



# First Things @ First

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## M\*A\*S\*H HOG (AND CHICKEN) ROAST ~ APRIL 9th



Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for fantastic food, fun and fellowship at the “**Missions and Sharing Hope (M\*A\*S\*H)**” Hog Roast. The annual event will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 4:30pm—7:00pm in the FLC. Enjoy the delicious roast hog, roast chicken, potato casserole, slaw, BBQ beans, yummy desserts, and beverages. Watch everyone get excited during the 6:00pm **Theme Basket Live Auction**. You may even have the winning bid for your own personal reserved Sunday parking space! Advance tickets (\$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 4-10) are available in the office, in the Atrium on Sundays, and in the FLC during Wednesday Night Dinners. Ticket price will be \$10.00/\$5.00 at the door.

Proceeds from this event will be used for missions: \$1,000 to each of our six mission trips (*Jamaica Medical Mission, Wesley Student Mission, Early Response Team, Senior High Youth Mission, Junior High Youth Mission, and the Family Intergenerational Mission*) with any remainder being held in reserve for future mission needs.

Your help is needed to make this the biggest and best event ever. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Donations of homemade cakes, pies, brownies, bars and other desserts are also needed. **Sign-up lists are located in the Atrium.** Don't forget that the deadline for Theme Basket donation registration is April 3rd.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES EASTER PROGRAM

Everyone is invited to come at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday, April 17th as the children of our church present *Benjamin's Box: A Resurrection Story*. Featured during this Children and Youth Easter Program will be kids singing, bells ringing, and the puppets presenting a very moving Easter special as we celebrate God's promise through Jesus Christ. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary and will be followed by a cookie reception in the Family Life Center.

## LIVING LAST SUPPER

We are excited to present a *Living Last Supper* this year at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 20th as a part of Holy Week. Come and experience this Passover meal with Jesus and His disciples in place of our regular Wednesday Night Dinner. There is no cost for this event, but we ask that you sign up your family as soon as possible to guarantee a place at our table. Eat as the disciples ate, experience the smells the disciples smelled, and be a part of the disciples' story! Sign-up list on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, or call the office.

### 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*

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

This week the preschoolers were "plunging into ponds!" There were frogs and turtles and all kinds of creatures in our little pond habitat. We will go right into the garden next week as we learn all about plants and flowers. We will plant some seeds and see what happens. We might even eat some roots (carrots) for our snack!

Wesley Methodist Student Center| Lynn Little, Director | lynn@umcburg.org | 747-2597

You are invited to enjoy a "Shiprock Slide Show" during Wednesday Night Dinner on April 13th. Dinner begins at 5:00pm with the program beginning at 5:30pm. College-age people will be available to share comments and answer questions about our mission trip to Shiprock, New Mexico.

Hidden Treasures Puppet Team| Larry & Sandi Bryan, Co-chairs

All 15 of our kids will present a seventeen minute Easter puppet production April 10th entitled "Hallelujah What a Savior" during the 10:45am worship service. This will be a worship message, nothing silly, or cute, just the Easter message done by puppets.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY SATURDAY

The documentary film War Dance has been rescheduled for 6:00pm on April 19th. The free-will offering will be for the Patongo Fund for Uganda's refugee children.

FUMC LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 17th Palm Sunday

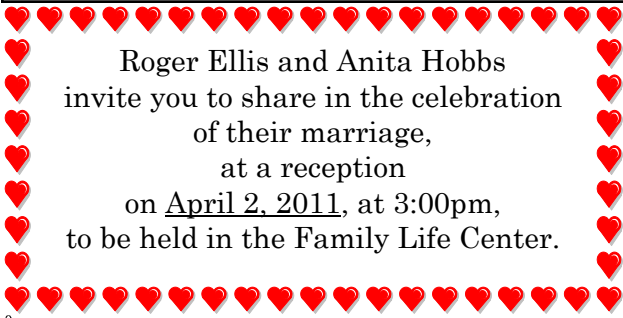
April 17th Childen and Youth Ministries Easter Program @ 6:00pm

April 20th Living Last Supper @ 5:00pm (Limited seating. Reservation needed.)

April 21th Tenebrae Service @ 7:00pm (Child care provided.)

April 22nd Good Friday - Office Closed.

April 24th Easter Sunday



Roger Ellis and Anita Hobbs invite you to share in the celebration of their marriage, at a reception on April 2, 2011, at 3:00pm, to be held in the Family Life Center.

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 more information contact Rev. Louie or Brenda Lowe.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ lily/lilies @ \$8.00 each for the Easter Sunday Services on April 24, 2011.

Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To order please complete this form, make check payable to FUMC and return to the church office or place in the offering plate. Orders are due by April 10th. Lilies may be picked up following the 10:45am service on Easter Sunday.

