



# First Things @ First

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“Living that all may know Jesus”

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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 1<sup>st</sup>

Since February, the pastors and mentors have been delighted to walk alongside this year's confirmands as they embark on a journey of faith. Everyone is invited to be a part of this faith walk on Confirmation Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Confirmation will take place during the 10:45am service, as the confirmands profess their commitment to Jesus Christ and become full members of First United Methodist Church.

## 30 HOUR FAMINE

From 6:00pm Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> until 5:30pm Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> FUMC Youth will be spending time with youth from other churches playing games, experiencing the feeling of hunger, doing service projects, and raising awareness of the needs of hungry kids all over the world. The *30 Hour Famine* \$30 entrance fee (not required) will feed one child for one month. Sign up in the youth rooms or contact Mike Cassidy.

## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER

Want to provide special music during the 10:45am worship service this summer? Contact Sherry Printz at 660-238-0246 or [slgilpin@charter.net](mailto:slgilpin@charter.net).

## GRADUATION IS IN THE AIR!

Do you know someone who will graduate from high school, college or university this spring? We would like to share their honor in the newsletter. Please submit the graduate's name, school, and degree where applicable, to Marge in the church office or email [receptionist@umcburg.org](mailto:receptionist@umcburg.org).



*Please inform the office of changes in your address, phone number or email.*

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30am Connection / *Connected* Band  
10:45am Classical/Blended with choir  
and "Kids Own Worship"  
*A nursery is available for children through  
2 years of age.*

## PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION

FUMC has an opening for the position of part-time custodian. Hours are Monday—Thursday, 6-9pm and Sundays, 7:30am—1:30pm. Duties include cleaning as assigned and building monitor. Extra hours may be possible as mutually agreeable. A detailed job description and applications are available in the office. Please apply by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## SPPRC KITCHEN STAFF “APPRECIATION POTLUCK”

Please help SPPRC express our appreciation to the kitchen staff by bringing your favorite dish to an old-fashioned potluck meal in the FLC at 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ask a friend, a neighbor or someone new to join us for some great food and fellowship. Drinks and tableware will be furnished.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH BUS

Call the office by noon on Friday to arrange a bus stop at your home. The FUMC bus is handicap accessible.

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Children's and Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Director | [mike@umcburg.org](mailto:mike@umcburg.org)

### JOIN US ON MAIN STREET

FUMC invites all children age 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade to *Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street Vacation Bible School*. On Main Street, kids will be drawn into parables Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! The fun begins June 6<sup>th</sup>—June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm till 5:30pm, with bus service available from summer school.

Come learn how Jesus turns lives upside down and hearts inside out at the "Sidewalk Celebration," along with music at "Parable Productions," art projects at the "Fun Factory," games at "Firehouse Fitness," and stories and a snack at the "Brown Bag Bistro." To be a part of all the excitement on Main Street, call (747-8158), email Mike Cassidy or visit the church's website at [www.umcburg.org](http://www.umcburg.org) to register or volunteer to help out. Registration forms are available in the church office.

### FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are seeking a caring and fun-loving adult to lead our 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class Sundays at 9:30am. This class follows our FaithWeaver Curriculum and all lessons and materials are provided. We have an average of about 8 kids per week plus a parent helper to make sure everyone gets the attention they deserve. If you would like more information, please contact Mike Cassidy at 747-8157 or [mike@umcburg.org](mailto:mike@umcburg.org).

**Wesley Methodist Student Center | Lynn Little, Director | [lynn@umcburg.org](mailto:lynn@umcburg.org) | 747-2597**

**"Good Cause" Rummage Sale ...** Wesley Center is having a rummage sale on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be used for the Activities/Missions Fund. Those wishing to donate items for the rummage sale may deliver them to the Wesley Methodist Student Center at 305 S. Holden Street May 10<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>. Come shop and help out a "Good Cause."

 **Preschool Doodlings | Colleen Reed, Preschool Director | [preschool@umcburg.org](mailto:preschool@umcburg.org)**

The preschoolers learned all about the ocean and ocean creatures this week. There were fish and sharks and octopus (octopie?). There was even blue gelatin with gummy fish for our ocean snack. Next week we will be learning about Mother's Day and Father's Day and making some fun things.

This past month all the PreK kids reached their goal of reading 100 books each and they celebrated with fun pajama parties. The 3-year old classes are completing their Bear Reading Program and will soon be celebrating with Bear parties. We are reading maniacs! There are still openings for our preschool classes for next year. We currently have T/TH openings for children who turn 3 by August 1, 2011. Call or e-mail Colleen for more information!

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

**SUNDAY:** The May 8<sup>th</sup> Native American Ministries Sunday special offering will support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations are strengthened, and communities are better able to respond to tribal concerns — troubled families, at-risk youth, unemployment, illiteracy, and substance abuse.

Mark your calendars for  
**THE KIOWA MISSION PROJECT**  
Kiowa Nation, Oklahoma  
July 16-23, 2011  
Work Projects ~ Bible School  
~ Inter-Cultural Opportunities  
**"Your Opportunity To Be The Hands of God"**  
For more information contact  
Rev. Louie or Brenda Lowe.

