

September Disciple Gift focus

UWF offer Mission U experience

As life goes on, change is ongoing. United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) is reaching out to all women regardless of faith affiliation. We want all women to know what we are about and to feel included in mission at all levels. Those levels include local, district, state, national and international.

We help women, youth and children by way of giving to mission so they can learn about themselves, improve their way of life, and enrich their relationship with Jesus Christ. One of the ways we do this is through Mission U:

"For more than a century we've been gathering annually to better understand how to live our faith in the world by studying for spiritual growth and learning about contemporary issues and neighbors in different geographic areas."

I personally have attended Mission U for many years, about 15 or so in various parts of the state. This event used to be held at Fayette, Missouri on the campus of Central Methodist College. It moved to UCM and then finally COVID hit and we needed to rethink what we were doing.

We now meet at a church and stay in local hotels and that has been working plus we cut down the length of the event. We still have a spiritual study and do hands on mission while we are there.

Children and youth are welcomed and have their own study leaders. Our district offers scholarships for first timers and for youth.

If you are interested, please let us know. We would like to sponsor someone from our church to attend Mission U. It is a very rewarding experience and the people you meet are such wonderful, inspiring humans. -Jana Miller



United
Women
in Faith

UWF resumes local meeting Sept.20

Our September meeting is Tuesday, September 20, at 2 PM in Room 141. Wilma Bushmeyer will provide decorations, and Donna Olson refreshments. The devotion will be given by Donna Olson, The Daily Prayer Guide by Vicki Ollison, and the response minute by Jana Miller.

A guest speaker from Survival House will provide the program. We are collecting beauty items for gift bags for residents of Survival House. The following are suggested items:

- mascara, eye-liner, eye shadow & brushes
- nail polish, emery boards, cuticle care items
- lipstick & gloss, blush & blush brushes
- facial cleanser, facial moisturizer, make-up remover
- body lotion, body wash, loofahs

- No large sizes since items will be placed in small bags. Please bring items by September 15 and place them in the box beside the UWF Table in the Atrium. If you would prefer to donate money for items, please contact me. (660-362-0044)

September 25 is UWF Sunday and we will have our Candle Burning Ceremony at both services. We will be selling Mission Ribbons in the Atrium and manning the Coffee Corner also that day. Wilma Bushmeyer, (660-864-1196), is in charge of the Coffee Corner and Sally Hart (816-308-7151), the Ribbon sales. Please call them if you can help with either of these projects. Help will be needed before both services.



Bible Sunday, September 11: During children's time at the Praise Service, three received Bibles and during the Traditional Service one more received hers. Third graders Oliver Bridgmon and Madie White were given Adventure Bibles. Two kindergartners also received the Celebrate Wonder Children's Bible: AJ Benedict and Juniper Miller. What a delight for Ms. Vada and Ms. Kelly who work to keep our youth and children's faith growing.

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 18 Remarkable: A Methodist Gives Thanks

September 25 Remarkable: A Methodist Prays Constantly

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

Monday, September 19 1 Thessalonians 5:16- 18
Tuesday, September 20 Daniel 6:10
Wednesday, September 21 Philippians 4:6-11
Thursday, September 22 Colossians 3:15-17
Friday, September 23 Psalm 107:1
Saturday, September 24 1 Peter 5:7

Praying for our church family

Ed Woodrel, Justin Caselman, Justyn Graham, and the families of Irene Miller and Charles Gilbert who have passed away.

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

September 18 Eddie Hart
September 19 Judy Murray & Ryder Ewing
September 20 Laura Owen, Sam Blackburn & Tamara Greet
September 21 Joseph Estridge
September 22 Joseph Estridge & Kaylee Schmidli

Anniversaries for the coming week:

September 23 Mike & Mary Elizabeth Weigand

Youth Group updates

September 18 6 p.m. in the Wesley Hall
Key idea: *Real friends comfort each other*
Question: *"What is your favorite fictional friendship?"*
Scripture: John 11:1-45, Jeremiah 8:18-19 & Proverbs 17:17
Next Generation Minister:
Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

Children's Ministry

September 28 & October 5 **Acolyte Training** for 3rd graders and up. You only need to attend one training in you are interested in lighting candles during the service.

CELEBRATE
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

September 2022
1 Samuel 3:10b
"Speak. Your servant is listening."
CALL SHINE

Come ring those bells again!

The bells are coming back to life after being in storage these past many months. Thanks to a group of experienced ringers and Gary Grigsby, bell director, the bells are regrouping.

A meeting on September 12 was well attended so the decision is to continue meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in Room 240.



All high school and adults who are interested are welcome to join in. You do not need to have experience with the bells, just a desire to make music with others and have a good time.

