



# First Things @ First

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR ERIC

Pastor Eric Schmidt will be giving his final sermon as Associate Pastor at Warrensburg First United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. SPPRC invites everyone to attend the Farewell Reception for Pastor Eric and family in the Atrium between the worship services.

Your cards and notes of appreciation to Pastor Eric, Helen, Cassie, and Soren are being put in a scrap book for the Schmidt family. Colored paper for your use will be available in the office or in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning.

Congratulations to Pastor Eric on being appointed as Senior Pastor at College United Methodist Church in Warrenton, Missouri starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Keep our 2011 summer Youth mission trips in prayer. Thirteen Junior High Youth and four adults departed for Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will return on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Each day the 180 participants rise at 6:00am for breakfast and morning devotion. They are working 8:00am until 4:00pm painting, replacing window facing, and working on floors of the Cherokee campsite building. This is followed with time for showers, free-time, and supper. Evening activities include fun activities, church time, sharing time and worship. This is a Missouri Conference mission trip and all adults are Conference Safe Sanctuaries certified. Adults and youth from the same church work at the same work site.

Twenty Senior High Youth, under the leadership of Bob Muir, will be helping build handicap accessible ramps in Joplin, Missouri June 26<sup>th</sup> — July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Youth will also be doing other tasks as assigned by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

## MEDITATION GARDEN COMING SOON TO FUMC

First United Methodist Church will soon have a beautiful spot for individuals to spend time outdoors in meditation and prayer. For his Eagle Scout project, Shane Ewing is creating a Meditation Garden north of the parking lot. Needed are donations of sun-loving perennials of any kind. He will provide labor, soil and pots. For more information, or to donate plants please call Shane at (660) 429-6122.

*\* We have been experiencing problems with the church e-mail and apologize for any inconvenience caused.*



*The office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.*

### 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

The handicap accessible FUMC church bus will not be here on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Call the office by noon on Friday if you need a ride to church.

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

Our lives were turned "inside out" and "upside down" on *Main Street*! Thank you so very much to all the volunteers who helped decorate, run the programs, shepherd the kids, and to those who prayed for us during Vacation Bible School week. VBS is always the highlight of the year and, thanks to all of you, *Main Street* did not disappoint. The excitement will continue during the rest of the year with Sunday School, Kids Worship, and FriendsDay.

Thank you to all of our amazing FUMC families, kids, and adults. I have had a wonderful three years working as the Children's Ministry Director, and couldn't have asked for a better place to grow up in my own faith. I am excited to begin serving this church as the new Associate Pastor, and only slightly less excited to begin seminary this fall. It is nice to know that I will still be around and involved in the lives of the kids and families that have touched my life so very much. I am excited to soon be working with Melanie Montambeault and know that our FUMC Children's Ministries will flourish in her very capable hands.

### OFFICE NEWS | Anita Ellis, Administrative Coordinator | [office@umcburg.org](mailto:office@umcburg.org)

#### FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING CLASSES BEING OFFERED

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 July 18<sup>th</sup> or August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thursday classes are offered 2:00pm – 3:30 pm on July 14<sup>th</sup> or August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

You may also take the course on-line, however, there is a \$10.00 fee. Go to the Johnson County Community Health Services website, [johnsoncountyhealth.org](http://johnsoncountyhealth.org). Find the Environmental Services Food Service page and click on "State Food Safety.com Online Food Handler Training" After successful completion of the course test, print the certificate to provide verification of your food safety training and provide a copy to Anita. Other dates are available in the Fall. Contact Anita for further information.

#### EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS

2011 has become a year with severe flooding. Clean-up Buckets enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a disaster in the United States. Monetary donations may be brought to the office or put it in the Sunday offering plate. Make your check payable to *FUMC* and put "clean-up buckets" in the memo. The value of the contents of one bucket is \$56.00. Shipping cost is \$3.00 per kit. Clean-up buckets information and a list of kit contents are in the office and in the FLC hallway. Information about clean-up buckets and many other opportunities to share are found in the *Festival of Sharing* leaders guide which may be downloaded on line at <http://www.umocm.com>.

