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John Culp, Survival House board member, recognized Paul Rowland and Ginger Baile Sunday for their contributions to Survival House. Rowland and Baile were honored in April at the 2022 awards reception with the Clarence Bailey Award, which is presented to individuals who have gone above and beyond for Survival House. Rowland and Baile were instrumental in the renovation of the original Survival House, which was founded in 1982. This month's disciple gift focus is Survival House. You can make donations through the church website, put your donation in the offering plate during the church service, or send a check to the church office.





Congratulations To Our UCM Graduates!

Sonia Manly (above left) and Shelby Schultz (above right), graduated from UCM Saturday, May 7.

Sonia, who has been part of the AV team for three years, earned a degree in digital media. She plans to move to Kansas City and find a job filming for sports or large venues. Sonia is originally from Manhattan, KS.

Shelby, originally from Hazelwood, MO, earned a bachelor of science with a major in aviation and a minor in music. Shelby is going to continue her job at UCM as a flight instructor and will continue to share her musical talents with our praise band.

Church worship services

Upcoming Messages

May 15 The Trinity May 22 I Believe!

May 29 The Ascension of Jesus

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. May 16 Romans 1:8-15 Tues. May 17 Romans 1:16-17 Wed. May 18 Acts 3:26 Thurs. May 19 1 Cor. 1:18-24

Fri. May 20 Habakkuk 2:4; Gal. 3:11 Sat. May 21 Hebrews 10:35-39

Prayers for our church family

June Mellinger's daughter-in-law Felicia Brown, Jana Miller, Trudy Quibell, Barry Hoskins, Nancy Scism, Terry Austin, Abbey Metcalf's father, Kelly Weinberger's father, Earlene Christie, Doris Grigsby, the Boy Scouts are requesting prayers for the Pierce family, prayers for a church member with special needs, Benedetta Culver

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

Sun. May 15 Morgan Fowler Mon. May 16 Cameron Holmes

Wed. May 18 Chuck Linville, Trevor Martin Thurs. May 19 Chris Postlethwait, Sherry Printz,

Vicki Ollison

Fri. May 20 Collin Braun

Sat. May 21 Angela Wendel, Barb Messer, Debra Thompson, Nancy Kenepp

Anniversaries for the coming week:

Thurs. May 19 Eddie and Christina Hart Fri. May 20 Greg and Monta Miller

Please contact Carol Hassler <u>carol@umcburg.org</u> with information and pictures of your high school and college graduates so we can recognize them in upcoming newsletters.



Jill Pedersen, bottom right, has put together an enthusiastic team of nursery volunteers. These include (front) Tegan Anderson, Abigail McNair and (back) Tyler Ward, Amber Pedersen, Laine Bushmeyer.

Jill Pedersen Hired As New Nursery Director

Jill Pedersen has joined the UMCBurg staff as the new nursery director. She has been busy cleaning and organizing the nursery and finding volunteers. Jill said she was interested in the job because she likes being around kids: "They're kind of fun."

Jill is the Certified Athletic Trainer for the Warrensburg R-VI School District

Capital Loan Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce the capital loan balance has dropped below \$700,000. Currently the balance stands at \$689,254. Thank you to the congregation for continuing your donations in support of the capital campaign.

Help With Newsletter Needed

I'm looking for someone to help with the weekly newsletter. The newsletter is done on Word and mainly involves typing information (such as birthdays) and inserting articles that have been submitted. I can easily train you! Please contact me if interested at carol@umcburg.org. I could really use the help!

-Carol Hassler

Giving To God's Work

I am going to repeat a portion of an article I wrote last November; if you are like me you may not remember anyway. I want to talk about I-Bonds again. These bonds have a fixed rate and an inflation rate.

When I wrote about the bonds 6 months ago the inflation rate was 7.12 percent. Now due to our soaring inflation they just changed on May 1 to 9.62 percent and will remain at that rate until November. According to our government, I-Bonds are a low risk product that protects you from inflation.

If you need some help from inflation check it out at treasurydirect.gov

Disclaimer: I am not a financial advisor, so this is provided as information only for a matter of interest.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Robyn or myself.

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District Training:

Nurturing a Culture of Giving Monday May 16 at UMCBurg

"If money makes the world go round, why is it so hard to talk about?" asks Rev. Candace Fowler, senior pastor of First UMC Church Sedalia.

Rev. Fowler, using humor and music, will lead clergy and laity in a conversation about stewardship, finances, and fundraising at a district-wide training hosted by UMCBurg Monday, May 15 from 4:30 -6:30 p.m in the sanctuary.

All church members, especially those on leadership committees, are encouraged to attend.



The audio visual team and the praise band enjoyed an end-of-the year celebration at Traditions last week.

