



# First Things @ First

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## VOLUNTEER FOR *SERVE2011* ~ 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 September 10<sup>th</sup> United Methodist state-wide day of community service. Child care will be provided for volunteers. Those who register by September 4<sup>th</sup> and show up to work will receive a free t-shirt. Volunteers are especially needed for the *SERVE2011* project of helping Senior Citizens. Sign-up sheets for a variety of projects will be in the Atrium on Sunday, sign up online at [www.umcburg.org](http://www.umcburg.org) (click on *SERVE2011*), or contact *SERVE2011* coordinator Doug Wolcott at [dwolcott94@yahoo.com](mailto:dwolcott94@yahoo.com).

## FALL SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to announce a number of upcoming small group opportunities for singles and couples in our church. **Women’s group** will resume meeting at 6:00pm on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Their first study will be “Living Like You Belong to God” by Kay Arthur.

The Beth Moore Bible study “**Believing God**” starts at 9:30am Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Child care will be provided. To register contact Dani Combs at [danimcombs@yahoo.com](mailto:danimcombs@yahoo.com).

“**Parental Guidance Required**” by Andy Stanley and Reggie Joyner is a 7-week study on families which will begin at 9:30am on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

“**Making Love Last a Lifetime**” is a relationship study by Adam Hamilton. Anyone interested in forming loving, committed Christian relationships, regardless of their current relationship status is invited to participate in this study starting at 10:45am on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

“**Christian Believer: Knowing God with Mind and Heart**” is a 32-week, integrated, 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. For more information or to register contact Jackson Short at 660-747-1787.

## JOPLIN MISSION TRIP ~ SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Under the leadership of Jackson Short, FUMC’s Early Response Team is planning a trip to Joplin to help with storm clean-up, etc. September 16<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>. Not trained as an ERT? Not a problem. Jackson is working with AmeriCorps to arrange work assignments for folks who would like to help. You can attend for all or part of the time. We’ll be staying at Neosho Methodist Church’s Family Life Center. More information and sign up sheet will be in the atrium on Sundays. Volunteers must be age 18+ to attend.

*\*The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.*

### 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](mailto:mike@umcburg.org)

Invite a friend for the 7:00pm September 2<sup>nd</sup> “Friday Night Light” showing of *Soul Surfer*. The cost is \$2.00 and a 2-liter. We will supply the pizza. Beginning Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> the church bus will pick up Middle School and High School kids for an afterschool Bible Study based on the film. Stay for dinner at 5:00pm and our new youth **Praise service** at 6:00pm (featuring our very own youth praise band).

*The Amazing Bible Race* Youth Sunday school will kick off Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with online teams competing in a race through the bible. **Deanna Burson** and **Jim Metcalf** will lead the Junior High and Senior High teams at 9:30am. **Shawn Schmidli** and **Doug Wolcott** will lead the teams at 10:45am. This will be the same event at each time, so youth are encouraged to attend a worship service or to volunteer with ministry opportunities during the other hour.

Meet other Warrensburg youth for food, games, and fun at “Fifth Quarter” 9:00pm—11:00pm September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School in conjunction with the Warrensburg Youth Ministry coalition.

**Serve** by volunteering for the September 10<sup>th</sup> SERVE 2011. Junior High youth will be helping Children’s Ministry decorate bags for the Christmas Store. Senior High youth will be working alongside adults in projects around Warrensburg. Especially needed are volunteers to help Senior Citizens.

Starting Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, bring your friends and introduce them to the Christian life in a fun, relaxing atmosphere at MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship). Junior High MYF meets at 5:30pm in Wesley Hall and Senior High MYF meets at 7:00pm.

### Children Ministries | Melanie Montambeault, Director | [melanie@umcburg.org](mailto:melanie@umcburg.org)

#### New School Year, New Changes!

This year the children’s worship for preschoolers will remain in the preschool red room. The other kids will be moving to a smaller area. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will now be meeting in room 233/234. All the children are invited, but more responsibilities will be given to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The worship lessons this year will concentrate more on some of the important bible characters (Joseph, David, and Daniel).

A BIG thank you to **Debbie Brown, Kim Bullock, Deanna Burson, Laura Chaney, Deanna Jurkowski, Christine Lichte, Bertha Reed, Christi Riddle, Lauren Smith, Kristy Tenbus, Angela Wendel, and Darlene Wolcott** who are my wonderful volunteers helping with children’s worship! Each room should have three leaders to help with the kids. If anyone else is interested in helping with worship or with any other Children’s Ministry activity, please give Melanie a call (660/747-8158)! We would LOVE to have even more of the congregation working with our future! Thank you!



