

Dear Friends,

Do you feel like you're lacking significance or fulfillment? Is there a part of you that asks, "Is this all there is in life?"



Just like you sometimes have to reset your phone or computer when it's not working properly or it gets stuck, you can reset your life to get it running the way God originally intended.

Starting **September 11**, we are beginning a new sermon series on this *reset* theme.

We'll go through these four weeks that will really make a difference in these areas of your life:

September 11 "Jesus, Reset My Heart" – *It All Starts Here*

September 18 "Jesus, Reset My Mind" – *I Am What I Think About*

September 25 "Jesus, Reset My Voice" – *Good News for Bad Times*

October 2 "Jesus, Reset My Hands" – *Soul at Peace, Hands at Work*

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Speaking of a RESET....

September 11 will also be the day we reset our Bicentennial Celebration! Our *Bicentennial Moments* will resume with a look at the History of Christian Education at Carrollton First UMC.

AND...

After we go back in time, we will take a look at the near future, recognizing and praying over our wonderful group of volunteers in educational ministries – Sunday School, Nursery, Yellow Brick Kids, Bridge Kids, Wild Wednesday, Youth Group.

Rev. Dan Loomis

ALPHA Program

Please join us in praying for and recruiting individuals to be a part of our ALPHA program. ALPHA is an interactive 11 session series where we explore the Christian Faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We will begin September 12 and run every Monday through November 21 from 6-8pm @ The Bridge. Please be in prayer for this program and for those in our community that we can reach.

Contact Pastor Kimberly for more information.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT @ THE BRIDGE

All are invited to watch **Zootopia!** Starting at 8pm on Saturday, September 17. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and a snack to share! In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved inside.



MISSION TRIP

While most of you know that our church sent a mission team to Bright Side Youth Ranch in South Carolina this past month, many of you may not be aware that the trip was funded primarily by earnings from the Endowment Fund and the 180 Fund. While transportation was mostly funded by an anonymous donor, up to \$7,000 was allocated to purchase construction materials and for other work trip expenses from the above two funds.

The money spent on this short-term mission trip was used for the exact purpose that the 180 Fund was originally created back in July of 1996. Some of the money came from the Endowment Fund, of which earnings can be used for any approved "Mission" of the Carrollton First United Methodist Church.

As you can see, the earnings for these two funds allowed our church the luxury of sending out a mission team without going to the congregation for financial support.

If you or if someone you know might be interested in contributing to the 180 Fund or the Endowment Fund, please contact me or Rev. Loomis at your convenience. The Funds are classified by the IRS under Section 501 (c)(3).

Bruce Burgett,
Endowment Fund President

EDUCATION

It has been a great summer for the Christian Education team. Vacation Bible School was held June 6 thru June 10. Around 70 children attended each day to hear stories of Following Jesus...Sharing His Love, being told through singing, making crafts, reading Bible lessons and having puppet skits. A thank-you to Francie & Bill Krills and their VBS team for a wonderful time. Plans are underway for a one day VBS event on Friday, October 14. Watch for more information to come in the following weeks.

Another way we at 1st UMC are Following Jesus...Sharing His Love is through providing camperships to youth at United Methodist camps. Through the generous support of our congregation, twenty youth were able to attend camp and learn and experience the love of Jesus.

Once again, Wild Wednesday will be starting up September 28 at 6:00 pm. This wonderful Wednesday evening program, headed up by Ellyn and Lynn Dunlap, consists of a light dinner followed by singing and age appropriate Bible lessons. Thank-you Ellyn and Lynn and the Wild Wednesday team for sharing Jesus' love to the Carrollton community.

Another way we at 1st UMC are Following Jesus...Sharing His Love is through Sunday morning classes. We offer three children's classes and three adult classes where we all learn to follow Jesus and share His love. We also offer Yellow Brick Kids during the morning worship services and Bridge Kids at the Bridge worship service. Thank-you to all teachers and YBK and BK leaders for all your hard work and dedication to these ministries.

My hope is that the ministries we offer at 1st UMC will enable you to Follow Jesus and Share His Love.

Blessings,
Brian Husted

”Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12 NIV

THE ONE WAY YOUTH CENTER

One Way is up and running. Our first day was August 22nd with 36 kids in attendance. Since then we have had a steady number of at least 30 kids per day. They seem to enjoy the new menu, and like the idea of it being more sustaining. This year we have added a special activity every Thursday of the week. The activity coincides with a holiday that takes place during that week. The first activity was yoga to celebrate Musical Yoga Day that took place on August 26th. For the majority of the events a member of the community will come and present the topic that coincides with the week. The next task that we are doing is going to be adding an art project twice a month. This will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, the first one will take place on September 14th from 3-4pm. We are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to come and teach this project. If you are willing to come and do this please contact Olivia at 330-627-7751. One Way is open to 6th through 12th graders, from 2:17—5:30pm Monday through Friday.

