



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.

A Permission Giving Church



I believe that God has placed a vision for the future of this church on each of our hearts. I have heard so much passion to reach new people for Jesus Christ in my listening sessions. So many people in the congregation are feeling the call to lead other people to faith in Christ.

To become a more permission giving church, the administrative council approved at its last meeting a method for approving new ministry events in the church.

Our default is to say, "yes" provided that a new event meets the following criteria:

1. Is this event missionally aligned? Does it help make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?
2. Is funding lined up so that funds won't be taken away from existing ministries we have decided are a priority this year?
3. Have you recruited leaders for this event?
4. Have you prayed about it?

If all these questions can be answered with a "yes" then the administrative council will send out an email vote to the members of the ad council for a yes or no vote. Any council member can request to pause the vote for discussion at the next administrative council meeting.

This method of approving new events originating from the members of the church will help us be a permission giving church. When the Holy Spirit is alive and working through our church, we can move mountains. Each of us is called into ministry in the tradition of the priesthood of believers. I'm excited to see where God leads First United Methodist Church Warrensburg.

Rev. Peter Norton

LISTENING SESSIONS WITH PASTOR PETER

Thanks for being an important part of these events! Your input and feedback is appreciated and wanted. If you have not been contacted by September 1st, please call June Mellinger at 660-747-7396 or the church office!

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.

Matthew 24: 29-30

"The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."

There have been many signs for Jesus coming but the time is not right yet. Always be prepared as we want to always be ready.

Marlene Millstead

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By Rev. Susan Smith

Dear Loving Father,

A new school year begins, and students step into the open doors filled with eagerness and fear. Some come hungry, cold, homeless; some filled with emotional pain; and some struggling because they learn differently.

We ask that each student's needs are met so that learning opens doors for them. We ask all staff value each student unconditionally, opening hearts so each one's future looks bright. We ask that students discover how open minds in class open doors for their futures. May students find your grace and mercy in the unconditional love of teachers, coaches, and staff. -- Amen

JOB OPENINGS AT WARRENSBURG FIRST UMC

CUSTODIAN - We are looking to fill the vacancy in our custodian and building manager position for August 1st. This is a part time position of 20-25 hours per week. Starting pay rate is \$10.00 per hour. Please share this information with family and friends! A copy of the job description may be picked up in the office or is available on the church website.

PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR – We are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to lead up this important ministry position. For further information, please contact Pastor Peter!



ADOPT A STUDENT!

Please prayerfully consider the amazing opportunity for your family to host a student attending UCM and being miles from their homeland.

Recently, Pastor Norton introduced students representing The Rock to our congregation. Pastor Norton and Katharine hosted a small group dinner on Sunday and asked the students to share what they missed most while living in the dorm literally continents away from home.

Students shared they missed the noise and comradery of a family. We know there is no love like a family! Hosting a Rock student literally means inviting a student to share worship time on Sunday with your family at FUMC and fun events like dinners, movies or visiting places in surrounding area. It may also mean planning to invite this student to share a holiday tradition with your family as they are miles away from their family during the holiday season.

The possibilities are endless. We pray your family will prayerfully consider sharing your time with a UCM Rock Student this school year. You can be their church family while they are living with us in Warrensburg! We are praying for nine families to be Host Families to these brave and wonderful students. Please contact Ginger Cochran, 660-909-5221 if your family would like to share in this exciting ministry experience.

CUB SCOUT PACK #399

Do you have, or know, youth in grades K to 5 that are looking for opportunities to immerse themselves in topics from music to sports to community service to history all while in a safe and fun-filled family atmosphere? If so, then Cub Scouts is the program for that youth.

Pack 399's mission is to offer a values-based youth development program that focuses on personal development through fun, adventure, achievement and hands-on learning via structured activities built upon the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Whether its racing a Pinewood Derby car down the track, camping out, shooting off a rocket, earning awards, or giving back to the community, Pack 399 strives to give our scouts and their families opportunities to do things that they might not otherwise have the chance to do.

This year marks 27 years of partnership between Pack 399 and the Men's Club of First United Methodist Church in providing a program centered in the home and neighborhood that unlocks the potential within each youth. Currently the Pack is home to 46 youth and their families meeting on Mondays.

This scouting year looks to be one of the most exciting as we will be challenging our families and youth to increase their service to home, church and community, as well as encouraging the exploration of knowledge by our scouts and scout leaders.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to check out one of our meetings or events, we strongly encourage you to stop by.