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

The preschoolers are back! This week we welcomed 65 PreK and 3 year-olds and their parents at our Back to School Open Houses. Our first day of class is Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for the T/TH children and Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the MWF children. If you are in the building in the mornings, I am sure you will feel a definite change in the energy level of the church. Come on in and say “Hi!”

This fall we are welcoming some new teachers to our staff. **Marcie Albers** will be our new T/TH PreK teacher, **Tammy Schaaffe** will be our new MWF PreK assistant teacher, and **Deanna Burson** will be our new T/TH 3's assistant teacher. We welcome back the following teachers and assistants: **Ann Richner, Sonny Short, Betsey Chitwood, Darlene Wolcott, Marceia Warlen, Beth Luehrman, Diane Buttram, and Colleen Reed**. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people to entrust our children to! A big thank you to FUMC for providing us with such support to be able to offer these children a great beginning to their school years.

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### INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** The September 7<sup>th</sup> menu will be an indoor picnic featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, strawberry shortcake, 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. September 14<sup>th</sup> will be Italian Night menu featuring spaghetti w/meat sauce, fettuccini Alfredo w/chicken, salad, garlic bread sticks, steamed vegetables, cherry cobbler, 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.*

**COOKIE BRIGADE:** Homemade cookie donations for the *SERVE2011 Celebration BBQ* and for UMW gift delivery need to be at the church by 8:30am on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION 2012 MEETING:** The Jamaica Medical Mission 2012 will be March 17<sup>th</sup>—25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You are encouraged to come to an organizing meeting on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Weekly work sessions for sorting and inventory of medicines will be held at 1:00pm and 6:00pm on Wednesdays, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Steve Mills at 441-8309 if you can help.

#### KITCHEN USE POLICY

We welcome the use of our kitchen and are grateful for “left-overs” that may be used for other events, most likely, Wednesday Night Dinners. If you leave left-overs, you must date them and leave written instructions as to their future use or disposal. Because of the new food handling laws, if food is not labeled, it will be thrown away. These procedures will be strictly enforced.

#### ***BIG BOX – We filled ‘er up!***

920 pounds (weighed with the help of *Carlyle*) of donated items have been delivered to the Food Center. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

#### ***In Our Prayers***

**In Our Prayers:** Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Sandy Culp, Judy Hicks, Cheryl Leary, Clair Swan. **Sympathy to:** Rachel Brandes, whose grandfather Larry Lynch passed away August 30, 2011 and whose cousin Cecil Flynn passed away recently. **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.*

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for your support and participation in the Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction fund raiser for the Jamaica Medical Mission and Early Response Team. ~ **Aldersgate Sunday School Class**

#### CONGRATULATIONS



**Michael Joseph Dais** was born August 16, 2011. Proud parents are Bob and Jenny Dais.

Stan Small is a great-grandpa again! **Marlee Marie Small** was born August 18, 2011.

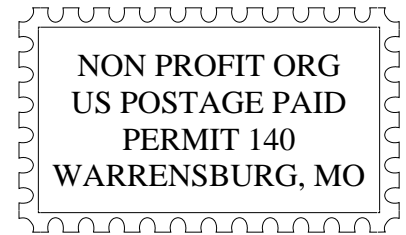
***Tune in to 1450 KOKO radio weekdays at 6:58am to hear Pastor Louie’s scripture reading & reflection of the day.***

#### ***Attendance & Offerings***

August 21st attendance at the two services was 283. Operating Fund Contributions were \$4,328.35. Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$530.00.  
August 28th attendance at the two services was 295. Operating Fund Contributions were \$2,746.00. Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$210.00.



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**KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:**  
 The September 18th Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for *Festival of Sharing*.

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


Several years ago the newspapers reported that a new jet fighter had actually shot itself down by traveling too fast. That's right, flying at supersonic speeds (beyond the speed of sound), the jet actually flew into the very cannon shells it had just fired. Sometimes we can travel too fast for our own good!

Important point to remember! If we don't have time to show kindness to others ...If we don't have time to read the Bible and pray ... If we don't have time for family and God ...If we don't have time to worship our God ...Then we are probably traveling too fast, maybe even beyond the sound of God's voice.

When you find yourself traveling so fast that you can't hear God speaking to you, then it's time to slow down.

Make time for your family and your God this Labor Day weekend.  
 See you in church,

*Louie*



Parents:  
 Please remember to contact your child's school about the church bus picking up your child on Wednesday. The school must know who will be riding the bus to *FriendsDay*.

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