



August Disciple Gift:

Volunteers, supplies needed

Annually, UMCburg works with the local Food Pantry to man the hours in which clients come and pick up supplies. This year we are happy to report that almost every volunteer slot is filled except for the last week, where a few slots are still open.

The effort to make sure that the on-line sign up to volunteer is being translated into the Sunday morning review in the atrium is successful thanks to Christi Riddle and Andrea Whitehead.

If you still would like to volunteer, please sign up online at umcбург.org or talk to Christi on Sunday morning in the atrium.

We do want to share that supplies themselves are needed as the shelves in the Food Pantry are not well-stocked. The current economic condition means very few products are available at the Food Pantry. Therefore, please consider bringing actual staples that we can deliver to the Food Pantry.

One of the most critical needs is for individually wrapped/prepared food items for the homeless. One suggestion to donate are individual cans of tuna, chicken, or ham salads. They also need fruits and veggies.

Harvesters has been a major supplier for donated items for our local pantry, but the lack of truck drivers as well as availability of goods has reduced donations by 50%.

Harvesters was a primary supplier of meat products, but currently they are unable to provide nearly what they had been, so monetary donations will go to acquire additional meat products for the clients.

You can bring any items to the church's atrium anytime during the week. The two large food cans are inside the doors ready to be filled. Church volunteers will make sure they are delivered to the Food Pantry as soon as possible.

Monetary donations can be made online through the church's website: umcбург.org. You may mail them in to the church office with 'Food Pantry' in the memo line: 141 E. Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093. And, you may bring donations to worship on Sunday and place them in the offering plates found in the windows.

The church's efforts to support the Food Pantry is one of our major local ministries. Thank you for all the support you provide this service.

Church worship services

Upcoming Messages:

August 14 Greater Things: Come and See
August 21 Greater Things: Miraculous Signs
August 28 Greater Things: Believe

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, August 15 John 3:1-2
Tuesday, August 16 John 3:8
Wednesday, August 17 John 4:46-50
Thursday, August 18 John 4:51-53
Friday, August 19 John 11:47
Saturday, August 20 John 14:11-12

Praying for our church family

Bob Hookey and Georgia K.

Please keep the students and the school staff in your prayers as we prepare for a return to the school routines.

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

Mon. Aug. 15 Haylie Burton, Jason Baker
Tues. Aug. 16 Michael Dais, Selah Kilgore, Terri Helmig
Fri. Aug 19 Noe Villarreal
Sat. Aug. 20 Rebecca Pattenaude

Anniversaries for the coming week:

Sun. Aug. 14 Russ & Robyn Bloom
Wed. Aug. 17 Ron & Candy Stephens
Fri. Aug. 19 Dale & Luciann Smith

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Upcoming events

Check out umcбург.org for more information on upcoming events and opportunities for mission.

- **Food Pantry**—August's Disciple Gift needs volunteers and additional funds & food.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**—meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the church's library. OA is a 12-step program based on AA. Open to all, the only requirement is the desire to stop eating compulsively. Call Andrea M. at 660-232-2115.
- **Newcomer's Class**—August 28 at 3:30 p.m. for those interested to learn more about Christian faith and our church.

Notes from the Generosity Team

There is much to celebrate in 2022 in our congregation's support of the various ministries of the church: Spiritual leadership, Next Generation ministries for children, teens and college-aged students; safety initiatives, technology updates, reducing the building's loan principal and supporting monthly Disciple Gifts outreach missions. Your generosity has made this happen -- thank you!

And ... there's always more to do. Our lovely church built in 1908 needs ongoing attention. In particular, we need to caulk and paint the outside stained-glass windows, add a sanctuary intruder system, repair the Family Life Center, fix the front stair railings, improve our streaming capabilities and related technologies ... you get the idea. During the COVID period, we fell behind on some projects, so it's important to address these items now rather than later.

Your continued generosity is purposeful and appreciated as our Trustees ensure a comfortable and safe environment for us to worship, praise and serve God. Thanks for all you do in supporting all ministries and missions of UMCburg!

Small group reboot:

Why join a small group?

John Wesley designed small groups as part of the religious community he developed that we now know as Methodism. He had a method which developed one's spiritual journey through the four levels of grace.

He expected everybody to be in a small group. In fact, you were not welcome to join worship unless you had a ticket from the group you attended during the week.

Over the centuries, small groups have evolved into a variety of forms with the more familiar form of Sunday School that many of us know. Yet the culture continues to evolve.

Small groups are not new, but just as we were re-establishing the small groups in our church, the pandemic hit, and everything was forced to a sudden halt.

This week a group who feel small groups are important to the spiritual growth of individuals as well as for the church's spiritual health met. As a result, a menu of small groups will be available on Sunday, August 21, in the atrium.

Each member is asked to consider in what type of small group they would like to participate, sign up on the sheets listed, and pray about how this small group can grow your faith.

After August 21, the team will review responses and begin developing appropriate small groups, identify curriculum as needed, structure the hour-long session and contact you with more details.

Small groups meet regularly and will be asked to follow basic guidelines to create a positive, growing experience. Even though Safe Gathering certification is not required, we want to make sure all follow similar guidelines.

Any questions? Email susan@umcburg.org.

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Youth Group update

Sunday, August 14: Youth Group 6 p.m.

The faith of others can be a catalyst on our journey.

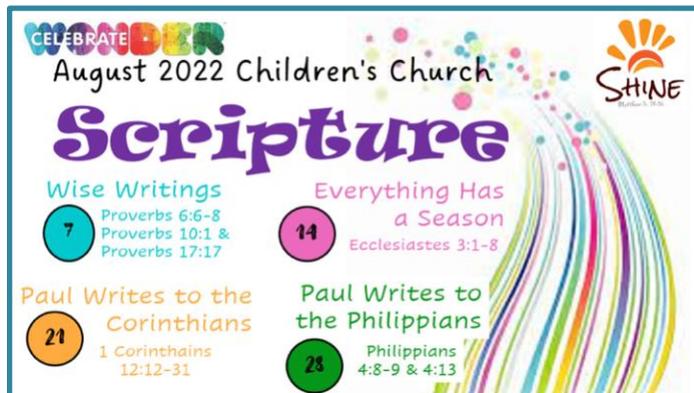
Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-40 & 12:1-2,
Exodus 3:10-12, Hebrews 10:24

Sunday, August 21: Youth Group at 6 p.m.:

Jesus is the catalyst for a new relationship with God

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 27:51 &
John 3:16-17

--Kelly Weinberger, "Better Together"



Update

for July's ...

School is about to start, and July's disciple gift was for the

emergency needs of the youngest in the district. The underwear and socks collected meet the needs at the Head Start program and the early elementary kiddos.

John Culp came in with a count of what was donated:

Underwear	169 packages
Socks	156 packages
Total	325 packages

And that is not all. Checking with the finance team, we learned that the monetary donations as of Tuesday, August 9 totaled \$911. There is a possibility this figure will increase as some donations are accepted later if so noted.

This is a great ministry from our church family looking after families with those last surprises on school days.

Come and see:

Lone Jack day-trip October 1

History captures the attention of our workers, and they have teamed up to provide a day-trip to Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield Historical Museum. Those going will meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m., load up, and drive to Lone Jack. The plan will include a picnic lunch there, and the bus will be back to church at 4 p.m.

Andrea Whitehead, office manager and volunteer at the museum, has shared that during the Civil War, there was a connection between Lone Jack and our church here in Warrensburg. The trip will give you a look into the history of these two communities. Email andreaw@umcburg.org or call the church to reserve a spot.

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