

WELCOME

CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

**March 18, 2018 • Fifth 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: "Our Stories"

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: "Liebster Jesu, wir sind heil (Dearest Jesus, We are Here)" by J. S. Bach

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (vs 1,2,4) Hymnal #301

****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: "A Lenten Meditation—For Me" by Ingrid Norquest Gardner

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "St Albinus" by Philip Moore

****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 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

****Hymn:** "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" (vs 1,2,5) Hymnal #359

Scripture: John 19:28-29

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Does it really matter now?" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

****Commitment Hymn:** "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" (vs 1&3) Hymnal #424

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "Gott der Vater wohn' uns bei (God, the Father lives with us)" by J. S. Bach

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

PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

Call to Worship Video: "Our Stories"

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: John 19:28-29

Sermon: "Does it really matter now?"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Lacey Brown
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson mumcministries@gmail.com	Allison Vandenberg mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Briana Carnes and Landrie Green	
Prayer Request Reader	Gene Schwebel	Allison Vandenberg
Liturgist	Gaye Auxier	
Welcome Hostesses	Barb Giffin and Patti Shields	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Jay Graff	Don Abbadusky and Will Thomas
Children's Church Volunteers	Lacey Brown and Rene Doody	Patti Thrailkill
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mr. Theron A. Lollar		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP MARCH 11, 2018

Traditional Service: 165; Praise Service: 55; and Sunday School: 74
Offering: \$6933.71

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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.

EASTER EGGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP SO THAT YOU MAY START FILLING THEM WITH SWEET TREATS AND SMALL TOYS. Scoop up lots of colorful eggs to delight our children at the Easter egg hunt. Eggs need to be returned no later than March 25th (next week).

A REMINDER OF THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

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)

MARCH 25th (NEXT WEEK) WE WILL BE RECEIVING THE ANNUAL SPECIAL OFFERING FOR BALD KNOB CROSS . This fundraiser, called *\$1 for the Cross*, is an opportunity for you to support Bald Knob for as little as a dollar (although more than \$1 is always welcome!). Please note also that Easter sunrise service will be held at the cross on April 1st. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 5:30 am if you'd like a ride. This is always a service you won't soon forget!!

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE TEAM WILL BE SERVING UP THEIR PRE-EASTER HOLIDAY MEAL NEXT SUNDAY AT NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Plan on joining the ladies and fellow church members at this free community meal. This is a great way to visit with folks who might not have a church home.

***THE MY OWN BOOKCASE PROJECT TEAM WILL HAVE A WORK DAY TO STAIN BOOKCASES NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1:00 PM,** at Bob & Trina Easton's home. Anyone can stain a bookcase, and we would love to have your help.

A DESOTO UMC FAMILY CARNIVAL & FIESTA IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 3:00—5:00 pm. Celebrate the start of Spring with this family event. A variety of games and activities, including a piñata, will be available. Following the

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carnival there will be an authentic Mexican meal and the music and ministry of the *Jesus es el Señor* praise band. A love offering will be taken to benefit the JEES church.

ALL YOUTH (3rd—12th GRADES) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNIE JR PLAY TO BE PERFORMED ON FRI., APR. 13th, 7 PM AT THE MURPHYSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL. Sign-ups are on the Youth Bulletin Board, and a \$1 holding fee applies. If parents would like to attend with the youth, they can also sign up but must pay the full \$5 cost of the ticket. Sign-up window will extend through March 25th. Attendees will meet at the Middle School around 6:45 pm. Sage will be waiting by the ticket booth to escort children into the building and to their seats.

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, "TAKE ME AWAY" TO BE HELD ON SAT., MAY 5th AT 9:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. There will be a light breakfast, fellowship with other ladies, door prizes and time to recharge by resting and relaxing while listening to God's Word. Child care will be available, and tickets will go on sale in April.

***CHURCH GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH SERVICES.** If you are considering ways to grow in your service to the Lord and hospitality is one of your gifts, this may be the place for YOU!

LAY SERVANT BASIC CLASS OFFERED

Cache River District - Lay Servant Basic Class- April 14th & 21st (both classes are required 9:00am - 5:00pm. Carbondale Grace UMC. Cost is \$25.00 - includes 2 meals & snacks. Registration deadline is April 9th. Contact Roberta DePuy: happyfish27@hotmail.com 1-573-201-6650. Required text: "Introduction to Lay Ministry, The Basic Course" by Sandy Jackson is available from Upper Room, Amazon, Cokesbury & Kindle. Participants are to purchase, read, and study book before the 2 class days.

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/Sage Litner, 687-2317, mumcchildrenyouth@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

WHY ATTEND MAUNDY THURSDAY / TENEBRAE SERVICE?

T · E · N · E · B · R · A · E

On the day we recognize Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), we will offer a Tenebrae Service or “Service of Shadows.” Tenebrae comes from the Latin word meaning “darkness.” Before we can truly receive the light and joy of the resurrection of Christ, we must first experience the darkness of a world without God following Jesus’ death. Through readings, carefully selected musical numbers, and the extinguishing of candles we will experience these dark but grace-filled moments.

You are encouraged to include this Maundy Thursday service on your calendar to insure that your Lent/Easter experience leads you to the shadow of the cross before the miracle of the empty tomb.

Service of Shadows

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00 PM

PRAYER LIST

Peggy Partin Friends and Family	Gary Wece	JoAnn Schirmer
Earl and Sandra Renshaw	Paul Bitner	Lee Sullivan
Katherine and Martin Twenhafel	Patricia Varner Family	

- ~ 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*.
Please include this emphasis 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.crossandflameministries.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

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

Please contact church office to reserve a room.