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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
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Hearts Strangely Warmed by the Blaze of the Holy Spirit, at the Peoria Civic Center.

The elections of lay and clergy delegates in concurrent lay and clergy sessions dominated the early business of the annual conference.

Elected to represent the conference at the 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn are: Laity: Paul Black, Springfield, Ill.; Anna Fender, Decatur, Ill.; Pamela Hammond-McDavid, Springfield, Ill.; Kimberly Woods, Industry, Ill.; and Steven Schonert, Olney, Ill.

Clergy: Sara Isbell, Bloomington, Ill.; Randy Robinson, Danville, Ill.; Janice Griffith, Chatham, Ill.; Beverly Wilkes-Null, Highland, Ill.; and Eric Swanson, Leroy, Ill.

In addition to the General Conference delegates, the following delegates were elected to complete the conference delegation to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Fort Wayne, Ind.:

Laity: Anish Hermon, Bloomington, Ill.; Julie Boesen Higgins, Bloomington, Ill.; John Cooper, Hillsboro, Ill.; Christina Krost, Carrier Mills, Ill.; Larry Weber, Fairview Heights, Ill.

Clergy: Beth Fender, Decatur, Ill.; Mike Crawford, Quincy, Ill.; Jennie Edwards Bertrand, Bloomington, Ill.; Andy Adams, Troy, Ill.; and Nichole Cox, Springfield, Ill.

Lay jurisdictional alternates elected were Erik Slingerland, Bloomington, Ill.; Clarke Barnes, Geneseo, Ill.; and Andrea Stuby, Alton, Ill.

Clergy jurisdictional alternates elected were Sylvester Weatherall, Springfield, Ill.; Gay Crede, Urbana, Ill., and Vince Rohn, Galesburg, Ill.

Presiding Bishop Frank J. Beard gave an outline of the process of local churches disaffiliating with the conference. Conference leaders are working toward finalizing the process by Sept. 1, but Beard noted that the plan passed by the 2019 General Conference and upheld by the Judicial Council is “narrow in focus, for a specific period of time, for a specific issue” and that the process includes annual conference and conference trustees’ participation.

An offering of \$96,735 was collected during Friday’s Morning Manna for the Our Conference, Our Kids campaign, pushing the campaign to \$904,954 of its \$2.5 million goal. The campaign, which will be used to endow the spiritual life programs at five conference children and youth welfare agencies was approved by the 2016 Annual Conference and launched at the 2017 session.

Other special offerings included \$6,704.52 by conference laity for the maintenance fund of the John Kofi Asmah School in West Point, Liberia; \$7,605.58 for the Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College and \$8,589.24 for the Bishop’s Ordinand Trip to the Holy Land in February 2020.

Legislatively, the conference announced that the health insurance allowance paid to full-time pastors will remain at \$17,500 for 2020. The conference also approved a 2.25 percent increase to its minimum salaries. In 2020, the salaries will go to \$44,358 for clergy in full connection, associate members and provisional elders; and \$40,705 for full-time local pastors.

It was reported that all three conference pension funds are fully funded and no increase was needed in the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) contribution for 2020. No change was needed for the defined benefits portion of the CRSP plan, which stands at \$5,700 per year for full-time pastors; \$4,275 for 3/4 time pastors; and \$2,850 for 1/2 time pastors. Pastors at 1/4 time or less are not eligible.

Retirees under the pre-1982 pension plan will see a 2 percent increase to \$794 per active service year in 2020.

It was also announced that the closing of Living Springs Camp was consummated just days before the start of the Conference session. In 2015, the annual conference authorized the sale of three of five conference camps – Living Springs, Epworth and Jensen Woods – to consolidate and invest in the other two campsites – East Bay and Little Grassy. The sale of Living Springs was the final sale of campsites and conference attendees saw a report of the improvements that have been made with the sale proceeds at East Bay and Little Grassy.

The conference also approved an initiative by congregational development, Reach 1,000 lending its support to local congregations reaching 1,000 new people from new ministries and reaching 1,000 additional new people through existing ministries. Congregational development is putting systems in place to provide training, coaching and assistance in the endeavor.

The 2020 budget of \$12,099,908 was approved – a decrease of \$7,408 or 0.06 percent. This is the seventh year of a relatively flat budget with the 2020 total less than the 2013 budget.

The conference approved the discontinuance of 14 churches – Big Prairie UMC; Blue Mound Bethel UMC; Bonnie UMC; Bryant UMC; Charleston Otterbein UMC; Colp UMC; Decatur Central UMC; Garrison Temple UMC; Irvington UMC; Prairieton UMC; Providence Chapel UMC; St. Jacob UMC; Twoer Hill UMC; and Vandalia Luster Chapel UMC – with a combined 2,120 years of ministry.

