



Last year 18 members of UMCBurg (counting the Christie's dog Fergus), joined together for the CROP walk. Join us for this year's walk Sunday, April 24, for fun and fellowship but more importantly, to bring attention to food insecurity locally and worldwide.

CROP Walk Provides Aid Locally and World Wide

This month's Disciple Gift focus is CROP, most commonly associated with the CROP walk held every April in Warrensburg—and all across the country.

CROP walks are sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations and groups to end hunger at home and around the world.

A unique aspect of CROP Hunger Walks is that the money raised is divided between Church World Service and the local community. Of the funds raised in the Johnson County CROP Walk, 25% will go to The Food Center and 75% is designated to support global programs to end hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice—in Ukraine and the other 30 countries in which Church World Service works.

Donations can be left in the offering plates on Sunday morning, mailed in to the church office, or given through the church website, UMCBurg.org.

Joint Maundy Thursday Service Features Variety of Music, Reader's Theater

UMCBurg and First Christian Church are collaborating to provide a Maundy Thursday service April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Peter Norton and Rev. Gina Johnson, minister at First Christian Church, will share the message and homily and the Lord's Supper. Under the direction of Gary Grigsby, the First Christian Church Bell choir will perform with Colleen Reed, Chalice Jeffries and Jana Miller joining them. Alice Coleman will play the organ with Anita Grigsby on piano. The First United Methodist Church chancel choir will perform a special selection.

Additionally, there will be a Reader's Theater with narrators and reader/actors from both churches under the direction of Jan Glover, assisted by Kathy Ramser of First Christian. Participants from UMCBurg include Glenda Goetz, Sri Siramala, Dale Carder, Shannon Bridgemon and William Bridgemon.

Church worship services

Upcoming Messages

- April 10 The Spiritual Life of Children
- April 17 *Easter: Don't Be Afraid*
- April 24 The Spiritual Life of the Student Years
Confirmation Sunday

Service times for in-person and online worship
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

- Mon. Apr. 11 Luke 19: 36-41
- Tues. Apr. 12 Luke 19: 45-47
- Wed. Apr. 13 John 16: 16-18; 25-30
- Thurs. Apr. 14 John 15: 12-17
- Fri. Apr. 15 John 18: 1-18
- Sat. Apr. 16 Matthew 28:1-10

Prayers for our church family

June Mellinger's daughter-in-law Felicia Brown, Jana Miller, Trudy Quibell, Ginger Baile, the Ukrainians and world peace

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

- Sun. Apr. 10 Larry Yung
- Mon. Apr. 11 Eleanor Gilpin, Sonny Short
- Tue. Apr. 12 Goldie Edwards, Madison Ilnicky
- Sat. Apr. 16 Finnean Price

Anniversaries for the coming week:

- Sun. Apr. 10 Rose Kinder and Baird Brock
- Tues. Apr. 12 David and Carrie Ewing

Warrensburg's CROP Hunger Walk 2022

When: April 24 at 12 noon
Where: meet in FLC at First UMC
What: 2.5 mile walk followed by meal for walkers

Sign up to walk or donate at crophungerwalk.org



UMW Changes Name To United Women of Faith

Beginning this year United Methodist Women will call ourselves United Women in Faith. The new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new programs designed to better nurture members and welcome new women into our sisterhood of faith, hope & love in action. Find out more at uwfaith.org.

The April 19 meeting at 2 p.m. in Room 141 will welcome guest speaker, Deaconess & Home Missioner, Mandy Caruso-Yahne, serving at Amethyst Place, Kansas City, MO. Amethyst Place helps women and children overcome the inter-connected cycles of poverty, trauma, and substance abuse to achieve a multi-generational impact. Items are being collected for their household pantry. All church members are welcome. For more information call Vicki Ollison at 660-362-0044.

UMCBurg Job Opening: Nursery Director

We are looking for someone who loves Jesus and kids to be the nursery director.

The nursery director will schedule and supervise all nursery workers and volunteers according to the Safe Gatherings safety and security procedures for all events. The director will also

- fill out necessary reports: child/worker accident reports, maintenance repair reports, and required reports of child neglect and/or abuse as mandated by the state of Missouri and Johnson County.
- provide a safe, clean, inviting, and nurturing environment for children birth-3 years old.

The nursery directory will be motivated to fill God's love in the nursery and with the nursery families.

Nomination of Church Leaders

This month we are encouraging congregants to nominate leaders to serve in our church. Grab a nomination form in our office, atrium, or online. Please submit nominations by April 30, 2022.

Giving To God's Work

Last week Robyn mentioned the *Putting Your House in Order* workshop presented by Rev. Laura Murphy March 29. Over the next couple of weeks, I want to cover some of the interesting reminders that were in this presentation. The one item that struck closest to my heart was the suggestion of leaving a letter for loved ones or close friends to read after we pass. I am sure many of us would want to leave some thoughts or wisdom with those we love. Rev Murphy suggested writing letters now and making sure someone knows where they are located. What a gift to leave for those most close to you.

