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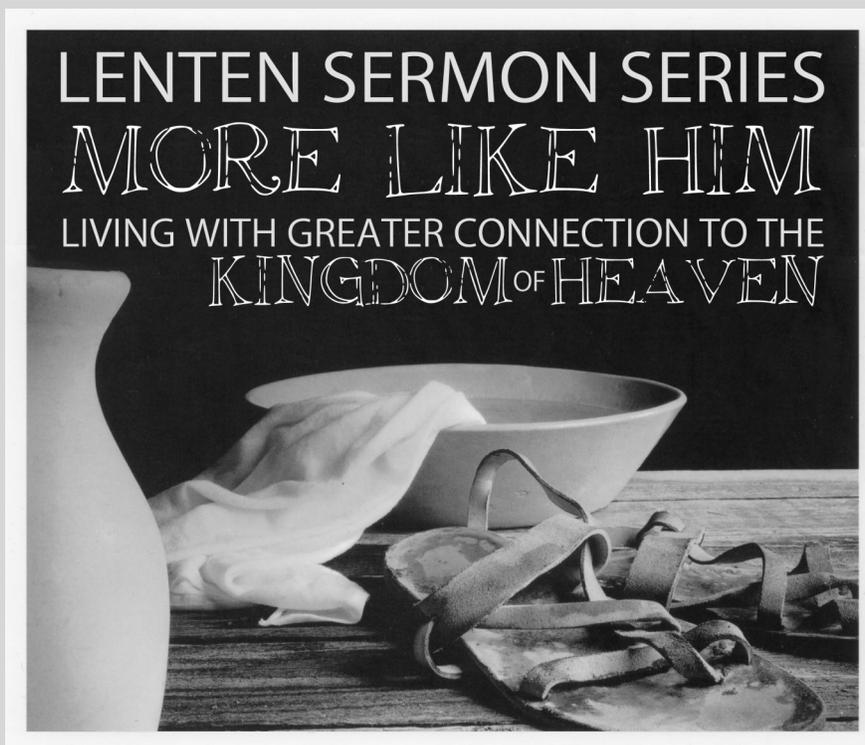
CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

March 5, 2017 • First Sunday of Lent

Lent • Purple



**The mission of our church is to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

Call to Worship

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Congregational Chorus: "Seek Ye First"

Hymnal #405

The Greeting

Sharing of Parish Opportunities and Attendance Ritual

Please fill out the prayer request cards, if needed, located in the pew Bibles, and hand them to the ushers after the Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting.

Prelude: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?" by Isaac Watts, arr. by Dwight Gustafson

Light of Christ Enters

Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.

****Hymn of Praise:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" (vs 1,3,4)

Hymnal #189

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

****Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting**

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "A Lenten Meditation" by Ingrid Norquest Gardner

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Just as I am" by Charlotte Elliott, arr. by Dwight Gustafson

****Doxology:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Children's Moments

*As the children come down, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews.*

*The noisy mission offering in March will go to **Little Grassy Camp**.*

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Please See Projection

Bell Choir: "Chopin's Nocturne" by Frederic Chopin, arr. by Kevin McChesney

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23

Sermon: "More Than Dirt"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Communion Hymn: "Take Our Bread"

Hymnal #640

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" by Anonymous Author

****Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

Opening Singing
Greeting Each Other
Welcome and Announcements
Giving Our Offerings
Children's Time
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Songs of Worship
Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23
Sermon: "More Than Dirt"
Communion
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Brian Vincent
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Vanessa Lirely mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Briana Carnes and Wesley Graham	
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
Liturgist	Vanessa Lirely	
Welcome Hostesses	Carolyn Ozburn and Kathy Blackwell	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Tonya Walker	Emily Hargraves and Julie Wachtel
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Nena Heape		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Traditional Service: 152; Praise Service: 71; Sunday School: 89

Offering: \$6,628.59

February **Money for Missions** designated to Our Neighbor's Table: \$386.73

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Henry Porter who passed away on February 12th. Henry was the brother of Mike Porter, the brother-in-law of Janet Porter and the uncle of Bethany Jenkins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

Please join others in the MUMC congregation who will commit to **40 DAYS OF PRAYER** during Lent. Your prayers for our DeSoto site are especially coveted. Weekly worship begins at DeSoto UMC on Sunday, April 2. Will you include the congregation, ministries, outreach events and Agape House activities at DeSoto UMC in your prayers during this season of Lent?

