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Living that all may know Jesus

Monday October 23, 2023

Please have information for the weekly newsletter by Monday at 9:00 am. Send to office@umcбург.org. Thank you!

Meetings this week: Hanging of the Greens Organizational Meeting: Tuesday October 24 2:00 pm Aldersgate **Church Council:** Tuesday October 24, 6:00 pm Room 235 **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesday October 25 5:30-6:30 pm Room 235 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesday October 25 6:30-8:00 pm Room 241 **Youth Group:** Wednesday October 25 5:30-7:30 pm Wesley Hall

Why is there a Christmas Tree in the Atrium in October?? This is our **Blessings Tree!** More specifically, our children are participating in this year's **Generosity Initiative** by paying it forward and to be a blessing to someone in need. Thanks to some generous donors, each child will receive \$10.00 to **'pay it forward'** to someone who needs a blessing. They are invited to record what they've done on a pumpkin and place it on the Blessings Tree. It is our hope that the children will learn Jesus' message that **"it is more blessed to give than to receive"**, as they actively participate in our **Generosity Initiative!** Take a picture of your child delivering their blessing! Send it to the church at contact@umcбург.org

October Disciple Giving: Many of you have asked about items to put in the Blessing Box. Protein items are good, (Ziplock bags of chicken and tuna). Also, small packages of cookies and crackers, and small bottles of water and Gatorade are good. Fresh fruit goes quickly! **(No raisins, please)!** Dollar Tree now has warm stocking caps, gloves,

and hand warmers for sale! Please put in canned goods with pop tops only, **as most do not have access to a can opener!** Thanks again for your generosity!

Don't Forget: Our church has agreed to participate in **SOCK-TOBER** sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Care Connection, and the AmeriCorp Seniors. The objective: to collect and provide new socks for homebound older adults who receive home delivered meals in our six-county area. **This is the last week for new adult socks donations so don't forget to put them in the bucket in the Atrium!**

What to do with your Pledge Brochure? Please turn in the entire brochure in the pledge box in the Atrium, place in the Offering plate on Sunday, or mail it into the First United Methodist Church 141 E Gay Warrensburg, MO 64093.

An important part of the Generosity Initiative is to provide information on the church's finances. During last Sunday's information session, the following points were noted and have now been updated:

- The preliminary expense budget for 2024 is now \$570,000, which includes a salary for a part-time Office Administrator.
- Pledges during the Generosity Initiative historically account for 70 percent of income received, therefore a target of \$390,000 is needed to fully fund the 2024 budget.
- The 2024 budget will fund salaries, the mortgage payment, utilities, and maintenance, programming, technology, and building reserves.
- 25 percent of 2023 pledges increased over the previous year, while the rest remained the same or decreased.

Giving is a personal decision between the giver and God, who gives us all things. Please prayerfully consider these facts when deciding what God is calling you to give.

All Saints Day Sunday is November 5, 2023

Here is the list of people who have passed since last All Saints Day.

Robert (Bob) Braun, James (Jim) Hudson, Donald (Don) Snyder, Edward (Ed) Woodrel, Pearl Warnken, Earlene Christie, Richard Carr, Shirley Hurst, Michael (Mike) Jeffries, Dennis Laster. **Pastor Peter invites us to add others to this list, whether they are members or not. Please send names to office@umcburg.org. Thanks!**

Susan Jackson has a request. She has several international students (5 or 6) that would like to learn to drive. She is looking for someone with an older car and wouldn't mind teaching them to drive. Contact her for more information (703) 472-9116

Upcoming Services and Scripture readings: October 29-**Celebration Sunday** 9:30 am-Blessed to Give, Give All you Can Galatians 6:9-10, November 5- **All Saints Sunday** Journeying through Grief1, November 12-**Veteran's Day Sunday** Journeying through Grief 2, November 19, November 26-**Hanging of the Greens, Advent:** December 3-Matthew Genealogy, Matthew 1:12-18, **Advent:** December 10-Dreams & Visions Matthew 1:18-21, **Advent:** December 17- God is With Us! Isaiah 7:1-14 Matthew 1:21-23, **Christmas Eve-JOY!** December 24-9:30 am, 4:00 pm (Praise), and 6:00 pm (Traditional), December 31- **Epiphany:** 9:30 am- Wisemen Discerning What is Right-Matthew 2:12-18

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