



# From the Pastor's Desk

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It has been almost one year since we started the work at our DeSoto site. Currently we average about 40 children at our Wednesday evening program, called Agape House, and have begun weekly worship as of the first of April.

As we begin year two, a couple of changes are coming which will be a little more visible to us all. The first is a name change which reflects our new structure of being a multi-site church. This change has been mentioned several times but we have not done much to fully acknowledge this change. Come July first of this year, some of that will change in more noticeable ways.

As of July 1, my appointment will be to Cross and Flame Ministries with two sites, Murphysboro and DeSoto. The individual site names will remain the same: the Murphysboro UMC and the DeSoto UMC, so each congregation and the communities involved will not experience significant interruptions.

The other site of some notice will be the churches' website. The new name Cross and Flame ministries will define the website. There will be some common areas of ministry which involve both sites but also separate pages unique to the two locations. We hope to also roll out these changes by the first of July.

At the leadership retreat I used the illustration of SIH. A healthcare organization in multiple sites, each with its own identity but working together in a common purpose. This is what we are now - a ministry in two locations with a common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

See you in worship,  
Larry

**WEEKLY BULLETIN  
DEADLINE**

is Wednesday  
at  
10:00 a.m.



JUNE *Compass*  
Deadline  
is May 22nd  
THANKS

**NOISY MISSION OFFERING**  
**in May is**  
**going to**  
**Relay for**  
**Life**



- 1 6:30 pm Unbinding the Gospel study  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 2 9:00 am Biblical Feasts study  
11:30 am A-Team  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 3 9:00 am Worship Team  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
Choir Practice  
7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon
- 4 6:00 pm Scout Roundtable  
6:30 pm Pilgrimage study  
Stephen Ministries training
- 5 1:00 pm Decorate for Women's B'fast
- 6 9:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am Handbells  
10:00 am AA
- 8 6:30 pm Unbinding the Gospel study  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 9 12:00 pm Young at Heart  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 10 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions  
7:00 pm Bible Journaling  
AA and AI-Anon

- 11 5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies  
6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training  
6:45 pm Girl Scout Juniors
- 12 9:30 am Feeder of the Pack
- 13 7:30 am UMM Breakfast  
9:00 am Handbell Practice  
10:00 am AA
- 15 Meals on Wheels Week  
6:30 pm Unbinding the Gospel  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 16 6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 17 9:00 am Nurture and Care  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations  
AA and AI-Anon
- 18 6:30 pm Pilgrimage study  
Stephen Ministries training
- 20 10:00 am AA  
10:15 am Book Club

- 22 6:30 pm Unbinding the Gospel  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 23 6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 24 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
Choir Practice  
7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon
- 25 5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies  
6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training  
6:45 pm Girl Scout Juniors
- 27 10:00 am AA  
4:00 pm Strack/Tichacek wedding
- 28 12:00 pm Our Neighbor's Table
- 29 6:30 pm Unbinding the Gospel  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 30 9:00 am Precept study  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 31 9:00 am Holy Folders  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon




**LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

2	Durice & Rick Runge
8	Holly & Chad Fletcher
11	Leah & Jeff Patterson
18	Sid & Frank Boucher
19	Jennifer & Ed O'Donnell
	Thelma & Bill Pierson
	Nancy & John Vallino
20	Lisa & Brian Bustos
24	Hillary & Ronald Brooks
27	Kathy & Dan Bratton
	Nancy & Andy McNitt
31	Cindy and Curt Presley
	Cheryl & Roger Smith



1	Mary Ellen Tierney	9	Jeff Patterson	18	Alex Baughman
2	Terri Twenhafel		Madison Runge	21	Bethany Jenkins
	Ali Bradford		Candace Watt		Beautiful Bradford
3	Allen Bigham	12	Belinda Nation	23	Carol Weymeyer
4	Peggy Schuster	13	Landess Mills	24	Dolores McNitt
5	Jason Nimmo	14	Vanessa Lirely	26	Carolyn Sauer
7	Cheyenne Abbadusky		Hallee Ticer	27	Roger Medlen
8	Ryan Finke	15	Jordan Williams	29	Richard Pierson
		17	Kristi Miller	31	Debbie Korando

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT CHANGE**  
 If you wish to put a prayer request on the email prayer chain, please contact Mary Ellen Tierney at [684-8847](tel:684-8847) or by email [mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com](mailto:mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com). Mary Ellen is now coordinating the prayer chain. Be sure to say a huge thank you to Candy Watt for her terrific service to us all during the past few years in keeping the prayer requests in front of our congregation.

  
**Thank You!**

The mission of **Camp Restore** is to restore faith, home and community in the Name of Jesus. According to their website, a great thing happens when we love our neighbors: we're often equally blessed back! We've seen some amazing results from people putting their faith into practice.

