



June 16, 2023

Lost and found: One pair of glasses! Please come to the office to claim this lost item!

Peter will be gone from the office June 12-25, 2023, for family vacation. Sandy Davis (660-582-6898) will be available for pastoral care.

The First meeting of the Road Forward committee will be Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 141.

Upcoming Events:



Come join the Warrenton **Juneteenth Festival**, Saturday June 17th from 9 am to 5 pm. near the Old Court House. Doug Christie will be available to drive the bus to the event. If interested in attending, please be at the north parking lot of the church by 9 am Saturday. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. Food trucks will be available, but you can also bring lunch. RSVP to Doug Christie 660-624-9597 by June 15, 2023.

Special Anniversary Invitation: All are invited to a 70th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Paul and Mary Belle Rowland on Saturday, June 24 from 2-4 in the Family Life Center. Cards are encouraged but no gifts please. We look forward to seeing you!



United
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Mission u July 20-22, 2023

Sponsored by United Women in Faith Registration due: July 1, 2023

For more information contact: office@umcburg.org or 660-747-8158

Active in ministry

Preparing for worship:

Join our church family in person on 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.](#)

- June 18 Father's Day Scripture Philippians 4:4-5
- Please read Philippians 3: 1-25
- June 25 Guest Preacher

Special Invitation:

Do you remember those childhood days when you always went to Sunday School? Promotion Sunday meant that the children's classes literally moved up to the next class as you aged out of the previous class. Whether you experienced this or not, you get the idea. Most of the people in the **Aldersgate Class** probably remember that.

In the **Aldersgate Class**, we have been promoted to the "mature" class. We gather on Sunday mornings to do Bible studies and exchange concerns for others that need prayers. We laugh alot too. Some of us are not able to do as much for our church as in the past, but God leads us to new paths.

We are roughly in the age group of 60s to 90s but sometimes have had younger members. Anyone and everyone are welcome!

We meet in the Aldersgate Room at 9:30 am on Sundays during the first service hour. If there is a fifth Sunday of the month, we do not meet but go to the first (or second) service instead. We are located between the elevators and the south entry doors by the playground. Come join us!

June 2023 Disciple Giving:

Heifer International

The mission of **Heifer International** is, “to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.” Heifer projects promoted through the **Festival of Sharing** offer us the opportunity to help do just that by providing reliable sources of both food and income to struggling families in the U.S. and around the world.

Giving to God’s Work

Giving Securities Stocks, bonds and mutual funds

If you have held securities for a long period of time and they have appreciated it might be better to donate those so you incur no capital gains tax. You can deduct the fair market value of your securities on the date of your gift. The tax deduction limit is 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. For more information contact the Missouri United Methodist Foundation at 800-332-8238. There are brochures in the pews and entryway of the church. As always if you have questions send your questions to Dale Carder thecardergroup@gmail.com or contact your financial advisor.

Committee Opportunity: The Church needs your help on two very important committees. First, consider joining me as part of the **Safety Team**. This committee would serve the church by keeping congregants as safe as possible in case of a tragic event – sadly, we must be prepared.

Secondly, your leadership team is in the process of forming an ad hoc committee to serve in the very short term. The **Road Forward** team will discern the priorities of the church, offering suggestions to the church at large and the Church Council.

If God is calling you to serve in either of these capacities, please contact the church office at 660-747-8158, peter@umcberg.org, or me at culp@retiree.ucmo.edu. All For Christ, John Culp

Children's Ministry Update:

A group of interested people met June 7, 2023, to discuss Children's Ministry. The group discussed the success of the recent VBS, issues concerning Children's Church and the upcoming Confirmation Class. The group talked about forming a steering committee early to look at possible VBS curricula and to solicit all parties about dates and times for next year. The group talked about how to use positive behavioral reinforcement to help children enjoy Children's Church fully, how to ease transitions for some children and that they would like the children to be more directly involved in understanding of how the Church's gifting impacts lives. Several attendees volunteered to be involved in the confirmation process. If you have a child, you would like to take part in confirmation, please contact the church office, (816)747-8158.



Scott Vanek's Ministry: The first picture is from SE Kentucky and is of Scott and his fellow mission team leaders. The second picture is of Scott giving the message at his hometown church, (First Methodist), in Washington, MO on May 7th, 2023. Scott is a recent graduate from UCM. For more information on how you can help him on his journey contact Pastor Peter or the office at office@umcburg.org or 660-747-8158.

Please send information to office@umcburg.org for the Newsletter by Monday morning at 9 am! Thanks! 😊 Deb Brown

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