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FAMILY FALL FUN FEST ~ OCTOBER 16th

First United Methodist Church is having a *Family Fall Fun Fest* on October 16th. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors as we spread the word of our church and what we do in the community! Participating Sunday School classes will have “carnival booths” that will either have a craft or game, as well as information about what the Sunday School discusses and activities the class provides.

While parents who wish to attend first service may do so, allowing their children to enjoy the carnival with their Sunday School class, the whole family is encouraged to attend the carnival together. Mom’s can help their children with crafts, dad’s can win their kids a prize, and kids will have memories that last forever!

Come enjoy the games, prizes, face painting and crafts. It will be fun for the whole family from 9:00am until second service starts. Booths will be in operation from 9:30am until 10:30am.

For more information contact Melanie Montambeault, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministry, at melanie@umcburg.org or call 747-8158.

CROP HUNGER WALK ~ OCTOBER 9th

Come and walk ... invite a friend! The Sunday, October 9th CROP Walk begins at 2:30pm with registration in the First United Methodist Church Atrium. Music by the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Choir, a fun puppet show by the FUMC Hidden Treasures Puppet Team, and encouraging words from Marion Woods will be in the Family Life Center. Kids will be given balloon figures while Ethmer Erisman will have his miniature horse tow a buggy ride outside. Walkers will follow a new route this year, starting at 3:00pm.

Sign up in the Atrium on Sundays or contact FUMC CROP Walk Coordinator Doug Christie at 660-624-9597. You may also go to www.cropwalkonline.org to sign up or make a donation. Just click on “Missouri” then choose “Warrensburg Area/Johnson County” to sign up or to make a donation to a team or walker. Much more information about Crop Walk is available at this site.

Johnson County CROP Walk proceeds are used by *Church World Service* to respond to disasters worldwide, with the Warrensburg Food Center receiving 25% each year.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ OCTOBER 16th

Our annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 16th at 8:30am. Cody Collier, Heartland South District Superintendent, will preside. All First United Methodist Church members are encouraged to attend.

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

FNL Moved to Saturday Night ...

This Friday is Homecoming - Go Tigers! - so this week's Friday Night Light has been moved to Saturday, October 1st from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. We'll be watching *Evan Almighty* in preparation for our next Wednesday youth Bible study, All youth grades 6 - 12 and their friends are invited. We just ask that you bring \$2 and a 2 liter of pop. We'll provide the pizza. For more information, email Mike at mike@umcburg.org.

Wednesday Youth Pickup ...

What a blessing it is to have so many youth choosing to spend their Wednesdays at FUMC. In fact, we've had so many riding the bus that we are FULL! I've been encouraging kids to bring their friends, but at this point I would ask that everyone check with Mike at 660/624-0657 or mike@umcburg.org before inviting anyone to ride the bus. We don't want any stranded kids! Thanks for making FUMC the place to be!

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

Be A FriendsDay Volunteer ... FriendsDay welcomes volunteers in transporting the kids from school to the church 3:00pm—4:00pm on one or more Wednesdays each month. Also needed are adult FriendsDay volunteers and substitutes from 3:30pm—5:00pm to help the kids with crafts and games. If you have the time to make a difference in the lives of the FUMC kids, contact Melanie at melanie@umcburg.org or call 747-8158.



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

This week the preschoolers had fun being pirates (nice ones) while learning their shapes and colors. The preK kids even followed their shape and color map to the treasure, “arrrrgh!”

Next week we are having our Fire Safety Week. We will be learning how to “stop, drop, and roll,” and to dial 911 in an emergency. Don't be alarmed if you see the fire trucks in the parking lot on Wednesday and Thursday....they are here for us to see! Thank you Johnson County Firemen and Firewomen!

JOIN THE KUMBAYAH DISCUSSION LIST: Church announcements, prayer requests and closing information are emailed to those who are subscribed to the Kumbayah Discussion List. If you would like to be a part of this list, email jeffries@socket.net and type "Kumbayah Subscription" in the Subject line. ~ **Mike Jeffries, Kumbayah List Administrator**



DINING DIMENSIONS: Dining Dimensions is a group of adults (couples and singles) who experience great fellowship through a meal with others. Groups will be composed of 8-10 people who meet in homes or restaurants as often as the group decides. Groups may choose to meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner! Get to know your church family better—just sign up in the Atrium or contact the church office before October 30th to join in this wonderful experience.



Food!
Fun!
Fellowship!

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 30th

9:00am—10:30am

In FLC

Free will donations for missions.

Hosted by CLT Class.



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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: The October 5th menu will feature pork chops, potato salad, glazed carrots, rolls, salad, assorted cupcakes, 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 October 12th menu will be baked potato soup, salad, breadsticks, assorted cookies, 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.*

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Your October 2nd World Communion Sunday offering will help provide college scholarships for racial and ethnic students in the United States and for international students. World Communion Sunday is a church-wide special Sunday of The United Methodist Church.

COMMUNION UPDATE: Gluten-free, dairy-free, soy-free communion wafers are available during communion. Communion is held each Sunday during the 9:30am worship service and during the 10:45am worship service on the first Sunday of the month.

HAITI AND LIBERIA MISSIONS UPDATE: United Methodist Women invite everyone to mark their calendar for *Update on Missions to Haiti and Liberia* scheduled for 9:00am—11:00am on November 5th and November 12th.

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, Judy Hicks, Cheryl Leary, Bob Ruth, Clair Swan. **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.*

THANK YOU

A really big thank you to the SERVE 2011 landscaping team. Your work is so beautiful.
~ **Kathy Kay, Johnson County Board of Services and Sheila Abey, Fox Run Group Home Assistant Supervisor.**

Thank you to all who helped at the Food Center during the month of August—in the office, as ushers, or with commodities distribution. Having so many willing volunteers was certainly appreciated! The people of FUMC filling the “big box” was a big help in having a good supply of food for those in need.
~ **Fran Waller, FUMC Coordinator**

Thank you to FUMC for the donation of \$644.99. Each month we serve an average of 450 families in Johnson County totaling more than 1,300 individuals, over 35% of whom are children and 11% are seniors.
~ **Jerry Young, The Food Center**

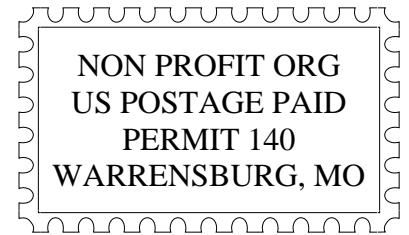
Much appreciated are leaders, **Skip & Glenda Alexander** and all the SERVE2011 volunteers who picked up many bags of trash along Warrensburg streets as specified by City Hall.

Attendance & Offerings

September 18th attendance at the two services was 307.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$4,694.98.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,287.00.
September 25th attendance at the two services was 315.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$2,934.53.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$395.00.



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Return Service Requested

KIDS-CAN-DO MISSION:
The October 16th Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash
and checks made payable to "FUMC" will be for *CROP WALK*.

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

This Sunday, October 2nd, is **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!** This is the day we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in unison with the entire world, as a statement of our faith in the great commission of Jesus.

As you receive the elements of communion this week, pray about what God is calling you to do, as a disciple, for the great commission.

Let us each take this week to prepare our hearts, our minds, and our lives for this high act of worship, and the service that Jesus calls us into as disciples of God.



See You In Worship,

Louie

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