



First Things @ First

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 12th

First United Methodist Church Confirmation Classes will begin meeting with Pastor Louie and Pastor Mike at 3:30pm on Sundays starting on February 12th. The classes are open to all youth, grade 6 and up, who would like to learn more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a Methodist. They will also embark on a number of service projects, field trips, and retreats. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 29th during the 10:45am service. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Louie or Pastor Mike at 747-8158. We hope you will keep the confirmands, their mentors, and pastors in prayer during this amazing journey.

POTATO BAR FUND RAISER ~ FEBRUARY 19th

Hidden Treasures Puppet Team invites everyone to their Potato Bar fund raiser at 11:45am on Sunday, February 19th. Come one, come all, and enjoy a large hot potato loaded with whatever you want. There will also be a huge number of desserts baked by the great cooks of our church. Donations are very much appreciated, but your presence is the most important. The puppet team will also perform in both worship services. It should be a day of smiles. Your support means so much to our puppet ministry.

KIDS-CAN-DO

The February 19th Kids-Can-Do collection of coins, cash and checks made payable to “FUMC” will be for *Jamaica Medical Mission* supplies. Keep the team in prayer as they prepare for the March 18th–26th mission trip to Falmouth, Jamaica.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

The scouts will be assisting during the worship services on Boy Scout Sunday, February 19th. Everyone who is currently involved in scouting, or who has previously been involved in scouting, is invited to wear your uniform and/or various scouting insignias.

MOZAMBIQUE SUNDAY

FUMC will celebrate Mozambique Sunday on February 26th. The special offering will go towards FUMC’s financial commitment of \$900.00 per year for Maxixe UMC in Mozambique, Africa. Keep the congregation of Maxixe UMC and Pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe in prayer throughout the year.

UMW LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

United Methodist Women invites everyone to their Unit Meeting at 9:30am on Saturday, February 25th. The program will be an legislative update presented by Senator David Pearce. Being informed about legislation affecting women and children is one of the mission criteria of the United Methodist Women. Refreshments will be provided by Elizabeth UMW Fellowship.

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.

CHECK-IN WITH THE OFFICE

For security, safety, and in case of emergency, all persons entering the church building for unscheduled activity need to check-in and check-out with the office, so that we know where you are located in the building. Thanks for your help.

College-Age Ministry | Evelyn Howard, Staff Assistant | evelyn@umcburg.org

Thank you for all the food donations for the Wesley Center Super Bowl party. We had a wonderful time. The support of the FUMC congregation is much appreciated.

Our spring break mission trip will be to North Carolina. Please contact Evelyn at evelyn@umcburg.org if you are interested in participating.

Youth Ministry | Mike Cassidy, Associate Pastor | mike@umcburg.org

Thank you to everyone who supported the Soup and Salad fund raiser. It was a fantastic success. The \$1,300 in donations is much appreciated and will help finance the Junior High and Senior High Youth summer mission trips. The June 16th—23rd Junior High mission trip will be to the Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. The Senior High Mission trip will be to “Give the Kids the World Village” in Florida from August 4th—12th.

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

The preschool children of FUMC now have at least two, if not three, wonderful adults in the room helping them learn about the love of Jesus! Tammy Schaaffe and Susanna Pippel have graciously offered their time to help ensure that the preschool Children’s Worship is well run and organized. I would also like to give a big thank you to ALL my wonderful volunteers who have been running both Children’s Worship, Kid’s Worship and FriendsDay while I’ve been out with baby Evie. Interested in volunteering? Please email melanie@umcburg.org.

Thank you to all who celebrated with Josh and me in welcoming Evelyn to the world. The outpouring of gifts has been unbelievable and our little growing family feels so blessed to have such an incredible church family surrounding us!



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

This week the preschoolers learned about keeping our hearts healthy. We also started getting ready for Valentine's Day by making our Valentine mailboxes and bags. Of course, no Valentines Day would be complete without homemade valentines. We will have our Valentine’s parties on Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th. Be prepared for extra energy if you happen by the church on those days! We will complete our lesson on being healthy by learning all about dental health. The preschool will be closed on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th for Presidents Day.

Enrollment is open for the 2012-2013 school year for current students and siblings. Soon open enrollment will begin. Call Colleen at 747-8158 to put your child on our list for next year. Your child must be age 3 or 4 by August 1, 2012.

