



Friday September 01, 2023

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

Undie Sundays in July was a huge success! Thank you church family for your generosity!

Kids Can Do this past Sunday brought in \$190.33 for the **Food Center**. Thank you church family for your continued generosity!

Attention Parents: Don't forget the upcoming Children's Bible Sunday on September 17, 2023 at the 9:30 am service. Children ages 3 to 5th Grade will be recognized and given a New Bible or Bible storybook to take home with them!

Upcoming events: Usher Training Meeting will be on Thursday September 07, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Pie and ice cream will be served!

September Disciple Giving: United Women of Faith: September has been designated as UWF Disciple Giving month. We are the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. Our vision is turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. Our unit meets Feb.-Apr. and Sept.-Nov. on the 3rd Tuesday and on the 1st Saturday of December. We welcome any women to join. There are no age requirements or church membership requirements. Only a willingness to engage in mission, study, personal growth, and social action. We provide a community of women who nurture and support each other and opportunities for spiritual growth. To help support part of our mission work, we will again sponsor a Candle Burning for Mission this month. The congregation may donate money for missions in honor or in memory of a loved one, and those named will be recognized during the Candle Burning ceremony on Sept. 24th. Donations can be mailed to the church, put in the offering plates, or made online, with the option of selecting honorees. (**See attached form on page 4 of this**

newsletter). Last year, with the congregation's generous support, we were able to support the Jamaica Mission, Christmas Store, Next Generation Ministry, Della Lamb, Johnson County Food Center, Survival House and Journey Home.

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 with our last sermon of this series, **September 3, 2023**, entitled, **"Why I Love Being a United Methodist: Faith for Service"**.

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](#).

Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:

- Sept 3* **Why I Love Being a United Methodist (4) Faith for Service** Isaiah 2:2-4
- Sept 10* **Grandparent's Day: Wisdom from Our Seniors:** Esther
- Sept 17* **Children's Bible Sunday** Esther Part 2
- Sept 24* **Running the Race of Faith** 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- Oct 1* **How to Invite a New Person to Faith (1)** John 1:35-51
- Oct 8* **Sharing Your Letter of Faith (2)** Acts 1:8 John 1:43-51
- Oct 15* **Blessed with Enough: Earn All You Can**
- Oct 22* **Blessed to Live Within Our Means: Save All You Can**
- Oct 29* **Special Service: Blessed to Give: Give All You Can**

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. **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.**

Youth Group: This group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:30 pm. They will have a Movie night on Wednesday September 6, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. **Contact Pastor Peter peter@umcberg.org** for more information.

Current Small Groups:

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

Women's Study: Biweekly on Wednesday evenings 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: Will Meet September 10, 2023, at 10:35 am. Please **contact Ashley Bergman** ashley.bergman622@gmail.com

United Women in Faith: (United Methodist Women) Meets the third Tuesday each month at 2 pm. (Sept. to November, and Feb. to April). The next meeting will be **Tuesday Sept 19, 2023**, at 2:30 pm in Room 141 (Library). (Note the time change). **Contact Vicki Ollison 660-362-0044.U**

United Methodist Men: Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. Contact Steve Mills 660-441-8309

Hearing assistance equipment (for each service) is available upon request

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UWF CANDLE BURNING FOR MISSION 2023

United Women in Faith will sponsor a Candle Burning for Mission on UWF Sunday, September 24, during both worship services. Members of the congregation may donate any amount of money to UWF Mission Giving in honor or memory of a loved one. The names will be listed on the screen on UWF Sunday. During worship service a candle will be lighted and allowed to burn for as many "official" minutes of money that has been donated. The "official" Mission Minute is the amount of money equal to the cost of funding one minute of Mission work through the UWF National, which varies each year. The amount for 2023 is \$16.56 per minute. UWF members will be accepting donations for the Candle Burning Ceremony until September 20. Please make checks out to FUMC and designate CANDLE BURNING. UWF Mission Giving dollars are at work in the U.S. and around the world supporting programs that improve life and help empower women, children, and youth. **Please use this form to help our local UWF treasurer keep track of donations.** Thank you for your generous support. Please call Vicki Ollison (660-362-0044) for more information.

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