



First Things @ First

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NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

First United Methodist Church is excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. Make our church directory complete with your family. Olan Mills will take photographs for the new FUMC Church Directory on Monday through Saturday November 14th — 19th and also Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 25th and November 26th.) Every participating family will receive a free directory and a \$25.00 gift certificate towards a portrait. No purchase is necessary. Your portraits should be delivered/mailed in time for Christmas. Appointment scheduling help will be available in the Atrium before and after the Sunday services and Wednesday evenings. Sign-up sheets will also be in the Atrium during the week. For more information contact Anita Ellis in the church office, (660)747-8158.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 30th

Help the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday by attending the cookie reception which will be held after both worship services on October 30th. A basket will be available for your cards of appreciation to Rev. Louie Lowe and Pastor Mike Cassidy. For more information contact Don Riffle, SPPRC Chairperson.

“TRUNK OR TREAT” ~ OCTOBER 31st

First United Methodist Church will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” 4:00pm—6:00pm on Monday, October 31st. While spots in the south visitor parking lot are limited, we would love to see it packed with parents and volunteers eagerly handing out goodies to the kids coming for the downtown Halloween festivities. Come dressed up and decorate your trunk as we greet and treat the kids of Warrensburg! If you’d like to take part, please contact Melanie Montambeault at 747-8158 or Melanie@umcburg.org.

WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED

A Church Wedding Coordinator is needed to begin in 2012, to coordinate all rehearsals, weddings and wedding receptions held at the church, for members and non-members. Applications and a detailed job description are available in the office.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION

FUMC is accepting applications for a Part-Time Custodian. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 6:00pm—9:00pm; and Sundays, 7:30am - 1:30pm. Duties include cleaning as assigned and Building Monitor with possible extra hours as mutually agreeable. Lifting is required. Applications and a detailed job description are available in 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
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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College-Age Ministry | Evelyn Howard, Staff Assistant | evelyn@umcburg.org

Ladies Lunch Bible Study will start November 1st with a study of "Bad Girls of the Bible." They will meet in the Bible Study room at the Wesley Center on Tuesdays at 11:00am. *Devotional and Fellowship* time will meet 8:00pm Tuesdays in the Wesley Center starting November 1st. They will be watching/discussing the "Nooma" videos.

College-Age Ministry is excited to announce that *Underground Gathering*, a new mid-week gathering geared towards young adults, will begin at 9:00pm Thursday, November 3rd in the newly refurbished Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Director | mike@umcburg.org

Facing the Giants ...

All youth are invited to come out and enjoy "Facing The Giants" in Wesley Hall 7:00pm—9:00pm on November 4th. This is a great film about having faith in the face of all of life's challenges. Please bring \$2.00 and a bag of chips. The pizza's on us! Also, don't forget to invite your friends, invite your neighbor, even invite your friend's neighbor! "Facing the Giants" will also be the theme for our next Wednesday afternoon bible study. See you there!

"One Meal, One Day" ...

Our Wednesday youth have decided to help combat world hunger! They will be participating in *Compassion International's* "One Meal, One Day" campaign on November 9th and would like to invite the congregation to join them. We will skip lunch on that Wednesday and donate that money (\$2 for a school lunch) toward child sponsorship. Show your solidarity by skipping a meal, sharing why (this is important) with your friends and co-workers, and turning your lunch money in to the office or in the offering plate on Sunday (designate "One Meal, One Day" on an envelope or in the memo line of your check made payable to FUMC.)

Children Ministries | Melanie Montambeault, Director | melanie@umcburg.org

What Can One Kid Do?

The needs of this community can seem huge compared to what one small child can do. However, one small child can do a lot. Over the next few months, our children's Sunday school classes will begin collecting desperately needed food for the community Food Center. Parents are encouraged to talk with your child about how God has provided for their needs and that God needs our help in providing for the needs of others. If each child in Sunday school would bring one food item, it would help 30 families in our community! For the month of October, children are asked to bring either a box of cereal or a canned meat item to Sunday school. I thank all of you, children and parents alike, for helping in this growing need.



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

The preschoolers are gearing up for a spooky fun time! This week we learned about creatures of the night. We learned all about bats, owls, and spiders. If you were here on Thursday, October 27th you might have seen an assortment of princesses, spidermen, and who knows what else, as the T/TH kids celebrated at their Fall Parties. A HUGE thank you to Isabella's family at Tony's Market for the donation of little and big pumpkins for all our classes. We are so blessed!