Seven elders were ordained. Three provisional elders and four provisional deacons were commissioned. A total of 30 pastors with a combined 769.5 years of service retired.

Membership stands at 118,681 in 2018, down 3,841 from 2017. Average worship attendance is 51,696, down 1,599. Church school attendance stands at 17,046, up 12.

The 2020 Annual Conference will be June 4-6, 2020, at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Ill.

By Paul Black

Administrative Council 2019



Chair: Lindi Kernan
Vice Chair: Mary Nice
Treasurer: Dean Kernan
Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning
Trustees: Dave Lambin
S/PPRC: TBD
Outreach: Linda Lambin
Nurture: Kelli Johnson
Worship: Roger Swanson
Christian Ed Chair: TBD
Men in Mission: Dean Kernan
Lay Leader: TBD
Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw
Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00-1:00

(309)629-5161

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Sunday, July 28

7:00am

All men welcome!



Last month I left out the names of the wonderful people who sent this thank you. Sorry Sam and Annie!

Thank you

To our church family,

Thank you so much for our college boxes filled with snacks! We (and our roommates) appreciated the extra fun stuff. We are also thankful for your prayers and support of us during this past year.

Thank you again,

Sam and Annie Althaus



MONDAY,

JULY 22

**WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities**



The worship team is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday morning worship. Ushers and liturgists are needed, as well as anyone wishing to play special music or share a testimony. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Roger Swanson or Pastor Zack.



July Worship Volunteer Schedule



July Ushers: Melvin Briggs & Kurt Jordan

July 7

Liturgist: Eddie Bradshaw
Children's Moment: Angie Althaus
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

July 14

Liturgist: Angie Althaus
Children's Moment: Emily Bradshaw
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

July 21

Liturgist: Dean Kernan
Children's Moment: Roger Swanson
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

July 28

Liturgist: Bob Bateman
Children's Moment: Emily Bradshaw
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd



July Birthdays

- 02: Nadine Nice
- 04: Dana Schultz
- 06: Bill Schultz
- 17: Alli Lambin
- 18: Desirae Silvis
- 21: Eric Atchison
- 22: Phyllis Kearney
- 24: Pete Barton
- 30: Kelsey (Schultz) Franklin

July Anniversaries

- 03: Marvin & Ann Enstrom
- 26: Dale & Linda Lanning



July Coffee Hour Hosts

- 07: Bradshaw Family
- 14: Need volunteer
- 21: Need volunteer
- 28: Need volunteer





VBS 2019

July 15-19, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Maranatha Chapel

We'd love for your child to join us at our Mega Sports Camp event! All the kids who attend will be learning great sports skills.

But that's not all. Kids will also enjoy upbeat rallies filled with energetic music, fun sports stories, and Bible stories that will help them learn character traits that can help them excel in sports and in life. All this sports fun takes place Monday, July 15th thru Friday, July 19th from 6 to 8 pm daily.

We'll start off every day at 5:45pm with registration. After a fun filled day, you'll be able to pick up your child at 8:00pm. Ready to sign up? Just complete the registration form on page 6 of this newsletter or pick one up in the fellowship hall at Alpha UMC or call Maranatha Chapel at 629-2127.

Sincerely,
MEGA Sports Camp
Directors Committee



Shoe & Sock Drive for Another Child Foundation ends July 21st

Please bring new shoes and socks to church until SUNDAY, 21 JULY when Pastor will bless these donations before sending them on to Romania with ACF!

If you are unable to acquire shoes or socks and would like to assist, they also ask each church to donate \$200 towards shipping. This can be placed in the offering plate with a memo of ACF Shoe & Sock Drive.

Please help support this amazing mission. Please contact Angie or Grace Althaus if you have any questions!





REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Last school grade completed _____ Male/Female _____

T-shirt size: Youth _____ Adult _____

Guardian(s) name _____

Phone _____ Work phone _____

In case of emergency, contact _____ Phone _____

_____ Phone _____

Special concerns (allergies, medications, medical conditions, etc.) _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____
(Print name)

Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian _____



July 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Pastor Zack out of office	2	3	4 	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6
7	8 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9	10	11	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13
14	15 VBS 6-8pm @Maranatha 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16 VBS 6-8pm @Maranatha	17 VBS 6-8pm @Maranatha	18 VBS 6-8pm @Maranatha	19 VBS 6-8pm @Maranatha Pastor's Sabbath	20
21	22 7:00pm Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27
28 7:00am Men in Mission Breakfast	29 7:00pm Boy Scouts	30	31			

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Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School

9:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 A.M. Worship Service



Have you visited our website?
Dean Kernan is the creator and manager of our website.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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