

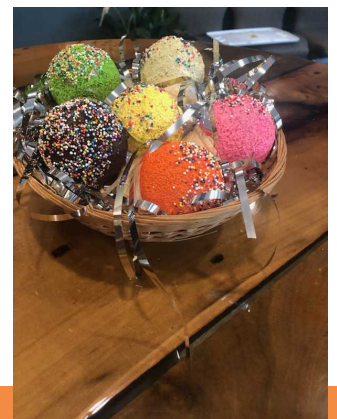
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THE VOICE

Official Newsletter of
Friedens United Church of Christ



A little pre ice cream social flooding did not prevent the event from carrying on! Special thanks to Debby Schippel for donating her hand painted umbrellas to be auctioned. Two umbrellas sold for \$50 each! The homemade pie auction was a success as well & we thank everyone who participated in this fun event. Although attendance was down due to atrocious weather, we still made almost \$1400!!! The challenge: camp costs have risen & most camps are over \$400. Our social will send 3 youth to camp. We are still accepting donations if you would like to support this worthy ministry!





Oh! The places we've gone!

The City Museum



Please join me for Pancakes with the Pastor



Who doesn't love a pancake breakfast?!? This pastor does for sure! Mark your calendars and plan to come early for Pancakes with Pastor Tarrah prior to worship on Sunday, August 8th! Veggie Egg Casserole for no-carb people!

Breakfast will be served from 8:30am-9:30am which will give us all plenty of time to get upstairs for worship after our yummy breakfast! This is no cost to attend:)

Get back in the...

R H Y T H M

It is time to get back into the rhythm of worshiping together. The rhythm of worship helps us grow as we practice together what the prophets and Jesus taught & modeled for us.

Sunday, August 1st: The Rhythm of Re-Membering and Mystery with Communion; children will stay in worship.

Sunday, August 8th: The Rhythm of Music and Prayer; children will stay in worship.

Sunday, August 15th: The Rhythm of Giving and Response; children's church with Pastor Tarrah today.

Sunday, August 22: A new series called "Beguiled by Beauty" begins. Children in Church for Blessing of the Backpacks. Please send Pastor Stacy "2021 First Day of School" Pictures. Lunch after worship hosted by council. Bring a homemade dessert or ice cream to share!

New
Series
Begins
August
22nd

Beguiled

BY BEAUTY

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

An early 6th-century theologian described God as “beguiled by beauty.” He imagined the Creator was lured by a longing for beauty and so set in motion a world of immense diversity and goodness.

This new series is inspired by the book of the same name by
Wendy Farley, Ph.D.

Farley lays out a theology of beauty that can lead us to greater compassion through spiritual practices of contemplation.

We need your help for this worship series:

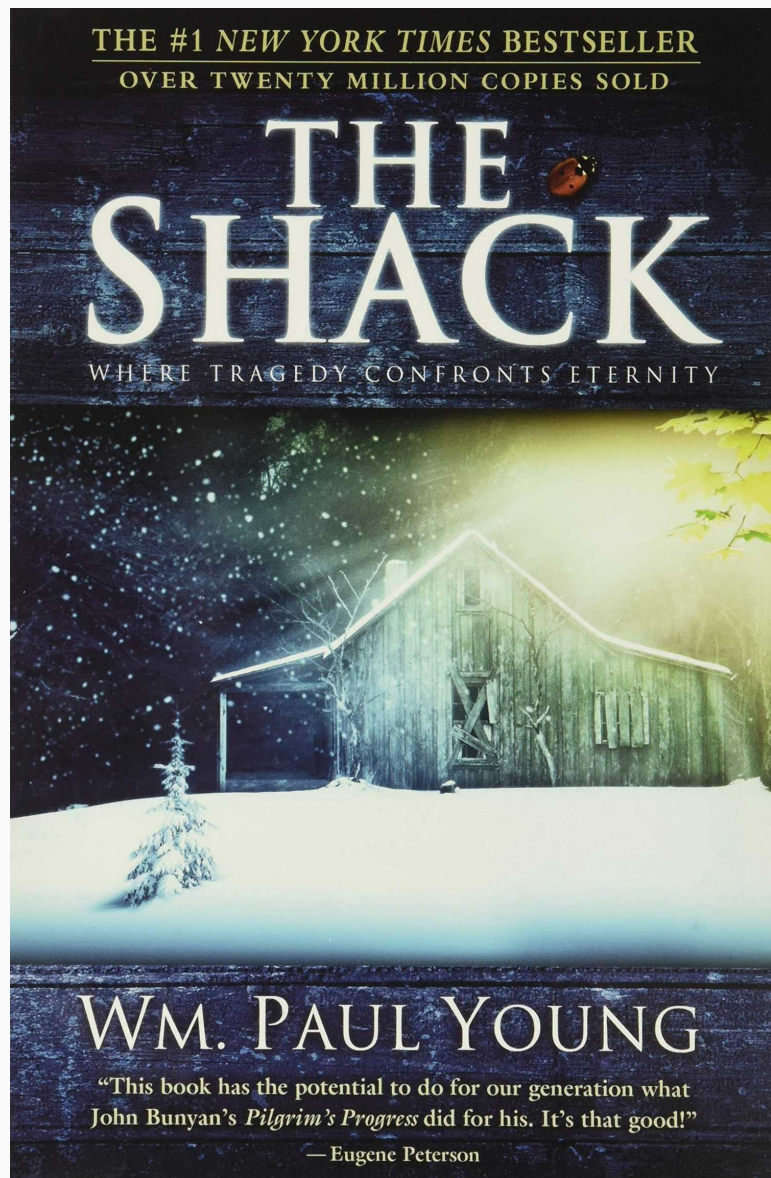
We need *windchimes* to hang in our worship space *and* if you will text Pastor Stacy 618 237 7383 or Pastor Tarrah 618 5589841 *photos of things you find beautiful (not just to the eye, but to the soul)* we will be turning these into art and using them in this worship.

