



# Warrensburg First United Methodist Church

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*Living That All May Know Jesus*

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30am Connections  
Connected Band

10:45am Traditional  
Blended with choir  
and "Kids Own Worship."

*A nursery is available for children  
through 2 years of age.*

## GIVE THANKS!

We have so many things to be thankful for. Katharine and I are thankful that our first child, William Reece "Blue," is finally here! We have wonderful family and friends. We have a wonderful church family. We both love our work.

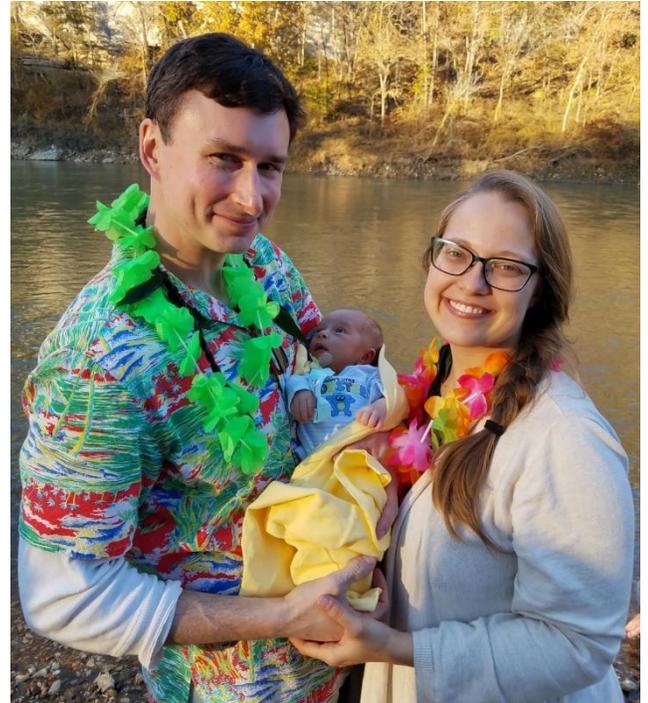
Paul writes in Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

Paul encourages the people of the church in Philippi to rejoice in all circumstances. This doesn't mean that we are encouraged to ignore the challenges in life or pretend like they aren't real. Paul suffered all kinds of hardship and struggle. So did the people to whom he is writing. Paul encourages us when we face challenges, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

When I take time every day to slow down and give thanks to God for the people in my life, I see God in them. Taking time to give thanks changes my heart and allows me to experience the joy that comes from God.

I love being your pastor and I love getting to spend time with you every day through hospital and home visits, small groups and planning meetings, and worship. I'm looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with you this Advent and Christmas.

There are so many reasons to be thankful. God is good! -- Pastor Peter



## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." - 2 Peter 1:3-4

God has given us everything we need to overcome the challenges of today. We are given each day something different to work on and we wonder how we can get through them. Christians have the Holy Spirit and all we have to do is call upon God to help us get through the hard times. He is always with us and will never leave us. That is His promise to us.

**Marlene Millstead**



# VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

Here is an easy and fun way to share your faith and help in "doing the most good" for our neighbors in need in Johnson County. The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to ring bells at those iconic red kettles in November and December. Church groups, families and individuals are all welcome to spend a few hours bell ringing at Warrensburg stores. You pick the date, time and location! To register, simply go to [registertoring.com](http://registertoring.com) or call 660 422-4304.



We are excited to be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University beginning Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brian Gremaud will be leading the classes and you are invited to ask questions or to sign up at [fpu.com/1104783](http://fpu.com/1104783).



In October, Kids Can Do, raised \$174.46 to donate to the Angel Tree fund. In November the kids will collect for the Christmas Store.

## POINSETTIA TIME!

Order your poinsettias for the sanctuary by calling Marlene in the church office by NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>!!! 6-inch potted plants are \$10.00. Orders must be in on time as Marlene is on vacation Nov. 25 through Dec. 2. We have to put in our order on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Sherry Printz, will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 15 at the 10:45 a.m. service. The cantata was written by well-known composer Joseph M. Martin. Alice Coleman will be the accompanist, and the narrator will be Beth Hunt.

***Let There Be Christmas*** is a scripture-based cantata with Martin's original songs as well as several familiar Christmas carols. Debbie Brown, Katie Richardson, Amber Illickey, Betty Thomas, and Jon Logan will be featured soloists.



