



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.*

Scout Sunday



Reaching the next generation for Jesus is central to our church's mission to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

On Scout Sunday we saw how our congregation is raising the next generation in faith by our chartering Cub Scout Pack 399 and Boy Scout Troop 400. Scouts led the Call to Worship, read the scripture, ushered, conducted a flag ceremony, and offered testimonies about their faith. Thirteen Scouts received the P.R.A.Y. religious emblem.

The P.R.A.Y. program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. During a final evaluation the scouts told me about how they had grown in the relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and discussing faith in Jesus with their small groups. The youngest group acted out the parable of the sower where seeds are planted on rocks, among thorns, and in healthy soil.

To pass down the faith that was given to us we need to create healthy environments for kids to learn about Jesus. Like Jesus parable of the sower, children who pray, read scriptures, have people that love and care about them, participate in service projects, worship Jesus in a church home every week are growing up in healthy soil. They will receive the word of God which will grow into faith that lasts a lifetime.

I'd like to invite everyone reading this to invest in the next generation. Volunteer a few hours each week creating healthy environments, healthy soil, for the children and families of our church and community to grow up in. Pray about where God is calling you to serve. Maybe it's our scouting ministry, our children's ministry program, or to volunteer at our public schools. Find a way to help create healthy soil for the next generation to grow in.

- Pastor Peter



Caring for Our Church and Community

Like the early church in Acts chapter 6, on Feb 2, we commissioned six members of our church to be a part of our congregational care team. They will visit from house to house, in hospitals and nursing homes to provide care and Jesus's hope to the people of our church and community.

Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task. Acts 6:3

The members of our congregational care team include:

- Wanda Dahman
- Don Riffle
- Susan Smith
- Vicki Ollison
- Meryl Lin McKean
- Carol Hassler

Jesus calls each of us into ministry. A few weeks ago, I drove into Kansas City to visit Judy Murray in the hospital. We had a wonderful visit together with her husband Jerry. We prayed, read scripture, and visited together. One exciting surprise was that I wasn't the first person who had visited her. Several members of the church had already come to see her in the hospital. Others had sent cards and made phone calls. Isn't this wonderful! Our family of faith is cared for when each member of the church is seen as part of Christ's royal priesthood, with gifts and a mission given to them by God. Our church is healthy and grows when we see each member of the church having gifts for ministry and a mission.

- Pastor Peter

Marlene Milstead Farewell Luncheon

We are having a celebration potluck lunch for longtime staff member Marlene Milstead to honor her ministry on April 5, 2020 after the 10:45 am service in the Family Life Center (around noon). She has requested that the theme be BBQ. Bring a main dish or side to share. We will all have the opportunity to express our appreciation for her ministry that Sunday with cards, speeches, and prayers. She is looking forward to more time with her husband Jim.

Meet Our New Custodian!

We are pleased to bring a familiar face back onto our building management team with the hiring of Chuck Linville as our custodian and building/ground manager. Chuck began working immediately after he accepted the position and will be working a modified schedule until he is finished driving for OATS in Warrensburg in two weeks! We had many fine candidates apply for the position, taking four to the PPRC for a final interview and hiring!



Cultivating Relationships Through Our Student Ministry



One of the joys of the new life in Christ is healthy relationships with Christian friends through the community of faith.

During the listening session with the students from our Rock student ministry program we heard from our students a desire to develop relationships with other members of our church. Ginger Cochran organized an adopt a student program where students could connect with other families in the church to enjoy meals together, pray and worship together, and do fun things like go to museums together to develop relationships.

Small Groups Update

The groups are just getting started, so you can still join one that is already formed. Even if you still have not signed up for a small group, you are encouraged to do so. Small groups meet weekly exploring various studies or interests. The fellowship through the group helps us to grow in faith and to help each other along our Christian journey.

The Walk is meeting at 4:30 pm on Wednesday in Room 141. This is a book and video study written by Adam Hamilton of the Church of Resurrection. It focuses on five practices to strengthen one's faith.

A second small group meets at 6:45 pm on Wednesday in Room 211 and is studying *Philippians*. This study also includes a video element and is written by Bishop Dr. John W. Howe.

Attending Sunday school can also be a small group; but you are still welcome to join another group. If you have a group who would like to start meeting in addition to these, feel free to do so.

Please send an email to Pastor Susan (susan@umcburg.org) if you have questions or if you are ready to start a new group. The planning team is available to help locate resources or help you any way we can.

Nominating New Leaders for Jesus

Each member of the body of Christ is given gifts and a mission. Some are called to feed the hungry, to preach, to visit people in the hospital. There are many differing ways that Christians can serve. In the United Methodist Church, some mature Christians are called to the ministry of strategically leading the church through service in the areas of finance, trustees, pastor parish relations, and nominating new leaders.

Each year new leaders are nominated to these areas of leadership to serve a three-year term on the finance, trustees, pastor parish relations, and nominating committees. Our administrative council agreed that these leaders are called to hold each other accountable to strive to live up to the following high standards.

