



FIRST THINGS @ FIRST NEWSLETTER
WARRENSBURG FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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**“Living that all may
know Jesus”
by
“Making new disciples
of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

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.

Rev 3:20 - *“Here I am! I stand at the door
and knock. If anyone hears my voice and
opens the door. I will come in and eat
with him, and he with me.”*

I have heard many stories of people
having experiences with strangers at a
time of great need. One that impressed
me was when my husband fell on the ice
and broke his hip. No one was around
but a stranger came at that moment, got
help for him and just as suddenly
disappeared. He has many stories of
others who experienced strange
happenings also.

Have you ever had something happen
and have no reason why you came
through the situation? I have had a few
and the only reason I can see is God was
there protecting me. Love God because
He loves you always.

- Marlene Millstead

**Nairobi Chamber Chorus at
FUMC!**



On Saturday, February 23, the Nairobi Chamber Chorus will
present a concert in the FUMC Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. Also
performing on this concert will be choirs from the University of
Central Missouri and Warrensburg High School. All are
invited to attend. A free will donation will be taken.

The Nairobi Chamber Chorus has travelled to the United
States to perform at the National Choral Directors Association
Conference in Kansas City later in the week. They are also
presenting concerts at the First Presbyterian Church in
Warrensburg and St. Joseph on the 24th, and a concert at St.
Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City on the 25th prior to
their ACDA performance.

**Invite a friend for worship and or FUMC
activities with you. All are welcome!**

FUMC EVENTS PROMOTION

Be sure to mark your publicity needs on your Ministry Planning Sheet and return it to the office at least two weeks prior to your event. First United Methodist Church promotes church events in the daily atrium slide show, Sunday Sanctuary slide show, First Things@First monthly newsletter, Sunday bulletin inserts, and special email announcements. Approved posters may be displayed on the FLC hallway rack, East hallway bulletin board, and the office. Approved flyers may be displayed on the Welcome Center in the atrium. Approved tables may be placed in the atrium on Sunday mornings for volunteer sign up, etc. Please keep in mind that the best way to promote your event is by personally contacting your family, friends and neighbors.

In order to make our church more welcoming and less cluttered in appearance, we are no longer displaying posters on our glass doors and windows. A limited number of approved outdoor signs and banners may be displayed starting one week prior to your event.

ALTAR FLOWER RESERVATIONS

Want to share altar flowers in 2019? To reserve date, colors, and wording for the Sunday bulletin, please call the office (660-747-8158) or email us by Wednesday noon at office@umcburg.org. The office will order your arrangement on the Wednesday prior to your date. Make your check payable to FUMC with "altar flowers" in the memo.

WINTER GIVING

Winter snows – when church attendance lags during the bad weather it doesn't have to be a hit to the church's finances.

Text+, e-giving, and credit card programs are available. The church doesn't take a vacation, the bills for electricity, gas, water, etc. go on. If you change your way of giving with Text+ giving, credit card, or electronic giving you can help keep the church steady throughout the year. Sign up today to discover how your church can skip slow months! – Marlene Millstead, Financial Manager

TRADITIONAL TIDBITS!

NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE:

The FUMC newsletter and 2-week calendar are available on our website. Go to the menu on the left side of our www.umcburg.org home page menu and click on "Newsletter." Copies of the newsletter are also available in the atrium and FLC hallway.

YOU REALLY LIKE US !

Please like **Warrensburg First United Methodist Church** on Facebook. You will then receive FUMC notifications to your Facebook account. All FUMC changes and cancellations will be approved by Rev. Louie prior to messages being posted. Want to set up your personal Facebook account? Please go to facebook.com.

SNOW REMOVAL

In case of snow, a trail to all FUMC entrance doors will be cleared starting with the playground entry. Please plan accordingly.

IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE

Warrensburg First United Methodist Church services and activities will remain open unless notice has been placed on the umcburg.org website, **KMBC TV-9**, **Fox 4 TV**, and **KOKO 1450** radio. During severe weather please check these media for announcements before coming to church.



