



**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.**

**Jude 14-15 NIV Bible**

"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These men are grumblers and faultfinders, they follow their own evil desires: they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage."

Jude is talking of the time Jesus is returning to the earth and wanting to let people know it is time to repent. Jesus spoke many times that he is returning to earth to take the believers back to heaven with him before he returns to earth for good. He will only take the ones that have faith in Him and have asked for forgiveness for their ungodly ways. Now is the time to ask Him because we do not know when that time will be. I myself want to be in the group that measures in the thousands, to come back with Him and live with Jesus forever.

**- Marlene Millstead**

**EASTER LILIES**

Thank you to everyone that ordered lilies for the Sanctuary!

**GIVEN BY**

Peggy Province  
 Shirley Hurst  
 Chuck & Jackie Chase  
 Janet Ernst  
 Thomas & June Mellinger  
 Harold Woodrel  
 Mary Stevens & Family  
 Jana Miller & Family  
 Bob Boyd & Family  
 The Calcarone Family  
 Jim & Marlene Millstead  
 Joe Ewing  
 The Stefan Family  
 Wilma Bushmeyer  
 Vickie Ollison  
 Jon Logan

**IN MEMORY OF...**

Jewell Province  
 George Hurst  
 Janet Ernest  
 Her family  
 Our Families and  
 Nita & Ed Woodrel  
 Nellie Martin  
 Greg Stevens and Robert Stevens  
 Glen & Garrad Miller and all former  
 UMW members  
 Marilyn Boyd and  
 Edward & Lucille Boyd  
 Daniel Blessing.  
 Paul R. Larson and Linda Millstead  
 Ruth Ewing.  
 Our family in heaven.  
 Bill Bushmeyer.  
 Loved ones  
 Betty Logan and Juanita Jarvis

**IN HONOR OF...**

Don & Bobbie Riffle  
 Russ Coleman  
 Peggy Province  
 Shirley Hurst  
 Jon Logan  
 The Lowe Family and The Choirs  
 Alice Coleman  
 Rev. Jackson & Sonny Short  
 Emiley, Terry, Leslie,  
 Nancy, and Chris  
 Chancel Choir

## EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is April 21<sup>st</sup>! 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. The 10:45 service will include special music as well as the Easter hymns and readings! We hope that you will invite your friends and families to join us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

## QUILTERS WANTED!

The Wednesday morning quilters have started working on a king-size quilt which will be a long-term project. They would like to invite anyone interested in helping to join them Wednesday mornings at 8:00!

## SPRING YARD SALE TIME!

The annual FUMC yard sale will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. We will be collecting donated items on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the men, women and children who turn to us every day, thank you for your gift to The Salvation Army. Thank you for enabling us to provide food, clothing – and hope – to those in need right here in our community. May God bless you as you have blessed others! – *Phil Aho, Major.*

Thank you so much for donating 60 home made cookies to the shelter. All of our residents enjoyed them. It's amazing how homemade treats can boost morale and improve everyone's spirits. Your thoughtfulness does not go unnoticed! – *Survival Adult Abuse Center.*

I would like to say thank you to everybody that helped me get in the apartment. The apartment is the right size for me. I love the church because everybody is so good to me. Thank You. – *Janelle Shepherd*

## SECUNDA'S ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

Secunda club's annual salad luncheon is at Northside Christian on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm. Proceeds benefit Warrensburg Senior Center, Johnson County Cancer Foundation, Teacher's Warehouse, and LIME Tree Recovery House. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or at Bi-Lo, the Chamber of Commerce, F&C Bank, or the Senior Center.

## HANDBELL CHOIR IS BACK!

Earlier this spring the PPRC secured Jim Duncan as our new Handbell Choir Director. Practices will soon begin in preparation for the upcoming performances that are planned for this next year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jim in the church office or email him at [publisher@umcburg.org](mailto:publisher@umcburg.org)! We plan to start this coming fall.

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

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULING

Kindly complete the Ministry Planning Sheet and Facilities Use Form available for download on the church website or at the church office. This is essential to ensure that your event doesn't conflict with others, the building is staffed, and your event is properly set up.

## 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!



The last page of this month's newsletter has a flyer that you can print and give to your family and friends to help get the word out in the community about our pre-school program! We hope that you will help us spread the word about W.C.A.!!!

**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](mailto:TheRock@umcburg.org)**

One of his disciples said to him (Jesus), "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

**Kingdom Kids on Sunday.** Prayer is talking with God. There are many ways to talk with God and many different kinds of prayers. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and gave them an example that we still use today. We call this example the Lord's Prayer!

**Kingdom Kids on Wednesday.** On Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, students from The Music Studio of Warrensburg will be here to present "**Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!**" for the kids at 3 pm! Based on the beloved childrens' books by Mo Willems, Elephant and Piggie will be a delightful experience for everyone! The show is directed by Jim Duncan and features students from Warrensburg, Knob Noster, and Concordia in the cast of six.



**Kingdom Kids | Brenda Lowe, Director | [kingdomkids@umcburg.org](mailto:kingdomkids@umcburg.org)**

## In Our Prayers

**In Our Prayers:** Shut-ins, care givers. John Kitterman (recovering from surgery)

**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.*

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

Every year, beginning on Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus journey to the cross in Jerusalem during that first Holy Week.

The first Palm Sunday was a time of excitement and expectation. It was a time of joy and hope. But it was also an event that ushered in the most difficult week of Jesus' ministry.

Four days later, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus found himself alone in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying for strength. Three days after that, he was walking this earth in a risen state of glorious existence!

Here's the point: Holy week is a time to remember that no crisis, no challenge, no difficulty, is ever able to outlast "The Best of God" that He has in mind for us.

Come join us this Easter as we celebrate that Hope and the Resurrection of Our Lord!

See you in worship,  
Louie

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

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# Holy Week

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

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| <i>Sunrise Easter Worship, 7am</i>                        | <i>Sunrise Easter Breakfast 7:30</i> |
| <i>Easter Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30 &amp; 10:45 am</i> |                                      |



**NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2019!**  
**WARRENSBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Christ-centered, State Certified.

*Doing what's best for kids.*

Affordable tuition - Accepting State

Assistance payments

State Certified teachers -

Individual Classes for 3, 4, & 5 year old's

Computer Lab and Library –

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Nationally Accredited -- State-Approved Curriculum

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Age-based readiness evaluations

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*God loves you and so do we!*