



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 2019



Hymn Sing Festival August 11, 3:00 PM

The popular annual Hymn Festival sponsored by Gibson Area Music Foundation will be held this year at 3pm on Sunday, August 11th at the United Methodist Church of Gibson City.

Choir Members Needed

The Sanctuary Choir is looking for new members! Choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 and shares their music during the 8:45 worship services during the months of September—May.

Please see details below:

- **Position:** Openings for soprano, alt, tenor and bass. No others need apply.
- **Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry lights musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.
- **Experience:** No applications will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some time.
- **Beginning Wage:** Increased satisfaction and joy in the service of God.
- **Fringe Benefits:** Social Security: We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members.
- **Hours:** Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 and Sunday mornings. There is occasional opportunity for overtime.
- **Retirement:** Generally determined by the printed notes getting too small, the hymnal too heavy, notes too high, the sanctuary too hot or too cold, or the organist unable to play the notes you sing.
- We are an equal opportunity employer!

Poured Out Church • September 13-15



Schedule for September 13-15:

- September 13**—Cookie Packaging
- September 14**—Saturday Night Light Worship @ 5:30pm; Home Projects, Food Pantry Volunteering, County Market Grocery Help
- September 15**—Traditional Worship at 8:45am, Sunday School at 10:00am, Contemporary Worship at 11:00am.

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



September 1

- no Sunday School for Youth

September 8—Rally Day!

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

Pastor—John Tennyson
Church Phone 217-784-5452
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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 or Find us on Facebook: “Gibson City UMC”

SEPTEMBER NOMINATIONS SIGN-UP

Every Christian is a minister. God has a calling on each of our lives to serve. This year the Nominations Committee is asking you to pray and consider where God is calling you to serve. In September, there will be volunteer sign up sheets outside the sanctuary for all our committees and teams. Please pray. Consider where God wants you to serve and sign-up. None of the committees involve a huge time commitment. Most only meet for no more than 1 hour per meeting.

Covenant Council – meets 8-9 times/year

Presently, the Covenant Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The Covenant Council is the main decision-making body of the church. It consists of the chair-people of the committees of the church. However, at-large congregational members are needed from the congregation.

SPRC – meets 4-5 times / year

Presently, SPRC meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00. The primary goals of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) are to encourage, strengthen, nurture, and support the pastors and staff and their families, and to promote unity in the church.

Finance – meets 5-6 times / year

Finance presently meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. The Finance Committee oversees the expenditures, budget, and audit of the church finances.

Trustees – meets 6-7 times / year

Presently, the Trustees meet on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. The Trustees are mainly responsible for maintaining all church property. They also oversee memorials and endowments.

Worship – meets 4-5 times / yr

Presently, Worship usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The Worship Committee oversees our weekly worship services and plans special services throughout the year.

Missions– meets about 4 times / year

Presently, the Mission Team meets on the second Thursday of the month. The Mission Team oversees our outreach projects and missionaries. They help organize mission trips and projects, raise funds, and choose the recipients of the monthly mission socks offerings.

Connection Team – meets 9-11 times / year

Presently, the Connection Team meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. The Connection Team is concerned with the invitation, hospitality, and congregational care of new visitors and the members of the church.

Children's Ministries -

The ministry towards our youth and children needs individuals to volunteer as (1) teachers and helpers for our Sunday School and Wednesday night education; but also needs (2) individuals who would be willing to organize special nights and projects such as the SS and Wed. Night Kickoffs, the Wed. Night Fall Festival, the Wed. Night Luau, Christmas programs, and oversee the supply room.

~Pastor John

Mission Socks

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

Blessing of the Backpacks



As we celebrate the beginning of a new school year and send students back to school, GC UMC will offer a Blessing of the Backpacks at all three worship services, Saturday at 5:30, Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 on August 24th and 25th. Students, of all ages, preschool—college, are encouraged to attend and friends are welcome. Invite someone!

Upon arrival, students are to place their backpacks at the altar. 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 their church family cares and will be praying for them throughout the school year.



Poured Out Church September 13-15

Interested in ways to live out your faith? Want to make a difference in our community?

Community Outreach Weekend Sponsored by the Poured-Out Church Committee is the weekend of September 13, 14, and 15. Here are some possible activities you might do to reach out to help someone. Sign-ups are now on-line. Type in: <https://www.signupgenius.com> Click on the 'search icon (little magnifying glass) in the upper, right-hand corner; On the left side: Search for a Sign-up; Type in mammyd2@gmail.com and verify you aren't a robot; Sign up for the activity or activities of your choice. Please prayerfully consider how you can be of service in our community.

Friday:

- Dropping off cookies at GCUMC by noon
- Assembling cookie plates (Cookie Brigade 3-5pm)

Saturday:

- Home Projects (for example: cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, painting, doing home repairs, etc.)
- Volunteering at the Food Pantry
- Bagging and Carrying out groceries at County Market

Sunday:

- Washing windows at Casey's North or South or F.S. (2-4pm)
- Card Making at Holly Brook
- Tying quilts—YES, it is a go this year!
- Collecting bags with supplies
- Praying around the community, North Park or South Park
- Delivering cookies
- Finishing home projects
- Telling your church/community memories
- Singing hymns
- Helping at Shepherd's Closet
- Bagging and Carrying out groceries at County Market

Thank You

I want to thank United Methodist Church for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent in appreciation of the music I provide. They were a nice surprise and very much appreciated.