40-DAY PRAYER CALENDARS are available at the back of the Sanctuary. In addition to the 40-day prayer calendar, two prayer services will be held at the DeSoto site: Saturday, March 11 at 12:30 pm and Saturday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m.

A NEW STUDY FOR LENT BEGINS IN THE SEEKERS CLASS TODAY. Seekers class will use the book and DVD by Adam Hamilton titled Final Words from the Cross. Hamilton looks closely at each of the last phrases uttered by Jesus as He hangs on the cross, beginning with "Father forgive them..." Come and study with us for these six weeks approaching Easter. Seekers Sunday School Class meets in Room 109. Questions? Ask Susan Patterson.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS CLASS BEGINS A NEW LENTEN STUDY TODAY ENTITLED 'THE WAY' BY ADAM HAMILTON. The study includes some video footage filmed in the Holy Lands. Class meets in Room 204, and women of all ages are invited.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts next Sunday when time will spring forward 1 hour.

***UNITED METHODIST MEN** will conduct their regular monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall Rm 104. **All men of the church are invited to attend.** Please contact Jay Graff at 618-967-9848 if you have any questions.

***YOUNG AT HEART** will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with lunch on March 14th at noon in our Fellowship Hall. Wear green. The menu is: meat loaf, peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, green salad, rolls, and cupcakes with green icing. Meals are \$6 a plate. The speaker will be Ed Hoke, Minister of Mission Expansion at Little Grassy Camp. He will talk about his role and give an update on camp ministries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont) *INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will meet on March 18th at 10:15 a.m. in the Church Library Rm 110. This month's book selection is The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden. For those wishing to read ahead, April's book selection is The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown.

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

MAR 26 All junior high age youth are invited to attend a fun outing to play laser tag at The Edge in Belleville on March 26. Participants should meet at MUMC before 2:00 p.m. and will arrive back to the church by 7:30 p.m. Pizza, drinks, and devotion time included. **RSVP BY MARCH 19** by submitting \$5, along with the attendee's name in the drop box on the youth bulletin board. Friends are welcome with a signed permission slip and registration.

SAVE THE DATES FOR MODULE 3 OF THE PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM. "What Is the Bible" will be offered in three sessions: **April 27, May 4 and May 18**, 6:30—8:00 p.m. This program grew out of the request by members of the congregation to offer something for adults similar to the confirmation experience of our youth. Watch for more details in a feature box next week, along with an opportunity to sign up for this module!

LIFEWAY'S "THE MAIN EVENT," an annual program for men, will take place July 28 & 29 in Nashville, TN. MUMC United Methodist Men encourage you to start planning now to join them in attending. Registration is \$65. The main speakers this year are NFL Hall of Fame member Kurt Warner and MLB All Star Darryl Strawberry, among others. The deadline to sign up is May 1. Watch for more information in coming weeks.

***HELP US START A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.** Would you like to attend a Sunday School class, but are not sure which one? Would you like to be part of a new startup class? Sign up to attend a dialogue session on possible topics, structure and leadership. Let's work together to get another adult Sunday School class up and going!

***INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?** Please mark the Registration and Attendance sheet if you'd like to be contacted, and include your phone number.

THANK YOU: Ken and Vern Cline wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits during Vern's recent illness. They are very thankful for their church family.