Thank you for your commitment to support the church through your giving this past Sunday! As always, you have the option to give either through the offering plate or electronically.

Winter weather has a negative effect on attendance and, thus, the church's finances. Electronic and credit card giving can help keep the church's finances steady throughout the year. Contact Marlene, Financial Manager, in the church office to sign up!



## FIRST CONVERSATIONS UPDATE

November is wrapping up and so is the introduction to *First Conversations*. John Wesley knew that living a Christian lifestyle was/is difficult in a world filled with so many challenges. His answer was to provide a method to support Christians in their faith journey known as small groups or class meetings.



*First Conversations (FC)* is Warrensburg First UMC design of Wesley's small group ministry. As an introduction into this ministry, **FC's** first offering was the *Shiny God's First* study from Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. This is an example of a curriculum-based small group.

The design of this **FC** was to include a light meal, a video, and Christian conversation based on Slaughter's work. The timing was parallel to the annual funding campaign and Pastor Peter's sermon series.

What next, one asks? Naturally the Advent season is here, and most schedules become overloaded. Therefore, the **FC** planning team will be preparing to resume the ministry in January.

The goal is to create a list of options for small groups, but also to create a loose structure based on Wesley's class meeting. Possibly a group wants to be curriculum-based in order to expand their own knowledge; maybe there are shared interests, or possibly a group within one's neighborhood decide to meet over coffee, tea, etc.

The planning team is open to requests and to suggestions as they work to continue **FC** into 2020. Share your questions and/or suggestions to any of the members: Glenda Goetz, Amy Holmes, Susan Smith, or John Yost. Let's work towards 20/20 spiritual vision.



## Kingdom Kids at Sky Zone



## FACEBOOK LIKES

We've successfully doubled our likes on Facebook in the past three months so a big thank you to everyone that has liked our page on Facebook! Now, here's a challenge...

Facebook's algorithms for business pages and what gets displayed to users is based largely on the number of likes the business' page has. The magic numbers are 1000, 2000, 5000, and 10,000. As a business page hits these marks the page gets more showings to casual users. So, we'd like to ask that you take a few minutes and do this to help...

Go to our Facebook page. While you have the page open, look for the page's "like count" (usually on the right side of the page). Click the link that says "Invite Your Friends to Like this Page." You'll get a list of your friends and buttons to click for each friend to invite them to like the page. Please do that the next time you're on FB and let's see if we can hit 1,000 like by Thanksgiving!



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

**Thursday, November 28th**

**11 a.m. – 1p.m.**

Sponsored by Johnson County CROP Walk

**All Welcome!**

TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY AVAILABLE

**First United Methodist Church Family Life Center**

**141 East Gay, Warrensburg MO**

(Corner of College & Gay Streets)

Reservation to Erica Collins (660)223-3260 or

[Johnsoncountycropwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:Johnsoncountycropwalk@hotmail.com)

**Menu:**

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Stuffing,  
Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Sweet Potato Casserole, Fruit Salad,  
Desserts, and Beverages

**Wednesday, December 11**



**FUMC Warrensburg 141 East Gay Street**

**Dinner 5-6:30**

Ham & Turkey with classic sides:  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans,  
Stuffing, Rolls, Beverage & Dessert

**Auction 6:30**

**\$10**



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### CARE CENTER/HOMEBOUND OUTREACH

Help us keep in touch with our Care Center and Homebound members through visits, cards or calls. Vicki Ollison is leading this effort and welcomes all interested volunteers. Contact her at (660)-362-0044 or email [eagle11@charter.net](mailto:eagle11@charter.net).

### NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN...

Volunteer to help with our weekly/monthly publications! Not an every week thing, but an "on call"/"as needed" situation. This mostly involves putting inserts into bulletins and mailings, but also could include document creation/editing, proof-reading, and other associated tasks based upon your willingness and skills!

### AFTERNOON RECEPTIONIST OFFICE ASSISTANT

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5pm each week and we'd very much like to have some volunteers to come in once or twice a month to welcome people, give building tours, answer phones, and some other light tasks such as addressing/writing greeting cards.

### MINISTRY IN MOTION - SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH BUS

**Need a ride to church? Call the office by Noon on Friday to arrange a bus stop at your home. The FUMC bus is handicap accessible.**

### MEETINGS OF NOTE ...

All meetings are Tuesday evenings unless noted...

Finance Committee – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm  
Church Council – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm  
Trustees – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

