



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
 handicapped accessible.**

Romans 8:28-30 Love Each Other

*"And we know that in all things God works for
 the good of those who love him, who have
 been called according to his purpose. For
 those God foreknew he also predestined to
 be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that
 he might be the firstborn among many
 brothers. And those he predestined, he also
 called; those he called, he also justified;
 those he justified, he also glorified."*

God says this is my command: "Love each
 other."

Many times in the Bible he covers this
 subject. This is a command not a
 suggestion. We need to be in the likeness of
 Jesus. God knew us before we were born
 and before we knew him. This is something
 we need to do to please God. When hard
 times hit, and it happens to everyone at one
 time or another, God is there to help us
 through that time if we know him. I cannot
 imagine how anyone can live without God.

- Marlene Millstead

150 YEARS OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mary McLeod Bethune was an African-American woman, a pioneer of women's leadership, and a devoted Methodist who opened doors of education by **founding a school** that continues today. View more at umc.org/videos

In 1904, Mary McLeod Bethune financed a dream by baking sweet potato pies. With 5 girls and \$1.50, she started a school that became a Methodist institution. Mary was born in 1875 on a South Carolina cotton farm. Mary went to college and opened doors of education. Her school for girls grew quickly. In 1931, the Methodist Church helped the merger with the Cookman Institute for boys to form Bethune-Cookman College.

Mary Bethune traveled extensively, was a delegate to four Methodist General Conferences, advised five U.S. presidents, and was the only black woman present at the founding of the United Nations in 1945. Back on campus, she was "Mama Bethune." The icon passed away in 1955, leaving a last will and testament full of wisdom and love.

"I leave you love. 'Love thy neighbor' is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced."

"I leave you hope."

"I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another."

"I leave you a thirst for education."

"I leave you respect for the use of power."

"I leave you faith."

"I leave you racial dignity."

"I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man."

"I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people."

"If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. I think I have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of a world of Peace, Progress, Brotherhood, and Love."

- Mary McLeod Bethune 1875-1955



I plunged into the job of creating something from nothing.... Though I hadn't a penny left, I considered cash money as the smallest part of my resources. I had faith in a living God, faith in myself, and a desire to serve.

— Mary McLeod Bethune —

AZ QUOTES

FUMC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

It is very important that anyone using church facilities have a current ministry planning sheet on file in the office! We rely on these to ensure that your room is available, the building is staffed, and that your room is set up properly for you! M.P.S. forms need to be turned in a minimum of two weeks in advance. Please be sure to mark your publicity needs on your form so we can include that information in the bulletin and newsletter! You may come in and fill out a paper form or complete one online at www.umcburg.org!

EASTER LILIES

The Sanctuary will be decorated with lilies during Lent. You can easily order a lily by filling out the order form included in the weekly bulletin. The cost is \$10.00 and orders must be turned into the office by March 31st. Please call the church office if you have questions. Easter lilies can be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service on April 21st (Easter).

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is April 21st! Our worship services begin that day with Sunrise Service at 7:00 am followed by the annual Easter Breakfast sponsored by the United Methodist Men from 7:30 to 9:00 am. After breakfast we will continue with our regular 9:30 and 10:45 am services. We hope that you will invite your friends and families to join us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

UNITED WAY CHILI COOKOFF

Johnson County United Way is sponsoring their annual chili cook-off on Saturday, March 23rd in the Family Life Center. The cook-off will be from 11 am to 2 pm.

GOOD NEWS!

We are very pleased to tell you that Warrensburg First United Methodist met 100% of its district and conference apportionments for 2018! Thank you FUMC members!!!

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 at office@umcburg.org. Please have your request in to Marlene by noon Wednesday. She will order your arrangement on the Wednesday prior to your date. Make your check payable to FUMC with "altar flowers" in the memo.

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

Warrensburg Christian Academy

We continue to provide the community and our church with a full day preschool. We are now accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage you to enroll early as we are expecting a full enrollment and a waiting list this coming school year!



Easter Egg Hunt! W.C.A. is organizing this year's hunt and we would appreciate donations of wrapped candies. We are working quickly to set the date and time of this event so watch the weekly bulletin and church website for the latest information!



We are excited to announce that The Rock has been awarded a \$10,000 NextGen Ministries grant for 2019-2020! This grant will provide important additional funding for improvements and programs at our campus ministry center! Men's "Rock Talk" is held on Thursdays at 5pm at the Rock and the Women's is on Sundays 12:30pm also held at the Rock.

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

"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)

Kingdom Kids on Sunday are currently learning about Jesus in Jerusalem, his last week, from his Triumphal Entry through The Resurrection.

Kingdom Kids on Wednesday, has 55 kids attending! We will be visiting Missouri Town on April 3rd and the Deanna Rose Farmstead (Overland Park) on the 10th.



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

In Our Prayers

In Our Prayers: Shut-ins, care givers.

Sympathy to: Sally Hart and Family on the passing of her father Maurice "Corky" Wright. family of Bertha Reed. Family of Carol Loveall. Family of Mae Wade.

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.*

United Methodist Women Fellowship

UMW Executive Committee will meet Sunday, March 24th, following the 10:45 service in Room 141

UMW Spring Unit meeting will be Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am in Room 235. We will be celebrating 150 years of UMW and review some local and national UMW history. State Senator, Denny Hoskins, will be our guest and give us a legislative update. All women of the church are invited.

Mary Martha Fellowship will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 1:30 pm in the Aldersgate Room Annette Erickson is hostess. Ginny McTighe will give the devotion. Our guest speaker will be Misty Miller, director of RISE, Johnson Co. Sheltered Workshop. Please call Vicki Ollison for More information.

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

Dear Church Family,

For the past 9 years Brenda and I have faithfully served the Warrensburg FUMC congregation and have thoroughly enjoyed the ministry opportunities and special relationships that have developed during that time.

Prior to Warrensburg we spent most of our ministry years in the Ozarks and have especially loved the Springfield area where we hope to retire someday.

This past week we were offered a great opportunity to serve a wonderful Church in that very area, just south of Springfield, by Branson. We accepted that new appointment and will be moving there July 1st.

We have counted it an honor and privilege to witness the incredible things that God has done in this Church these past nine years and will always hold those memories close to our hearts.

We know that God has great things in store for all of us as we each respond to His call and pray God's best for each of you, and the Warrensburg FUMC.

Grace & Peace,
Louis & Brenda Lowe

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



CELEBRATE

Holy Week

<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>April 14th</i> <i>9:30 & 10:45 am</i> Children's Palm Processional 10:45 Puppet Team Ministry	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>April 18th</i> <i>7:00 pm</i> Nursery available, 2 and under, during service	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>April 19th</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>
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Easter Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise Easter Worship, 7am *Sunrise Easter Breakfast 7:30*
Easter Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30 & 10:45 am



Johnson County

Annual Shirley Stanke Memorial

Chili Cook-Off

To benefit JOHNSON COUNTY UNITED WAY

DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2019

TIME: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (come-and-go)

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church,
Family Life Center, 141 E Gay St, Warrensburg

JCUW Annual Meeting immediately following the Cook-Off

Admission: \$5.00 (under 5 free)

Sweets Auctions at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm Sharp!

Use your admission tickets to vote for "Favorite Chili"

Our agency partners have **GREAT chili**, but THIS YEAR...

we added an "Open" category and invite the public to
compete for "*Favorite Chili*" and "*Best Chili*" -

YOU choose the Favorite!

Don't miss out on great food & fun!!!

For more information, contact Johnson County United Way:

660-747-5174 or info@jocouw.org

