



**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.”**

Boy Scout Troop 400 &  
Cub Scout Pack 399

**Pancake  
Breakfast**



Adults \$6  
Children (3-10) \$3

When: Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 7:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church Family Life Center

All proceeds benefit the United Methodist Men



**"SOUPER BOWL" ~ FEBRUARY 3**

First United Methodist Church invites you to join us in the game to score thousands of cans of soup for the Food Center. Monetary donations are especially solicited so that the Food Center can purchase soup as needed throughout 2019 without having to store it within their limited space. **Each dollar donated counts as two cans of soup.** Make your check payable to FUMC with "Souper Bowl 2019" designated at the bottom and place it in the offering plate or bring to the office by Sunday, February 3. Thank you for helping the Food Center meet their 2019 needs.

**SOUP LUNCH FUNDRAISER ~ FEBRUARY**

2019 "Souper Bowl" Sunday fundraiser for the Food Center. Everyone is invited for a delicious soup lunch after the 11:45am service, in the Family Life Center. The menu features delicious **Chef Brown's famous homemade Soups, homemade bread and desserts.** Show your support for the local Food Center as you root for your favorite team and enjoy the food and fellowship. There is no charge, but all donations will be greatly appreciated.

**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.

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

**The office will be closed for the Rev.  
Martin Luther King Jr's. birthday on  
Monday, January 21, 2019**

**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](http://www.umcburg.org) home page menu and click on "Newsletter." Copies of the newsletter are also available in the atrium and FLC hallway.

## **FUMC CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Warrensburg First United Methodist Church services and activities will remain open unless notice has been placed on the [umcburg.org](http://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.

## **FUMC SNOW REMOVAL**

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



## **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

Please like **Warrensburg First United Methodist Church**. 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](http://facebook.com).

## **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 [office@umcburg.org](mailto: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.



## **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.



The new semester has started, and everyone made it home safely and in time to enjoy the snow. We welcome our new Rock residents, Daniel Kimtai and Sally Lulia. Please introduce yourself to them as they greet Sunday Mornings.

**College-Age Ministry | Rita Chernookaya, Coordinator | [TheRock@umcburg.org](mailto: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](mailto:kingdomkids@umcburg.org)**

## **In Our Prayers**

**In Our Prayers:** Shut-ins, care givers.

**Ill/Recovering:** all who are ill and/or recovering.

**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.*

## **LOOKING FORWARD....**

*"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:1-4*

Proverbs is filled with wisdom. God wants us to follow his teachings and live by them. Then we will be in his good graces. I know when we sinned in the past and we have asked for forgiveness God has forgiven us. We have to learn to look forward and not look back because in his eyes he no longer sees our old sins. This is our reward for believing in Him. Always look forward.

Marlene Millstead

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

## **Pastor's Corner... | Rev. Louie Lowe, Senior Pastor | [lhowe@umcburg.org](mailto:lhowe@umcburg.org)**

It's exciting, it's colorful, and it's one of the most popular technologies people use today. It's called Facebook!

Every day millions of Americans spend time on it, discussing the activities of their day, sharing photos of important events in their life, they even share their opinions on current events.

And Yet, How Often Do We Celebrate The Church On Facebook, Or Invite People to Worship thru Facebook?

I Often Wonder What The Disciples Would've Done With Facebook Had It Existed In Their Day?

I'm Convinced That They Would Use It "Only For Good". To be a source of encouragement for others, to promote positive things about the Church, and to invite other people to become involved in the Church.

Wouldn't That Be A Wonderful New Year Resolution for all of us? To use Facebook only for good, to Celebrate The Church, to Invite People to join us for worship and become involved in our ministries!

See you in church, *Louie*