



# First Things @ First

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL POTLUCK CELEBRATION ~ AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>

As we start getting ready for school, be sure to remember those who can't afford shiny new supplies for school. Christ called each of us to serve and everyone is welcome to share in the opportunity as we gather for the 5:00pm Back-To-School Potluck Celebration in the Family Life Center on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Every child is asked to bring a new school supply item to be donated to the Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (whose mission is to eradicate poverty.)

**Preschoolers** are asked to bring a 24 pack of crayons. **Kindergartners** are asked to bring one pack of construction paper. **First graders** should bring a 24 pack of #2 pencils. **Second graders** should bring a 4 pack of glue sticks. **Third graders** are asked to bring 1 box of colored pencils. **Fourth graders** should bring a pack of red grading pens. **Fifth graders** are asked to bring a 4 pack of multi-colored highlighters. **All other young people** who want to join in this effort, may bring notebooks, packs of paper and folders!

Each family is asked to bring one potluck dish. If your last name starts with A-I, bring a side (salads, vegetables, fruit...) J-R bring a main course (chicken, pizza, hamburgers...) and if your last name starts with a S-Z bring a dessert or drink (cookies, cakes, soda, pudding, etc.) Children's Ministry will supply the paper products. We hope to see all families there to help support the growing need in the Warrensburg area. We'll have fun and pray for the coming school year's success, the safety and security of those receiving the school supplies and for the meal. For more information contact Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries, Melanie Montambeault at [melanie@umcburg.org](mailto:melanie@umcburg.org) or 747-8158.

## SERVE2011 DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ~ SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited to join a First United Methodist Church team as we join hands and hearts with our neighbors in Warrensburg during the 8:00am—12:00pm September 10<sup>th</sup> 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, helping at Big Brothers/Big Sisters, making cards for shut-ins, homemade cookie brigade, cooking and serving the noon *SERVE2011* Celebration BBQ at The Wesley Center, and representing FUMC at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Community Prayer Breakfast. Wesley Center and the Senior High Youth will provide a children's carnival during the *Lions Lake 9/11 Tribute*. Children ages three through Junior High will decorate bags for the Christmas Store. Sign-up sheets will be in the Atrium on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact *SERVE2011* coordinator Doug Wolcott at [dwolcott94@yahoo.com](mailto:dwolcott94@yahoo.com) or 660-747-3570.

### 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 handicapped accessible.

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**Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Director | [mike@umcburg.org](mailto:mike@umcburg.org)**

**FUMC Youth: Put on your SPF 365!**

We are getting ready to kick off another school year of youth ministry opportunities at FUMC, and we want all our kids to come out for the fun. But don't forget your sunscreen! This year's theme is "SPF 365 - Serve/Praise/Fellowship 365 days a year." It all starts August 14<sup>th</sup> as we **PRAISE GOD** at our annual *Youth Sunday* during both the 9:30am and 10:45am services. Our praise band will be playing, kids will be preaching, and we'll all come together to welcome our church family into worship. On August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 8:00 pm all youth are invited to **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER** at a *Back 2 School Bash*, hosted by Mike and Liz Cassidy at the parsonage. Finally, on August 27<sup>th</sup> come join us at the church for a special project as we **SERVE GOD** together starting at 9:00am.

**Risk-Taking Missions | Kathy Howard, Ed Wirthwein, Co-Chairpersons**

**"BIG NEED—BIG BOX—LET'S FILL 'ER UP"**

The "really big" box in the Atrium is about halfway full. Let's fill 'er up all the way! The Food Center needs more donations of nonperishable items. A list of needed items is located in the FLC Hallway. Especially needed are high protein foods such as canned meat, peanut butter and canned fruit.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD CENTER IN AUGUST**

Volunteers are still needed to work in the office at the Food Center 1-4pm on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Office workers greet clients and make verifications. Please arrive at the Food Center on East Culton Street by 12:30pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated. A Volunteer Sign Up Sheet is in the Atrium. For information contact Fran Waller at 660-584-2103.

**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 school preschools. During August there will be a basket in the Atrium for your "undie" donations. For information contact Ed Wirthwein at 660-543-4342 or John Culp at 429-6461.