Next week the MWF preschoolers will celebrate Halloween with their own costume parade on Monday, October 31st. You are welcome to come and join in the fun! All the preschoolers will finish out the week learning about farm life. There just may be a big red barn!

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST: CLT class hopes everyone will attend their Fifth Sunday Breakfast 9:00am—10:30am in the Family Life Center this Sunday, October 30th. The menu will be French toast casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, beverages, and more! A free will offering will be gladly accepted for missions.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: The November 2nd menu will feature spaghetti w/meat sauce, fettuccini Alfredo w/chicken, salad, garlic breadsticks, steamed vegetables, cheesecake, 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. The November 9th menu will be baked chicken, rice, green beans, salad, rolls, brownies, 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 by noon on Tuesday.*

JCECC SPECIAL OFFERING: A much needed special offering will be taken for Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition on Sunday, October 30th. It will be "All Saints Sunday" so please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one. Our church directs all people with emergency needs to JCECC. This coalition provides assistance with utilities, rent, and budgeting classes. *Make checks payable to FUMC and designate "JCECC."*

"FOOD OF THE MONTH": Keystone Class has begun "Food of the Month" collections for the Food Center. During October please leave donations of **cereal** and **canned meat** in the Keystone Sunday School Room/Library (Room 141), on the low cabinet counter top by the windows. Delivery will be at the end of October. November's collection will be **canned fruit**.

JAMAICA MISSION 2012 APPLICATIONS: Applications for the March 17-25, 2012 Jamaica Mission are available in the office and are due by November 1st. A deposit of \$600 is requested from all volunteers so that group airline tickets can be purchased at the best price.

UMW PRESENTATIONS: Everyone is invited to attend the 9:30am October 29th United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting. International students from China, Egypt, India, Nepal, and the United Arab Emirates will speak on the cultural similarities and differences between their countries and the United States. Everyone is also invited to the *Update on Missions to Haiti and Liberia* scheduled for 9:00am—11:00am on November 5th and November 12th.



*Daylight Savings Time ends
November 6th. Turn your clocks
back one hour!*



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to **Matt and Christine
(Hatt) Geiger**, who were married in the
sanctuary on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

*Tune in to 1450 KOKO radio Monday through
Friday at 6:58am for Pastor Louie's daily meditation.*

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, Carl Dell, Doris Dickinson, Nathan Haycraft, Judy Hicks, Jackson Short.

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.*

50th ANNIVERSARY WEDDING RECEPTION

The 50th anniversary wedding reception for **Ken & Betty O'Neal** will be on Sunday, November 20, 2011 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at Heroes. Please RSVP to Amy Holmes (238-5316) by November 6th. No gifts please, but a basket will be available for cards.

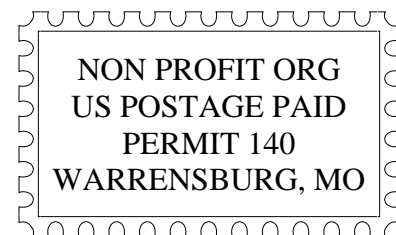
Attendance & Offerings

October 2nd attendance at the two services was 311. Operating Fund Contributions were \$4,895.50. Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$10,765.00.

October 9th attendance at the two services was 296. Operating Fund Contributions were \$6,109.20.



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Return Service Requested

KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:

The November 20th Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for *Christmas Store*.

Pastor's Corner... | Rev. Louie Lowe, Senior Pastor | llowe@umcburg.org
ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 30th

On Sunday, October 30th we will be remembering the faithful saints who showed us by their examples and teaching what Christianity is all about. Come join us as we celebrate "All Saints Day" in word, song, and remembrance.

VETERAN RECOGNITION SUNDAY, ~ NOVEMBER 6th

Many of us often think often of our military personnel who are now serving, or have served our nation in the past. Sunday, November 6th is your opportunity to honor these persons through a show of appreciation during both worship services. Join us as we recognize our veterans in both word and song.

FIRST-FRUITS SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 13th

On Sunday, November 13th, we will be celebrating our "*Annual Day Of Giving*" during both worship services. This is the time each year when you are given the opportunity to present your confidential offering goal for the next calendar year. *Proverbs 3:9* speaks of bringing honor to the Lord by offering Him the "*First-Fruits*" of our lives. November 13th is your opportunity to do that. ***Together We Are God's Church! Help Us Ignite The Flame!***

See you in Church,

Louie

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