

First's UMCBurg.org welcomes you to weekly posts in print

Staying in touch with your church family is an important part of our faith in Jesus. While we don't have the ability to gather during this pandemic, we can stay connected which has led to this 'post in print.' You will find elements you might expect in a bulletin or newsletter, but do not be surprised to see a few extras.

Pastor Peter's message notes From Sunday, March 29



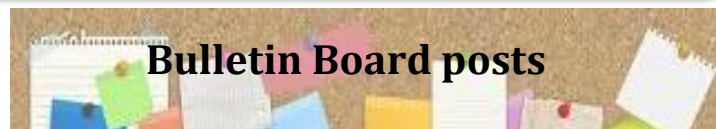
Why do we make decisions we know will hurt us and other people? Paul describes this inner conflict in Romans 7:19: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." How does Jesus help us to overcome the evil within?

1. Decide in advance how God is calling us to behave.
2. Read scripture to learn who God calls us to be.
3. Ask Jesus in prayer to help us overcome our desire to do things that we know will hurt us.

One of my focuses in seminary was Pastoral Care. I took a series of classes and practicums focused on developing an understanding of how to help people overcome challenges and walk with Christ.

A required part of this training was to attend an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. I was struck by the level of self-awareness and spiritual maturity in the people I met there. The members of the Alcoholics Anonymous group had a deep understanding of their own tendency to choose what would hurt them. They also understood the absolute necessity of asking God for help in overcoming their addictions. Not just once, but again and again, every day. Asking God for help. We can't do it alone.

In resolution to his struggle with the evil within, Paul writes in Romans 7:24-25 how he was saved when he threw himself on the mercy of Jesus and his power to save: "Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Romans 7:24-25



Bulletin Board posts

Scriptures for the coming week:

- April 6: John 13:1-5
- April 7: John 13:6-11
- April 8: John 13:12-20
- April 9: John 13:31-34 (Maundy Thursday)
- April 10: John 18:1-11 (Good Friday)
- April 11: John 19:16-30

Keep these dates in mind

- April 5: Church service at 9:30 am on Facebook
- April 9: Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm on Facebook
- April 10: Good Friday service, at 6:30 pm on Facebook
- April 12: Easter Sunday service at 9:30 am on Facebook
- April 25: CROP Walk 8 am – 9:30 am (at this time)

Prayer concerns from our church family:

Marsha Gai, Ann Wilson, Aura Tavernner, Judy Murray, Bill Brame, Donna Rosiere, Jaccie Blaszczyk, and Linda Riddle

Birthdays for the coming week:

- April 6: Rhonda McClung
- April 7: Jackson Nimmo
- April 8: Ally Hassler, Alyson Imboden
- April 10: Larry Yung
- April 11: Ellie Gilpin

Anniversaries for the coming week:

- April 5: Jeff and Marilyn Imboden
- April 7: Marion and Irma Woods
- April 10: Baird Brock and Rose Marie Kinder

Marlene Millstead retires: 19 years

Our longtime staff member Marlene Milstead is retiring after 19 years of faithful service. We had planned to celebrate her ministry with a BBQ potluck on April 5 after church, but because of the Corona Virus, we will postpone this event until we are all able to meet together in person.

We all have the opportunity to express our appreciation for her ministry by sending cards to our church office. Marlene is looking forward to more time with her husband Jim. Please send cards for Marlene to the church:

First United Methodist Church
141 East Gay Street
Warrensburg, MO 64093



Food Drive for Campus Cupboard

Hundreds of UCM students are still in Warrensburg, and many have lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In just one day last week, the Campus Cupboard served 92 students, depleting its food supply.

In response to this crisis, our church feels God calling us to help these students. Because of the evolving COVID-19 situation, we will not be able to hold the drive-through food drive for UCM's Campus Cupboard on Palm Sunday, April 5. Instead, we are asking for a monetary donation. There are two ways to donate:

- Mail a check payable to UCM Campus Cupboard to Beth Rutt, 401 Grover Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Beth is the Director of Student Activities at UCM. Because the university is closed, it is best to mail the check to her address.
- To donate directly, go online to the Campus Cupboard webpage, scroll to the bottom and click on "Make a monetary donation."

<https://www.ucmo.edu/current-students/student-services/campus-cupboard/>

Your donations are vital in supporting the many UCM students who remain in Warrensburg and have lost their jobs because of the pandemic. Thank you!

Church Member Responds to the COVID-19 Virus

Meryl Lin McKean hosted a panel discussion with local health experts to share information and practical ideas about how our community can respond to the COVID-19 Virus on March 26 on KMOS-TV.



The experts discussed the current medical resources available in our region and the importance of observing social distancing to avoid overwhelming our healthcare system.

Church Business Notes:

Starting April 2020, our church will have our bookkeeping work done through the Teresa Colster CPA, LLC accounting firm. This Warrensburg-based firm does the bookkeeping work for Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Christ Church Episcopal here in Warrensburg. They come highly recommended.

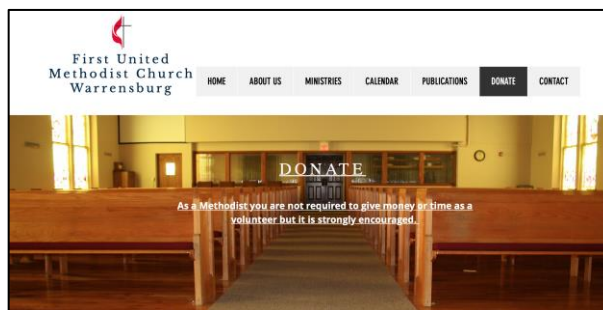
Other recent changes include the hiring of Vada Postlethwait as director of the Children's and Young Families' Ministry and Preston Parks as the Next Generation Student Intern who will work with Vada in the children's programing.

Chuck Linville has stepped into the role of custodian recently. He was greeted with the responsibility to keep the church germ-free, and now he is doing a deep clean while there are so very few bodies in and out of the church.

These changes in staffing can be done only with the financial support from the church's members. Therefore, please note the ways to donate to the church so work continues even when the usual Sunday offering is not collected:

1. Mail your offerings to the church by sending it to First United Methodist Church
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2. Go on-line and donate through the church's website: <https://www.umcburg.org>
Notice it is a secure site, so when you see the word DONATE on the right-hand side, it is a safe way to donate. Simply click on DONATE and follow the prompt. This image is the page that pops up:



Your gifts make all the difference in the world in assuring that your church is able to lead each one of us to be "Living that all may know Jesus" which is our congregation's mission.