

May 5, 2023

The organizers of the Warrensburg 2023 **CROP Walk** want to thank everyone who donated and participated. A small group of walkers had tons of enthusiasm and a good time walking April 29th. At present, the group has raised \$3,305 which is 41% of their goal amount of \$8,000. Funds are continuing to come in and it is not too late to contribute! Please place CROP offerings in the offering plates at both services and/or send them to the church office. Kids-Can-Do raised \$209 just last week!



Disciple Gift for MAY MO Valley Community Action Agency

The mission of MVCAA is to increase awareness of the causes and conditions of poverty, forge a future of hope and equity, and strengthen families and communities. Our community embodies the spirit of hope, equity and respect, and our families are strong, thriving and resilient.

Active in ministry

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: <u>UMCburg FB</u>

Messages coming up in May:

- May 7 Ruth Part 2: Hard Work and Surprises
- May 14 Ruth Part 3: Different Kinds of Mothers
- May 21 John Wesley Aldersgate Sunday
- May 28 Memorial Day Sunday
- Scriptures

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May 7 Scripture for Ruth Part 2 Ruth 2:17-18
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May 14 Scripture for Ruth Part 3 Ruth 4 13-22

May 21 Aldersgate Sunday Martin Luther's Preface to Romans Romans 1:8-17

May 28 God's Love for Christ Romans 8: 31-39

Children's Ministry Update

The leadership team for Children's Ministry met Monday, May 1, to make plans for the month of May. The team decided to divide the children over age 2 into three groups for prayer and Bible stories after watching videos and singing songs in the FLC after the children leave the sanctuary. We are dividing children up so we can provide more developmentally appropriate activities. The preschoolers will meet in the Blue room, K-2 in the Red room and the 3-5 grades will meet upstairs.

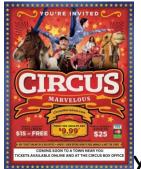
The group decided that for security they would like any children who leave the sanctuary for Children's Ministry time to have a form completed by parents and given to an usher prior to the children leaving. This will give all leaders a way to contact parents if needed. Newborns-2 will continue to be in the nursery rooms and all children will return to the Rainbow room area for pick up.



Anyone interested in helping with VBS is invited to a Pizza Luncheon at 12:00 pm, May 7th. The group will discuss the plan in progress and work out final roles and details. An email has been sent to everyone who has previously volunteered to help, but all are welcome! Please email or phone the office to get a final count for pizza.

Youth Group Update!

Youth Group cancelled for May 7th!



Youth Ministry Trip to the Circus!

The Youth Ministry would like to invite all youth aged 11-18 to join them at the Circus! Tuesday, May 9, 2023, meet in the parking lot at 5:45 pm. Tickets free for youth, adults please join us if you can! Contact the church office by Friday, 5:00 pm, so we can order our tickets.

Polish up your golf clubs!

Golf teams of 4 are still needed to support the January 2024 Jamaica Mission. Sign up your team for Pertle Springs Golf on Friday, May 26, 2023, by contacting Steve Mills at steve@umcburg.org.

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