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“BIG NEED—BIG BOX—LET’S FILL ’ER UP”

Help meet the Food Center’s “really big” need with donations of nonperishable items to fill a “really big” box located in the Atrium. A list of needed items is located in the FLC Hallway. Especially needed are high protein foods such as canned meat and peanut butter, canned fruit, and vegetables. (Canned corn and green beans are not needed at this time.) Please put your donated food items in the large box located in the Atrium.

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 at 747-2241 to sign up to receive food.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD CENTER IN AUGUST

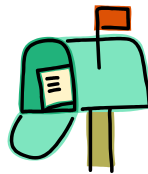
Families and individuals are encouraged to be the “Hands of God” by volunteering at the Food Center one or more days in August. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people as you provide much needed help. During August, First United Methodist Church provides the personnel required for the operation of the Food Center. Persons are needed for (a.) the office, where clients are greeted and verification is made, (b.) ushers, who escort clients through the Center as they receive food items, and (c.) collecting the commodities that are given to clients based on family size. Typically, two persons are needed each day in the office, at least four persons for ushers, and two to work at the commodities table. Volunteers are needed each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 pm and should 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.**

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Do you have a passion for cooking? First United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time person to plan, purchase and prepare weekly meals for large groups and special events. The Food Service Manager would be responsible for managing kitchens and kitchen staff, 10-15 hours/week average. Apply in person by July 29th.

PRESCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

The First United Methodist Church Preschool has a teacher vacancy in our T/TH PreK class and a teacher aide vacancy in our MWF PreK class. If you would like to get paid for having fun, call Preschool Director Colleen Reed at 747-8158.



Please let the office know of changes in your mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number.

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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Risk-Taking Missions | Kathy Howard, Chairperson

August Undies 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 box in the Atrium for your “undie” donations. Head Start is a preschool program for ages three to elementary school age and provides activities to help children of low income families to grow intellectually, physically and socially.

Serve 2011 ...

First United Methodist Church will be participating in *Serve 2011* on Saturday, September 10th. The purpose of *Serve 2011* is for every United Methodist congregation in the Missouri Conference to be in service to their community at the same time, as a loving church with a desire to connect with our friends and neighbors in a meaningful way.

Children’s Ministry| Melanie Montambeault, Director|melanie@umcburg.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Summer is upon us and while many are out on vacation or going on amazing missions, there are still children here in class and in worship who need help! I’m calling upon every member of First United Methodist Church to search their heart and decide if God is calling them to work with the children, now or later.

When each child was baptized, we all made a promise to help support that child’s growth in faith, no matter what our age or relation to the child. I am now reminding you of that promise so that teacher’s have helpers, trusty substitute teachers are on hand, the coming FriendsDay activities are well staffed, and the children have more attention during their own worship services.

Young or old, married or single, anyone can help and everyone should! If you gave just one Sunday to the children, our teachers and weekly volunteers would have all the help they needed. The children are the future of this church. Let’s show them all how much we care about them. If you feel called to help with the Children’s Ministry, call Melanie Montambeault at 660-747-8158 ex 305.



Preschool Doodlings | Colleen Reed, Preschool Director|preschool@umcburg.org

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We have sent out our yearly theme list and open house information to all those enrolled. If you have not received yours please let us know.

We currently have openings in our 3 year old class on T/TH. If you are interested, or know someone who is, give us a call!

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

FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING CLASSES BEING OFFERED

All groups using the FUMC kitchen need to have a 2011 Food Handlers certified supervisor present in the kitchen. Those needing to certify, or re-certify, for their Food Handlers certificate need to register for a Food Handlers Class. Johnson County Community Health Services offers Monday classes 10:00am – 11:30 am on August 15th, September 12th, October 17th, November 14th, or December 12th. Thursday classes are offered 2:00pm – 3:30 pm on August 4th, 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. 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.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE BEST CHOICE UPC CODES AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS: As you prepare food for summer picnics and family reunions, don't forget to save *Best Choice* bar codes and *Campbell's* soup labels. Place them in the container located in the Food Center cabinet in the FLC hallway or in the office. The proceeds help support United Methodist Women missions.

KNITTERS NEEDED FOR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: All knitters are invited to be a part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. 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. Deliver completed shawls to the office. Members of the Care Ministry Team or the Pastoral staff give the shawls to those in need. For more information contact Sherry Printz. Mark your calendar for the Sunday, August 28th "Blessing of Prayer Shawls."

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."* Leave your donation in the office or place it in the offering plate.

ALDERSGATE CLASS ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER: Mark your calendars for the Aldersgate Class Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction fund raiser 5:00pm—7:00pm on Wednesday, August 24th. 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.

TEAMS NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY SUPPERS:

Campus Ministry hosts 6:00pm Sunday Community Supper for approximately forty students affiliated with the Methodist Student Center. Teams of 6-8 members are needed to provide meals such as baked potato bar, taco bar, sandwich & salad, soup & sandwich, etc. Teams may choose to cook the meals at the Methodist Student Center. All team members are encouraged to eat and mingle with the students. This is a great opportunity for the former "free meal ministry" teams to continue serving. For more information or to register your team, contact Evelyn at 747-2597.

~ Evelyn Howard, Staff Assistant to College-Age Ministry

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers, Kiowa Mission Project.

Ill/Recovering: Marie Brigman, Matt Brigman, Scott Bryan, Sandy Culp, Judy Hicks, Clair Swan, Ruth Swan, Doris Wilson.

Sympathy to: Harold Van Cleave, whose wife Erma passed away July 7, 2011.

Military: 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Marissa Grace Lindstedt was born July 19, 2011. She is the daughter of Vanessa Lindstedt. Proud grandparents are Joe & April Lindstedt.

NEWSLETTER IS ON OUR WEBSITE

To view recent issues of *First Things @ First* newsletter: (a.) Go to umcburg.com. (b.) Click on "About Us." (c.) Choose "Newsletter."

Attendance & Offerings

July 10th attendance at the two services was 236.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$7,087.74.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$3,432.00.

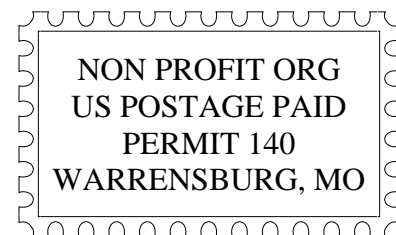
July 17th attendance at the two services was 281.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$4,781.00.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$700.00.



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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.

"BUILDING FUND SUNDAY"

Sunday, July 24th

You will be given an opportunity to make a special contribution to our building fund, above and beyond your regular offering.

Our building fund needs a good boost this summer and we invite you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Remember, every extra dollar we raise now will save us money later in interest.

~The Finance Committee



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