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First United Methodist Church

Living that all may know Jesus



June 23, 2023

Thank you to Sandy Davis for the wonderful message this past Sunday June 18th!

Thank you, Church Family for answering the call for help this past Sunday for a young family with a new baby! My name is Jennifer and I am a social worker at WMMC here in Warrensburg, MO. I love my job working weekends, but it is tough to find help for new families like this one. Here is a thank you note to your church who answered this family's urgent need both swiftly and generously. Rev. Sandy mentioned a Baby Grace program offered in Holden, MO., but the need for help is here in this community, as well. If your church ever decides to start a Baby Grace program, I would be honored to help serve on a committee to help in any way to give back to you for your support of this sweet new family.

Dear First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Social Workers and OB nurses at Western Missouri Medical Center, I would like to thank you for your overwhelming amount of love and rescue in a time of need last weekend. It was in desperation; I was trying to locate a new infant seat for a young couple who fell on tough times and didn't have what was needed for their new infant in any capacity. For the hospital to have a safe discharge plan, every infant must be safely strapped into an infant carrier to go home. Last Saturday this was not the case, and it could have meant this family not getting to take their baby home. I am a believer and I know that God connected Rev Sandy Davis to me and my call for help. It was your congregation that made this request happen and an infant was able to go home with Mom and Dad this week, because of you.

I Peter 4:10-11 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms...so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

Blessing to you, Jennifer P. Discharge Planner/Social Worker Western MO Med. Center

Please have information for the weekly newsletter by 9 am on Monday mornings! Send to office@umcberg.org Thanks, Deb Brown

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

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

The next meetings for The Road Forward committee will be on Thursday, June 22 and 29, 2023 and Thursday, July 6 and 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 230.

The Disciple Gift Committee is beginning to plan for next year's Disciple Gift recipients and is interested in any recommendations from the congregation. Please send any suggestions to glendagoetz@gmail.com.

Road Trip Opportunity: Please join us for an all-church family trip to see Queen Esther at the Sight & Sound theatres in Branson Missouri. We are planning to take the church bus and leave at 10:30 am on Saturday September 16, 2023, and will return after 8:30 pm that evening. Contact the office 660-747-8158 to reserve tickets by August 2, 2023. Adult ticket cost is \$68.31, and children's ticket (age 3-12) cost is \$32.58, (after a 5% discount for 15 or more in a group). The group will stop for lunch prior to the performance and will eat dinner before leaving Branson for the return drive home.

Upcoming Events:

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



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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: [UMChurg FB](#).

- June 25 Message: A Future and a Hope-Jim Downing Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13

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 a lot 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.

Committee Update:

The first meeting of The Road Forward kicked off last Thursday, June 15. Church Council Chair John Culp charged the group with prioritizing the missions, ministries and priorities of the church, considering how best to maximize energy and resources to bring the most people to Jesus Christ. He challenged the group to build on our strengths, trust God, overcome obstacles, to operate in the present and future, not the past, and above all, avoid 'doom and gloom'. Members of the committee include Baird Brock, Sandy Davis, Jan Glover, Steve Mills, Jana Miller, Donna Olson, Steve Price, Don Riffle, Annette Robinson and Larry Yung. Committee chairs, Bob Muir, Mike Quimby and Robyn Criswell-Bloom and church treasurer John Yost are serving as resource individuals. Members shared three reasons for participating: regain our vibrancy, add perspective from other church experiences, and the opportunity to move our church forward with positivity and purpose. The team will frame decisions as "what is important for the church" and "what should the church do." Please share your thoughts and creative ideas with members of the committee – your voice is important!

Children’s Ministry Update:

Next Listening session meeting Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm in Aldersgate room.

No Youth Group on Sundays until this Fall! Enjoy your summer!

Don’t forget: Kids Can Do this Sunday June 25, 2023 Please bring your change to help Heifer International!

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