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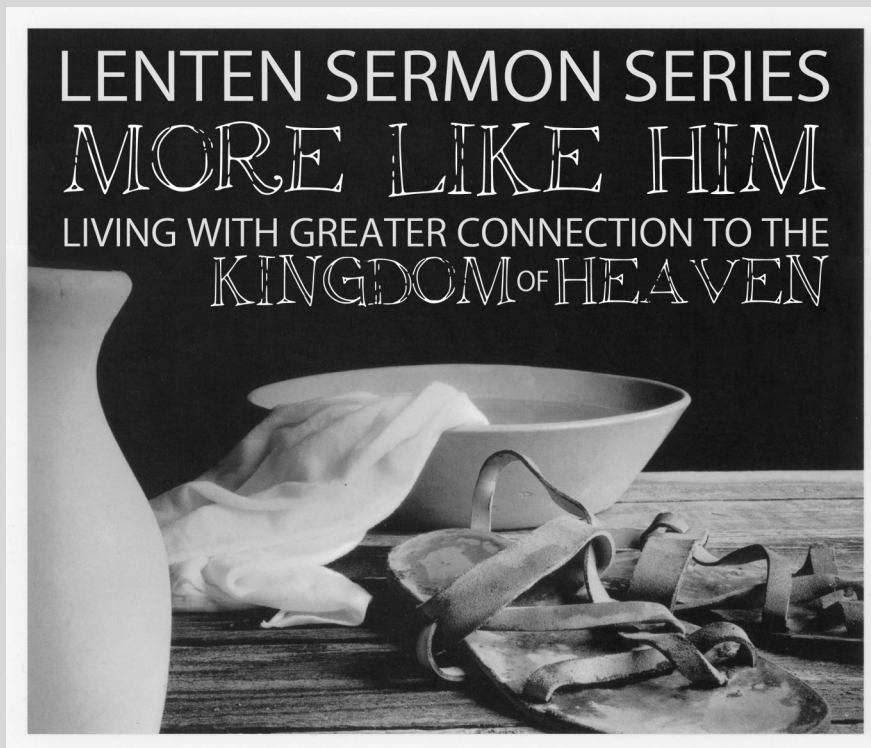
CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

April 9, 2017 • Palm Sunday

Lent • Purple



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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

Handbells: "Marching to Zion," music by Robert Lowry, arr. by Michael R. Keller, guest conductor: Joyce Ellis

Triumphant Entry: Matthew 21:6-11

Processional of Palms: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs 1&3) Hymnal #280

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: "Gloria Patri" by Joseph Barnby

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Hymnal #277

****Invocation** Please See Projection

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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "Sing Hosanna, Sing!" words and music by Joel Raney, with Pam Graham and Lacey Brown, handbells

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Cantata No. 182 - Sonata" by J. S. Bach

****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 April will go to Senior Fest.*

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Near to the Heart of God" Hymnal #472

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Good and Bad"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

****Commitment Hymn:** "We Shall Overcome" (vs 1,3,4)

Hymnal #533

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "Voluntary for Palm Sunday" by Alfred Rawlings

****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 13:24-30; 36-43
Sermon: "Good and Bad"
Closing Song
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Lacey Brown and Brian Vincent
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Jon Lough mumcministries@gmail.com	Ed O'Donnell mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Phoebe Heller and Maggie Jenkins	
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
Liturgist	Pam Graham	
Welcome Hostesses	Laurie Nehring and Barb Giffin	
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Rick Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Children's Church Volunteers	Laurie Nehring	Jennie and Ben Snyder
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Dr. Raymond E. Hatcher		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP APRIL 2, 2017

Traditional Service: 177; Praise Service: 52; and DeSoto: 33 / Sunday School: 89
Offering: \$11,235.00

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

One white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of Katherine Yearian who passed away on Friday, March 31, 2017.

The other white rose celebrates the life of Doris Lindsay, who passed away on Monday, April 3. Doris was grandmother to Scott Heller and great grandmother to Logan and Phoebe Heller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

CANDY BAR INVITATIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE EXITS FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICES. Invite your family and friends to come share in these special services.

GET YOUR EASTER LILLIES ORDERED using the order blank inserted in today's bulletin. The deadline for orders is TODAY.

***NEW MEN'S BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN** (date, time and location to be determined by participants). This study, to be led by Richard Tierney, is based on the book The Man God Uses by Henry and Tom Blackaby. The study is designed for men of all ages and will help Christian men know and understand God's will for their lives. Additional information can be obtained from Richard at 684-8847. **PLEASE NOTE THAT TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP FOR THIS MEN'S STUDY!**

Annual Easter egg hunt will be NEXT SUNDAY during Sunday School hour.

***YOUNG AT HEART** will celebrate spring at their April 11th luncheon to take place at noon in our Fellowship Hall (Rm 104). The menu is baked chicken, broccoli with cheese, sunshine salad, rolls and lemon cake. Meals are \$6 a plate. Chad Roberts, Chief of Police with the Murphysboro Police Department, will be the guest speaker.

