



Giving to God's Work

In the next few days, you will receive your 2023 pledge packet in the mail. Included in the packet is information about the upcoming Celebration Sunday on October 23. Also included is information about Disciple Gifts and other volunteer opportunities.

How will you assist? We often talk about the three T's: donating your time, talents and treasure. In order for us to meet God's mission through our church, we must strive to maximize our collective contributions in all three areas.

During Celebration Sunday, we'll celebrate the many ways our congregation **invests** in our church, community and world. As we celebrate this year's wonderful accomplishments, we're planning for next year – please prayerfully consider your investment in our church's ministries and missions.

Thank you for your generous contributions in giving to God's work.

OktoberVest calls us to decide on giving

Sunday, Donna Olson shared what an impression our church made on her as she was seeking a new church family. She was impressed how our church family really did serve the community, listing the various ministries UMCburg does.

In her comments, she referenced the lyrics from Casting Crowns' song, "Start Right Here." As we begin preparing for the 2023 year of ministry, please consider how UMCburg's ministries answers these words:

*We want our blessings in our pocket
We keep our missions overseas
But for the hurting in our cities
Would we even cross the street?*

During the next few weeks, we will consider how we invest in our church, in our community, and in our world. The UMC is a connectional church, and we know that as a church family we do cross the street here and around the world.

Church worship services

Service times for in-person and online worship

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

Upcoming Messages:

- October 2 A Methodist Prays Constantly
OktoberVest begins with a new series next Sunday as we begin the annual generosity drive.
- October 9 OktoberVest: Invest in Our Church
- October 16 OktoberVest: Invest in Our Community
- October 23 OktoberVest: Invest in Our World

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

- Monday, October 3 1 Samuel 1:19-20, 24-28 & 2:11
- Tuesday, October 4 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Wednesday, October 5 1 Samuel 2:11-14
- Thursday, October 6 1 Samuel 2:22-25
- Friday, October 7 1 Samuel 2:27-36
- Saturday, October 8 Amos 3:7

Praying for our church family

- Justyn Graham
- Jana Miller
- June Mellinger on the death of her brother

Celebrating our church family

Security alert: Please note to improve online security birthdays and anniversaries are no longer going to be posted.

Youth Group updates

Next Generation Minister: Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

Children's Minister: Vada Postlethwait

Nursery Director: Jill Pedersen

Sunday's Nursery Lessons: Road Trip

Big Idea: We obey God by putting God first.

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-6 & Psalm 19:7-10

October 2 Youth Group: Wisdom

Big idea: We can help each other discover our gift

Scriptures: 2Tim.1:1-14, 1Peter 4:10-11 & 1 Cor 12:6

CELEBRATE
Seeking
SHINE

The Lord
sees
into the
heart.

October 2022 * 1 Samuel 16:7b

Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
David Plays Music	David & Goliath	David & Johathan	Solomon Prays for Wisdom	Solomon Builds the Temple
1 Samuel 16: 14-23	1 Samuel 17: 1-51a	1 Samuel 18: 1-5 1 Samuel 20: 1-42	1 Kings 2: 1-4 1 Kings 3:1-15	1 Kings 6:1- 8:66

Acolyte Training available October 5

Possibly you have noticed the increase in the children attending services. Including young people in worship helps them to grow in their faith.

Acolytes are responsible from bringing in the symbolic light of Christ at the start of the worship service, and then to take out the light as the service ends.

Any young person in third grade or older interested in participating in this role can come to the second training opportunity at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5. They will meet in the sanctuary with Ms. Vada to learn how to carry out this role.



Dining Dimensions small group preps

On Wednesday, October 5, at 5:30 p.m. will be the first meal for those who have signed up for Dining Dimension. This will be an organizational carry-in salad supper in the Family Life Center.

Wilma Bushmeyer and Steve Mills have volunteered to set up the small group and guide it as it gets started.

At this first meal, those who are interested in participating or have signed up are asked to bring a favorite salad to share. During the meal, guests will discuss the structure and the plan for future meals.

Any questions can be emailed to the church office: contact@umcburg.org and will be forwarded to the team. If you signed up and did not get a call or email from the team, also let the office know. Your message will be shared with Wilma and Steve.



Kids Can Do

A picture can tell the story. Sunday's Kids Can Do collection totaled \$274.71.

The enthusiasm of the kids fills the church family with smiles as we watch them learn the value of giving.

These funds will purchase books for the children of families at Survival House.



October's Disciple Gift:

Warrensburg's Homeless Services

During the next five Sundays, the disciple gift focus is on the homeless. Journey Home and Refuge on Ming are two programs.