This is why the **fourth mission trip** from our church to New Orleans is being planned. Mark your calendar now for **September 24-30. The trip cost is \$300** and can be paid in installments. Please be watching the bulletins and attendance pads for more information and sign up.

# Camp Restore

Restoring Faith, Home and Community

May 9th  
12:00 pm NOON  
Fellowship Hall



friends, fellowship, faith.

**MENU:**  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Lettuce Salad  
Rolls  
Strawberry Shortcake

**Program:** Teresa Gilbert, Executive Director of Bald Knob Cross Association, will provide updates and information on future activities at the Cross.

**Meals are \$6 a plate.**

Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you.

Thanks.

*Young at Heart is a group of senior adults that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.*

To our Dear Murphysboro Methodist Church Family:

We have officially transferred our membership to the Wilmington Island Methodist Church but we will always remember and continue to feel inspiration from the many wonderful Murphysboro Methodists.

Sending our love and many thanks to you, our dear church friends.

Sincerely,

Pete and Caroline Pederson  
1610 Walthour Road, Unit C  
Savannah, GA 31410

## 9th Annual MUMC Women's Prayer Breakfast

### "Reflections of the Heart"

Saturday, May 6th, from 9-11 a.m.

in the MUMC Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget to grab your ticket and attend this delightful morning with speaker, music, light breakfast, door prizes and heartwarming fellowship with other women.

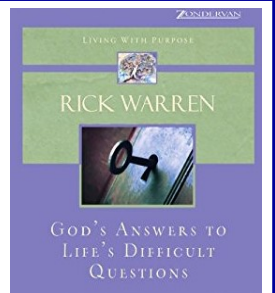
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**All Women Invited**  
to a New Study  
in Faithful Friends  
Sunday School Class  
**"God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions"**

by Rick Warren  
Begins May 7th for 6 weeks  
10:15 am Room 204

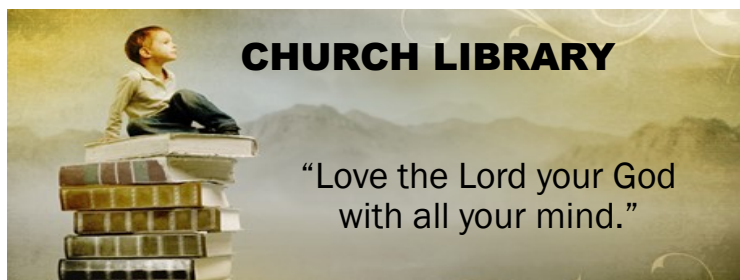
Teresa Gilbert, Leader



## VOLUNTEER

**COMPUTER VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** After years of dedicated service, Sandy Lanzi is giving up her volunteer role of doing worship attendance entry and signup entry in the church database. Sandy usually did this work following the services on Sunday, but it can be done anytime between the end of worship services on Sunday through Monday evening. With her years of experience, Sandy was usually able to complete the data entry and run the reports in two hours or less, but we expect someone starting new would need at least 3 hours to get everything done. Training will be provided by our church secretary, who is willing to be pretty flexible in arranging hours for training. This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to gain experience working with a computer database, or we can adjust the role to be just the data entry. **Please contact Deb at the church office at 618-687-2317, if you would like to join this dedicated group!**





## CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God  
with all your mind.”

### The Library Corner: May Miscellany

Featuring a short and to-the-point review by Scarlett Pierson

What are some of the things you think of when you think of the month of May? May flowers? The UMC Women's Prayer Breakfast? Mother's Day? Perhaps of all the women, moms or not, who make a difference to you and to the community? Probably you also think of Memorial Day, and those who have passed on, including those who sacrificed for their country?

Well the church library doesn't have any books about May flowers---but it does have books that relate to all the other above-named topics!

Let's start with ***Bearing Hope***, written for women who desperately want to have a baby, but for whom the dream of motherhood remains only a dream, not a reality. Here's what Scarlett Pierson has to say about this book:

***Bearing Hope*** by Liv Ryan

What a terrific book! Breath of fresh air! This is the book you give to your friend who's struggling in any way with having kids. Liv Ryan's voice is genuine and so full of love. She's practical in her advice and straight shooting.

So easy to read, so many topics she goes through. At the end of the book she gives Bible verses to hold onto that I'll use to encourage others. **Really a 5 star book!**

*(P.S. Liv Ryan is Irma Bigham's granddaughter!)*

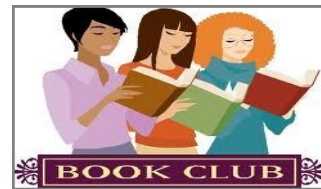
***For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards*** by Jen Hatmaker.

