



Friday September 15, 2023

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

Save the date! There will be another Volunteer Sign-up Day on **Sunday October 1, 2023**, between worship services!

Attention all Sunday coffee and water drinkers: Please use the reusable cups that are provided in the Coffee Corner on Sunday mornings. We are saving money, and the planet, too, by **not** using disposable Styrofoam cups! The disposable cups poison the ground water and do not dissolve away. **Thanks!**

Hospitality Team

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 meetings: Generosity Initiative, **Sept 19, 1:00-3:00 pm**, Room 235.

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. The next meeting will be **Sept 19, 2023, at 2:30 pm** in Room 141. Please see attached Candle Burning donation form to be turned in by Sept 20, 2023. There will be a Candle Burning ceremony during each worship service on UWF Sunday Sept. 24, 2023. **UWF District, Conference and**

National: The United Women in Faith **Northwest District** supports the local units with resources and opportunities for spiritual growth, training, and mission participation. Jana Miller is the President of the **Northwest District UWF**. The District UWF hosts Spring and Fall Meetings, distributes a monthly newsletter, holds Book Reads, Spiritual Growth Retreats, and has yearly awards for Woman in Mission and for participating in the Mission Today criteria. UWF supports justice and equal opportunities for all and the healing of our environment. The Northwest UWF Fall meeting is October 14, 2023, at Summit Church in Lee's Summit, Missouri. **The Missouri Conference:** UWF supports the district and local units and provides a link to the National UWF. There is an annual meeting in the Fall, this year on September 22-23 at Grace UMC, Lee's Summit. Every two years a Legislative Training Event is held at Jefferson City, where UWF participants are supplied with information on state and national policies that UWF members are concerned with. The Conference also sponsors **Mission u**, a national program, which is an opportunity for reflection and informal action through education opportunities and resources for men, women, youth and children. First UMC was the host church in July 2023 for this year's Mission u, and will also be the host church for 2024. Over 80 participants from around the state, including several of our members, attended this year. **UWF Reading Program:** The UWF Reading Program is a cherished tradition. This program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books and offers an opportunity to deepen spirituality and broaden understanding of mission work. New reading lists are selected each year. The First UMC UWF Reading Library is located on the second floor of the church in the hallway across from the chapel. New books are ordered each year, at least one from each of the five categories, including youth and children's books. These categories are **Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth.**

Preparing for worship: *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](#)*

EB. Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:

- Sept 17 **Children's Bible Sunday** Psalm 27:14, Esther 7:1-5
- 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 1:43-5
- 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*

Where In The World is First UMC?

Have you ever wondered what the church does during the week? The answer in part can be found in the Atrium. Stop by the map and look where First UMC is in the world. The church supports many people and ministries in the local community, throughout the state and around the world. First church is not just located at 141 E. Gay Street. It is part of a much larger organization that uses people and resources from many, many congregations to support the mission Christ gave his disciples and extends an invitation to us, go forth and make disciples for God. Whether it is raising money for the local food pantry or helping people in Mozambique get fresh water from a new well, First UMC is engaged in making disciples for God. Shelby Seelinger

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: We have been studying scripture for thousands of years. In all those years there is so much we still are trying to understand. I invite you to join us in a study where we all share what the Scriptures mean to us, ask questions about those same Scriptures, and how they may affect our daily lives. The group is open to all persons from 16 and up. We will meet in Room 141, the Library (across the hall from Aldersgate) at 8:30 and 9:30 for about 45 minutes. I look forward to seeing you there and learning from each of you.

Shelby Seelinger 660-441-1076.

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 Bible 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 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 through fourth Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Room 140 (Aldersgate Parlor).

The BibleProject (Podcast): The BibleProject group will listen to and discuss a podcast from the team at the BibleProject who try to help people experience the Bible in a way that is "approachable, engaging, and transformative" and to understand that "the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus". This fall: (from Sept. 10th on), we will begin listening to and discussing the BibleProject's recent series on the theme of the firstborn. Come join us! **Contact Ashley Bergman ashley.bergman622@gmail.com**

United Women in Faith: Contact Vicki Ollison 660-362-0044.

United Methodist Men: United Methodist Men invites all men of the church to the Monday September 18 UMM meeting at 6pm at the Rock (305 S Holden). Larry Bryan will prepare a smoked chicken dinner including salad, veggies, and dessert. A \$10 donation toward the meal is requested. Sandy Davis will talk about her experiences "Wesley Foundation and other adventures." RSVP to Steve Mills (660-441-8309).

Youth Group: Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 20, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm. Contact Pastor Peter peter@umcburg.org.

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UWF CANDLE BURNING FOR MISSION 2023

United Women in Faith will sponsor a Candle Burning for Mission on **UMW Sunday, September 24, 2023**, 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 UMW National, which varies each year. The amount for 2023 is \$18.52 per minute. **UWF members will be accepting donations for the Candle Burning Ceremony until September 20.** Please use this form to fill out your donation. More forms and envelopes will be available at each sanctuary entrance. Please make checks out to FUMC and designate CANDLE BURNING on the memo line. 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. Thank you for your generous support. Please call Vicki Ollison (660-362-0044) for more information.

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