



First Things @ First

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION ~ AUGUST 24th

Aldersgate Sunday School Class invites everyone to “cool off” at their 5:00pm—7:00pm *Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction* on August 24th. Silent Auction items include jewelry, pictures, wall hangings, hand-made greeting cards, DVD movies, coffee maker, new throw rug, angel decorations, and much more. Proceeds will be for the Jamaica Medical Mission and the FUMC Early Response Team. Items (no clothing please) for the silent auction are now being collected. Call Nadine Graham at 747-6346 or Donna Sample at 747-9597.

SIGN UP FOR *SERVE 2011* DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

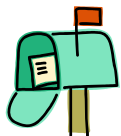
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you on a First United Methodist Church team as we join hands and hearts with our neighbors in Warrensburg during the 8:00am—12:00pm September 10th United Methodist state-wide day of community service. Child care will be provided for volunteers. *SERVE2011* projects include landscaping for the group home, senior citizen home and yard maintenance, WILS ramp building, trash pick-up, making cards for shut-ins, homemade cookie brigade, and a noon *SERVE2011 Celebration BBQ* at The Wesley Center for all volunteers. Senior High Youth and College-Ages will provide a children’s carnival during the *Lions Lake 9/11 Tribute*. Junior High Youth will assist children ages three—5th Grade in decorating bags for the Christmas Store. Sign up in the Atrium on Sunday, online at umcburg.org, or in the office. For more information contact *SERVE2011* coordinator Doug Wolcott at dwolcott94@yahoo.com or 660-747-3570.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER!

Marissa Bralick will be our new Food Service Manager. Please welcome her when you see her around the church, or at the first Wednesday Night Dinner, on September 7th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 21st

Ribbon “Corsages for Missions” will be available for purchase in the Narthex and Atrium on UMW Sunday, August 21st. Honor someone with a ribbon to wear and a hug. Proceeds are for UMW missions.



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

BIG NEED – BIG BOX – LET’S FILL’ER UP

The really big box in the Atrium is 3/4 full. Lets “fill ‘er up” to help meet the Food Center’s really big need! Lists of needed items are located in the FLC hallway.

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.

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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Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Director | mike@umcburg.org

BACK 2 SCHOOL YOUTH BASH @ THE PARSONAGE

Thanks to all the youth who helped with Mission Trip Sunday last week. You all did an amazing job welcoming God into the hearts of the congregation. Our build up to the new school year continues this Sunday night with an August Fellowship event. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to the parsonage (218 Sellman) for a *Back 2 School Bash*. We'll have volleyball, bocce ball, tetherball, video and board games, hot dogs and brats, and, of course, a whole lot of fellowship. Stop by from 5pm - 8pm for a great back to school welcome! Don't forget our *Secret Service* event August 27th at 9:00am.

Children Ministries | Melanie Montambeault, Director | melanie@umcburg.org

FriendsDay after school activities begin on Wednesday, September 7th. Children, from kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to participate in the fun! FriendsDay will meet in Room 233/234 from 4:00pm-5:00pm with focus on *Genesis* and will include a snack, a science experiment, and a game. (If school is cancelled due to inclement weather or is on a break, all children's activities will also be cancelled.)

The FUMC church bus will be picking up kids from Warrensburg elementary schools at 3:30pm. If you would like to use this service, please send a note to your child's school indicating that the FUMC bus will be picking up your child on Wednesday afternoons. Also, fill out the appropriate section on our Wednesday registration form (most of you will receive registration forms in the mail, however, they will also be available in the office).

If you choose to bring your child to FriendsDay, we ask that you bring them no earlier than 3:45pm and that you accompany them to the room. We want to make sure that all our kids arrive safely.

Due to still searching for our Children's Choir directors, we will not be starting the choirs until the end of September.

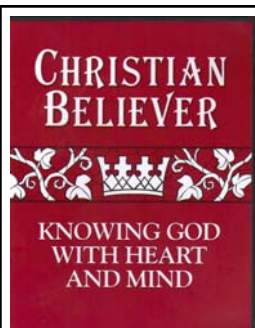
OFFICE NEWS | Anita Ellis, Administrative Coordinator | office@umcburg.org

FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING CLASSES

All groups using the FUMC kitchen must have a 2011 Food Handlers certified supervisor present in the kitchen. Need to certify, or re-certify, for your Food Handlers certificate? Register for a Food Handlers Class at Johnson County Community Health Services. Monday classes are offered 10:00am – 11:30 am on September 12th, October 17th, November 14th, or December 12th. Thursday classes are offered 2:00pm – 3:30 pm on September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, or December 1st. Please call (660) 747-6121, ext. 258 to register. Registration is requested at least one week in advance.

You may also register (at your own expense) for an online class at <http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/missouri/johnson-county> or johnsoncountyhealth.org.

