



July 28, 2023

Reminder: Please have information for the weekly newsletter by 9 am on Monday mornings! Send to office@umcбург.org.

Congratulations!

Please welcome Kallie Lovewell, and Parker and Madeleine Bergman to our church family as we celebrated their baptisms this past Sunday!



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

Special Service Sunday: By popular demand, we've planned a single Worship service on July 30th, 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

August 2023 Disciple Giving: Food Center Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday July 30, 2023, in the Atrium.

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.

Disciple Gift Committee: The Disciple Gift committee is now planning for the 2024 Disciple Gift recipients. They are interested in recommendations from the congregation. Please send suggestions to glendagoetz@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 future 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@umcburg.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: [UMCburg FB.](#)

Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:

July 30 **Fifth Sunday Special Service: 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 in Room 235

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

Dining Dimensions Starting Up: 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

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