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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS A FANTASTIC SUCCESS

This week First United Methodist Church has been transformed into the “inside out and upside down” *Main Street Vacation Bible School*. Ninety children registered for all the excitement and fun based on the parables of Jesus. “Sidewalk Celebration” leader Barb Metcalf is teaching some great songs like “Jesus Makes a Difference” and “G-R-A-C-E.” The VBS children will be sharing their songs during the worship service on Sunday, June 12th. During “Parable Productions” Shelby Bilbruck is using drama to help the kids learn how Jesus turns lives upside down and hearts inside out. Deanna Burson is leading the “Fun Factory” in the creation of some terrific art projects. The kids are enjoying games with “Firehouse Fitness” leader Amy Holmes. At the “Brown Bag Bistro” Brenda Lowe is coordinating yummy snacks.

Everyone is invited to come to the free FUMC swim party at Nassif Pool 8:00pm—9:00pm on Friday, June 17th as we celebrate our fantastic 2011 Vacation Bible School. You will also get to meet Melanie Montambeault, who will be the FUMC Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries beginning July 1st.

JUNE MISSION TRIPS

Keep our 2011 summer Youth mission trips in prayer. Our Junior High Youth will be doing mission work in Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma June 19th — June 24th. The Senior High Youth will be helping build handicap accessible ramps and also working with FEMA in Joplin, Missouri June 26th — July 2nd.

The kids are selling “shares” to help defray their cost. Our policy is to encourage all youth to attend mission trips, regardless of economic background. Your prayers and support for our Youth are very much appreciated and help us to make a difference in the lives of the Youth and the persons being served.

NEW MINISTRY POSITION AVAILABLE

Due to funding cuts on the conference level, and in an effort to facilitate the transition of the former Wesley Campus Ministry into a fully integrated second site ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Warrensburg, the current position of Director of Campus Ministries will end on June 30, 2011. A “New” part-time position, titled Staff Assistant to College-Age Ministry, will begin on July 1, 2011. Anyone interested in applying for this new position should pick up an application and detailed job description in the Church office. The deadline for returning applications is June 15th.

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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Children's and Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Director | mike@umcburg.org

Attention parents of FUMC 3 & 4 year-olds Sunday school class members! The class is collecting monetary donations for the 3 & 4 year-olds class at St. Paul UMC in Joplin, Missouri. Their pastor, Aaron Brown, was a member of the FUMC class as a child. For information contact Sally Hart.

STAFF-PASTOR-PARISHRELATIONS | Don Riffle, Chairperson |

Congratulations to **Pastor Eric Schmidt** on being appointed as Senior Pastor at College United Methodist Church in Warrenton, Missouri.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Farewell Reception for Pastor Eric and family. SPPRC invites everyone to join us in the Atrium between services on Sunday, June 26th for cake, cookies, nuts, drinks, fellowship, and heartfelt wishes.

Please continue to show your appreciation to Pastor Eric, Helen, Cassie, and Soren with your cards and notes. SPPRC will put these in a scrap book for the Schmidt family. Colored paper for your use will be available in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN | Donna Sample, President

Members of UMW are presently 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."

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM | Jackson Short, ERT Team Leader

Because of safety issues we work with the conference in volunteering. Our conference-trained FUMC **Early Response Team** did tornado clean-up in Sedalia on Saturday, May 28th. We will soon be going to Joplin. The ERT team welcomes monetary donations for food and fuel. Make your check to FUMC and designate "ERT."

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

Want a FUMC Name Badge?

We will be placing another order soon for the metal, magnetic name badges. These badges are inscribed with your name and the cross & flame. The badges cost \$6.00 each. Badges must be paid for in advance. Contact Anita in the office to place your order.



VOLUNTEER PAINTER NEEDED

The Trustees are attempting to find a neat painter willing to donate time to paint railings, light posts, and other objects outside the church. Paint and painting supplies will be furnished. Some wire brushing, priming, and masking will be required. Painting needs to be finished before June 30th. Contact Mike Powers at 660-747-7532 or email to pchemr@gmail.com.
~Mike Powers, Trustees Chairperson



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

Mark your calendars for THE KIOWA MISSION PROJECT

Kiowa Nation, Oklahoma

July 16-23, 2011

Work Projects ~ Bible School

Inter-Cultural Opportunities

"Your Opportunity To Be The Hands of God"

For information or to register contact
Pastor Louie or Brenda Lowe.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR JOPLIN TORNADO DISASTER DONATIONS: Monetary donations are the most effective method of providing assistance to disaster victims. To assist UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) with disaster response, make your check payable to FUMC with "Joplin" written in the memo. Put your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the office.

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 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.

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."

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Everyone is invited to help **Jackson & Sonny Short** celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday, June 12th. A cake and punch reception will be held in the FLC at noon. Your presence would be most appreciated. No gifts please.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Deana Peltz joined during the 9:30am worship service on May 29, 2011.

For information about becoming a FUMC member see the pink brochure found in the pews, or contact one of the pastors.

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Tom Bennett, Marie Brigman, Sandy Culp, Brad Tharp, Doris Wilson. **Sympathy to:** Henry Ernstmeyer, whose wife Martha Ernstmeyer passed away June 3, 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.

JUNE CALENDAR ADDITION: Paul & Mary Belle Rowland's wedding anniversary is June 28th.



CONGRATULATIONS

Addilyn Nicole Wiltse and Bryleigh Anne Wiltse were born May 28, 2011. They are daughters of Chris and Jeannine Wiltse. Proud grandparents are Dave and Glenda Goetz. Great-grand parents are Waneta Lane and Bob & Rickey Goetz.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are cordially invited to our Golden Wedding Anniversary party at Meadow View Gardens on Friday, June 17th. "Meet and Greet" is at 6:15pm with dinner at 7:00pm. RSVP janefrommo@hotmail.com or call (660)747-8979. Your presence is our gift.

~ **Bob & Jane Cooper**

Attendance & Offerings

May 29th attendance at the two services was 281.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$2,657.61.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$2,913.00.

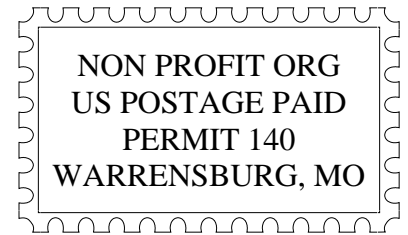
May 22nd attendance at the two services was 250.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$6,848.75.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,149.00.



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Return Service Requested

KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:

The June 19th Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for *Survival House Adult Abuse Shelter*.

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

The Holy Spirit...

- Fills you with the presence of God.
- Transforms you into a child of God.
- Empowers you as a servant of God.
- Connects you to the heart of God.

Pentecost is all about celebrating the presence of the Holy Spirit within the lives of God's people. Join us this Sunday as we gather to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit within our lives, and the life of our church.

See you in worship,

Louie



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