Hatmaker is a mother of 5, pastor's wife, and star on HGTV's "My Big Family Renovation." She emphatically says she does NOT "do it all"—she has help, and she has made tough choices about what she can or cannot do. The world gives women the message that not only can they do everything, they must also do everything well. In this frank and funny book Hatmaker says, "*We need to quit trying to be awesome and instead be wise.*" (p.7)

*(P.S. Parents, read the chapter on "Jesus Kids"; in it she discusses kids, faith and reasons youths leave church. It's happening at an alarming rate. And she suggests that the church may fail—but give them Jesus.)*

And of course the library also has devotional and other books for women.

MUMC  
Saturday  
Mornings



Join the discussion on :

**In His Steps**

by Charles M. Sheldon

Saturday, May 20th at 10:15 am

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A classic short Christian novel about the events that ensue when a preacher challenges his congregation to ask themselves, in their decisions about daily life, the simple question, "What would Jesus do?"

***In His Steps*** takes place in the railroad town of Raymond, probably located in the eastern U.S.A., and in Chicago, Illinois.

The main character is the Rev. Henry Maxwell, pastor of the First Church of Raymond, who challenges his congregation to not do anything for a whole year without first asking: "What Would Jesus Do?" Other characters include Ed Norman, senior editor of the Raymond Daily Newspaper, Rachel Winslow, a talented singer, and Virginia Page, a heiress, to name a few.

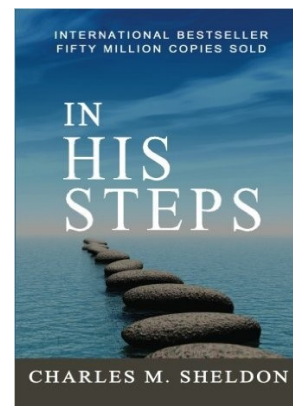
READ AHEAD:

The Book for June is

***When Crickets Cry***

By

Charles Martin



**And lest we forget:** Memorial Day comes and renews our thoughts of loved ones who have gone before us. For some, the grief is new, or the pangs of grief are still acutely felt. There are several books available in the library about dealing with grief, and they will be on display towards the end of the month.

We also think of those who have fought in wars, and it is right that we should remember them. Before Memorial Day we will have books related to World War II on display on the library table upstairs and downstairs in the library.

**YOUTH GROUPS**

Leader-organized events happen throughout the year. Some events include all groups and others are age specific.

Questions? Contact a leader for your group.

**CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)**

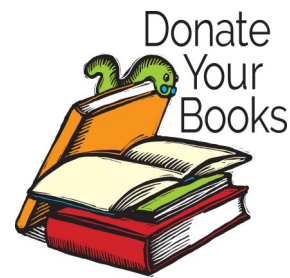
Leaders: Jennifer Watson 618-713-5269 and Irma Bigham 618-318-0435

**JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)**

Leaders: Diane Schingel 618-303-3757 and Laurie Nehring 618-303-2777

**SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)**

Leaders: Stephanie Finke 618-713-4059 and Shannon Vincent 618-525-4183



Our growing ministries at DeUMC have generated the need for some additional resources for our small library. **If you have gently used books to donate, please consider bringing them to church during the month of May** and placing them in the **"DeSoto Library"** bins located in the Welcome Center and the 15th & Pine St entrance. *Children's books for all age groups are especially welcome.* Thank you for supporting the work at DeUMC.

MUMC youth will be serving Christ through **MISSION PEORIA** once again this year. All current 8th graders through high school seniors are invited to be a part of the important mission work performed the week of **July 24-29**. Attendees' costs are covered; however, a commitment to attend is required before registration. Registration forms can be found on the youth bulletin board and should be submitted by **May 7**.



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Children's Sunday School classes need help with the following items. If you would like to donate anything, please drop it off in the box outside **Room 204** (beside the rail) by **May 21st**. Thanks!

**Craft items:** Blue plastic tablecloths, blue and green pom poms, lunch sacks, assorted tissue paper, paint stirrers, Elmer's Glue (bottled), pipe cleaners, and empty water/soda bottles.

**Snack items:** pretzel sticks, gummy worms, gold fish, vanilla pudding snack packs. **THANK YOU** in advance!!

Each Wednesday evening, 35-40 young people from preschool through high school age gather at DeUMC. They enjoy fellowship, a meal, playing, devotion/worship time, and prayer requests. We then have breakout sessions by age group.



One group might work on craft activities. The older youth recently studied the path Jesus took to the cross. Another group has been learning about sportsmanship and working on service projects for the community. Afterward, everyone gathers back in the sanctuary for a closing song and ride home instructions.