I want to mention we have a few extra copies of this presentation and workbook in the church office. We have also put a new holder in the entryway with several brochures on different ways to give, some which even save you money.

Thanks for listening!

Dale Carder, Generosity Chair carder@ucmo.edu
Robyn Criswell Bloom, Legacy Giving Chair

Youth Group

Let's go to the ballgame!!!

Sunday, April 10 at 1 p.m.



UCM Mules
vs
Missouri Southern



Warrensburg Crane Stadium/Tompkins Field

Coming Soon to
First United Methodist Church

FOOD TRUCK PARTY

Tuesday, May 31 thru Saturday, June 4
VBS Sunday on June 5

PK - 5th Grade
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Questions? Contact Vada (vada@umcburg.org)

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ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

SUMMER
MISSION
TRIP

Partnered with Clinton FUMC
Working with Della Lamb and Restore KCMO
June 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th 2022

Looking for a great way to give back and have fun this summer? Join us for a mission trip this summer in Kansas City.

Who?

Middle school and high school students

Where?

Della Lamb and Restore KCMO.

No cost for this mission trip.

Sign up on the Events page at umcburg.org.

The Bible Never Said That: If You Have Faith, You Won't Suffer

Does the Bible promise us that if we have faith we won't suffer? Psalm 22 begins with a cry of frustration to God: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The author of this psalm describes feeling abandoned by God as he suffers physical and psychological suffering. He remembers that God was faithful to previous generations, but he doesn't experience this faithfulness as he is mocked by others as he goes through a time of public suffering and embarrassment.

We never learn the details of what the author suffered, and we never learn if this suffering ended.

What we do learn from the psalmist is that he never gives up on God. He continues to abide in God and God abides with him. The promise of Psalm 22 is not that faith in God will bring a miraculous end to suffering but that God will be faithful to us even while we suffer. That God will bring us into final deliverance. The psalm concludes with these words:

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it. Psalm 22:30-31

How to Read Scripture: Experience

How many of us have known good people who have experienced great pain? Have you ever sat with one of your friends or family members going through a hard time and thought to yourself, "What did they do to deserve this? This just doesn't seem fair?" When I was a hospital chaplain at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, I saw incredible testimonies of faith among families that were experiencing great suffering.

One afternoon we received a call asking if a chaplain could go to the waiting room in the neurology department. There was a family that was very upset. I met a young mother and her husband who were in agony. Their daughter was being treated for a brain tumor. The mother's father had been driving to visit them in the hospital when he was in a fatal car accident. The first thing she asked me was, "Why? Why would God let this happen?" Like the author of Psalm 22, she was asking, "Where was God in her time of need?"

For the next several weeks we prayed together many times for God's steadfast love and grace to be with their family, the medical team, their daughter. We gathered around her daughter and prayed for her at 4:30 before surgery one morning. On another day we gathered together with 20 members of their extended family in the hospital chapel and prayed and listened to God. I witnessed their family facing the unknown, fearing the worst, becoming angry with God, and then remembering God's covenant with them, and drawing on his strength as they moved through one of the hardest chapters of their life together.

How to Read Scripture: Jesus Interpreting Scripture

How does Jesus answer the question, "Does having faith in God mean that we won't suffer?"

In the context of the gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples many times that he himself will suffer on account of sharing the good news of God's love and forgiveness. He also tells them that they will suffer as his disciples.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:31-34

Could it be that Jesus is showing us through his life and words and use of scripture that even the most faithful suffer? That while God never promises us a life free of suffering God does promise to walk with us in our darkest nights and bring us to freedom on the other side?

The family that I walked with in the hospital experienced pain and loss, but they also grew in their faith and relationship as a family as they faced these challenges together.

I've seen couples going through the pain of marital problems and stress in the home draw closer together through the knowledge of Jesus' abiding presence with them.

Many of us here today are experiencing pain. Know that your suffering doesn't come from a lack of faith. We all suffer, even those who have great faith. Know that God is with you. God walks with you in the pain. And in ways that we may not understand or expect right now, God will bring you deliverance on the other side.

SHINE
CELEBRATE

Holy Week

April 3rd Peter's Denial Matthew 26:36-46	April 10th PALM SUNDAY John 12:12-19	April 17th EASTER John 20:1-18	April 24th Breakfast on the Beach Matthew 26:36-46
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I'VE SEEN THE LORD - JOHN 20:18



Worship Schedule for **Holy Week**



Palm Sunday

**Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Children's Palm Processional**

Maundy Thursday

**Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Joint service with First Christian Church
Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Reader's Theater
Communion**

Good Friday

**Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Praise Band
Stations of the Cross
Scriptures and Reflection**

Easter Sunday

**Worship at 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Christ Has Arisen!**