BASIC YOUTH

Basic Youth began its school year session on Wednesday August 24th. We began with a group building series. This series will help bring the group closer together, and help everyone learn something different about those that they see every day. This series will last for 4 weeks. After that we will move into a Loving Yourself curriculum. This is a 5-week curriculum that will help the youth understand that God wants us to treat ourselves with love and respect. It will also teach them different ways to be loving towards themselves. Basic Youth meets on Wednesdays from 6-8pm. Dinner is provided for all who are interested.

WILD WEDNESDAY

Wild Wednesdays will begin on September 28th! We're waiting an extra week this year because the CHS homecoming parade is the 21st. Please invite anyone ages 4 years through 8th grade to join us from 6:00 – 7:30 each week. You may pick up a registration/medical form at Yellow Brick Church, the Bridge, or the first night.



Our schedule each week is:

-Supper at 6:00pm in fellowship hall sitting with our friends and table parents. This is where we talk about our mission project for the year which will be Operation Christmas Child. We will have another "packing party" to pack our boxes on November 16th.

-After supper, we go upstairs to sing for about 15 minutes. Then we break into age groups and spend the last 45 minutes doing a Bible story, craft, and/or game. We are finished at 7:30pm and ready for parent pick up.

All those younger than 7th grade must be signed in and out by whoever is listed on the registration form. We look forward to seeing "old" friends each fall and meeting "new" friends. We welcome you anytime throughout the year.

If you have questions or would like to help in some way, please contact Lynn or Ellyn Dunlap at 330-739-6762 or the church office.

Ellyn Dunlap

HABITAT CARROLL COUNTY FAITH BUILD

Carrollton First United Methodist Church will take part in their second Habitat build.

The house will be built for the Hill family at 70 North Church Street, Sherrodsville.

Volunteers are needed for work days:

Saturday, October 22 Roof sheeting / Interior framing (10 volunteers)

Friday, October 28 Siding (8 volunteers)

Thursday, November 17 Drywall (8 volunteers)

Saturday, January 21 Cleaning (6 volunteers)

Volunteers are also needed to provide snacks and lunch for the workers.

Sign up at church services or by contacting Gary Sterrett at 330-681-4004.

MOTORCYCLE RIDE & BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, September 11

Make sure your tank is full—this year's ride is 108 miles! Ride begins at 1:00pm; we will meet in the back parking lot @ YBC. The ride will conclude as we return to Carrollton First UMC for food & fellowship at the Block Party.

The Block Party will be held from 4:00-7:00pm at the Yellow Brick Church. All activities and food are free. All are welcome, so pass the word! What a great way to meet our neighbors and promote our church! Music, Carnival Games, Bounce House, Face Painting.

In the event of rain the party will be moved to The Bridge (Carroll County Fairgrounds).

SISTERS BIBLE STUDY

The Sisters Bible Study group invites all ladies to join them in a new study "Joseph: The Journey of Forgiveness" by Lisa Spoelstra beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1pm @ YBC. Contact Francie Krills for details.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Chancel Choir—Wednesdays, starting September 7 at 8pm

Youth Praise Team—1st practice September 29 from 4:30 to 5:30pm

At Yellow Brick Church, open to grades 2-8

**“For sin shall not have dominion over you,
for you are not under law but under Grace.” Romans 6:14 NKJV**

KEEP IN TOUCH MINISTRY

It's that time of year. Time to update who will be visiting those on our KEEP IN TOUCH list. The idea is to 'keep in touch' in ways that work best for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings. Some days, a visit may consist of a card or phone call. On other occasions, a special delivery from our church family will be made.

If you are interested in helping with this outreach, there is a sign-up sheet on the hall table, or you may call Penny Sterrett (330-681-4004), or Cindy at the church office (330-627-7671). Thank you and God bless.

Also, as college students receive their housing information, please be sure to contact the church office with their information so that we can "stay in touch" throughout the year with cards and care packages.

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 NIV

THE GATHERING PLACE

Volunteers needed

We are in need of two volunteers every Sunday to host The Gathering Place. Your duties include making coffee (recipe in cupboard), putting out pastries and extending a warm welcome to visitors and church family. Hopefully, you'll be hosting only once every three or four months.

This informal time of fellowship is open between services (from 9:30-10:45) in the former Parlor. It's a wonderful time to catch up with old friends, make new ones and share the love of Jesus with others. If you haven't stopped by, please join us.

