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First United Methodist Church

Living that all may know Jesus



Monday November 15, 2023

Funeral Service for Earlene Brown

The family visitation is Thursday, November 16 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Sweeney, Phillips, Holdren Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 17 at 1pm at the church. Interment will follow at the Warrensburg Memorial Gardens. Please keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATES!

United Women of Faith Unit Meeting

United Women in Faith will meet Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 PM in Room 141. Hosting is the Exec. Com., Devotion (Paulette Moore), Daily Prayer Guide (Annette Robinson), and response (Jana Miller). The World Thank Offering program will be presented by Jana Miller. All women are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Meal

Sponsored by Johnson County CROP Walk

Thursday November 23, 2023

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Family Life Center

Dine-In, Curbside, and Delivery available

cropjoco@gmail.com or 660-624-6931

Finance Committee Meeting

November 28, 2023

7:00 pm

Room 235

Pack 399 Craft Fair

December 2, 2023

9 am – 2 pm

Family Life Center & Antrim

United Women of Faith Christmas Luncheon

December 2, 2023

2:00-4:00 pm

Room 141

United Methodist Men Fundraiser Dinner

December 6, 2023

6:00-8:00 pm

Family Life Center

Happy Birthday to Jesus Party

December 16, 2023

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Family Life Center

PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to everyone who returned their pledge cards! If you have not done so, please submit as soon as possible so the 2024 budget can be finalized. Thanks again for your continued generosity! WE ARE THE CHURCH!

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

November's Disciple Giving: The focus this month is **The Christmas Store**, which provides a Christmas meal for those in our community struggling with food insecurity. This is the 50th year Warrensburg churches have worked together to make the holidays brighter for those in need. To allow this worthwhile ministry to continue, The Christmas Store is relying on financial contributions. Vouchers to Hy-Vee will be distributed to those who sign up, enabling them to purchase food for a Christmas meal. Last year 414 families signed up. It is estimated The Christmas Store will serve over 400 families in 2023. Two years ago, First United Methodist Church took its turn in leading the effort. This year, **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** is organizing and hosting the event, which will be held in December. Sue Cottrill is the chair this year. Volunteers are currently signing up recipients at the Food Center. Donations can be made online at umcburg.org, can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or can be taken to the church office. Make check out to **First United Methodist Church** with **Christmas Store** in the memo. For more information, contact Carol Hassler, 660-864-1458, UMCBurg's representative at The Christmas Store.

PAUL ROWLAND

The family of Paul Rowland thanks everyone who helped to make the celebration of his life such a wonderful and meaningful event. Rev. Norton, his staff and the entire congregation surrounded us with love and helped us honor our husband, father and grandfather with music, scripture and reflections that were perfect in every way. Special thanks to those who provided the delicious lunch for the family afterward. We felt comforted and surrounded by God's love from the beginning to end. Thank you!

Mary Belle Rowland, Jane and Jim Funke, Jessica and Erik Severson, Shannon, and Nathan Kitz

UPCOMING SERVICES AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 19: Live for Today Have Faith for Tomorrow! *Matthew 6:25-34*

November 26: Hanging of the Greens

December 3: First Sunday in Advent – Matthew Genealogy, *Matthew 1:12-18*

December 10: Second Sunday Advent – 9:30 am Nativity play with children, 11 am Christmas Cantata

December 17: Third Sunday Advent – God is With Us, *Isaiah 7:1-14, Matthew 1:21-23*

December 24: Fourth Sunday Advent – Christmas Eve – JOY! 9:30am, 4:00 pm
(Praise service), 6:00 pm (Traditional service), *Matthew 2:7-11*

December 31: Epiphany Sunday 9:30 am (one service only) – The Wiseman:
discerning what is right, *Matthew 2:12-18*

**REMINDER: Please have information for the weekly newsletter by 9
am on Monday mornings! Send to office@umcberg.org. Thank
you!**

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