Warrensburg Christian Academy

In 2017 the Church Council of FUMC voted to expand the reach of our preschool. We needed to provide the community and our church with a full day preschool. Work began toward that goal and we were able to open the “**Warrensburg Christian Academy**” in the fall of 2018. Betsy Ridenhour is the director of this project. Under her direction, with the help of Alicia Chaloupka, Director, we have passed all inspections, started the implementation of a new DESE approved curriculum (Creative Curriculum used nationwide), passed lunch program requirements and are presently working on state accreditation. We have been approved by the state for student assistance monies. We have all four rooms of the preschool in use from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., having moved the nursery upstairs. We are enrolling new students daily, quickly approaching capacity and beginning to think about enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.



We have two new male residents: Daniel Kiprop Kimtai and Antonio Bellocchio. Rock Talk will be run a little differently this year. We split up the group and now have a male and female study group. Mens "Rock Talk" is held on Thursdays at 5pm at the Rock and the Womens is on Sundays 12:30pm also held at the Rock.

College-Age Ministry | Rita Chernookaya, Coordinator | TheRock@umcburg.org

God said to Noah, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth." (Genesis 9:17)

Kingdom Kids on Sunday will be learning about Noah, through art, games, missions, science, storytelling, and spiritual practices.

Kingdom Kids on Wednesday, enjoyed a field trip to Sky Zone. Up coming events include Bowling, bounce houses and a trip to our local movie theatre.



Kingdom Kids | Brenda Lowe, Director | kingdomkids@umcburg.org

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Shut-ins, care givers.

Ill/Recovering: Dave Goetz (surgery), Ellie Carter (surgery), Carol Loveall (recovering with Crossroads hospice care at home)

Sympathy to: Luci Smith and family, whose mother, June R. Francy, passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019

Pastoral Care: If you have a death in the family, are sick or hospitalized, please inform the church office. *Local hospitals do not notify us of admissions.*

Tune in to 1450 KOKO Radio at 6:57am weekdays for Pastor Louie's daily scripture and meditation.

**Special Session of The UMC General Conference
February 24-26, 2019**

As most of you may have heard, a specially called General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be taking place over the next few days (February 24-26) to address the impasse surrounding the LBGTQ issue.

A special commission was assigned the task of creating "A Way Forward Document" at the last General Conference (2016), and the recommendation of that commission is now being brought before this specially called General Conference.

Delegates and observers from around the world will gather at the Dome at America's Center, in Saint Louis, to address the recommendation, along a multitude of other petitions also being presented.

We invite you to pray for this General Conference Session, and those present, as they discern God's will for the Church.

The event will be available via live video streaming at [UMC.org/live](http://www.UMC.org/live).
For more information, visit <http://www.UMC.org/GC2019>.

Grace & Peace,



Some FUMC Accomplishments in 2018

1. Met all of our **Ministry Financial Obligations** (paid all of our bills);
2. Paid 100% of our **Apportionments**;
3. Made every one of our **Building Debt Payments** on time;
4. Paid an **extra \$42,000** on the **Building Debt Principle**;
5. In reference to the property and building itself:
 - Put a **New Roof** on the FLC;
 - Resurfaced the **Parking Lot**;
 - Improved the **Parking Lot Lighting**;
 - Put up a **New Sign** on College Street;
 - Repaired some of our **H/VAC units**, and replaced another;
 - Made a number of **Other Building Repairs And Upgrades** to enhance our various ministry areas.
6. We now have an **All Day Preschool** that is growing and bringing new families into the Church;
7. The **After-school Kingdom Kids Program** has also grown to a **record high number**;
8. Our finances are solid, our ministries are strong, and we've seen a lot of new families join the church this year.

"Great Things Happen When We Work Together"

-Baird Brock,
(Trustee Treasurer & Conference Lay Delegate)