Once you are certified, please provide a copy of your card to Anita so that she may keep it on file. You will need to have your card with you when working in the kitchen.



- An integrated, thirty-week (2-2 1/2 hour) study of the Bible and the classical teachings of the Christian faith. Groups consist of twelve members and a leader who make a commitment to weekly preparation and attendance.
- The purpose of this study is to make available to people the substance of the faith the church has confessed through the centuries as a way of connecting to God and living faithfully.
- Interested in being in a CHRISTIAN BELIEVER group? Call the office or contact Jackson Short.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Help! Volunteers age eighteen and older are needed to sustain our outstanding Children's Ministry programming. Volunteers are needed to help on Sunday as substitute Sunday school teachers, and for Sunday school teacher's helpers. This fall, Wednesday FriendsDay leaders will be needed. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. For more information or to volunteer, call Melanie Montambeault at 747-8158 or email melanie@umcburg.org.

AUGUST "UNDIE" SUNDAYS: Each Sunday in August is an "Undie" Sunday! Bring new children's socks and underwear (sizes 3T—5T) for Head Start and the public preschools. There are baskets in the Atrium for your "undie" donations. For information contact Ed Wirthwein at 660-543-4342 or John Culp at 429-6461.

"BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS": All knitters are encouraged to bring Prayer Shawls for the Sunday, August 28th "Blessing of Prayer Shawls." Knit the shawls by casting on 57 stitches and then using straight knit stitches. The finished shawls are approximately 60 inches long before fringe is added. Care Ministers will deliver the prayer shawls to those in need of a caring presence.

COOKIE BRIGADE: Homemade cookie donations for delivery with FUMC SERVE2011 invitations to the FUMC neighborhood area need to be at church by 9:00am on Sunday August 28th and/or September 4th. Homemade cookie donations for the *SERVE2011 Celebration BBQ* and for UMW gift delivery need to be at the church by 8:30am on September 10th.

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Matt Brigman, Sandy Culp, Cheryl Leary, Clair Swan.

Sympathy to: George Hechler, whose wife Melva passed away August 13, 2011 and to Daniel Brigman, whose grandmother Marie Brigman passed away August 13, 2011. **Military:** Brad Adams, Christopher Lozo, John Rodgers.

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: Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews or in the office. Due to privacy issues we will only publish requests that concern immediate family members.

JOIN THE KUMBAYAH DISCUSSION LIST

Church announcements, prayer requests and closing information are emailed to those who are subscribed to the Kumbayah Discussion List. If you would like to be a part of this list, email jeffries@socket.net and type "Kumbayah Subscription" in the Subject line.

~ Mike Jeffries, Kumbayah List Administrator

Tune in to 1450 KOKO radio weekdays at 6:58am to hear Pastor Louie's scripture reading & reflection of the day.



CONGRATULATIONS

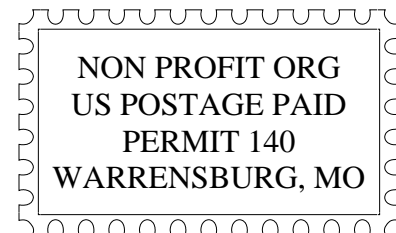
Katy Ellen Hart, daughter of Eddie and Christina Hart was born July 29, 2011. Proud grandparents are John and Sally Hart.

Attendance & Offerings

August 7th attendance at the two services was 266.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$8,402.50.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$8,056.50.
August 14th attendance at the two services was 316.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$5,761.79.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,021.00.



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Return Service Requested

KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:

The August 21st Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for the Food Center.

Pastor's Corner... | Rev. Louie Lowe, Senior Pastor | llowe@umcburg.org

Ahhh! The rain! How good it feels in the heat of summer. ...Refreshing! ...Reviving! ...Restoring! How good the summer rain feels.

The grace of God is like the cleansing rains of summer in the lives of God's people.

We worship a God who enjoys "washing away" the past, and creating opportunities for new beginnings in people's lives, a God who "delights in showing clemency...mercy...grace" (*Micah 7:18-19*).

The prophet Hosea said that God comes to us like the rains that water the earth, to revive...restore...and to shower righteousness upon us (*Hosea 6:2-3; & 10:12;*).

The summer rains are opportunities for us to each reflect upon the ongoing, refreshing, reviving, restoring, grace of God, that washes away our past iniquities, and gives to us a fresh new start each day (*Psalms 51; Hebrews 10;*).

Ahhh! The rain! How good it feels on a hot summer day!

See you in Church,

Louie

First Things @ First is published every other Wednesday by the First United Methodist Church of Warrensburg. Newsletter submissions are due Monday at noon for the upcoming Wednesday's newsletter. Submissions may be communicated to **Marge Ballew**, Publications Editor (660-747-8158; receptionist@umcburg.org). Calendar updates, prayer requests and address changes may be communicated to **Anita Ellis**, Administrative Coordinator (660-747-8158; office@umcburg.org).