



Friday August 11, 2023

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

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.

End of Life Ministry: One of the special ministries in our church is providing lunch for family members at a loved one's funeral. It is a time for the family to talk to each other, share memories, and celebrate their loved one. Usually, the meal includes sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

If you would be willing to bring a salad or dessert, please email glendagoetz@gmail.com. "Many hands make light work!"

Thanks for your help! Glenda Goetz

Upcoming TheROCK sponsored event:

Please join The ROCK students as they travel by church van 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. Admission for adults is \$5.00. If interested, contact Steve Mills (660-441-8309).

United Methodist Men: This group of adult men meet at 6: 00 pm on the first Monday evening each month. They will be having a **Welcome Back "Potato Bake" Lunch** on Sunday, August 20, 2023, serving from 10:30am to 1pm. In the Family Life Center. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds going to future UMM

projects. If you can donate a topping or dessert, please sign up in the Atrium. Questions? Contact Steve Mills (660-441-8309).

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 *Please 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.](#)*



Why I Love Being a Methodist

My mother always took my brothers, my sister, and me to the local Methodist Church as far back as I can remember. The hymns were familiar and comforting, the pastors were always kind, and the teachings in Sunday School were also familiar and comforting. The parishioners were friendly and welcoming. Every service that I can remember ended with a hymn and an altar call. The altar calls were an invitation to accept Jesus as Savior, and to join the church and be baptized. It was always a sober time when we looked deep inside our hearts to consider what we were called to do for Christ, and how we were to live our lives. If we had preparation classes in the early 50s, I’m not aware of it. I do know that one Sunday I was called to choose Christ and have never looked back. I don’t mean that I suddenly became the really good person that I would like to be, but I have kept trying to be. The Methodist Church has always provided a place for me: Sunday school (to this day), weekly church, MYF and evening services, and in college, Wesley Foundation (where I met my husband Jerry of 64 years), and a church where our two children were reared and baptized. There are so many places to serve here in the church and community. Just listen or ask. I have not always agreed with the Methodists, but it has been a place of belonging and a place to find God. I followed my mother’s example and am trying to follow Christ’s example. I am truly blessed! **Judy Murray**

Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:

- 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** I 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** I Corinthians 9:24-25

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

Grief Share: A new adult group that will be exploring grief, sharing stories, and identifying grief support available in the Warrensburg area. Will meet Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 140 (Aldersgate). Discussion will be held for interest in a recurring grief support group. Contact Cindy Martinez for more information.

Open Discussion Bible Study: A new group, for ages 16 plus, that will gather to read Scripture, ask questions, and discuss passages relevant to today's world. Starting Sunday Sept 10, 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Room 141 (Library).

Current Small Group Opportunities:

Young Families: Meets every second or third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in Room 240 for fellowship. Childcare provided upon request. Contact Katharine Brookes-Norton, katharine.b.norton@gmail.com for details.

Women's Study: Weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Study is on current books/videos about Bible topics pertaining to today's women. Contact Annette Robinson 660-441-5910 for details.

Dining Dimensions Starting Up: Thursday evening August 10, 2023, at 6:00 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 Wilma Bushmeyer 660-747-3854, 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 to each other. Meets first through fourth Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Room 140 (Aldersgate Parlor).

The Bible Project: A new adult group that meets each Sunday at 10:35 am. Contact Ashley Bergman email: ashley.bergman622@gmail.com for more information.

United Women in Faith: (United Methodist Women) Meets the second Tuesday each month at 2 pm. (Sept. to November, and Feb. to April). The next meeting will be **Tuesday Sept 19, 2023**, at 2 pm in Room 141 (Library). Open to **all** women of the church, youth to adults. The Warrensburg UWF will be collecting items for the **Missouri Festival of Sharing Personal Hygiene Packs**. A collection basket will be in the Atrium through August. Thanks for your help. Vicki Ollison, President

The following (10) items will fill one Personal Hygiene Pack:

1 fluoride toothpaste 6 oz or more, 1 toothbrush (in original package), 1 bar of moisturizing soap (in package), 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz), 1 washcloth, 1 hand towel, 1 deodorant, 2 disposable razors, 1 comb, large (and/or brush), 1 bottle skin lotion

The Road Forward Committee has their final meeting on Thursday August 10, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 230. Thank you for your trust and participation as we have journeyed 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, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

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

Church Council: Tuesday August 22, 2023, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All these 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. 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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