



August Disciple Gift notes

Food Pantry service project Needs UMCburg's help

On Saturday, August 23, **Carrie Ewing** officially retires from her director's position of the local food pantry. There is an open reception in the FLC from 1:30 to 3 p.m. which includes ice cream sodas and cookies. Everybody is welcome to join in her celebration.

This change in directorship is only part of our connection to this service in our community. During August, UMCburg members have manned the open hours from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Signing up to serve can be done on-line at umcбург.org, but also on Sundays in the atrium. Five volunteers are needed for each afternoon. Christi Riddle has started adding names to the volunteer schedule as she has already talked to some of our members about helping.

Christi serves on the Food Pantry board, and she has learned that the Food Pantry is having problems with the supply change. Harvesters, who is the primary source for supplies, shared that it may only be able to provide about 50% of what the pantry is accustomed to delivering.

Additionally, the demands for services in increasing. For instance, in January the number of households that was served was 304 and has gone as high as 444 in April. Just in May the pantry served 380 households, which was 876 individuals.

Another concern is feeding the homeless in our community. The June count for the homeless has risen to a high of 175 visits.

With the increased need for food to meet the needs of the homeless, the Food Pantry is asking that actual food donations for them be individually wrapped, single serving items. For instance, possibly tuna/chicken salad lunch packages.

As we prepare for the August Disciple Gift of the Food Pantry, please consider the needs of the homeless, but also basic supplies for the pantry. One of the major concerns is the need to purchase additional meat products, so financial donations are going to have to be used differently to supplement what Harvesters has typically provided.

Church worship services

Upcoming Messages:

July 24 Going Back in Order to Go Forward
July 31 Journey through the Wall

Service times for in-person and online worship

9:30 a.m. Praise Service and 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

Monday, July 25	Genesis 22:9-12
Tuesday, July 26	Job 42:1-6
Wednesday, July 27	John 21:17-19
Thursday, July 28	Hebrews 12:7-11
Friday, July 29	James 1:2-5
Saturday, July 30	Genesis 12:1-3

Praying for our church family

June Mellinger and the children in our community during these difficult times.

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

Sun. July 24	Aaron Brown
Mon. July 25	Jordan Helmig
Tues. July 26	Ginger Baile, Susan Arthurs
Thur. July 28	Alexis Ilnicky, Brent Wendel
Fri. July 29	Carrie Ewing, Hailey Dais, Katy Hart
Sat. July 30	Emma White, Stephanie Elkins-Fisher
Sun. July 31	Jordyn Miller, Teresa Shaw

Anniversaries for the coming week:

Sun. July 24	Greg and Melissa Lightfoot
Mon. July 25	Jim and Barb Metcalk
Wed. July 27	Jeremy and Ellie Gilbin

Youth Group update

Friday, July 22: The youth will meet at the UCM Union at 9 am to participate in the final day of Christ in Youth. Pickup will be at 1 pm.

Sunday, July 24: Youth will meet at 6 pm to finish the series, "Familia".

Scripture: John 3:16-18

Sunday, July 31: *Green Meadows Alpaca Ranch*
The youth will meet at the church at 3:30 pm and return at 6 pm. The trip will include a picnic so **RSVP to Kelly by Wednesday, July 27**

July is Undie Sundays

Sunday is Kids Can Do

Everybody is reminded to check their pockets, the bottoms of the purses, the car's consoles for that

UMCburg Ramp Crew Back in Action

In conjunction with WILS, who provided the funding, the UMCburg Ramp Crew spent three long, hot days (July 16-18) in Clinton building a large ADA approved ramp for a wheelchair-bound man who can now get in and out of his house.

To give you an idea of how massive the project was, here is a look at a few statistics:

- Total number of hours (not including driving): 179.5
- Estimated materials cost: \$1,900
- Square feet of flooring: 189
- Spindles screwed on: approximately 196

The eight-person crew included Scott and Colleen Reed, John Hart, Doug Christie, Bill Thoms, Dale Carder, Charles Hall, and Carol Hassler.

The Ramp Crew plans to remain in action—in cooler weather next time—and invites anyone to join them. All you need is a pair of work gloves and a willingness to learn.

Church family,

While I thought I was fully retiring, it looks like I'll be teaching full time this school year. This leaves me little time to work on the newsletter, so for now I will be stepping away from working on it. Please send information for the newsletter to Pastor Susan.

Thank you,
Carol Hassler

As you know, we all work as a team to keep the church family informed. Many thanks for Carol's work over the last three years as we all managed the pandemic and the return to a tad bit of normalcy. -Pastor Susan



Day 1: Good start.



Day 2: Extension added.



Day 3: Finished.

Thank you team; Scott & Colleen Reed, Dale Carder Bill Thoms, Charles Hall, Carol Hassler, Doug Christi & John Hart!

Giving To God's Work

Did you know that ownership of many assets can be legally transferred to your heirs outside of probate court? One of the goals of estate planning is to minimize the amount of property and personal assets that are part of your 'probate estate.' This minimizes probate

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