In the coming months look for some exciting announcements as the Pack rolls out and implements its goals for the 2019-2020 scouting year.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are excited to have some ringers already signing up for Bell Choir! Our first Atrium Ring is being planned for the Christmas season! We will begin rehearsals once we reach 10 ringers. No experience necessary but an ability to read music will be helpful. We will teach you, though! For more information, please contact Jim Duncan in the church office or email him at publisher@umcberg.org!

Anyone interested in singing with Chancel Choir, please contact Sherry Printz. 660-238-0246. Prerequisites: love to sing, ability to match pitch, able to rehearse on Wednesdays (6:30 pm-7:30 pm) and sing on Sunday morning (10:45 am service). Chancel Choir is particularly looking for tenors (male or female!).

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!

Please help us get the word out in the community about our pre-school program! You can help by posting on Facebook, sharing our postings on your personal page, and so forth.



It is very exciting to be welcoming some new students to The Rock this month with the fall semester starting. I really hope that you will pray for our students and consider inviting them to events, family gatherings, and so forth. These students who come from half a world away need the support of local friends with things as simple as a ride to WalMart, inviting them out for a meal, bringing them to church, or just being a friend they can talk to who will listen and offer suggestions. Thank you for remembering our international students always!

College-Age Ministry
Denish Omandi, Coordinator
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KINGDOM KIDS

Ashley Moses, Director kingdomkids@umcburg.org

I'm Ashley Moses and I have just recently been appointed to the position of working with your kiddos on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays for Kingdom Kids. We are extremely excited to start practicing our fall songs in the upcoming weeks. In Sunday School and Children's Church we are currently learning about Abraham! I would like to ask for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesdays. As the school year approaches so does the excitement of Kingdom Kids! At Kingdom Kids we provide an after-school snack. I would be so grateful for any type of kid friendly snack/drink donation.

I am incredibly excited for the upcoming year! We have tons of exciting things planned. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Fill the Big Box! Hunger Takes No Vacation!

It's time to once again fill the Big Box in the Atrium! Our donations to the Food Pantry are really needed now! The shelves are not full! Food, personal items, baby items, and diapers are all needed. If you choose not to shop, checks are also appreciated! Make your check payable to FUMC and designate Food Pantry at the bottom of the check. Your check allows the Food Pantry to purchase food at a reduced rate.

During the month of August we are serving as guides to assist the clients through the Food Pantry. We are so happy that we were able to fill all of our work slots well before we started!!! Thanks to everyone that is donating their time to this important ministry. Our food and time donations show that we live so that others may know Jesus.



YOUTH MINISTRY REBOOT

In my listening sessions I continue to hear from parents a strong passion for their middle school and high school students to have age specific opportunities to develop their faith in Jesus Christ.

We currently don't have any age specific religious education opportunities for this age group so on Sunday, September 15th we will be hosting Youth Ministry Reboot after church from 12 pm to 1:30 pm.

Parents, students, and interested adult volunteers are invited to join us to...

- Hear each other's passion for youth ministry
- Hear the vision God has given each of us for youth ministry in the next year
- Have some pizza!
- Play some games to get to know each other

The vision that is coming together for youth ministry this next year includes...

- Getting middle and high school students together twice a month for engaging experiences in faith formation like mission opportunities, fun activities, and Bible Study
- Confirmation class for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
- Mission trip summer of 2020

Healthy, sustainable youth ministry programs grow when emotionally healthy, faithful adult volunteers invest in the lives of students. We are looking for adult leaders to step up to lead in a variety of areas of ministry, not just leading Bible discussions.

- Drive the bus
- Bring snacks
- Create marketing materials for events
- Spend time with youth and their families outside of church
- Plan and organize ministry
- Follow up with guests
- Lead Bible studies (this is important too)

All adult volunteers must complete Safe Sanctuaries, a program to keep students and adult leaders safe, before volunteering with youth. Contact Pastor Peter if God is calling you to serve at peter@umcburg.org



FACEBOOK VIDEOS

During the months of August and September we would like to feature short (2-3 minutes) videos on Facebook where members and staff can talk about why they love First United Methodist!

It's not only an opportunity for you to be involved in actively promoting our church in the greater community but one where you can talk about your faith and reach out to others in the process.

The video is more or less an impromptu "spontaneous" kind of video with the host introducing you and perhaps asking some questions to help you get going.

Want to try it? Don't be shy!!! Call Jim at the church office!!