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The Spiritual Life of The Golden Years

One of the exciting things about this life is that there are special challenges and opportunities as we age and grow. We aren't just individuals going through the world alone. The amazing message of Jesus Christ is that we are invited to be a part of God's family. A family with many different generations. For our lives to be full and abundant, we need to have deep, meaningful relationships with people of all different ages. One of my goals in the message series is to help us all explore how much more rich our spiritual lives will be when we intentionally cultivate relationships with people of all different ages. By discussing each of the different stages of life in sequence, it's our hope that we can cultivate better understanding of ourselves and the different generations. Today we will be discussing together the golden years. Ages 60 to 100+

Some of the challenges of the Golden Years include learning to define ourselves differently than whose parents we are, or what we do for a living. Melody Waller shared this challenge: "I've been Dr. LaPreze. I've been known for my work. Now I'm Melody Waller. When you become and empty nester you wrestle with the issue of identity. I've been the mom of Abby and Emily. Now who am I?"

God has so many heroes after 80. Abraham and Sarah were in their golden years. Moses was 80 when he confronted Pharaoh in Egypt. It took 80 years to prepare Moses for the mission God planned. Years in the court of Pharaoh. Years under the training and wisdom of his father-in-law Jethro. Many years to prepare him for this moment in history.

Exodus 3:18

They will listen to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, "The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God." Exodus 3:18 God gives us great opportunities in our golden years if we are blessed enough to live so long.

L.I.E. as much as you can Legacy

Most of my career has been in children and youth ministry. Some of the biggest impact I have seen in the lives of young people has been people over the age of 60 investing their lives in the next generation. Showing them they care and that God cares about them.

- Volunteering in the nursery each week.
- Showing up at their basketball games or plays.
- Inviting young people and their families over for dinner.
- Vacation Bible School

- Being there to welcome them at church each Sunday and ask how they are doing.
- Reading the school newspaper and cutting out articles that they appear in, telling them congratulations for making it on the Honor Roll.

A church that is blessed with people over the age of 60 has an amazing opportunity to share with children and youth the good news of Jesus Christ.

Juanita Peaslee plans to retire this summer from Crest Ridge High School after 58 years of teaching Science. She was able to shape and inspire generations of students and teachers through her legacy of education.

Impart wisdom, which is different than knowledge.

The wisdom that can only come from experience can help some to see themselves in their proper context. To see failures on the spectrum of a life devoted to God and neighbor and not what will define.

Wisdom can help us to grow faster, saving years in our spiritual development if we tried to do it all on our own.

It's exciting and encouraging to look back over many years and see the Lord's hand guiding and orchestrating your steps. It's easy in our youth to not understand why things happen, why the Lord closed that door, etc. God is faithful to allow good things to happen out of bad circumstances for those that love the Lord. Claim his promises now, stand firm now whatever your circumstance and eventually when you're old you will understand his ways more clearly. Sandra Dike

Encourage

Both of my paternal grandfathers died in their 50s and 60s. My other grandparents have lived into their 80s and 90s. My grandparents have said to me. I never thought I would live this long. I'm ready to go when my time comes.

They were there to encourage me and my cousins when we needed them. My grandparents and many other people in their Golden Years helped me to see who God was calling me to be through their care and wisdom.

The good news of Jesus is that we aren't a culture of individuals. Together we are invited to be a part of God's family. Each generation, encouraging the others to create the kingdom of heaven on earth.



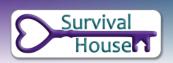


Looking for a great way to give back and have fun this summer? Join us for a mission trip this summer in Kansas City. Who?

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.



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Contact Information

And Much More!

Outreach Office: (660) 429-1088 Shelter Office: (660) 429-0522 Fax: (660) 429-3643 24/7 Hotline: (800) 846-7597

Outreach Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

All services are free and confidential

Survival House Outreach Center 137 E Culton St. Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

Our offices are located above the Food Pantry and can be accessed by the rear entrance.

For more information, please contact the Outreach Office.

24/7 Confidential Hotline (800) 846-7597



The floors of Fellowship Hall are shining bright! For those who don't know, Fellowship Hall is located below the sanctuary and contains a full kitchen, open area, storage, and a restroom. To take a look, use the curved stairs by the front (south) entrance of the church.

Maintenance on the Move

By Chuck Linville

After many weeks of determination, the floor in Fellowship wall is finished. It's not perfect but considering its original flooring and that it has been neglected for decades, it's a good start.

Also, in Fellowship Hall I will try to rejuvenate the bathroom floor and have the toilet seat and cover replaced. This will make the church a little more presentable to the Scouts and to any brides that would choose to use this area. While I was working down there, I also organized the furnace and storage area.

For the remainder of this month, I will be focused on the floors in Wesley Hall and polishing the floors, pews, etc. in the Sanctuary. Maintenance on the move. It's a beautiful thing.



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