- I will strive to keep the disciplines of Christian life, understanding that no one leads in faith who is not growing in faith. To that end, I will:
 - pray regularly
 - study scripture regularly
 - worship every Sunday I am healthy and in town
 - give a tithe
 - belong to at least one small group where I am nurtured and can grow
 - serve in at least one ministry outside my specific area of responsibility
 - and seek opportunities to witness my faith

- I will strive to lead and teach in a manner consistent with *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, especially with regard to the organization and administration of the United Methodist Church, with the mission of The United Methodist Church, and my own individual leadership description.
- I will seek to lead the church outward its mission: *“to live so that all may know Jesus.”* by *“Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*
- I will strive to place the church’s needs for ministry above my own desires and preferences.
- I will, at every opportunity, seek ways to develop others who will develop others as leaders in the church.
- I will have high expectations of myself and others and will work toward excellence in every area of ministry.
- I will strive to be both self-directed and accountable to others for my ministry.
- I will seek opportunities to collaborate with others whenever possible.
- I will strive to be flexible because ministry can be unpredictable.
- I will always seek to learn new ways of effectiveness in ministry.
- I will seek to resolve differences in a Christ-like manner, will keep appropriate boundaries in communication, and understand that passive aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.
- I will strive to take initiative and responsibility and, as a leader, work to build community within the church and among the leadership board.
- I will seek to communicate with others clearly and regularly.
- I will keep confidences and work towards unity—remembering always we are bound to one another through loyalty, respect, and mutual support.
- I will keep all leadership conversations with the utmost confidentiality when appropriate and understand that any failure to keep confidentiality will be taken as a serious breach of trust.
- I will recognize that failure is okay – failing to try is not.
- I will strive to have fun, remembering that joy is contagious and a clear sign of the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

Your nominations are welcome and much appreciated.

During the month of March, the nominating committee will be accepting nominations for committee leaders. In the months of April and May, the nominating committee will review all nominations and discern the most appropriate leaders to serve our congregation as we strive to live into Jesus mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Nomination forms are available on the church website and in the office. Nominations can be turned in to the church office in person or via email at publisher@umcburg.org.

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP – NEW PHOTOS TO SHARE!



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 bus is handicap accessible.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Heather M. Harrison	Birth	1-Mar
Paul and Sue Engelmann	Wedding	2-Mar
Trudy Sites	Birth	2-Mar
Don Snyder	Birth	2-Mar
Alysse V. Weigand	Birth	5-Mar
Janet L. Ernest	Birth	6-Mar
David E. and Glenda M. Goetz	Wedding	6-Mar
Karen D. Martin	Birth	6-Mar
Madison K. Baker	Birth	7-Mar
Katrina L. Burton	Birth	7-Mar
Kelli S. Gilpin	Birth	8-Mar
Jeff Imboden	Birth	8-Mar
Dorothy D. Jones	Birth	8-Mar
George and Donna L. Sample	Wedding	8-Mar
Rylee N. Miller	Birth	10-Mar
Richard Smith	Birth	10-Mar
Riley Yung	Birth	10-Mar
John E. Culp	Birth	14-Mar
Doris L. Grigsby	Birth	16-Mar
Valerie A. Anderson	Birth	17-Mar
Jim and Linda Baker	Wedding	17-Mar
Dan Blackburn	Birth	17-Mar
Jim and Marsha Gai	Wedding	17-Mar
Ken O'Neal	Birth	17-Mar
Bob Boyd	Birth	18-Mar
Bernie Clark	Birth	18-Mar
Leslie A. Koepke	Birth	19-Mar
Natalie M. Baker	Birth	20-Mar
Nick Nimmo	Birth	20-Mar
Hugh and Janet Smith	Wedding	20-Mar
Wilma C. Baile	Birth	21-Mar
John Bulluck	Birth	21-Mar
Dayln Culp	Birth	22-Mar
Darik and Iva M. Metge	Wedding	22-Mar
Jim Duncan	Birth	23-Mar
Dee Anne Sample	Birth	23-Mar
Daniel Benedict	Birth	24-Mar
Glenda M. Goetz	Birth	24-Mar
Gregg Paul E.	Birth	24-Mar
Caite Humphrey	Birth	24-Mar
Katelyn R. Chaney	Birth	27-Mar
Gracyn J. Imboden	Birth	27-Mar
Tim Burton	Birth	29-Mar
Chance W. Riddle	Birth	31-Mar
Rowan S. Schmidli	Birth	31-Mar

EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

2:30pm Worship at Country Club Care

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4

6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 1942 – Wesley Hall

MONDAY, MAR. 16

6:00pm United Methodist Men – Aldersgate

TUESDAY, MAR. 17

1:30pm UMW - Aldersgate

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18

1:00pm P.E.O. Chapter KD – Aldersgate

6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 1942 – Wesley Hall

THURSDAY, MAR. 25

6:00pm Admin. Council



January Kids Can Do, raised \$182.61 for the Johnson County Food Pantry.



OUTREACH TEAM

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.

MINISTRY IN MOTION DRIVERS

We are in need of additional drivers for this important ministry! Please contact Chuck Linville to help out!