



**Friday August 18, 2023**

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

## **August 2023 Disciple Giving: Food Center:**

**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.**

The **Road Forward team** has completed its work and is happy to report its recommendations. All discussions were centered on Chair John Culp's charge for our church to **be better** and we believe that these actions will help us move our church forward in just that way. The committee's purpose was to examine and prioritize the many missions, ministries and projects of our church and to identify how to best use our financial and manpower resources, to meet those areas. The top areas are **the worship experience, children's ministries, hospitality, AV support and office administration.**

You may have noticed that worship is already different with the passing of the peace, less focus on contributions, the resurgence of a bulletin, but most importantly Pastor Peter's actions. He has embraced and implemented many suggestions: more engaging children's time, more relevancy to our daily lives in his sermons and delivering the sermon free of his notebook so that he can better move among us. We are blessed to have such an open relationship with our pastor.

More information will follow on the other recommendations of the committee over the next couple of weeks, so stay tuned!

**Thank you to the committee members,** John Culp, Baird Brock, Sandi Davis, Jan Glover, Steve Mills, Jana Miller, Donna Olson, Steve Price, Don Riffle, Annette Robinson, Larry Yung, Robyn Criswell-Bloom, Bob Muir, Mike Quimby and John Yost.

**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](mailto:glendagoetz@gmail.com). "Many hands make light work!" Thanks for your help! Glenda Goetz

### **Upcoming ROCK sponsored event:**

Please come 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 from the ROCK** at 11 am and returning at 5 pm. This is a change from the previous newsletter's information. Admission for adults is \$5.00. If interested, contact Steve Mills (660-441-8309)

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

**Don't Forget: GET THE RED OUT:** Saturday September 9, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on the UCM Campus. Come visit the UMC table!

**Preparing for worship: Current 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 are 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)

*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: [UMChurg 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 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 Groups:**

**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 future recurring grief support group. **Contact Cindy Martinez 618-319-0332.**

**Open Discussion Bible Study:** A new group (for ages 16 plus), that will gather to read Scripture, ask questions, and discuss the passages that are relevant to today's world. Starts Sunday September 10, 2023, at 8:30 am and again at 9:30 am in Room 141, (Library). **Contact Shelby Seelinger 660-441-1076.**

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

**Young Families:** Meets **once a month on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in Room 240** for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. A Sunday group meets **once a month every fourth Sunday from 10:45- to 11:45 am.**

Childcare is provided upon request. Contact Katharine Brookes-Norton

[katharine.b.norton@gmail.com](mailto:katharine.b.norton@gmail.com)

**Women's Study: Women's Study:** Weekly on Wednesday evenings starting on August 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Study will be on current books and/or videos about Bible topics pertaining to today's women. Contact Annette Robinson 660-441-5910.

**Dining Dimensions:** Next meeting is Monday September 11, 2023, or an alternate date, Thursday September 14, 2023. Plans are to go to Raging Bull restaurant here in Warrensburg. If you have any questions, please contact 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 and fourth Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 in Room 141 (Aldersgate Parlor).

**The Bible Project:** Meets each Sunday at 10:35 am. Please contact Ashley Bergman [ashley.bergman622@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.bergman622@gmail.com)

**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 in Room 141, (Library) The Warrensburg UWF unit 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 UWF **The following items (10) will fill one Personal Hygiene Pack: 1 tube flouride toothpaste, (6 oz or more), 1 toothbrush (in original package), 1 bar of moisturizing soap (in original package), 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.), 1 washcloth, 1 hand towel, 1 deodorant, 2 disposable razors, 1 large comb,( and/or 1 large brush), 1 bottle moisturizing skin lotion.**

**Upcoming Committee Meetings: Church Council:** Tuesday August 22, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, **Generosity Initiative:** August 24, 2023, at 2:30 pm All these meetings will be in Room 235.

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

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