



Giving to God's Work

It's Pledge Time!

Check your mail! You should be receiving or have already received a packet in the mail from our church. This packet contains:

- A letter from Pastor Peter
- Pledge Card for 2023
- Time and Talent Card for 2023
- Our Church Celebration announcement details

Once you receive your packet, you may mail your information back to the church, bring them into the office, or drop them off during church services starting October 9. Be sure to get them to the Church prior to October 23. If you misplace your cards additional cards will be available at the church.

This is a special time for our church, and we have so many things to be thankful for. Please complete your pledge cards and come and celebrate with our church on October 23 in one service at 10 AM with the celebration immediately following in the Family Life Center.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:11)

Mark your calendars!

October 23 is Celebration Sunday and to celebrate as a church family the two services will combine for worship at **10 a.m. only**.



After worship, everyone is invited into the FLC for an OktoberVest celebration including a meal and full review of UM**C**burg's ministry and missions.

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:

OktoberVest is a new message series next beginning 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 10 Genesis 39:6
- Tuesday, October 11 Exodus 2:1-2
- Wednesday, October 12 1 Samuel 16:6-13
- Thursday, October 13 1 Samuel 17:13
- Friday, October 14 Luke 16:15-17
- Saturday, October 15 Acts 7:20-23

Praying for our church family

Mike Jeffries, Jim Hudson, Justyn Graham, Jana Miller, Putt, and the family of Reva Wallis as they prepare for her service.

Youth Group updates

Next Generation Minister: Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

Children's Minister: Vada Postlethwait

Nursery Director: Jill Pedersen

Sunday's Nursery Lessons: *The Exchange*

Big Idea: We can help each other develop discernment.

Question: When might we need help finding answers.

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:7-15, Proverbs 3:5-6 & Proverbs 4:6-7

October 9 Youth Group: *Road Trip*

Big idea: We obey God by worshipping God.

Question: Where would be your favorite place to go on a road trip?

Scriptures: Exodus 20:7-11 & Exodus 32:1-14

CELEBRATE

Seeking

The Lord sees into the heart.

* 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



October's Disciple Gift for Homeless:

Monetary gifts designated locally for Journey Home, Refuge on Ming

Discussing the homeless issue within this community is not comfortable, esp. when discussing it with others. Recent conversations have shared that authorities in the city are putting homeless individuals on buses or the train and sending them to Warrensburg. Many arrive and do not even know where they are.

The reasons people become homeless are varied. Some have mental issues that limit their ability to function in society. Some have jobs but cannot afford to maintain a residence with the minimum salary. In today's society, others have become homeless as a result from the effects of COVID.

Two local agencies focus on assisting the homeless in Warrensburg. One is Journey Home and the second is Refuge on Ming. The monetary gifts will be divided between these two sites.

As both of these sites are primarily grant-funded, the monetary donations will assist in meeting the required matching funds for the grants and/or additional operational expenses.

Sunday, Oct. 9, Erica Collins will share more about Journey Home. Journey Home needs white bedding, towels, and bleach—as everything is bleached. Donations may be left in the atrium.

Additional items to donate includes good, warm, used clothing. These items, too, may be left in the atrium.

This month's disciple gift is an example of how our church invests in the community. Thank you.

History of church family bond stronger than battlefield political differences

Deep in the archives of UMCburg, the office manager Andrea Whitehead discovered the documents that now share the story of two church family members during the Battle of Lone Jack.

A shared passion in history, esp. local history, put Chuck Linville into a conversation with Andrea that led to the latest display at the Lone Jack Museum and then a day trip to the museum on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The two men fighting on the battlefield were from this church's congregation. When Emory Foster (right) was injured, Vard Cockrell (left) put aside the political differences and set out to save his wounded friend.

The picture below was the 'Newcomers' class and all were Civil War veterans. Newcomers was the leader's name .