REMINDER: APRIL 13th 7:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE when the stripping of the sanctuary will be blended into the Tenebrae service.

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will meet on April 15th at 10:15 a.m. in the Church Library Rm 110. This month'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. Those wishing to read ahead can begin reading May's selection, In His Steps by Charles M. Sheldon.

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE ON APRIL 16TH AT BALD KNOB CROSS?** You can catch a ride on the church bus which departs the church parking lot at 5:00 a.m. Please sign up on the attendance pad, or call/email the church office (687-2317/murphysboroumc@gmail.com) no later than Monday, April 10th. Pastor Larry will be driving the bus. Please let us know so we can plan on how many seats we will need. It's a beautiful way to start Easter Sunday!!

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO MAY COMPASS IS MONDAY, APRIL 17TH.

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***UNBINDING THE GOSPEL** 10 weeks book study will be facilitated by Cheryl and Roger Smith on Mondays beginning April 17th, 7:00 p.m., Rm. 202. We speak often of the trail at MUMC. Does your trail lead to the streets? We invite you to join us in this study based on the book Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese. We will look at Jesus' calling, and our opportunities to get out of the building and be the Church in the community around us. Please pray about whether this study may be your next step on the trail. [Purchase of book is not required but helpful, and the Smiths will assist with book order (Roger: 559-8389, rsmithpa@frontier.com).]

***HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JEWISH FEASTS AND FESTIVALS MENTIONED THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE?** Join us for a two-week closer look at their history and discover how they are still significant to you as a Christian today. Offered April 25 and May 2, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Rm. 202. The required reading prior to class is Celebrating Jesus in the Biblical Feasts by Dr. Richard Booker (obtained through amazon.com by individuals). Additional information available through Angie Baughman, 618-201-0139 or angie_baughman@hotmail.com.

***MODULE 3 OF THE PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM** titled "What Is the Bible" will be offered in three sessions: April 27, May 4 and May 18, 6:30—8:00 p.m. in Room 204. Sessions will be led by Pastor Larry. Each module is a stand-alone unit, so you need not have participated in Modules 1 and 2 or commit to Modules 4 and 5 to participate in Module 3. The Pilgrimage was designed for mature teens and adults. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up for Module 3 using the Registration and Attendance Sheet **noting that one column is for signup, no childcare, and a second column is for signup, including childcare.**

YOUR SUPPORT IS REQUESTED FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL MY OWN BOOKCASE PROJECT. Thirty-five bookcases will be constructed and presented, along with a starter set of books, to next year's kindergarten children from Murphysboro Head Start. Additional information is available in flyers available at the back of the church.

***IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WILL BE GRADUATING THIS YEAR,** please write the graduate's name and level of graduation (8th grade, high school, college, or grad school) in the body of our Registration and Attendance Sheet or phone the church office at 687-2317 **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 15th.**

ANNUAL GRADUATE BREAKFAST: Graduates and their parents, siblings, and grandparents are invited to a celebration breakfast Sunday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m. Please phone the church office with the number from your family who will attend.

MISSION PEORIA 2017 WILL TAKE PLACE JULY 24-29. All current 8th graders through high school seniors are invited to be a part of this important mission work. Attendees' costs are covered; however, a commitment to attend is required before registration. Registration forms can be found on the youth bulletin board. Deadline = May 7th.

(More announcements on next page)

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP COUNT THE OFFERING ONCE A MONTH.

Interested? If so, please contact Christine Nolan, Financial Secretary, 687-2317, or mumc.financialsec@gmail.com.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR LITTLE GRASSY CAMP IS MONDAY, MAY 1.

Registration and health forms are available at www.igrc.org/camping, or Christine Nolan can provide additional information, 687-2317 or mumc.financialsec@gmail.com.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE TEAM IS SEEKING FOUR VOLUNTEERS TO DONATE FRUIT SALAD FOR THE APRIL MEAL.

Please either contact Clara Kiser for the recipe at pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com, or obtain the recipe from the church office.

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, mumcchildrenyouth@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, 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.

UPCOMING EVENT



*9th Annual MUMC Women's Prayer Breakfast
"Reflections of the Heart"
Saturday, May 6th, from 9-11 a.m.
MUMC Fellowship Hall*

Ladies, you won't want to miss the 9th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast. There will be a speaker, music, great food and a time of heartwarming fellowship with other women.

*Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be on sale after church services both **today and next Sunday** in the MUMC Fellowship Hall.*

Reservations for a table of eight can be made, if requested. For girls and women, age 13 and over. Childcare provided.

Rosie Wece is the contact for this event, and she can be reached at 559-8167 if you have any questions.

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan
Mildred Ward

Marie Quigley
Katherine & Martin Twenhafel

Earl Renshaw

- ◆ Jim Massey, friend of Rob and Mary Jane Williams, for health concerns.
- ~ 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 April is Senior Fest.

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