#### UMW SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Members of United Methodist Women are now sewing school kit bags for the *Festival of Sharing*. Monetary donations for filling school kits may be given to any member of United Methodist Women, or placed in the offering plate. Make your checks payable to UMW with designation "school kits." For information contact Donna Sample, UMW President.

#### KIOWA MISSION PROJECT PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

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## INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**CARE MINISTRY AND VISITATION:** Volunteers of all ages are needed to be a part of FUMC Care Ministry. Volunteers visit those in need of a caring Christian presence. Contact Pastor Louie for more information, or to register.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> "Blessing of Prayer Shawls."

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Chad & Danielle Coffelt** joined our church on June 12, 2011, at the 10:45am worship service. For information about becoming a FUMC member see the pink brochure found in the pews, or contact one of the pastors.



### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Justin & Jackie (Boling) Wycoff**, who were married here on June 11, 2011.

### In Our Prayers

**In Our Prayers:** Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Linda Baker, Orene Bass, Tom Bennett, Marilyn Boyd, Marie Brigman, Sandy Culp, Julia Pieron, Erkelene Sartin, Clair Swan, Brad Tharp, Pearl Warnken, Doris Wilson. **Sympathy to:** Liz Cassidy, whose aunt Arlene passed away June 12, 2011.

**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.*

### LOST & FOUND

There are several items in the "Lost & Found" in the church office; i.e. pans, sunglasses, earrings, gloves. Please be sure to check it if you have lost something.

If items remain for too long, we thank you for the money we will get from the next garage sale. The money will go into the General Fund.

### THANK YOU

We greatly appreciate the caring support and prayers of our friends at FUMC which have upheld us in the Joplin tragedy. We shared this support with our family of Charles Oster and Lorrie Randall at their memorial. Thank you all so much. ~ **Jim & Linda Baker**

Thank you and love for all the cards, hugs, and kisses for our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

~ **Jackson & Sonny Short**



*Please notify the office of changes in your mailing address, phone, or email address.*

### Attendance & Offerings

June 12<sup>th</sup> attendance at the two services was 332.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$7,315.41.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$2,173.50.

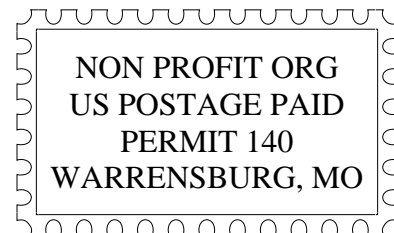
June 19<sup>th</sup> attendance at the two services was 333.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$4,363.30.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,015.00.



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Return Service Requested

**KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:**

The July 17<sup>th</sup> Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for

**Pastor's Corner... | Rev. Louie Lowe, Senior Pastor | [llowe@umcburg.org](mailto:llowe@umcburg.org)**  
**ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

Independence Day, AKA: "The 4<sup>th</sup> of July," is a time to remember how this nation was created under God to proclaim the Biblical principle of liberty for all.

For over 200 years, Americans have fought and died for these ideals. They have been buried on foreign soil, along far away shores, and in the depths of the sea, sacrificing their lives for the Biblical ideals of freedom and liberty.

I'm proud of the good that America has done for the world. Yes, we do have our problems, we have some citizens and leaders who act inappropriately. But overall, the United States of America has done more good, freed more people, and liberated more countries, than any other nation in history.

We are still "One Nation Under God!" Congress still opens with prayer! The Liberty Bell still has the Bible verse from Leviticus 25:10 inscribed on it.

As hard as some people try, they will never wipe God completely out of our nation, because God is the core of who we are as a people, as "One Nation Under God!"

Join us in worship on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, as we celebrate the freedom and liberty God has given us as a people, with a service full of patriotic music and symbolism.

See you in Church,

*Louie*

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