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First United Methodist Church

Living that all may know Jesus

December 23, 2022

Christmas week worship services

December 24: Christmas Eve
- 4 p.m. Praise Service
- 7 p.m. Traditional Service

December 25: Christmas Service
- 10 a.m. one combined service
- Lighting the Christ candle
- Communion

Services are also available online through the church's Facebook page. Click here for the link: UMCburg FB

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

Monday, December 26	Numbers 24:17
Tuesday, December 27	Matthew 2:1-12 (Epiphany)
Wednesday, December 28	Exodus 23:24-25
Thursday, December 29	Matthew 2:12 & 15:16-20
Friday, December 30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Youth Group updates

Next Generation Minister: Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*
Children's Minister: Vada Postlethwait
Nursery Director: Jill Pedersen

Children's Church Lessons:

Sunday evening Youth Group:

School is on semester break; therefore there will be no Sunday evening youth group until school resumes. Add it to the calendar to return to Youth Group on Sunday, January 8, at 6 p.m. Have a great break and stay safe.

Kids Can Do for MVCAA

Thank you for helping teach the children about giving and supporting our disciple gifts. Sunday's total:

$394.80

Giving focus for December

Christmas offering envelopes available

Sunday the chair of the Board of Trustees, Bob Muir, shared the challenges the church has recently had to manage. The repairs are costly but necessary. The Trustees ask that if you have not made your final giving decisions, please consider a year-end gift to the church's Captial Fund.

The annual Christmas offering has been designated for the general fund, too. As you make a decision, please remember this year's cost of living has made budget decisions tough for not only our personal budgets, but for the church's too.

Prayerfully consider your year-end giving decisions. Make sure to fill in the menu line with how you would like your gift to be used: Capital Fund or General Fund.

Final days for December's Disciple Gift: MVCAA

Giving to December's disciple gift can continue through the end of the month, even to December 31, through giving online or by mailing in a check to the office with "MVCAA" in the memo line.

If you would like to provide gifts of clothing and coats, a manger is available in the church's sanctuary on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There are also the bins in the atrium. These items will be provided to the agency for distribution as needed. Items that can be used include the following:

- ANY new or gently used clothing for the Warrensburg Head Start Center's personal supply (for accidents and such at school) in sizes 3T – 5T (they expressed a dire need for 5T right now)
- Winter jackets, sizes 4T, 5T, 5/6
- Shoes, child sizes from 9 – 12
- Pull ups (size 4T & 5T) and wipes
- Mittens, socks & hats for small children

Holiday Office Operations

The PPRC has approved down time for the church's staff for the week after Christmas. Therefore, December 26-30, the office will not be open for the regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Instead, the staff will have some down time and be in and out as needed. The phones and emails will be manned; and should an emergency develop, the pastors will be contacted immediately.

Should a problem with the facility come up, the staff will be contacted and quickly begin to resolve the issue.

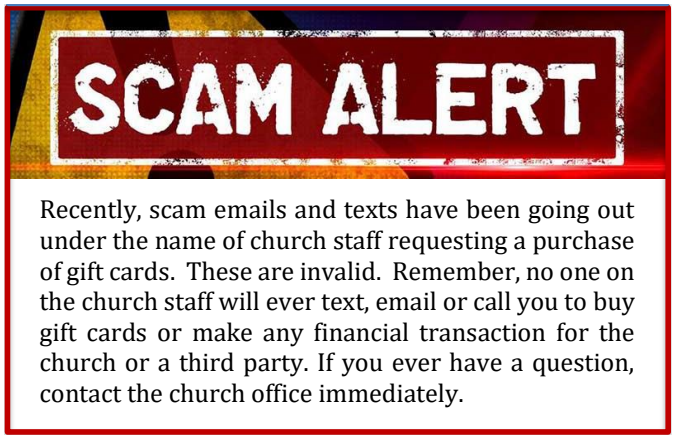
Dining Dimensions: *The small group returns to have a good meal and fun fellowship. Heroes was the site for the December 1, meal. Remember, there is always room for more at the table.*

Dining Dimensions meets Jan.5

Nothing like starting a new year with friends and a meal. The Dining Dimensions small group will meet at the church on January 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Question to consider: Does the group continue as one large group or do you wish to divide up into smaller groups. This will be the meeting to set the calendar for the full year.

Come join them for a sandwich and coffee while you plan the next dining experiences. If you have any questions, be sure to connect back with Wilma or Steve.



Recently, scam emails and texts have been going out under the name of church staff requesting a purchase of gift cards. These are invalid. Remember, no one on the church staff will ever text, email or call you to buy gift cards or make any financial transaction for the church or a third party. If you ever have a question, contact the church office immediately.

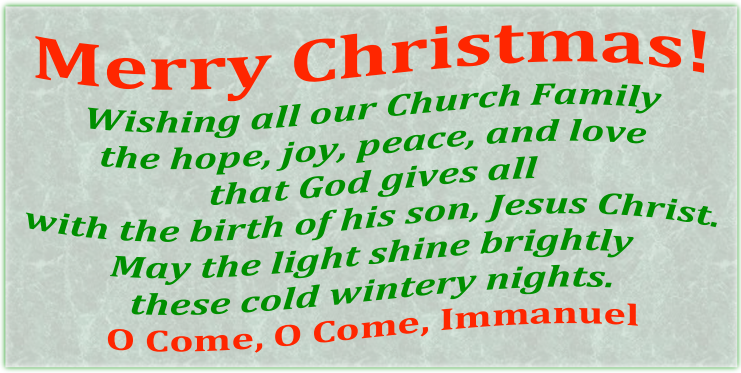
Be aware! Sadly more scams

As you may recognize, we are posting another scam alert to the entire church family. For the past two years, the church emails appear to be spoofed. If you get an usual text from a church staff member, do not act on the request. Call that person immediately and verify.

The news has carried several stories lately about this very scam, even down to the same purchase request. No one on staff will request such a purchase for any reason.

Cyber security is an ever-evolving issue and we are very aware of the upgrades that need to be done and are doing everything possible to keep you safe and secure.

Jamaica Mission Team resuming, plan on fundraising meal/auction January 11

Mark your calendar for a "cook-off" fundraising meal and dessert auction for missions that will be held **Wednesday, January 11**, in the FLC. Sign up in the atrium to donate a pot of chili, "ham & beans" or a dessert.

Funds from the dinner will help with supplies and medicines needed to fun the free clinic. Notice the sign in the atrium and get your tickets soon so the team can prepare enough food for the meal.