GRAPEVINE CONNECTION

Have you experienced your Grapevine message stopping and restarting? A few people have reported this happening, so we contacted *One Call Now* for an explanation. They say it is caused by background noise that might be similar to the tone an answering machine sends when it is ready to start recording. The Grapevine message starts playing when the call is answered, then restarts when the system thinks it has been connected to an answering machine or voicemail recorder. After the restart, the message should play through in its entirety. We hope this isn't happening too often, but now at least you know why it does!

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Would you like to connect with other adults?

- Saturday Morning Book Club/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- United Methodist Men/Jay Graff, 967-9848, jgraff4@yahoo.com
- Women's Ministry/Rosie Wece, 559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com
- Young at Heart/Michelle Parker-Clark, 922-3587, mpclark@siu.edu

Do you have young children?

- Children's Church/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- Nursery/Brooke Guthman, 534-1615, bguthman28@gmail.com
- Children's Youth Fellowship: 3rd-5th grades; Junior Youth Fellowship: 6th-8th grades; and Senior High Youth Fellowship: 9th-12th grades/Lacey Brown, 687-2317, mumcministries@gmail.com or Jennifer O'Donnell, 687-2317, mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com
- Acolytes: children ages 8-11 (3rd-6th grades), Mary Jane Williams, 412-0008, mjwilliams1121@gmail.com

Do you enjoy music and like to be involved in music ministry?

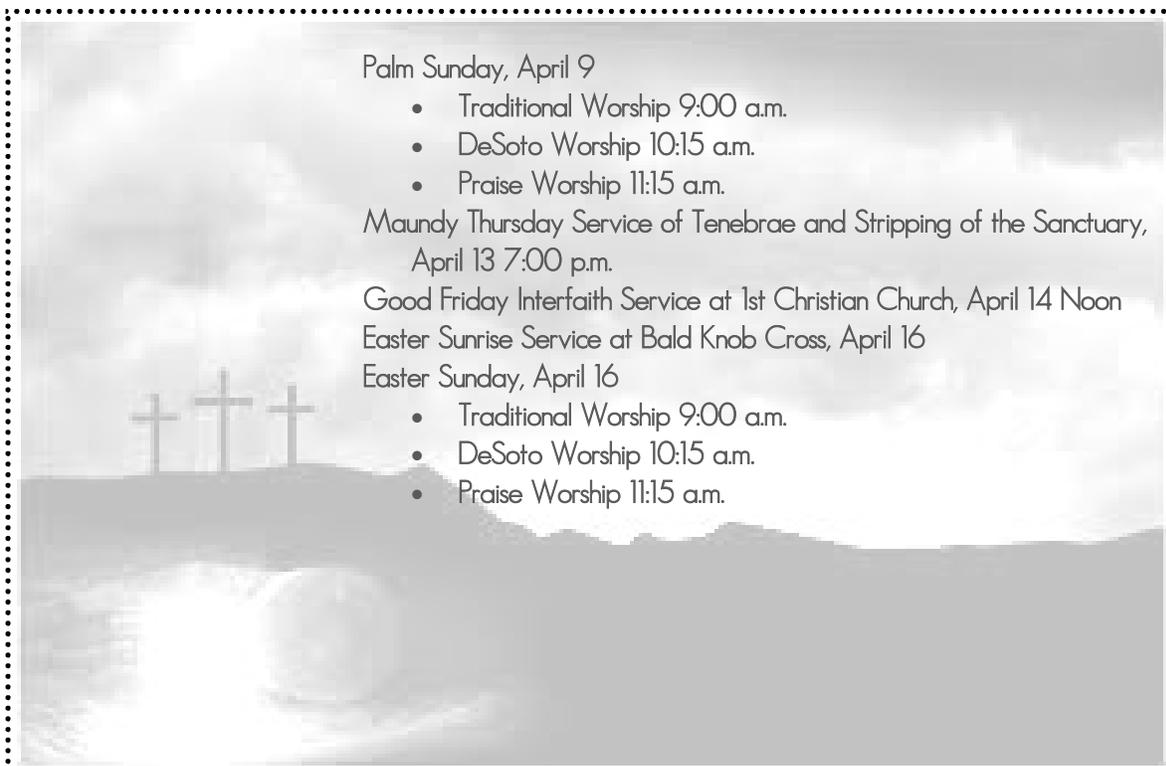
- Chancel Choir/Joseph Ryker, 618-925-4393, jrykerbsn.77@gmail.com
- Hand Bell Choir/Randy Auxier, 565-1238
- Praise Team/Angie Baughman, 201-0139, angie_baughman@hotmail.com

