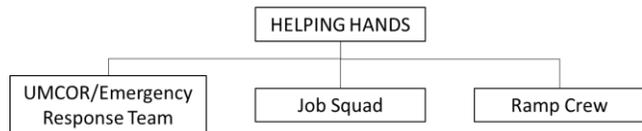


Monthly Disciple Gift



Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. FIRST is reaching out to help those in need...and we can do more, much more.*



FIRST is helping via

- UMCOR/Emergency Response Team: With monetary gifts and the Emergency Response Team assisting in disaster relief efforts.
- Job Squad: By doing small house repairs (e.g., cleaning gutters, changing furnace filters), cutting down trees, trimming bushes, raking leaves, shoveling driveways, making meals for the Rock or delivering for Meals on Wheels for friends and the local community.
- Ramp Crew: Assisting West-Central Independent Living Solutions (WILS) to build ramps, hopefully starting this spring!



Your generous 2021 donations supported humanitarian efforts internationally and within the U.S. How can FIRST expand its 2022 outreach mission...with your help and vision. Many needs exist and with your eyes, ears, hands, and prayers, FIRST can continue and expand this important outreach mission. Your gifts will make a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities in need.

1 Timothy 6:18 *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

Church worship services

Our current message series is entitled "The Bible Never Said That." This discussion during the season of Lent provides a way of deepening our discipleship in Christ through greater understanding of the scriptures and therefore greater understanding of the character of God.

Upcoming Messages

- Mar. 27 God Has Only One Plan
- Apr. 3 Faith Means You Won't Suffer

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

Prayers for our church family

June Mellinger's daughter-in-law Felicia Brown, Jana Miller, Trudy Quibell, Ginger Baile, Kelly Weinberger, the family of Amanda Brown, the family of Bernie Clark, the Ukrainians, families & bordering states

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

- Sun. Mar. 27 Gracyn Imboden, Rachel Scott
- Mon. Mar. 28 Russ Bloom
- Tues. Mar. 29 Timothy Burton
- Thurs. Mar. 31 Chance Riddle, Rowan Schmidli
- Fri. Apr. 1 Amber Pedersen, Emersyn Miller, Sharon Marnholtz

Anniversaries for the coming week:

- Fri. Apr. 1 Mark and Holly Bedwell

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)

shineumcburg.org
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United Methodist Men's Meeting March 28

Joe Hubbard, director of Standing in the Gap Ministries, will be the guest speaker at the UMM meeting Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m. at the Rock. Two of the residents will join Hubbard in talking about the program.

Dinner will be provided by Larry Bryan. Cost is \$10.

United Methodist Women Add Books To Library

UMW books are here! The United Methodist Women have added 15 new books, including a few for children, to their library, located on the second floor. UMW women and all members of the church are welcome to check out books from the library. We love to share!

Job Opening:

Audio Visual Technology Coordinator

UMCBurg is looking for an audio visual technology coordinator.

The audio-visual coordinator will recruit and train an audio-visual team to accomplish the church's mission. The audio-visual coordinator will be self-motivated and able to prioritize duties. He/she will be able to learn and train a team in essential audio-visual technology including the following: worship slide creation and projection, multicamera live-streaming video, and running a soundboard.

Resumes and references can be mailed to the church office at 141 East Gay St. Warrensburg, MO 64093 or emailed to contact@umcburg.org

Putting Your House in Order

An estate organizing workshop

Tuesday, March 29
6 p.m. Room 241

Please register in the office or atrium
We need a good count for the workbooks.

Thanks!

Estate Planning Workshop March 29

Putting Your House in Order is an estate organizing workshop conducted by Rev. Laura Murphy of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation

How many of us have wondered if we have everything in order? Have we left good enough notes and records for those settling our estates? Have we left the account numbers and passwords where they can be found?

Whether you're just starting the process or think you have everything prepared, this workshop will give you things to think about. There will be a workbook to assist in planning and thinking through many items that are part of the estate organizing process.

Youth group—Sunday, March 27



3:30 p.m. at the movie theater to see *Batman*



Kids Can Do Sunday

March 27

Bring your extra change to church!

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.

When?

Day missions every Thursday in June

No cost for this mission trip.

Sign up on the Events page at umcburg.org.

The Bible Never Said That: The Matrix Is Real

In 1999 a fun movie called *The Matrix* came out that vividly articulated a question people throughout the eons have asked: "Is the world we live in real?" Christians throughout our 2,000 years of history have asked ourselves this same question and a related one: "Was Jesus real? Was he fully human as well as fully divine? Did he really live, die, and rise from the dead?" These may seem like strange questions to discuss, but I'd like to have a conversation about how our answers to these questions will fundamentally shape our relationship with God, other people, our community and world, and even our relationship with ourselves as individuals.

1. How to Read Scripture: Experience

What happens when we doubt that the world we live in is real? I went through a period of time in my life where I leaned into questioning the reality of the world we live in. I was going through a time of uncertainty about my own purpose and call. I formally studied Buddhism and Hinduism, both of which question the nature of reality. Looking back, I see that the more I questioned the reality of the world we share, the more the following qualities emerged in my life:

- Less trust in God. Less trust in Jesus
- Less concern for other people
- Less concern for the suffering of others
- More focus on myself, but in a way that was not constructive

It was the faith and care of the people around me, my friends and family, who convinced me to embrace the world we live in. They convinced me to listen to the message of the scriptures that God created the heavens and the earth and called them good. They encouraged

me to, Instead of running from disappointment, to accept Jesus's offer of forgiveness and new life.

2. How to Read Scripture: Tradition

Irenaeus and Lyon, one of the second century Christian writers, appealed to the plain meaning of scripture that identified God as the creator, the goodness of material creation, and the reality of Jesus in his life, death and resurrection. Each person you encounter, even people who make your life challenging, are children of God, loved and forgiven like you.

3. How to Read Scripture: Jesus Interprets Scripture

The gold standard of interpreting scripture is Jesus himself. How does Jesus call us to think about the world that we live in? This Lent we are offering a Bible study for children and young families on the Lord's prayer on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. When the disciples ask Jesus how to pray, he teaches them to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

Our world is full of challenges. But it is real. It is good. As attractive as it may seem to want to escape reality, God has given us a good world to share with each other and with him. Jesus asks us to pray that we might be part of his ministry to transform this world to be more like the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

When we believe that God created this world, that Jesus really lived, died, and raised from the dead:

- We trust more in God's goodness and presence with us
- We take the lives of others more seriously
- Take our own lives more seriously



A time for children

Each Sunday, children are invited to join Ms. Vada for the children's sermon and then go to children's church in the rainbow rooms for a lesson, story time and a hands-on activity.

Sing your favorite hymns!

Do you have a favorite hymn you haven't sung in awhile? If you have a hymn you would like to sing this summer during the 11 a.m. service, please send Sherry Printz the title and United Methodist Hymnal page number. She will be choosing hymns for the summer and would love your input.

You can put a note in her church mailbox, text/call her at 660-238-0246, or email slgilpinprinz@gmail.com.

