

September's Disciple Gift

**UWF Reading Program, Library, Resources**

Donna Sample, UWF Sec. of Program Resources, and the UWF website, both site the UWF Reading Program as a cherished tradition. The UWF Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books and offers an opportunity to deepen spirituality and broaden understanding of mission work. New reading lists are selected each year. The 1<sup>st</sup> UMC UWF Reading Library is located on the second floor of the church in the hallway across from the chapel. Donna orders at least one book from each of the five categories, including youth and children's books each year. The categories are Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Both fiction and non-fiction are included. New books added to the library this year are Becoming, by Michelle Obama, Love is the Way, by Bishop Michael Curry, small great things, by Jodi Picoult, Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate, and The Leavers, by Lisa Ko.

Everyone is welcome to check out books. There are also copies of the UWF magazine **response**.

**Response** is the award winning, official magazine of



United Women in Faith. It lets us explore spiritual growth and living our faith and reports on our local, national, and international work. Each issue, six each year, provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development, articles on people and projects supported by Mission Giving and regular features such as "Bright Lights" which highlights what UWF units around the world are doing in their communities.

Another resource of UWF is the Daily Prayer Guide. The Guide has daily lectionary readings, pray every day for persons & projects in mission, mid-week prayers, and weekly featured projects and partners to show gifts at work in the world. It also includes weekly reflections from missionaries, deaconesses, home missionaries and National Mission Institutions. A directory of Mission Personnel & Staff, with birthdays, list of Places of Service and maps of places of service in the back of the Guide help us to connect with those who serve and to see that God's love invites us into mission with our neighbors and this love has the power to transform the world.

Please stop by the UWF Library and check it out.

**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:** new series, *Remarkable*

September 11 A Methodist Rejoices in God

September 18 A Methodist Gives Thanks

September 25 A Methodist Prays Constantly

**Preparing for worship**

**Scriptures for the coming week:**

Monday, September 12	Nehemiah 8:1-5
Tuesday, September 13	Deuteronomy 12:7, 12
Wednesday, September 14	Deuteronomy 26:11-13
Thursday, September 15	Esther 9:20-22
Friday, September 16	Nehemiah 8:7-8
Saturday, September 17	Nehemiah 8:9-12

**Praying for our church family**

The families of Alice Hanrahan, Barry Hoskins, and Georgia Kenney (Christina Hart's grandmother).

**Celebrating our church family**

**Birthdays for the coming week:**

September 11	Bill Thoms, Katharine Norton & Terri Gostomski
September 12	Jana Miller
September 13	Amy Holmes, Jeannine Goetz Wiltse & Meg Brigman
September 15	Laura Chaney
September 16	Gaynal Taylor, Janet Smith, Louise Farmer & Ron Stephens
September 17	Alice Coleman

**Youth Group updates**

September 11 6 p.m. in the Wesley Hall.  
Main idea: "Real friends show each other grace."  
Scripture: Acts 9:1-19, I Timothy 1:12-17 & Proverbs 17:9

**Next Generation Minister:**

Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

**CELEBRATE**

September 2022

Sept. 4: 1 Samuel 1:1-28  
**Hannah**

Sept. 11: 1 Samuel 1:1-28  
**God Calls Samuel**

Sept. 18:  
1 Samuel 7-8 & 10:17-24  
**Samuel Anoints Saul**

Sept. 25: 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
**Samuel Anoints David**

"Speak. Your servant is listening."

**CALL SHINE**

## The Small Group Reboot Begins

The sign-ups for the small groups has created a number of groups and leaders are now arranging for the first meetings to begin this month.

If you are still trying to decide which one to participate, consider one of these: Deep Bible Study with Paulette Moore & Jackson Short, The Chosen with Jim Downing, Young Adult Podcast with Emily Hawthorne & Ashley Bergman, Women's Study with Mery Lin McKean, Life-Enriching Wednesdays with Susan Smith.

Send questions or interests to [susan@umcburg.org](mailto:susan@umcburg.org) and we will do whatever possible to find the group for you.

## UWF Mission Candle burning 2022

September has been designated as UWF month at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. Information about who UWF are and what they do will be highlighted each Sunday and in the weekly newsletter. We support women, children, and youth around the corner and around the world.

To help support part of our mission work, we will again sponsor a Candle Burning for Mission this month. Members of the congregation may donate any amount of money to UWF Mission Giving in honor or in memory of loved ones. The names will be listed on the screen on UWF Sunday, September 25.

During the worship services, a candle will be lit and allowed to burn for as many "official" minutes of money that has been donated. The "official" Mission Minute is the amount of money equal to the cost of funding one minute of Mission work through the UWF National, which varies each year. The amount for 2022 is \$20.23.

Last year the congregation's generous support allowed us to burn the Candle for 42 minutes and helped us support our District UWF, Della Lamb, Journey Home homeless shelter, 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Next Generation Ministries, the JC Food Pantry and the Christmas Store.

Donations will be accepted all month, but designated honorees/in memory of need to be submitted by September 21 to be listed on the screen during the ceremony.

Forms and envelopes are available at each sanctuary entrance and can be placed in the offering plates.

Online giving will also have an option for designating honorees. Please make checks payable to 1<sup>st</sup> UMC with UWF Candle Burning in the memo line and can also be mailed to 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, 141 E. Gay, WBG 64093.

UWF Mission Giving dollars are at work in the US and around the world supporting programs that improve life and help empower women, children, and youth. Thank you for your generous support. Please call Vicki Ollison (362-0044) for more information.

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## Giving to God's Work

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, shortening the loan life on the building, etc. Your generosity has made this happen -- thank you!

It is the General Fund that takes care of these ministries and missions. We were bold in establishing the 2022 budget - 21% over the 2021 budget. Our goals are being met and the bills are current. However, we're behind due to additional staffing and actual operational expenses higher than anticipated. We've borrowed from savings and are eliminating future expenses where possible.

It takes time, energy and resources to accomplish God's vision for our church. Your continued generosity to the General Fund is purposeful and appreciated as we worship, praise and serve God. Thanks for all you do in supporting the ministries and missions of UMCburg!



## Welcome to our Church Family!

**Sunday, September 4, UMCburg received into membership six individuals who live in our community.**

**During the Praise service, two young international couples who attend UCM: Bartholomew & Victoria Mbah(left) and Samuel & Victoria Adeyemi (right).**

**During the Traditional service Annette Robinson (left) and Rosalee Welling (right) joined the church, also.**

**Anybody interested in transferring membership or joining the church may contact Pastor Peter at [peter@umcburg.org](mailto:peter@umcburg.org)**



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