



**Friday August 4, 2023**

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

**Thank you to all who joined in the Special Service we had this past Sunday! We thought it was truly special! Deb Brown, Robyn Criswell-Bloom, Paulette Moore**

**August 2023 Disciple Giving: Food Center** Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday August 6, 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](mailto:glendagoetz@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **United Methodist Men Events:**

Please join The ROCK students as they travel by church bus to Swope Park in Kansas City, MO for the Ethnic Enrichment Festival on Saturday August 19, 2023. They plan on leaving the church at 11 am and returning at 5 pm. If interested, contact Steve Mills (660-441-8309).

**Welcome Back "Potato Bake" Lunch** on Sunday, August 20 serving from 10:30am to 1pm. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds going 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).

**LAST CALL:** 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 by 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](mailto: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:***

- Aug 6   **How to Lead a Small Group***
- Aug 13   **Why I Love Being a United Methodist 1) Do No Harm** Proverbs 3:29-30*
- Aug 20   **Why I Love Being a United Methodist 2) Do Good** Romans 12:9-21*
- Aug 27   **Why I Love Being a United Methodist 3) Stay in Love with God** 1 John 5:1-4*
- Sept 3   **Why I Love Being a United Methodist 4) The World is Our Parish** Isaiah 2:2-4*
- Sept 10   **Wisdom from Our Seniors** Esther*
- Sept 17   **Esther Part 2***
- Sept 24   **Running the Race of Faith** 1 Corinthians 9:24-25*

**New Small Group Start Up :** Sign-up sheets for these small groups will be available **starting August 13, 2023.**

**Grief Share** is one of the new small groups and will be led by Cindy Martinez

### **Current Small Group Opportunities:**

**Small Families:** Wednesday August 9, 5:30 pm Room 240. Child care provided.

**Women's Study:** biweekly starting August 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm in Room 235. Study on current books/videos about Bible topics.

**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.

**Aldersgate Class: Wanted:** Interested people to share an hour of stimulating conversation and fellowship that will bring us closer to God and each other. Meets each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 in Room 141 (Aldersgate Parlor).

**The Bible Project:** Meets each Sunday at 10:35 am. This class is for youth and is led by Ashley Bergman.

**United Women in Faith:** (United Methodist Women) Will meet Sept 19, 2023 at 2 pm in Room 141 (Library). Open to all women of the church, youth to adults.

**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

## **Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

Finance: Tuesday August 15, 2023 6:00-7:00 pm

Lay Leadership: Wednesday August 16, 2023 7:30-8:30 pm

Church Council Tuesday August 2 and Tuesday August 22, 2023 6:30-7:30 pm

All meetings will be in Room 235.

**Please** check your 2023 Giving statements and if you don't see **all** of your contributions, let the office know (660-747-8158) [office@umcburg.org](mailto:office@umcburg.org). Some checks from certain financial institutions do not identify the giver.

Hearing assistance equipment is available (for each service) upon request from one of the ushers.

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