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First United Methodist Church

*Living that all may know Jesus*



**July 21, 2023**

**Reminder: Please have information for the weekly newsletter by 9 am on Monday mornings! Send to [office@umcбург.org](mailto:office@umcбург.org).**

**Don't forget KIDS CAN DO this coming Sunday July 23, 2023!**



**Welcome Othniel and Candace to the Family of Faith!** Othniel and Candace, the children of Samuel and Victoria Adeyemi were baptized on Sunday July 16, 2023. Samuel and Victoria shared their testimony on the importance of raising their children in faith:

"As believers, we constantly keep ourselves in check to ensure we are faithful to God and each other as that is what God requests of us. Furthermore, as parents, our watchword is **Proverbs 22:6 Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.**" (NLT). This has always awakened our consciousness to raising our children in faith."

**Condolences to the Hurst family on the death of their mother, Shirley Hurst. Services were held Tuesday July 18, 2023, here at the church. Memorial donations can be sent to First United Methodist Church, 141 E. Gay St Warrensburg, MO 64093. Sympathy cards can be sent to Emiley Hurst 801 NE Lone Hill Rd. Lee's Summit, MO 64064.**

**Special Service Sunday:** By popular demand, we've planned a single Worship service on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We'll worship together as one in church at 9:30 am, blending the music and worship traditions we love. Following the service, there will be a time for fellowship in the Atrium enjoying fresh fruit and treats. **Let's enjoy our time together as we celebrate and worship God!**

**July 2023 Disciple Giving: Undies Sunday's: John Culp announced at both services this past Sunday that the Undies Sunday benefits the children of the Head Start program (under MVCAA) and the Warrensburg R-VI schools. Sizes needed 4, 6, and 8.**

The Disciple Gift Committee is beginning to plan for next year's Disciple

Gift recipients and are interested in any recommendations from the congregation. Please send any suggestions to [glendagoetz@gmail.com](mailto:glendagoetz@gmail.com).

**August Disciple Giving: Food Center** Sign up will start on Sunday July 23, 2023, in the Atrium between services.

Immediate needs for the Food Center are as follows: tomato sauce, (8 oz. cans), canned corn, canned beans, (black, pinto, kidney, etc.,) all other canned vegetables, (NO green beans), laundry detergent, bar soap, and cold cereal.

**Upcoming Events:**  United Women in Faith **Mission u July 20-22, 2023**

Sponsored by United Women in Faith For more information contact: [office@umcburg.org](mailto:office@umcburg.org) or 660-747-8158

### **United Methodist Men Fall Event:**

The United Methodist Men (UMM) are holding a **Welcome Back "Potato Bake"** lunch on Sunday, August 20 serving from 10:30am to 1pm. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds to UMM projects. Join us in the Family Life Center to get to know the faces that are new to you. If you can donate a topping or dessert, please sign up in the Atrium. Questions? Contact Steve Mills (660-441-8309).

**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. We will stop for lunch before the performance and stop for dinner before our return trip home. PLEASE contact the office 660-747-8158 to reserve tickets by August 2, 2023.**

**Preparing for worship: Upcoming Sermon Series: “Why I Love Being a United Methodist”.** The United Methodist movement began over 250 years ago as men and women were inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread scriptural holiness across the world. Millions of people across the globe have come to know the love and forgiveness of Jesus and have gone out in mission as a result. We will be celebrating how this story continues at the First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg **August 13 -September 3, 2023**, with a message series entitled, **“Why I Love Being a United Methodist.”** Please share with us your story about why you love being a United Methodist. Email stories to Pastor Peter at [peter@umcberg.org](mailto:peter@umcberg.org) 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: [UMCberg FB](#).

### ***Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:***

*July 23 Mission u Sunday Fruit of the Spirit: Love Galatians 5: 22-23 1 John 4: 7-12*

*July 30 Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control Galatians 5:22-23, James 3: 1-5*

*August 6 How to Lead a Small Group*

*August 13 Why I Love Being a United Methodist 1) Do No Harm Proverbs 3:29-30*

*August 20 Why I Love Being a United Methodist 2) Do Good Romans 12:9-21*

*August 27 Small Group Launch Why I Love Being a United Methodist 3) Stay in Love with God 1John 5:1-4*

### **Small Group Start Up Meeting: Wednesday July 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

Sign-up sheets for these small groups will be available starting August 13, 2023.

**Dining Dimensions Starting up again!** Thursday evening August 10, 2023, at 6 pm.

New and returning members are welcome. Bring a salad to share. The meal will start at 6 pm in the **Family Life Center!** Plans for future dates will be discussed. If you have any questions, please call Jana Miller 660-909-5802 or Steve Mills 660-441-8309.

**The Road Forward Team** has reviewed the church's many important ministries, missions and priorities. The purpose of the team is to determine how we best maximize our energy and resources to bring the most people to Jesus Christ and move our church forward. The team has discerned the following focal points as the most pertinent to address in the next 12 months -- some improvement actions you'll begin to see immediately.

- Worship experience
- Children's ministries
- Hospitality
- Technology staffing
- Office administrator

Thank you for your trust and participation as we journey together on our Road Forward. We must make our church better, there's no looking back. All for Christ, John Culp, Chair- Church Council

**Children's Ministry Update: Next Listening session meeting Tuesday July 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm in Aldersgate Room.**

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