Thanks in advance! We look forward to worshipping together and being Beguiled by Beauty that surrounds us!

Join us for a movie at church!

Our small group meetings have wrapped up and we will be watching the film version of "The Shack" on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6pm. ALL are welcome to come and there will be a kids movie area set-up as well being that the film has some difficult topics and scenes for children to take in.

Please bring a snack to share and your own drinks:)





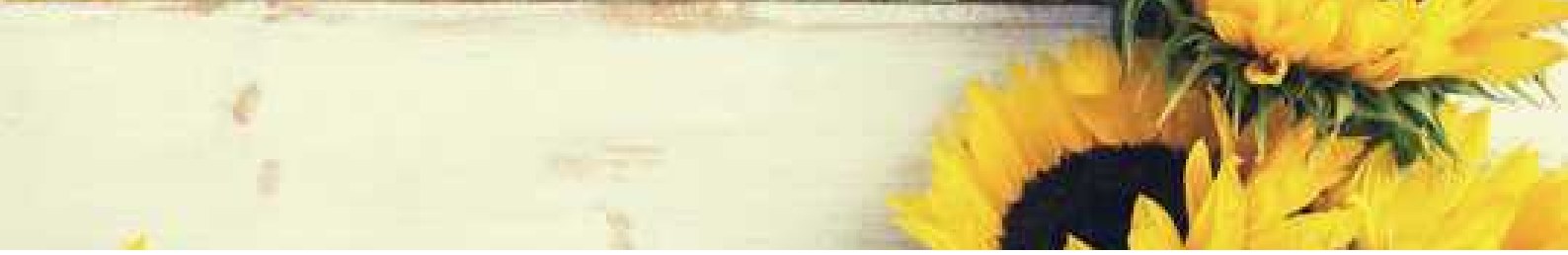
Confirmands

Confirmands will meet each Sunday after church, except for the third Sunday of each month, until **November 28th** which is our planned confirmation day.

The third Sunday of each month we will not meet after worship as a group. **Mentors: Please consider using this 3rd Sunday for scheduling time with your Confirmand.**

We have our 1st overnight lock-in on Friday, August 20th at Camp Carew in Southern Illinois. More information about the 2nd overnight will be coming soon. Several retreats are also being planned. Please hold our confirmands in prayer and they continue on their journey of discipleship as full voting members in the church.





It was a humbling and moment for me as I represented the Illinois South Conference and this beloved congregation at the historic UCC General Synod July 11th-July 18th. There were many resolutions voted on, inspiring guest speakers, educational workshops, and moving worship services.

One of the most moving speakers that joined us at Synod was Valerie Kaur, author of the book: *See No Stranger*. That is my "current read" and I look forward to sharing with all of you about this soon!



Our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, gave an inspiring "State of the Church" address and encouraged all of us to journey on as a hope-filled resurrection people...rooting ourselves in the love our Triune God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Most exciting, was when our beloved church was officially recognized and uplifted as a WISE congregation during Synod celebration night!



While serving as a delegate, I also served as Camp Chaplain "Songbird" at DuBois Center July 11-16. My cup overflows with joy in witnessing seeds of faith being planted & rooting in the 96 kids attending camp that week!

With gratitude and much love,
Pastor Tarrah

6th (almost) Annual Rainbow Camp

August 7, 2021

9am-7pm



Rainbow Camp is a day of outdoor fun with water games, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, archery, crafts, pontoon rides and more. We finish the day with a yummy dinner as the sun sets over the lake.

Rainbow Camp was started for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer singles, couples and families. Straight allies welcome, too.

This year, we extend a special invitation to neurodivergent kids (autism, Asperger's, ADHD, dyslexia, etc.) and their families to join Rainbow Camp to gauge interest in having a 2022 camp for kids who experience the world differently.

Adults \$40 / \$45
Youth 4-17 \$35 / \$40
Children under 4 Free!

Includes: 2 meals, activities & supplies

Register 5/15 to 7/18 - Pay Early Bird Rate

Register 7/19 - 7/31, pay regular rate

Optional Horseback Riding

\$20 - 1 hr trail ride • \$10 - 30 min arena ride

Register at: www.DuBoisCenter.org

Info: 618-787-2202

dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org

DuBois Center is the camp and retreat center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ

Find DuBois Center on Facebook

DuBois Center is a place where everyone is welcomed as a whole child of God. Come experience camp in the beauty of God's creation and have a whole lot of fun.

