



Scouts serve pancakes Sunday AM

When you arrive for worship on Sunday, January 22, you may recognize a familiar aroma in the air. Check out the FLC as the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts will be serving pancakes as a fund raiser supporting the UMM and their ministries.

They will begin serving as early as 8 a.m. and serve until 12 noon.

Tickets for adults are \$10.00 and for children ages 5-10, the cost is \$5.00. Either come early for service and have breakfast or stay after service and have brunch/lunch.



Greetings, attendance shift

Beginning January 22, attendance will again be taken in the pews during service with the passing of folders. Long-time members may recall that this used to be the practice for knowing who was in attendance for worship.

However, during the pandemic, COVID made it necessary to take attendance at the entrances for contact tracing purposes. We continued this practice for the last year primarily to identify visitors and take attendance.

You will continue to be met and greeted at the door by Welcome Team members each Sunday, but they will only be recording names and contact information for first time guests and visitors. Please help us by making sure that any guest or visitor you might invite or bring to church makes a connection with one of our Welcome Team members.

The ushers will distribute the attendance folders during the services for worshippers to sign-in. Your attendance is important to us, and we appreciate when members "faithfully participate by their prayers, their PRESENCE, their gifts, their service, and their witness". The Welcome Team and Usher Team look forward to serving you at worship!

Do not forget:

Charge Conference on Sunday

Rev. Dr. David Gilmore, the Northwest District



Superintendent officiates the annual charge conference. Normally held in the fall before the church's business year begins January 1, this year's charge conference is Sunday, January 22, at 3 p.m.

Pastors and church leaders from UMCburg will be attending the conference offered this Sunday at Woods Chapel UMC in Lee's Summit.

The Northwest Conference offers just two meeting dates from which all the northwest churches could chose to attend in order to complete this official business meeting which certifies the slate of leaders for the year. *(Copy of 2023 Lay Leaders are on the second page of the newsletter.)*

Besides the general meeting at 3 p.m., at 2 p.m. there will training sessions for those serving on PPRC or Finance committees. If you are serving on one of the committees, esp. for the first time, these training sessions will help you understand the UMC's discipline concerning the work of these two committees.

Preparing for worship

Join the church family in person Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Services are also available online through the church's Facebook page. Click here for the link: [UMCburg FB](#)

Beginning in February, the online service will move to YouTube. A link will be provided on Facebook for the YouTube channel when it becomes established. We will do our best to make this transition as easy as possible.

Messages planned for January:

- January 22 Abundant: Joy
- January 29 Abundant: Hope

February 5 will offer a new element during the worship hour.

There will be a "State of the Church" presentation as the leaders continue to maintain transparency, esp. with the finances. Please plan to attend.

Scriptures for the coming week:

- Monday, January 23 Psalm 23
- Tuesday, January 24 Isaiah 43:1-2
- Wednesday, January 25 Romans 5:3-5
- Thursday, January 26 Romans 8:23b-28
- Friday, January 27 Romans 8:31-32

Youth & Shine updates

Sunday, January 22: Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School planning is underway. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please contact the office. VBS will be May 30-June 3, 2023.

Next Generation Minister: Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

Children's Minister: Vada Postlethwait

Nursery Director: Jill Pedersen

Small group updates

The Chosen will begin meeting on Wednesday, February 1, in the Aldersgate Room.

Dining Dimensions's next meal is Thursday, February 2. They will be going to Lamy's in Sedalia for a 6 p.m. dinner.

Disciple Gift for January



Giving to Survival House continues

Sunday is Kids Can Do and everybody is reminded that this is one of the tools we use to help kids learn about giving at the church. All the cash—coins, bills—that are collected during the Children’s time are given directly back to the month’s disciple gift.

Certainly, their energy encourages even the adults to remember the value of giving to the church’s ministries. The survival house is emphasizing cash donations because of the need to meet grant funding requirements, but also because they can buy in bulk to meet the operational needs.

If you are giving a monetary gift, please do so by going online at the umcburg.org website and click on the ‘give’ button. You may also mail in a donation to the church office at 141 E. Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093. And you may leave a check/envelope in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors.

If you feel called to provide items rather than a monetary donation, these are some of the suggested items: all types of meat, fresh fruits & vegetables, cheese, trash bags of all sizes, home use paper products, and composition notebooks. Items may be dropped off at the Johnson County Outreach Office, 137 E. Culton St., Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Sunday’s lesson from *Celebrate Wonder*, was “Jesus Calls Levi” from Mark 2:13-17. The story has Jesus asking Levi to eat dinner with him. The others were surprised because they did not understand why Jesus would go to the home of a tax collector—someone they did not trust.

The kids learned what it felt to have their money taken away, but also how to have a dinner or a feast. Jesus wanted everyone to know that they are invited to follow and to be at God’s table.



These pictures from Sunday show the kids excitement as they counted money, then had it taken away by Levi (i.e. Laura Chaney). They also had to plan a feast and experience what the story of Levi and Jesus.



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Lay Leader/ Conference Lay Delegate	Bob Muir	
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