Join Pastor Louie for a special Bible Study:

**“The Seven Festivals Of Israel”
Prophetic Foreshadows
Of The Coming Messiah**

at 10:00am on Monday mornings.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Spending time with a daily devotional is a good way to intentionally develop your faith. Copies of the *Upper Room* are located in the FLC hallway. Large print copies are available.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: The February 15th menu will be a smorgasbord including dessert and beverages. The February 22nd menu features brisket, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, salad, rolls, banana split pie, 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. *Help us be more accurate in purchasing the amount of food needed. Please call the office or email receptionist@umcburg.org to make your reservation, cancel your reservation, or ask to be added to the **standing list** by noon on MONDAY. Walk-ins will be served starting at 5:45pm.*

DONATE BEANS FOR THE FOOD CENTER: The Keystone class "Food of the Month" for February is canned or dry beans. Green beans are not needed at this time. Leave your beans, and/or other food donations in the Food Center cabinet located in the FLC hallway.

TAKE SUNDAY'S BULLETIN TO COUNTRY KITCHEN: Take your bulletin to Country Kitchen on Sundays, and 10% of your pre-tax guest check will be donated to FUMC.

MISSION SAFARI HOG ROAST: Mark your calendars and plan to attend the exciting 2012 *Mission Safari* Hog Roast fund raiser for missions on April 21st. If you are interested in helping plan the hog roast, contact Kathy Howard.

HEARTLAND DISTRICT'S UMM LENTEN BREAKFAST: The Heartland District's United Methodist Men's 43rd Annual Lenten Breakfast, featuring the Morgan Family gospel music ministry, will be Saturday, March 31st 8:00am – 10:00am at the Blue Springs First United Methodist Church. The cost is \$7.00. For reservations and directions call 816-228-5908 or email methodist.men@hotmail.com by March 24th.

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

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Maxixe UMC (our sister church in Mozambique) & its pastor Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe, shut-ins, care givers.

Ill/Recovering: Orene Bass, Sandy Culp, Judy Hicks, Jake Schmitz, Buck Sommerkamp, Clair Swan, Teresa Van Sickle. **Sympathy to:** Alice Hanrahan, whose sister-in-law Linda Millstead passed away January 30, 2012; and to the Luchtel family and friends of Dustin Luchtel, who passed away February 3, 2012. **Military:** Brad Adams, Brian Bilbruck, William Eaton, 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.*

FUMC RADIO MEDITATION

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in Fifth Sunday Breakfast. The \$200.00 proceeds have been donated to the Food Center.

~ **CLT (Christian Living Today) Class**

PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES

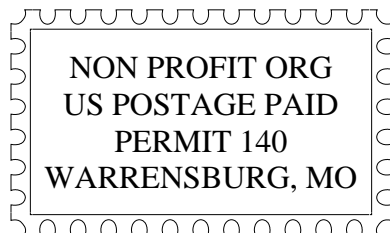
Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes from Marlene's office. Having the money in your personally numbered envelope helps expedite the counting process and assures accurate credit to your pledge.

Attendance & Offerings

January 29th attendance at the two services was 366.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$5,022.50.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$667.00.
February 5th attendance at the two services was 519.
Operating Fund Contributions were \$10,591.66.
Capital Improvement Fund Contributions were \$1,750.50.



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Return Service Requested

The next newsletter will be published on February 22nd. Article submission deadline is noon on Monday, February 20th.

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

I received this valentine from my Dad and I'd like to send it on to all of you:

For God so loVed the world,
 That He gAve
 His onLy
 BegottEn
 SoN
 That whosoever
 Believeth In Him
 Should Not perish,
 But have Everlasting life.
John 3:16
 See You in Church,
Louie

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday is a worship event by which the season of Lent is officially inaugurated. This year we will be observing this event on:

**Wednesday, February 22nd
at 6pm
in The Sanctuary**

This is a short, yet moving, worship service by which we remember the salvation that Jesus has brought to our imperfect lives. Set aside 30 minutes of your schedule that day, and join us for this special service.

First Things @ First is published every other Wednesday by the First United Methodist Church of Warrensburg. Newsletter submissions are due Monday at noon for the upcoming Wednesday's newsletter. Submissions may be communicated to **Marge Ballew**, Publications Editor (660-747-8158; receptionist@umcburg.org). Calendar updates, prayer requests and address changes may be communicated to **Anita Ellis**, Administrative Coordinator (660-747-8158; office@umcburg.org).

Note for FUMC Newsletter...

Chances are you have noticed the concrete bumpers placed in the west parking lot by Mr. Jerry Franklin. The Trustees met on Tuesday, 7 February, and devised a plan that we believe represents a good neighbor compromise between First Church and J.W. Franklin Corporation. For reasons too numerous to elaborate in this note, it will take a few weeks to implement the plan. In the mean time a more visible barrier will be erected by the Wednesday Crew that will alert drivers, pedestrians and snow removal crews to the location of the bumpers to help avoid accidents. The Trustees appreciate your patience while planning and implementation continues.

Mike Powers

Chair, FUMC Board of Trustees