If you'd be willing to help, simply sign the paper in the hallway or call the church office (330-627-7671). You may also contact Barb Roudebush (330-627-4947) or Penny Sterrett (330-681-4004) with any questions.

“For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things, to Whom be glory for ever. Amen.” Romans 11:36 KJV

A GROWING IN GRACE MOMENT....



Our Star

Ever notice how many times stars appear in nature? I was washing cherry tomatoes when it occurred to me that the greens I was picking off the tops of each tiny fruit form a perfect star. This brought me back to two weeks prior when our family visited the vibrant aquariums at the Pittsburgh Zoo. Filled with God's vast creation from beneath the ocean waves, the aquariums were mesmerizing. Clinging to the glass on some were sand-colored starfish. Curiously intriguing and aptly named, they too form perfect stars. I was pondering how many times in nature God includes stars when my husband called to me from the living room to view a movie scene with him. On the TV, five daring men dove from a high mountain ledge into a canyon below. Each wearing a special suit, they glided effortlessly through the air with the same skill as a flying squirrel. Pretty cool to watch. Something struck me in the scene though, from a distance the shape of a man with limbs outstretched is--a perfect star! So my question is this: what is the significance of the star in Scripture?

Specifically mentioned in the creation story, stars appear early on, "Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also" (Gn 1:16). They are used as a word picture to give measure to the immeasurable, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them....So shall your descendants be" (Gn 15:5). A star is used as a description of the prophesied Christ, "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob" (Nu 24:17). And it was a star that God used to guide the wise men on their journey to Jesus, "When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was" (Mt 2:9).

Lately a red-tailed hawk has been hanging out near my mailbox. It sits perched on the powerlines above looking down on a low-lying field with a lazy creek. As this hawk sits, it scans. With its high viewpoint it can see far and with its excellent vision it can see much. Once a small critter scurries into view, this hunter plunges from its perch, swiftly swooping in on its prey. Lunch is served, warm and wiggling.

Know what this hawk has that we don't? A higher perspective. We can see only what is going on around us. But from a higher perspective, much can be seen. More can be known. I wonder if this is why Jesus is called a Star. He has a higher perspective. From His vantage point He can view things we cannot. He knows what we don't. Our Jesus is all-knowing, "O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*....And are intimately acquainted with all my ways....Behold, O Lord, You know it all" (Ps 139:1-4) and He is almighty, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev 1:8). Or is it because of His Light? "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life" (Jn 8:12). Either way, He is our Bright Morning Star, "I, Jesus,... am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star" (Rev 22:16).

Christ is our Light, our Guide and we are to fully focus on Him, "And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith" (Heb 12:1). And we are to bring our cares to Him, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1Pet 5: 6,7). Stars hold high significance. All the many stars in nature serve as a continuing reminder of our Jesus and all that He is to us: our caring, all-knowing, Almighty, Light-bestowing glorious Morning Star.

♪ **O Morning Star** ♪

O Morning Star, how clear and bright, Your beam shines forth in truth and light!

My Sovereign meek and lowly!

O Root of Jesse, Promised One, my God and Ruler, You have won
my heart to serve You solely!

You are holy, great and glorious, all-victorious, Rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

—EmilyJ. ulman

CALENDAR

Fall 2016

Sept 5	Labor Day—offices closed
Sept 6	Trustee meeting 6pm
Sept 7	Chancel Choir 8pm
Sept 11	Motorcycle Ride 1pm, 108 mile ride meet @ YBC
Sept 11	Block Party—4-7pm
Sept 12 – Nov 21	ALPHA 6-8p (11 week study begins)
Sept 13	Sisters Bible Study 1-2:30pm
Sept 14	Ret. UMM breakfast @ Airport 8am
Sept 14	Nominating Committee 6pm
Sept 17	Outdoor Movie Night—Zootopia @ The Bridge 8pm
Sept 20	Education 7pm
Sept 21	Wild Wed Staff Meeting 7pm
Sept 28	WW Starts! 6-7:30pm
Oct 2	World Communion Sunday
Oct 2	UMM Breakfast 7am @ YBC
Oct 7-9	Algonquin Mill Festival
Oct 29	Trunk or Treat at the Fairgrounds
Nov 29	Ministry & SPR Consults
Dec 5	Charge Conference 7pm @ Scott Memorial UMC, Cadiz

On Going

Mon.	5:30-7pm Scouts @ Yellow Brick Church
Wed.	6-8pm @ One Way Youth Group grades 7-12
Thurs.	5:15-7:30pm TOPS @ Yellow Brick Church

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
 Romans 15:13 NIV



Fill my cup, Lord;
I lift it up Lord;



Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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