

Dear College UMC family,

I learned Thursday evening that our oldest member, the dearly beloved **Ken Bruning**, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, at the age of 102. I feel enormously blessed to have been able to physically be present and pray with Ken in recent weeks (after not being able to enter his care facility during COVID restrictions), and I last saw Ken shortly before Kari and I left on vacation. Not surprisingly, with each visit including my last, Ken was ever his gracious, grateful self - full of joy and the promises of his incredible lifetime of faith. I know many grieve his passing, and I invite us to hold his family and other loved ones, including his many friends over the decades in his church and community, in prayer.

Talk about a life worthy of celebrating! Ken's obituary notes that a visitation will be held Tuesday, July 20, from 11:00am - 2:00pm at Pitman Funeral Home in Warrenton. The funeral will be held at 2:00 that day, with interment following the service at Wright City Cemetery.

While Kari and I travel the remainder of this week, we join you in praying for all those who celebrate and remember this extraordinary soul.

You can read Ken's obituary by clicking here:

<https://www.pitmanfuneralhome.com/obituary/KennethKen-Bruning>

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

Other Events and News

Free Family Fun: We'd love to have your help. Most of the games only require a person that will keep score and pass out tickets to the winner. You could easily sit to do this, if you wanted. Our ministry teams are working together to create this fun family outdoor event on Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. as we kick off the fall. We will have inflatables, games, crafts, and food. We will have the Free Clothing Closet at this same time. There are plenty of places available for you to help with this fun event! If you are interested in helping please sign up on the connect card attached to the Sunday bulletin, left the office know, or you can sign up online at www.collegemethodist.org. The sign up to help with Free Family Fun is on the home page and events page. To sign up to help with the Clothing Closet is on the missions page. Invitation postcards are available in the magazine rack on the first floor.

Clothing Donations: We have begun accepting clothing donations for the Clothing Closet. Clothing can be dropped off in the gathering area during office hours, Wednesday afternoon until 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday mornings. Please DO NOT leave any clothing outside. We especially need children and youth size clothing.

Upper Room: The July/August Upper Room is available in the magazine rack on the first floor.

Diapers: One of our church members needs diapers for a boy, size newborn and up. A collection box will be on the mission table at the back of the sanctuary.

Summer Youth Group Schedule: We're mixing things up & having some fun. We generally take off during the month of July, but we've missed so much time together over the last year that we decided to do something different. July 21 & July 28 – The Case for Christ Movie Discussion

Prophets In The Bible: Begins Wednesday, August 4 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Keith Lane

Loads of Love: This is an on-going outreach which includes other churches. The quarter tube is located on the mission table in the sanctuary on Sundays and in the church office during office hours.

New Office Hours

New Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. Dawn Martin, Children & Youth Ministries Director, is in the building on Wednesdays from early afternoon – 7:30 p.m.

Coming Up

A full calendar of events can be found on the church web site at: <https://www.collegemethodist.org/events/#CALENDAR>

Sunday, July 18

Worship at 10 a.m. Sermon: "Welcome to the Family", Guest, Rev. Beth Duckworth
Men's Small Group at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Women's Small Group at 8:45 a.m. in the Gathering Area
Children's Small Group (Grades K – 5) at 10 a.m. in Room 104. Series: Heaven

Monday, July 19

Al-Anon at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20

Retired Teachers 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 21

Mary Martha Circle at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Youth Group (Grades 6 – 12) at 6 p.m. Movie Discussion: The Case For Christ
Narcotics Anonymous at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Money Matters at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Thursday, July 22

Kids Club at 4 p.m. via Zoom
Administrative Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Worship

Sundays at 10 a.m. in-person at church and on Facebook Live. The recorded service can be viewed on the website at <https://www.collegemethodist.org/>, which is generally available by early Sunday afternoon.

Tithes & Offerings

You can bring them with you to worship, mail them to the church at 701 E Main St., Warrenton MO 63383, or give online at https://tithely.com/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/3111252. There is a link to the online giving on the church web site.

Orange Bags: Have you picked up an orange Agape bag for July. Bags are located on the mission table in the sanctuary and on the welcome desk as you come in the door. Fill your bag with food and return it back to church. The mission team will take care of getting the food to Agape.

Moser receipts: If you shop at Moser's, bring your receipt and place it in the container in the sanctuary. We turn the receipts in to Agape who in turn receives funds from Moser's based on the amount of the receipt.

Hygiene Items: We are collecting travel or hotel size shampoo and soap to be given to the homeless in the community.