Beverly Nagle



Ride Ataxia 2019 is in the books! This year's event raised \$170,000 for Friedreich's Ataxia research. There were about 300 riders. The Gibson City community was very well represented with Team Emily bringing riders and about 30 volunteers and raising over \$31,000 in research donations!

We would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Channahon to support FARA. The event in Channahon truly would not exist without the amazing dedication from our family and friends in the Gibson City community. Our church family has been supportive in many ways and we truly appreciate your continued dedication to this cause.

It was an amazing day, allowing cyclists of all abilities to come together for a cause. The spirit and community of our small town is truly a blessing for our family. Thank you to friends and family for giving up their weekend to volunteer before, during and after the ride event. To everyone who made a donation, volunteered, or rode their bike, please know that your commitment is allowing many different avenues of research to continue. Emily is currently enrolled in a clinical trial that was organized and partially funded by FARA. It is because of fundraising events like Ride Ataxia that these trials are able to move the research forward. To all of those involved in Ride Ataxia in any way, please accept our most sincere thanks in making a difference in the lives of everyone affected with Friedreich's Ataxia and for being a part of the cure.

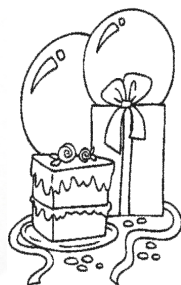
TOGETHER WE WILL CURE FA!

Sincerely, **The Rick Young family**



PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

	Day	Years
Dwaine & Barb Horsch	1	38
Doug & Susan Schultz	3	34
Brain & Cathy Steidinger	3	28
Merle & Krista McCallister	5	40
Frank & Casey McCullough	7	
Dan & Denise Kearfott	7	37
Kyle & Sara Bielfeldt	7	9
Ray & Oleta Lantz	7	59
Nick & Taunya Elder	8	10
Jim & Jo Gramley	8	27
Steve & Susan Hawthorne	8	
Bryan & Sue Shields	8	37
Fred & Barbara Wittemann	9	56
John & Ruth Davis	12	47
Matt & Danielle Brown	15	10
Steve & Leigh Ann Sharp	15	32
Ryan & Lauren Blackford	15	4
Craig & Karen Kummerow	16	39
Mike & Janet Utterback	17	34
Brad & Sarah Fairfield	18	12
Link & Angie Woodward	26	30
Don & Mary Rhodes	27	25
Bob & Janet Davis	30	50

Offering & Attendance

Jan—June 2019 Offering for Budget	\$136,165.01
Jan—June 2019 Budget	\$160,729.63

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
June 29th & 30th	19	101	22
July 6th & 7th	15	104	18
July 13th & 14th	22	98	21
July 20th & 21st	13	68	39
July 27th & 28th	13	91	25



Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young
 AB Cody McCoy
 PFC Glenn Mehl III & Taylor

Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel
 Edith Christensen
 Nancy Davis
 Gabe Fairchild
 Ruth Fisher
 Phil Lutz
 Bill Rusher
 Heidi Brown

Nursing Home Residents

Manor

Delores Brown
 Ruth Fisher
 Edna Goemmel
 Carol Hari
 Jane Hill
 Alfred Landau
 Phil Lutz
 Judith Peters

Annex

Mary Rosebraugh
 Doug Hager
 Marie Schneck
 Joan Longmire
 Evelyn Wachstetter
 Janet McKinty
 Wayne Apperson

Paxton Health Care

Bill Dueringer

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<h1>AUGUST 2019</h1>				<p>1 1:30 PM Connection Team</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3 Communion 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>4 Communion 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Prayers</p>	<p>6 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Office Closed</p>	<p>10 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>11 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Prayers 7:00 PM Covenant Council</p>	<p>13 Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Pie Night @ Manor</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Office Closed</p>	<p>17 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>18 Mission Socks 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Prayers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Newsletter Prep</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship</p>
<p>25 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Prayers</p>	<p>27 10:00 AM Communion/ Holly Brook</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	<p>31 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship</p>



AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
August 4	Malinda Lutz	Bill & Joan Pool Todd & Uyen Littell Jim & Chris Hazen	Maysen Frashier	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Phillip Littell
August 11	Kathy Eagleson	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Wayne & Terry Snyder Eckerty Family	Grace Steidinger	Steve Hawthorne	Olivia Hawthorne	Kearfott Family
August 18	Tom Borton	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Wayne & Terry Snyder Eckerty Family	Demi McCullough	Jon Clark	Quinley Family	Katie Steidinger
August 25	Kent Bielfeldt	Dean & Lisa Farmer Don & Janet Jensen Greg Pool & Family	Zoe Wier	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Phillip Littell
Head Usher for August is Dwaine Horsch						

OUR STAFF

Pastor—John Tennyson

Children/Youth Coordinator—April Rotramel

Administrative Assistant—April Rotramel

Church Custodian—David Merritt

Organist—Beverly Nagle

Choir Director—Ruth Davis

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Nursery Attendants—Melissa Jamison

Susan Schultz, Volunteer



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