10am-2pm</p>	<p>20 Office Closed</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>22 8:45 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:00 am Newsletter Prep</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:30 pm Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>29 8:45 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>30 9:30am Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>31 9:30 am Vacation Bible School</p> <p>10:00am Communion/ Holly Brook</p>				