Do you like to help those in need?

- Our Neighbor's Table, free meal to the community, last Sunday of every month/Jennifer O'Donnell, 534-3822 or Rindy Eisenhauer, 967-1380

The above ministries are just a sampling of the scores of ministries offered at MUMC. For a complete listing of ministries and ways to connect with those ministries, please pick up a 2017 Ministry Guide from the Welcome Center, the foyer at 15th and Pine, wall racks throughout the church, or the church office.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday, April 9

- Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
- DeSoto Worship 10:15 a.m.
- Praise Worship 11:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Stripping of the Sanctuary,
April 13 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Interfaith Service at 1st Christian Church, April 14 Noon

Easter Sunrise Service at Bald Knob Cross, April 16

Easter Sunday, April 16

- Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
- DeSoto Worship 10:15 a.m.
- Praise Worship 11:15 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan
Katherine Twenhafel
Joey Robinson

Marie Quigley
Bonnie Pinkerton

Earl Renshaw
Vern Cline

Olliebelle Ridley
Bonnie Boucher

- ◆ Martin Twenhafel, for serious health issues.
- ◆ Donna Lynn Horniacek for healing and recovery after surgery.
- ◆ Mildred Ward, for health concerns.
- ◆ New address for Jane Mitchell: Brookdale Assisted Living. Apt. 108, 2121 New Holt Rd., Paducah, KY 42001.

~ If you would like to place or remove someone on the prayer list, please call the church office at 687-2317 or send an email to murphysboroumc@gmail.com

~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please contact the office if you want a name to run longer.

Prayer Emphasis for March is Little Grassy Camp.

Prayer Emphasis for Lent is DeSoto Site.

Please include these emphases in your daily prayers.

NEW HERE?

WELCOME to Murphysboro United Methodist Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME? Help us get to know you!

- Please fill out the visitor card located in the card holder in the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.
- Stop by the Welcome Center following service today. The Welcome Center is located just outside the north sanctuary doors. We have a "sweet" gift for you, and we would love to meet you!

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. If you prefer, a nursery for children (suggested ages infant through three years old) is available during both the worship and Sunday School hours. The Nursery is located in Room 201, just outside the north sanctuary doors. Children who desire, ages 3 through grade 3 (suggested), will be dismissed for Children's Church in Room 205 prior to the pastor's message. Also see our "Helping Children Experience Worship" cards in front of the pew Bibles.

LOOKING TO BECOME A MEMBER? Approximately once per quarter, Pastor Larry offers an informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the process to become a member of MUMC. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

CONTACT INFO, MEDIA & OTHER RESOURCES

CONTACT US: 618-687-2317 **ADDRESS:** 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 9:00 am—2:00 pm; F 9:00 am—noon

EMAIL: murphysboroumc@gmail.com

PASTOR GILBERT'S CELL PHONE: 618-201-2658

PASTOR & TERESA GILBERT'S MAILING ADDRESS: 2575 Edgewood Lane
Carbondale, IL 62901

WEBSITE: www.murphysboroumc.com  facebook.com/murphysboroumc

SERMON BROADCAST on  or find link at www.murphysboroumc.com

CHURCH LIBRARY: Room 110

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: 16th St. N of parking lot exit