Because we affirm the value of all God's people, the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ability, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or gender identity. To the extent possible, we endeavor to accommodate those with a variety of physical, mental, emotional, medical, or dietary needs.



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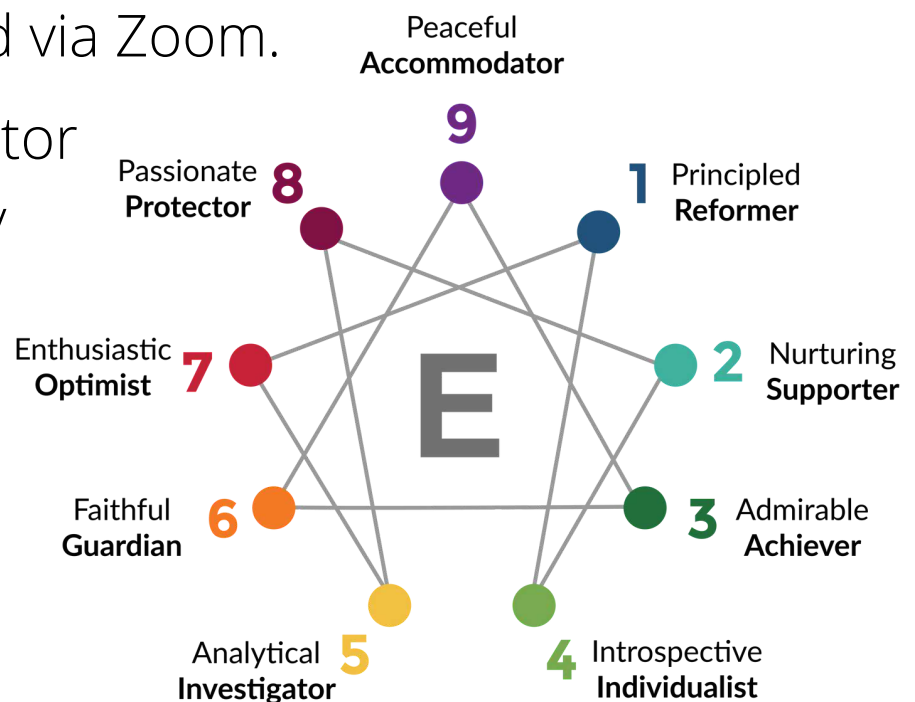


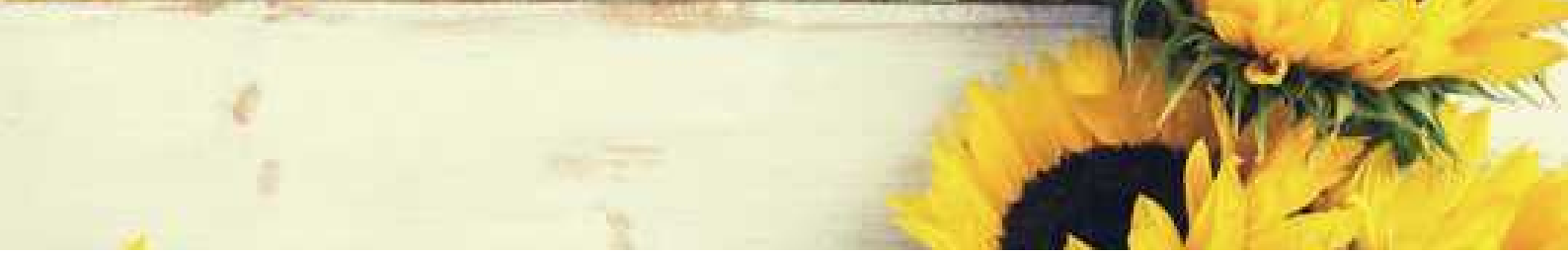
Enneagram Study

Many of us have heard about good "Fruits of the Spirit," right? Have you ever wondered why some of those fruits (goodness, kindness, patience, faithfulness, self-control, love, joy, gentleness, peace/mercy) are harder for you to wrestle with than others? Learning about your Enneagram number may just help you figure that out! No pre-reading is required but there will be some readings suggested if you would like to learn more.

The 6 week session will begin on Tuesday, August 31st, 6pm at the church and via Zoom.

Please speak with Pastor Tarrah if you have any questions.





On Sunday , Aug. 22 we will be having the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. Everyone attending school, no matter what age, is welcome to bring your backpack, bag, or briefcase as a part of this celebration of the return to school for all of our hard working students!



We also hope you will share your First Day of School pictures. Please send to Pastor Tarrah 618 558 9841 so they can be added to our worship on this day.

We need them no later than Aug. 19th to be included.



After worship on the 22nd, we will have an all-church luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a home made dessert or ice cream to share!



Thank you to FS: Gateway FS for the generous contribution to the Food Pantry! This donation will help to ensure full tummies in the Washington County residents that we serve through this vital ministry!



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