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### INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** The April 6th menu will feature Parmesan baked fish, rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, garlic bread, tomatoes w/cottage cheese, peach cobbler, chocolate cake, fat-free cookies, and beverages served 5:00pm till 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. The April 13th menu will be an "all you can eat" Smorgasbord and beverages. The cost is \$6/adult, \$3/student and children age three and older, \$16 max./family. 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.*

**AS WE FORGIVE FILM EVENT:** The Warrensburg Ministerial Association invites everyone for the 7:00pm March 31st viewing of *As We Forgive* at the Church of the Brethren, 802 East Hale Lake Road. The documentary is about two Rwandan women coming face-to-face with the men who slaughtered their families during the 1994 genocide. Come see how wounded and healed lives far away can impact yours here and now. The free, hour-long film will be followed by discussion. For more information, visit [www.asweforgivemovie.com](http://www.asweforgivemovie.com) or contact Pastor Joel Kurz at 747-6742.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The Sunday, April 3rd special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing will help underwrite United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) administrative costs so that every penny donated to a specific project will be used for UMCOR response to natural or human-made disasters. Make your checks payable to FUMC and put "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo.

**PACIFIC EMERGENCY DONATIONS:** United Methodists are urged to pray for the people of Japan and to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) emergency efforts. Make your check payable to FUMC and put "earthquake" in the memo.

**BUCKETS OF HOPE:** With the hard, snowy winter experienced by many in the United States, a more severe spring flooding season may follow in the Upper and Central Midwest, from Minnesota to Missouri. Those who wish to make Emergency Clean-up Buckets can find information and a list of kit contents in the office and in the FLC hallway.

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

**In Our Prayers:** Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers. **Ill/Recovering:** Barbara Ballew, Miles Bascom, Tom Bennett, Nan Brame, Marie Brigman, Donald Fisher, Emma Williams, Doris Wilson, Clair Swan, Brad Tharp. **Sympathy to:** Vickie Foresman, whose mother Lois Riesgaard passed away March 28, 2011; and to Marlene Larson, whose mother Margaret Siler passed away March 29, 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.*

**Prayer Requests:** Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews or in the office. We will only publically share requests that concern immediate family members.

*Faith is like paint,  
it does no good until it's applied.*

### CONGRATUALTIONS

Congratulations to **Terri Helming**, who was recently honored as the 2010 Missouri Young Mother of the Year.

Congratulations to **Jeff Wendel**, who was featured in the March 18th *Missouri Methodist Review*. Jeff used his skill and artistic ability to create decorative work from the original Sanctuary ceiling tongue and groove wood. To view his work, visit the Christian Living for Today (CLT) Sunday school class in Room 240.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

A brief Charge Conference will be held during the next Church Council meeting on April 11th.

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

March 20th attendance at the two services was 365.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$7,121.90.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$5,918.33.

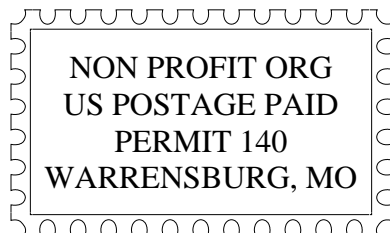
March 27th attendance at the two services was 340.

Operating Fund Contributions were \$2,343.97.

Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,020.00.



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Return Service Requested

**FREE MEAL MINISTRY:**  
**April 3rd:** Alpha & Omega  
 The meal is served 5-6pm at the Episcopal church.  
**MISSIONS:**  
 The **April 17th** Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash,  
 and checks made to "FUMC" will be for  
**30 Hour Famine.**

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

The Season of Lent is often seen as the time of "Fasting" from physical things. But it can also be a time of "Feasting" on spiritual things. As we move through this Lenten Season, consider it as your opportunity to:

FAST from anger, bitterness, judging others; and FEAST on God's Spirit of forgiveness;

FAST from focusing on differences between people; and FEAST on the spiritual unity of all God's people;

FAST from complaining about what we don't like; and FEAST on appreciation of what God has done;

FAST from self-concern; and FEAST on concern and compassion for others;

FAST from the negative spirit of criticism; and FEAST on the positive spirit of faith in God's provision;

FAST from the distractions of the world; and FEAST on the fellowship of believers through worship.

See you in church,

*Louie*



**"RESURRECTION  
 PROOF"  
 BIBLE STUDY**

**Join Pastor Louie as we  
 explore historic evidence of  
 the most important event  
 of the Christian faith.**

Offered on three optional dates:

Monday, April 4th  
 at 10:00am

Wednesday, April 6th  
 at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 7th  
 at 6:00pm

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