This is Agape House...a place I belong...do you? Contact Jennifer O'Donnell-618-534-3822 to help. Children Youth Ministry Coordinator-DeUMC

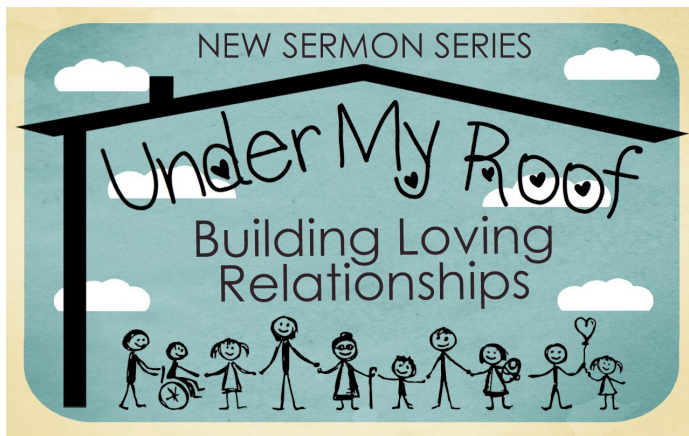
**CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017**

Tyler Doody, Hanna Wece, Ryan Finke, John Wachtel, Cadence Brown, and Alex Baughman.



MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
<b>Worship Leaders</b> mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Rick Runge	TBA
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>	
7	Rindy Eisenhauer and Mimi Rice	
14	Rindy Eisenhauer and Mimi Rice	
21	Julie Peterson and Adrienne Will	
28	Julie Peterson and Adrienne Will	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	
7	Harper Ellermeyer and Caroline Guthman	
14	Wesley Graham and Brianna Carnes	
21	Brandon Ottwell and Conner Twenhafel	
28	Phoebe Heller and Maggie Jenkins	
<b>Stewards</b>		
Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin		

MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Prayer Request Reader</b>	
7	Gene Schwebel	TBA
14	Wilma Westerfield	TBA
21	Gaye Auxier	TBA
28	Lou Anne Lough	TBA
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	
7	Tonya Walker	Jennie & Ben Snyder
14	Cheryl Smith	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
21	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Patty Thraikill
28	Diane Schingel	Michelle & Mike Clark
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Liturgists</b>	<b>Music Leaders</b>
7	Teresa Gilbert	Lacey Brown/Brian Vincent
14	Emily Hargraves	Lacey Brown/Brian Vincent
21	Richard Tierney	Lacey Brown/Brian Vincent
28	Bill Slider	Lacey Brown/Brian Vincent
<b>Ushers</b>		
Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller and Dave Auxier		Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
<b>Recycling:</b> Perry Patterson		



**Week One:**

Mother's Day, May 14th  
 "Do Life Together"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

**Week Two**

Promotion Sunday, May 21st  
 "Put Others First"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 5:21

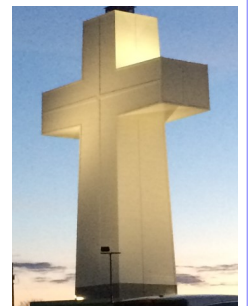
**Week Three**

May 28th  
 "Support Your Husband"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 6:22-24

**Week Four**

June 4th  
 "Love your Wife"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 5:25-33

On **Sunday, May 7th**, a special **One for the Cross** offering will be taken for **Bald Knob Cross of Peace**. We request every person to donate \$1 for the ongoing ministries at Bald Knob. Special offering envelopes will be available in both services, or you can send a designated offering to the church office.



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**OFFICE HOURS at MUMC**

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Website: [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**MUMC:**

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

**DeUMC:**

Worship Service: 10:15 am  
Agape House: 5:30 p.m. Each Wednesday

**Cross and Flame Staff**

Ministers..... The Congregations  
Pastor..... Larry A. Gilbert  
Minister of Visitation ..... Michelle Parker-Clark  
Financial Secretary..... Christine Nolan  
Technology Coord ..... Anne Johnson  
Webmaster..... Amanda Wingerter  
Custodian..... Pat Sullivan

**MUMC Site Staff**

Discipleship Coordinator ..... Teresa Gilbert  
Church Secretary ..... Deb Severa  
Ministry Support Asst ..... Lacey Brown  
Children/Youth Coord..... Sage Lintner  
Choir Director..... Joseph Ryker  
Pianist/Organist..... Jenny Kirby  
Nursery Attendant ..... Caitlyn Boyd  
Nursery Attendant ..... Megan Gale

**DeSoto Site Staff:**

Merger Coordinator..... Angie Baughman  
Site Leader ..... Jill Rogers  
Program Assistant ..... Jessica Seals  
Children/Youth Coord ..... Jennifer O'Donnell  
Ministry Support Intern..... Tina Nimmo  
Nursery Attendant..... Tara Taborn  
Caretakers ..... Mike & Casey Johnstone

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