



Monday September 18, 2023

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

The Church office will be closed this Friday Sept. 22, 2023.

Save the date! Usher Training Meeting: Thursday Sept. 28, 2023, 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Pie and ice cream will be served. **Volunteer's Group**

Sign-up Day: on Sunday October 1, 2023!

Upcoming Committee meetings: Generosity Initiative Sept 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Room 235.

September Disciple Giving: United Women of Faith: LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD! UWF of First UMC hope you have learned more about our organization, what we do and what we support, during this Disciple Giving Month. We will meet for our first Fall meeting on **Sept. 19th** and welcome guest speakers Sally Cook and Valyn McClellan from Cornerstones of Care, KC, one of 90 National Mission institutions that UWF supports through our gifts of money and time. National Mission institutions provide community outreach to women, children, youth, & families. **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 of First UMC hopes you have learned more about our organization, what we do and what we support, during this Disciple Giving Month. On UWF Sunday, September 24, 2023, we will begin with goodies in the Coffee Corner, UWF Mission Ribbon sales and display in the Atrium. Mission Ribbons can say "Thank You", give encouragement, and celebrate someone you know.

Before the Candle Burning Ceremony, we will honor one of our members with a Special Recognition Pin and Certificate for dedicated service to UWF and the church. As we light the candle, a list of honorees and remembered will be displayed on the screen. The candle will burn 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 \$18.52 per minute. We, the members of UWF, are grateful for your generosity towards our Mission work and glad we can honor and remember those people you have designated with your giving. You can still donate and designate honorees through the rest of this month and an updated list will be in the newsletter. Thank you for supporting women, children and youth around the corner and around the world.

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](#)*

FB. Upcoming Sermons & Scripture Passages:

- 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**

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 people from 16 and up. We will meet in the Library, Room 141, (across the hall from Aldersgate) at 8:30 am and again at 9:30 am for about 45 minutes. I look forward to seeing you there and learning from each of you. Shelby Seelinger 660-441-1076.

United Methodist Chancel Choir: An adult group of men and women who love to worship God through singing various styles of music. Practice is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm with a performance, (of songs learned), on Sundays during the Traditional (11:00) service **Contact:** Keaton Denney 660-287-4995.

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. The next meeting is Sept. 27, 2023. **Contact Annette Robinson 660-441-5910.**

Dining Dimensions: Plans are to go to the Arcadian Moon Winery in Higginsville, Missouri for the October outing. The date has yet to be determined. 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 be 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: (United Methodist Women) The next meeting will be **Tuesday Oct 17, 2023**, at 2:30 pm in Room 141 (Library). **Contact Vicki Ollison 660-362-0044.**

United Methodist Men: United Methodist Men invites all men of the church to the **Monday September 18, 2023**, meeting at 6:00 pm 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: This group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:30 pm. **Contact Pastor Peter** peter@umcburg.org for more information.

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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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