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### INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** The May 4<sup>th</sup> menu will feature hot cakes, peaches, strawberries, blueberries, bananas, bacon, sausage, and beverages served 5:00pm till 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$6/adult, \$3/student and children age three and older, \$16 max./family. The May 11<sup>th</sup> menu will feature Polish sausage, macaroni 'n cheese, green beans, potato salads, fruit crisps, fat-free oatmeal cookies, and beverages. Guests are invited to dine-in with us. *To make a reservation or to be added to the standing list, please call the office or email [receptionist@umcburg.org](mailto:receptionist@umcburg.org) by noon on Tuesday.*

**KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:** The May 15<sup>th</sup> Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for the *Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition*. **Our church directs all people with emergency needs to JCECC.** This coalition provides assistance with utilities, rent and budgeting classes. Monetary donations are needed. *Make checks payable to FUMC and designate "JCECC."*

**FOOD CENTER NEEDS:** Place your nonperishable donations inside the Food Center Cabinet located in the FLC hallway north of the pop machine. Please do not put clothing, medicine or glassware in the Food Center Cabinet. The Food Center is open 1:00pm—4:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:00am till 11:00am on Saturdays. Recipients must contact Catholic Charities (747-2241) to sign up to receive food.

**TRANSITIONAL FAMILY SUPPLIES:** *REACH (Reach for Education and Aid for Children of the Homeless)* needs donations of basic household supplies for people who are transitioning from being homeless to moving into a place of their own. Needed are new or gently used: dishes, drinking glasses, silverware, cookware--skillet and two pots, baking/casserole dishes, cookie sheet, mixing spoons, spatula, can opener, knives, measuring cups & spoons, cutting board, mixing bowls, pillows, sheets, blankets, alarm clock, bath towels, bath mat, kitchen towels, dish cloths, paper towels, paper napkins, toilet paper, baggies, cleaning bucket, broom/dust mop, Comet- type cleanser, toilet bowl cleaner, Pine-Sol type cleaner, laundry detergent, fabric softener, feminine products, shampoo, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brush, and bath soap. If you have items to donate, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jan Powers (660-747-7532, 816-863-2500 or [snooksjkp@yahoo.com](mailto:snooksjkp@yahoo.com)); Annette Erickson (660-747-6319 or [americkson@embarqmail.com](mailto:americkson@embarqmail.com)); or Wilma Bushmeyer (747-3854.)

### *In Our Prayers*

**In Our Prayers:** Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Tom Bennett, Nan Brame, Marie Brigman, Sandy Culp, Brad Tharp, Shelli Treece, Doris Wilson.

**Military:** Chris Manley.

**Pastoral Care:** If you have a death in the family, are sick or hospitalized, please let the church office know so we can arrange for spiritual care. *If you or a loved one is admitted to a local hospital, please call us, as the hospitals do not notify us.*

**Prayer Requests:** Due to privacy issues we will only publically share requests that concern immediate family members. All other requests require direct affirmation from the person. Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews or in the office.

#### "HOLY GROUNDS"

The FUMC Welcome Teams invite you to enjoy Sunday morning refreshments found in our new "Holy Grounds" area off the east side of the Atrium. Donations to help with the cost of coffee, etc. are welcome.

Please keep our beautiful Sanctuary free of food scraps, empty cups, napkins, etc.

*Still need to pick up your personal offering envelopes? They are now located in Marlene's office.  
~Marlene Larson, Financial Coordinator*

#### *Attendance & Offerings*

April 17<sup>th</sup> attendance at the two services was 429.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$6,149.50.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,710.00.

April 24<sup>th</sup> attendance at the two services was 590.

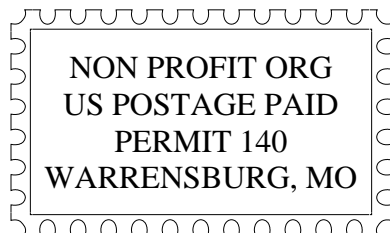
Operating Fund Contributions were \$6,339.54.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$65.00.

Easter Offering Contributions were \$1,666.00.



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Return Service Requested

**FREE MEAL MINISTRY:**  
May 1st: Staff Team  
May 29th: CLT Class  
 The meal is served 5-6pm at the Episcopal church.

**Pastor's Corner... | Rev. Louie Lowe, Senior Pastor | llowe@umcburg.org**  
**HOW TO PLANT A GARDEN OF FAITH**

**FIRST PLANT FIVE ROWS of "PEAS":**

- Prayer
- Perseverance
- Politeness
- Purity

**THEN, PLANT FIVE ROWS of "LETTUCE":**

- Let us be faithful.
- Let us be unselfish.
- Let us be truthful.
- Let us love one another.
- Let us obey and follow Christ.

**NEXT, PLANT THREE ROWS of "SQUASH":**

- Squash gossip.
- Squash fault-finding.
- Squash indifference.

**FINALLY, NO GARDEN is COMPLETE without "TURNIPS":**

- Turn up for Church.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with a friend.
- Turn up with an open heart.
- Turn up to receive God's blessings.

See you in church,

*Louie*



**A Thought  
 For  
 Spring**

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