



Every Tuesday and Thursday young boys play basketball in our Family Life Center. They also take time to regularly volunteer in the community through ministries like ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. The goal is to help these young men develop basketball skills and an understanding of the importance of community service. This is one example of ways in which our church is supporting young families in our community on a weekly basis. The basketball ministry is lead by Kevin Fisher and Stephanie Elkins-Fisher

## Monthly Mission



The monthly mission for May focuses on Survival Adult Abuse Center, which has been a part of Warrensburg for 40 years.

Formed in 1982 by a group of concerned citizens in Johnson County, Survival House initially provided emergency shelter and a crisis hotline for victims of domestic violence. It became quickly apparent that more services were needed.

Funds raised support the free and confidential services for victims of domestic and sexual violence. They also go towards things such as replacing identifying information, transportation, medication, groceries, and other items clients may need.

To donate, give online through the UMC-Burg website or send a check to the church office made out to FUMC with Survival House in the memo line.

See page 4 for more information about Survival House.

## Church worship services

### Upcoming Messages

May 8	The Spiritual Life of Maturity
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 9	John 14:15-17
Tues. May 10	Romans 8:15-16
Wed. May 11	John 14:18-21
Thurs. May 12	2 Cor. 3:16-18
Fri. May 13	John 16: 16-24
Sat. May 14	2 John 1:6-9

## 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, the Ukrainians and world peace

## Celebrating our church family

### Birthdays for the coming week:

Sun. May 8	Norah Kirby
Mon. May 9	John Kennedy
Wed. May 11	Brayden Abner, Norris Waller, Tehya Pratt
Thurs. May 12	Barthlameo Kiplimo, Betsy Ridenhour, Denny Humphrey
Fri. May 13	Alyssa Warnecke
Sat. May 14	Camden Bradfield, Sue Engelmann

**There will be no youth group this Sunday in observance of Mother's Day**

### 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.



Register to join us!

**FOOD TRUCK PARTY**

ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

Tuesday, May 31- Friday, June 3  
After Summer School 12:25-4pm

Saturday, June 4  
9am - 12noon

Preschool - 5th Grade

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141 E. GAY STREET

**PROCLAIM**

May 1- Paul is Changed (Acts 9:1-20)  
May 8- Paul Escapes with Help (Acts 9:21-25)  
May 15- Paul and Timothy (Acts 16: 1-5) (2 Timothy 1:5-7)  
May 22- Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)  
May 29- Shipwrecked (Acts 27:1-44)

These people are servants of the Most High God!  
They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!

\* Acts 16:17b

First United Methodist Church  
141 E. Gay St., Warrensburg, MO 64093

### Giving To God's Work

Monday, May 9, 6 p.m.

When Treasures and Hearts  
Come Together

Rev. Laura Murphy will return to our church Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. to present the workshop *When Treasures and Hearts Comes Together*.

This workshop is intended to plant seeds and spur conversation around the idea of what it means to leave a legacy. The workshop will guide participants to reflect on what is nearest and dearest to their hearts and how to set up legacy gifts to reflect what is important to them. The workshop's intent is not to sell financial services; however, it will provide education around the variety of financial giving options.

Those of you who have attended other workshops that Laura has presented know this will be informative and entertaining.

Please call the church office at 660 -747-8158 and reserve your seat. If you have questions please call Robyn or me.

LEGACY GIFTS WILL PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH!

Thanks for listening!

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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](http://umcburg.org).

Rev. Peter Norton, Senior Pastor  
Phone: 660-747-8158

## ***The Spiritual Life of Middle Age***

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 this 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 middle-aged years, ages 30 to 59.

I asked people on Facebook to share their thoughts on the opportunities and challenges of living through your 30s, 40s, and 50s. My former swim coach, Paul Murphy, wrote, "As you get older by the decade the one question that always comes up is what's next?"

**Ages 30 to 40** You are still digging your heels in and figuring out where you are in life, family, relationships. You have more responsibility and less time. These are the years many people choose to get married. Our bodies are able to bear children. You have the energy to raise kids, which as many of you know is really saying something.

**Ages 40 to 50** There is an expectation to be solid. Our bodies change and kids become more independent.

**Ages 50 to 60.** You ask yourself, "Where do you want to be after the kids leave the house?" Career? When are you done? You are reestablishing your relationship with your partner, God, friends, and spouse. You are reconnecting yourself spiritually. These are the years of great opportunity.

Gabrielle Benedict, who is in her 30s, recently went to a training in Charleston with the Air Force Reserves. She had a chance to explore the historic city and visit family. She bought a pistachio ice cream and thought to herself, "I get to eat this all myself...but I kind of wish my kids were here with me."

As I've talked with my friends in their 30s and 40s and 50s, these are the years that we are in demand. The opportunity and the challenge of these years is to maintain correct priorities. The challenge of this stage of life is that we can feel disoriented by the many different voices asking us to invest our time in various areas.

In the context of this discussion, the words from Ephesians chapter 4:14 speak to the challenge we have in hearing and following God's voice: We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. Ephesians 4:14

The middle age years can be disorienting when you aren't clear about your goals. Where our student years are focused on exploring and gathering new perspectives, our

middle-aged years can be disorienting if we are not intentional about the choices we are making.

\*Movement from one career path to another can be a wonderful thing if done for the right reasons, but this can also be a way of avoiding the responsibility and maturity that comes with experience and age.

\*Our marriages can be strained if our commitments aren't firm to our spouses and families.

\*Our identity can become confused if we aren't regularly investing in building up our community.

\*Our identity in Christ will become confused if we don't invest regular time with Jesus and other believers.

Each of us is ultimately a child before God and in constant need of direction, encouragement, and grace. We should always be reviewing and remembering the most fundamental elements of our faith in God, but we also have a responsibility to seek continual maturity in our understanding.

How do we maintain God's priorities and develop the maturity?

**Invest time in the things that Jesus shows us are important through his life.**

Jesus would wake up early to listen to God. This is a stage of life to spend time in silent prayer every day asking God to help us discern where we are called to invest our time. Spend time talking with people who have more experience than we do.

**Make time to rest and be with the people you love.**

Chuck Linville, our facilities manager, got divorced when his son was young. He made sure that they were together every weekend. For ten years they spent Saturday and Sunday together fishing, playing catch, enjoying time together. They attended church with his brother and his wife and would have BBQs where his son could play with his nephews. In those ten years, they only missed half a dozen weekends together.

Taking the sabbath requires us to trust in God and that our careers and the world will keep moving without us. It's a time to let go of the need to always be in control and producing, which is the temptation of the middle age years.

One of the reasons Jesus' church is so important is that it is the body through which we develop relationships with people of different ages that can help us to better understand where we are in our journey of faith. Children remind us of the importance of play and the joy of God. Those who have more years and more experience can share with us the wisdom they have accumulated in their spiritual lives and help us to learn for ourselves the priorities that God is setting for our lives. Enjoy the sabbath. Take a day to be with God, the church, family, and friends. Let go of work and delight in the life God has given you. The work will be there when you get back. You will perform better. Slow down enough to have time to develop relationships with people of different ages.



## **Services**

Crime Victim's Compensation Assistance  
Professional Therapy and Counseling  
Emergency Shelter  
24 Hour Hotline  
Court Advocacy  
Case Management  
Children and Family Services  
Weekly Support Groups  
**And Much More!**

## **Contact Information**

Outreach Office: (660) 429-1088  
Shelter Office: (660) 429-0522  
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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  
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Warrensburg,  
Missouri 64093**

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

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