Monetary offerings will go to these programs, but they are also asking for specific items: white lines (towels, washcloths, sheets, pillow cases), new pillows, kitchen/trash bags, coffee/creamer, socks/underwear, bleach, dishwashing liquid, antacids, and good, used warm clothing.

Monetary donations can be made through the website, leaving them in the offering plates, or sending in a check with HOMELESS in the memo.

Other donations of items may be done by dropping them off in the atrium. The team will then collect and distribute them. Please email questions to contact@umcburg.org.



Next Generation ministry leads church in outreach to the WHS football team

As life falls into a less cumbersome structure post-pandemic, one tradition has returned to the community—the weekly prayer supper before the high school football game.

Under the guidance of Kelly Weinberger, Next Generation minister, a team of our church family hosted the dinner on Thursday, September 22.

Thank you to the team who organized, prepared, and cleaned up the dinner: Kelly Weinberger, Jill Pedersen, John Culp and Chuck Linville.



United
Women
in Faith

September's photo album

UWF's Disciple Gift Month concludes with candle burning

During the entire month, the church focused on the United Women in Faith as the disciple gift. The giving continues until September 30, but by Sunday, September 25, the total giving reached \$971 which translated into 48 minutes of the annual candle burning tradition. (A complete list of the honorees and memorials will be published after September 30.)



The candle was lit by **Donna Olson**, secretary for UWF, and the recipient of this year's Special Recognition Pen and Certificate.

In recongizing Donna, president **Vicki Ollison** said, "We are blessed to have Donna as a member. She is originally from Ohio and is a retired teacher. She has used her Baptist background in working, helping and in service to God and others. Without hesitation, she volunteered to be our secretary and has not stopped in volunteering for UWF the church and the Food Pantry, where she is now the Food Recovery Director."



The month also included the UWF

resuming meetings and featured a program from the Survival House, which is one of the organization's local mission.

Kaycee Chamber, associate director, and **Sheretta Willard**, family advocate, presented .

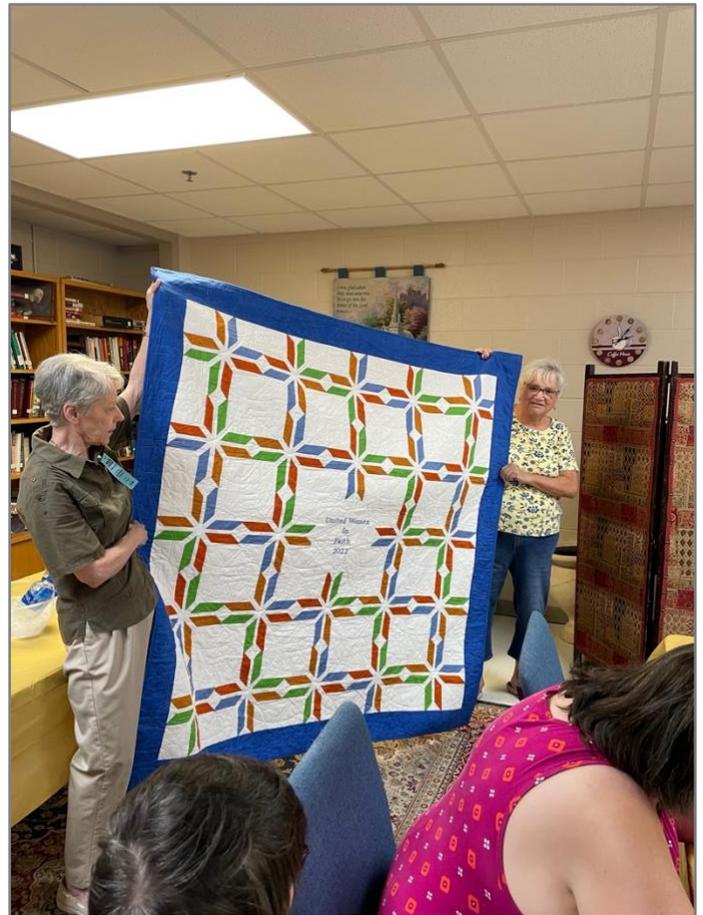
Vicki shared, "They informed us of how they, their staff and volunteers help their clients in overcoming obstacles to becoming self-sufficient."

During the month, beauty items were collected and gift bags were created for the residents. The bags along with a

monetary donations was provided for Survival House clients and program.

Jana Miller also unveiled a quilt she designed and completed for the conference office of UWF.

Notice the colors and the design reflect the new brand for the UWF, and the center block shares the full name along with the year of the rebranding, 2022.



The members of UWF continue to learn and to serve as a small group here in the community. The money raised through the month will to support the Survival House and other missions throughout the year.

The group thanks the church for the church family's donations during September.

The next meeting will be October 18 at 2 p.m. in the Aldersgate Parlor. All are invited.