**ALDERSGATE CLASS INVITES EVERYONE TO "COOL OFF" AT THEIR  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION**

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm—7:00pm**

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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY**

**August 21, 2011**

**Ribbon "Corsages for Missions"  
will be available for purchase  
in the Narthex and Atrium.**

Honor someone with a ribbon to wear and a hug. Proceeds are for UMW missions.

**BLESSING OF  
THE PRAYER SHAWLS**  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:45 Worship Service

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## INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### WESLEY CENTER NEEDS SNACK CAKE DONATIONS

Wesley Center is calling for donations of *Little Debbie* snack cakes (*Nutty Bars, Oatmeal Cream Pies, Swiss Cake Rolls, Star Crunch, etc.*) They will be giving these snacks out to new students during the International Student Welcome event on campus, along with information about our church and college-age activities. Please consider helping out this important ministry by bringing by a box or two to the main office at FUMC by Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### TEAMS NEEDED FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY SUPPERS

Campus Ministry hosts 7:00pm Sunday Community Supper for approximately forty students affiliated with the Methodist Student Center. Teams of 6-8 members are needed to provide meals and mingle with the students. To register your team, contact Evelyn at 747-2597.

### UCM FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION BENEFIT

The FUMC Wesley Center invites everyone to a very special Wednesday Night Dinner on August 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 pm. The menu will be a Mexican theme that is sure to spice up the school year. This dinner is free to all UCM Faculty and Staff, and just \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12 in advance. Tickets are available in the main office and at the Wesley Center. Tickets also will be available at the door for \$10 per adult and \$5 for children.

### *In Our Prayers*

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

**Sympathy to:** Lorene Carleton, whose daughter Trudy Carleton passed away July 21, 2011, Craig Marks, whose father Richard Marks passed away July 23, 2011, Gloria Johnson, whose cousin Ruth Krug passed away July 30, 2011, and to Jerry Wilson, whose wife Doris Wilson passed away July 31, 2001.

**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.

### 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

Help **Eleanor Drake** celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A surprise reception will be held in the Family Life Center at 1:00pm on August 13<sup>th</sup>. No gifts please.

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your many kind expressions of love and support during the passing of my daughter Trudy Carleton. Your words of sympathy and comfort have been a blessing to our hearts. ~ **Lorene Carleton**

The Board of Trustees extends an enormous thank you to **Mrs. Eva Browning** for providing the funds for the labor associated with the repair and repainting of the exterior railings around the church. Also, a big thank you to **Mr. Ken Messer** for his many hours of labor in leveling the ground and removing the debris at the corner of North and College Streets. The efforts of both Eva and Ken have greatly improved the appearance of the building and ground of our church.

~ **Mike Powers, Trustees Chairperson**

### Attendance & Offerings

July 24<sup>th</sup> attendance at the two services was 323.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$9,259.66.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$9,739.00.

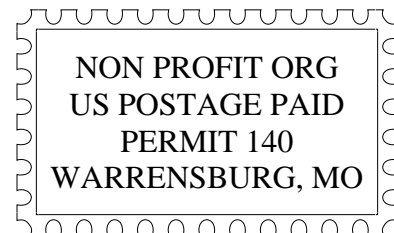
July 31<sup>st</sup> attendance at the two services was 369.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$8,467.50.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$3,038.00.



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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](mailto:llowe@umcburg.org)**

**Did You Know?**

- Did you know...**that we had a record number of children enrolled in VBS this year, and that our youth program is one of the strongest in the district?
- Did you know...**that we are one of the few Methodist Churches out there that has an outreach ministry on a college campus?
- Did you know...**that our church has some of the finest singers and musicians in the region?
- Did you know...**that we have more inter-generational ministry opportunities for Christian education and discipleship than the average church?
- Did you know...**that we have so many volunteers from our congregation who donate their time to community service that we don't have enough room here to list them all?
- Did you know...**that we sent out a record number of mission teams this past year (both near and far)?
- Did you know...**that our attendance and offerings have increased this year?
- Did you know...**that there is no better time than the present to celebrate the good and positive things God is doing in the life of our church?

See you in worship,

*Louie*

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