

**WELCOME**

**CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES**

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**February 25, 2018 • Second Sunday of Lent  
Lent • Purple**

*Lenten Sermon Series*

**FINAL WORDS**

**FEB 18 - MAR 25**

Reflect on the importance of  
Jesus' final words from the cross.



**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 Video:** "There Is a Place for You"

**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:** "Alleluia No. 1" by Donald E. Fishel, arr. A. D. Miller

**Light of Christ Enters**

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "How Great Thou Art" (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal #77

**\*\*Invocation**

Please See Projection

Close prayer with: **We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers**

**Chancel Choir:** "Creation Will Be At Peace" by Anna Laura Page

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris, arr. John Carter/Jane Holstein

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

Hymnal #95

**Children's Moments**

*As the children come forward, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in February will go to **Our Neighbor's Table**.*

**Children's Church Procession to Room 205**

**Offering of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Bell Choir:** "Spirit Wind" by John T. Bartsch, Jr.

**Scripture:** Luke 23:39-43

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "A Rebuke, A Witness, A Promise"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**\*\*Commitment Hymn:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (vs 1,2)

Hymnal #361

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:** "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" by Thomas Arne, arr. Ralph Harrison

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

# PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

**Call to Worship Video:** “There Is a Place for You”

**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:** Luke 23:39-43

**Sermon:** “A Rebuke, A Witness, A Promise”

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**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY’S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Angie Baughman
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Roger Smith mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Landrie Green and Nathan Ashworth	
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Roger Smith
Liturgist	Tracy Hagston	
Welcome Hostesses	Sharon Graff and Marilyn Perry	
Ushers	Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller and Dave Auxier	Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Children’s Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	Julie Wachtel
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Lura Hart		

## **ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

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Traditional Service: 135; Praise Service: 61; and Sunday School: 77  
Offering: \$10,877.00

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

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The white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of Patricia J. Varner who passed away on Tues., Feb. 12th. Patricia was the wife of Kenneth R. Varner and sister of Darlene (Mike) Porter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE TEAM WILL BE SERVING UP THEIR END-OF-THE-MONTH, FREE MEAL TODAY AT NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** Come, enjoy, and extend a warm welcome to guests from our community.

**LENT PRAYER MINISTRY:** Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. During your time of self-examination and reflection, we are offering extra prayer opportunities each Sunday in Lent (today through March 25th). Following both services, prayer volunteers will be available in our Sanctuary Prayer Chapel to pray with anyone who desires to receive personal prayer or offer up prayer for others.

**THE "FINAL WORDS" LENT SERMON SERIES CONTINUES.** In the weeks ahead you can anticipate gaining new perspectives about these words of our savior on the cross:  
Mar. 4—"Behold Your Son/Behold Your Mother"  
Mar. 11—"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"  
Mar. 18—"I Thirst"  
Mar. 25—"It Is Finished/Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"

**STARTING NEXT SUNDAY EMPTY EASTER EGGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TAKING AND FILLING WITH SWEET TREATS AND SMALL TOYS.** So begin watching for super deals on these items, and come prepared to scoop up lots of colorful eggs to delight our children at the Easter egg hunt.

**ALSO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT EASTER LILY "IN MEMORY OF" OR "IN HONOR OF" TRIBUTES.** There will be Easter lily order blanks inserted in the next two weeks' bulletins. The deadline for return of order blanks is March 16th.

**\*UNITED METHODIST MEN WILL GATHER FOR BREAKFAST, DEVOTIONAL, AND MAYBE A WORK PROJECT ON SAT., MAR. 10th, 7:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** All men of the church are invited to this monthly gathering!

**THE SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB IS MAKING A "BOOK SWITCH!"** The book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving will be discussed in April, and the March book will

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (cont) \*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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be *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. See the flyer on the Library bulletin board for more information about our March book! All are welcome to join the book club discussion on March 17th at 10:15 in the church library downstairs.

### **THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR POSTING TO YOUR CALENDARS IS:**

Mar. 25th—Palm Sunday (9 am and 11:15 am)

Mar. 29th—Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (7 pm)

Mar. 30th—Good Friday Community Service (noon) hosted by MUMC. The speaker will be Father Gary Gummersheimer.

Apr. 1st—Easter (9 am & 11:15 am)

**THE ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO PERFORM AT THE DESOTO SITE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE! WATCH FOR THE NEW DATE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.** Adult and Teen Challenge Mid-America provides a unique learning environment and plays a vital part in the recovery process for students. Students truly benefit from giving vocal expression to the life change they have experienced. The choir shares their testimonies through song as well as through their own personal stories. You won't want to miss this exceptional performance!

## **\*4th–5th GRADE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE**

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We are currently looking for a new Sunday School teacher to lead the 4th and 5th grade class. Please indicate your interest in learning more about this opportunity by checking the box on our Registration and Attendance Sheet.

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

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### 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/Jamie Green, 201-3355, jaybegirlo2@yahoo.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 Sage Lintner, 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/Sharon Jones, 303-2489, sharonjones1948@gmail.com; or Joel Kirby, 816-225-9020, jpktp@gmail.com
- Hand Bell Choir/Randy Auxier, 565-1238
- Praise Team/Lacey Brown, 525-5106, mumcministries@gmail.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

### Do you want to add a prayer request to the MUMC Email Prayer Chain?

- Contact Mary Ellen Tierney at 684-8847 or send an email to mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com.

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.

*"... like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

*1 Peter 4:10*

## LITTLE GRASSY CAMP SIGN-UP

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The winds that bring spring a step closer also bring the first signs of summer ... summer camp sign-up!

A camp sign-up day is scheduled for March 11th during the Sunday School hour (between the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services). Camp brochures and price lists are available now at the sanctuary entrances at the 15th and Pine Street doors and the Education Building double doors. Pick up a packet and explore the possibilities Little Grassy United Methodist Camp has to offer for children of all ages. Chris Nolan, our Financial Secretary, will be available to answer any questions and assist with camp sign-up on March 11th.



## PRAYER LIST

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Lee Sullivan and family

Gary Wece

JoAnn Schirmer

Earl and Sandra Renshaw

Carol Russell

Jill Stoker

Katherine and Martin Twenhafel

Betty Heape family

Patricia Varner family

- ◆ Paul Bitner 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](mailto: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 February is *Our Neighbor's Table*.**

Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.

## **NEW HERE?**

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**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**

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**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](mailto: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.crossandflameministries.com](http://www.crossandflameministries.com)  [facebook.com/murphysboroumc](https://facebook.com/murphysboroumc)

**SERMON BROADCAST** on  or find link at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)

**CHURCH LIBRARY:** Room 110

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

**WEEKLY ROOM CALENDAR:** Outside every meeting room and inside west doors.

Please contact church office to reserve a room.