Giving to God's Work

As we look to the future of doing God's work through UMCburg, there are many ways we can plan now to provide resources. One effective way is naming the Church as a full or partial beneficiary in a variety of estate planning tools. Instruments include:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Life insurance policies
- Retirement plans
- IRAs
- Bank accounts
- Brokerage accounts
- Tangible personal property
- Deeds of real property

It is important to advise the Church of its beneficiary status prior to maturity of the instrument to ensure proper execution of your wishes and intents. If you have questions, comments, or need more information, please contact Robyn at rcriswellbloom@gmail.com or Dale Carder at carder@ucmo.edu. Thank you!

Discover something new about UMCburg

Church family connection Stronger than politics

The battle of Lone Jack's history is UMCburg's history. Recent research has revealed that both the commanders of North and South at Lone Jack were members of our congregation, and the Church played a pivotal role in one of the bloodiest Civil War battles of Missouri.

The reverberations of which later had a national impact on the healing process of reconstruction and were even partially responsible for the election of Harry S. Truman in 1945.

To celebrate the important contributions of our church, the Lone Jack Historical Society has created a special exhibit, which will be unveiled to our congregation in a private tour and picnic at the Lone Jack battlefield and museum on October 1. The following is a short preview of some of the church's history that will be unveiled for the first time ever during the tour:

In charge of the Union troops at Lone Jack was Major Emory S. Foster, son of one of the first pastors of our congregation, Robert A. Foster. Rev Foster served in Emory's company as Chaplain.

Leading the Confederate troops was another pastor of our congregation, Colonel J. Vard Cockrell. The Foster and Cockrell families were lifelong friends and Methodist circuit riders who ministered and worshipped together as brothers devoted to God.

As the fabric of the country crumbled into divided loyalties, the Methodist Church also split in two. The Fosters and Cockrells staunchly disagreed on the issue of succession, but initially both families remained with our small burgeoning congregation they had created together and became what was known as the "Southern Methodists."

After the murder of Rev Foster's oldest son by a pro-secessionist at the outbreak of the war, the remaining Foster men left to fight for the Union, while the Cockrells joined the Confederacy.

In August 1862 the former friends met in battle at Lone Jack as enemy commanders. During the fight, Maj Foster was shot from his horse. Days later as he lay on the brink of death in the field hospital, a messenger sent word to Col Cockrell that an assassination plot on Maj Foster's life was forming.

Cockrell raced back to Foster's side at Lone Jack where he wept and prayed over his former Methodist brother in Christ, swearing to protect him.

Col Cockrell then commanded a group of rebels led by Cole Younger to stand guard over Maj Foster day and night. Acting on Cockrell's direct orders, Younger physically fended off the assassin that evening, saving Foster's life as promised.

This article is written by Andrea Whitehead, UMCburg's office manager. She is passionate about local history and has researched history with her mother for Lone Jack. Recently she joined the board for Johnson County Historical Society.

LONE JACK TOUR & PICNIC

The Battle of Lone Jack's History is UMCburg's History

The Lone Jack Historical Society has created a special exhibit showcasing the history of our church in one of the hardest fought Civil War battles of Missouri.

You are cordially invited to join in a private tour and picnic celebration.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:00 a.m.

Admission: \$5 Adults, \$2 Children 6 - 12, Under 6 Free

BYO Lunch, Beverages Served Free

Transportation From UMCburg Available

Small Group Reboot moving on

*Check out the latest updates for times and rooms.
(Sign up buttons are not linked from the newsletter.)*



"The Chosen" Small Group

The Chosen is a video series on the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of many followers in the first century. Over 400 million people have viewed this series and many have said it helped them to encounter God's love and grace in fresh ways. Our gathering will be no longer than 75 minutes as we will pray, watch the episode, have brief discussion, and close in prayer.

When:

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Option A at 4 p.m.
Option B at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Aldersgate

Leader: Jim Downing

[Sign up here](#)



The Bible Project

Are you interested in diving deeper into the culture, language, and literary patterns present in the Biblical texts? Join our weekly hour-long small group where we chat about episodes produced by The Bible Project podcast and learn more about the biblical themes that span all of Scripture. Listen to the most recent podcast episode, then come discuss it with us!

When: Sunday mornings at 10:35 a.m.

Where: Room 211

Leaders: Emily Hathhorn & Ashley Bergman

[Sign up here](#)



Women's Study

When:

Wednesday,
At 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Room 235
Gathering Room

Leader: Meryl Lin
McKean

[Sign up here](#)

Join with other women to be in Christian conversation and fellowship. The topics and activities will be chosen as a group. A covenant group is to identify the common concerns and interests and then discuss how to manage that through the Christian faith.



Small Group for Young Families

Raising families provides many challenges and in today's culture, young families do not have their own older generations to guide them. Therefore, young families can meet in small groups to grow and share in the managing life challenges together. Those interested in developing this small group will create their own agenda and culture to grow in Christian fellowship and faith.

When:
2nd Tuesday of month
at 5:30 p.m.
3rd Sunday of month
at 11:00 a.m.

Where:
Room 140

Leaders:
Katharine Norton
Gabrielle Benedict

[Sign up here](#)