



From the Pastor's Desk

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
 DEADLINE**
 is Wednesday
 at
 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER
Compass
 Deadline
 is August 21st
 THANKS



**Noisy Mission Offering
 in August is going to
 the
 M'BORO
 FOOD
 PANTRY**



After months and months of planning, meeting, discussing and dreaming, the Envisioning Committee put before the congregation, in a meeting, options to move forward with a new phase of improvements to our church facility, focusing on our aging Education Wing. This next phase of improvements will actually be done in two parts, as defined by a congregational vote on the project. The first phase will consist of new heating and AC, window upgrades for greater energy efficiency, additional insulation, a nursery upgrade and remodel, a new fire suppression hood for the kitchen range and a full remodel of the bathroom in the fellowship hall to make it fully handicap accessible. This first part is estimated to cost approximately \$122,000. The next part will be a complete remodel of the upstairs restrooms in the Education building, making them both fully handicap accessible and fully modern with new fixtures and accessories, at a cost of approximately \$135,000.

I say “part one” and “part two” because the congregational vote divided this project into two two-year financial campaigns. The first deals with several essential improvements, and the second is a much-needed facility upgrade that completes the work of installing the elevator to make our church more accessible to those with mobility challenges.

Over the next several weeks we will begin the work on part one, both in terms of actual construction and in our capital campaign efforts. Each of you will receive an invitation to an informational meeting about the proposal. In the meeting, an opportunity will be provided for you to consider your financial commitment to this much-needed work.

As we all know, the easy part of this work is voting yes for it, and even finding the actual contractors to do the work in not real hard. The most challenging part for most of us is making that financial commitment to do our part. Fortunately this congregation has an excellent track record when it comes to that part. This total project is just slightly more expensive than our elevator project. We paid that loan off in full in the three years we committed to do so, and have enjoyed it immensely. What a blessing it has been.

Well it time to step up again. Our theme is “Let’s finish what we have begun.” Let’s do this final stage and make our building more modern, more appealing, and most important, fully functional for our mobility-challenged population. We can do this together just like you have all done so many times before.

See you in worship,
 Larry

1	9:00 am Precept Study 11:30 am A-Team 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	10	5:30 pm Girl Scout Parent's Meeting 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training 7:00 pm GA	21	7:00 pm Men's Book Study AA Big Book
2-5	Confirmation Trip	11	9:30 am Feeder of the Pack 12:00 pm Spero Counseling	22	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Hospitality
2	6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon	12	7:30 am UMM Breakfast 8:30 am JYF to St Francis Care	23	6:00 pm Boy Scouts Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon
3	6:00 pm Scout Roundtable 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training 7:00 pm GA	13	1:30 pm Youth to Bigham Lake	24	5:30 pm Daisies and Brownies 6:30 pm Pilgrimage Study Stephen Ministries training Girl Scout Jrs and Cadets 7:00 pm GA
4	8:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation 12:00 pm Spero Counseling	14	6:30 pm Children/Youth Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Men's Book Study	25	12:00 pm Spero Counseling
5	10:00 am AA	15	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	26	10:00 am AA
6	2:00 pm Dessert & Discuss	16	9:00 am Nurture and Care 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Choir Rehearsal	27	12:00 pm Our Neighbor's Table 4:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Executive Council
7	7:00 pm Men's Book Study AA Big Book	17	6:30 pm Pilgrimage Study Stephen Ministries training 7:00 pm GA	28	7:00 pm Men's Book Study AA Big Book
8	9:00 am Precept Study 12:00 pm Young at Heart 6:00 pm Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Finance Committee	18	12:00 pm Spero Counseling	29	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal Cub Scouts
9	6:00 pm Boy Scouts Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Publicity and Promotions 7:00 pm Bible Journaling AA and AI-Anon	19	10:00 am AA 10:15 am Book Club 3:00 pm Sanders-Lee Wedding	30	9:00 am Holy Folders 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA and AI-Anon 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training 7:00 pm GA
		21- 25	Meals on Wheels Week		



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed for the Native American Indian Festival being held at Little Grassy Lake, August 19-21. Duties include parking and giving directions back to camp. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rev. Ed Hoke at 618-457-6030 or ehoke@igr.org.



1	Sally Moutardier	11	John Wachtel	22	Erin Niesporek
	Toddy Cole		Katrina Carnes		Tonia Purcell
2	Gaye Auxier	14	Gary Likins	25	Joshua Boyle
	Logan Wingerter		Ruth Verbal		Lance Carnes
3	Bob Eaton	16	Kim Goforth	28	Brooke Guthman
	William Thomas		Wade Poole		Marty Rogers
5	Elias Guthman	17	Carmilee Donahue	29	Jacey Nehring
	Rick Pierson	18	Allison Brown		Maggie Stewart
7	Randy Auxier		Mary McNitt	30	Hillary Brooks
8	Preston Fletcher	20	Abigail Wingerter		Wes Will
10	Matthew Baughman	21	Charles Crews		Wesley Graham
			Jerry Miller	31	Deana Twenhafel



3	Willa & Francis Addison
6	Cecela & Bill Crawshaw
7	Evelyn & Mickey Jackson
11	Jamie & Shannon Green
12	Sally & Ron Moutardier
13	Joan & Ralph Bastien
15	Angie & Matt Baughman
16	Kathy & Gerald Ripley

The Pilgrimage continues...

**Module 4
Spiritual Disciplines**

This may be the next step on the trail for you -- how can you strengthen the Christian practices in your life?



Aug 17, 24, & Sept 7 6:30-8pm

Learn ways to:

1. Begin or enhance your personal devotional time to truly enrich your life.
2. Move personal prayer to a different level that can be life changing
3. Understand your own faith story and how your relationship with God affects your life

You don't have to have attended the other modules of the Pilgrimage to attend this one.

Last day to sign up is August 6.

August 8th
SUMMER PICNIC
12:00 pm NOON
Fellowship Hall



Menu:
Sloppy Joes/Hot dogs
Chips
Baked Beans
Ice cream w/toppings
Meals are \$6 a plate.

Program:
Representative Mike Bost will discuss issues of local interest.

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.



The United Methodist Men will enjoy a breakfast on **August 12th at 7:30 am.**

All men of the church are invited.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship with other men of the church.



A.M. Yoga

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00am
Church basement, RM 104S**

This is a class suitable for all ages!
Gentle stretching & balance work.

Supportive, encouraging environment and beneficial social time. Yoga practice can be modified and multiple adaptive techniques are presented. Newcomers to yoga are welcome! For more information, contact Sandy Hostetler, 618-303-0250 or shostet@siu.edu.



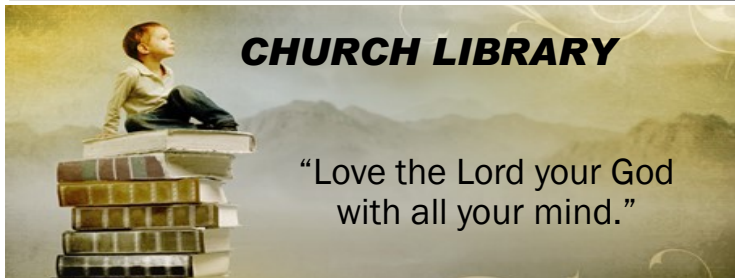
LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mark your calendars! The fourth adult mission trip is scheduled for **September 24-30** to Camp Restore in New Orleans.

The mission of **Camp Restore** is to restore faith, home and community in the Name of Jesus. As stated on 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.

The trip cost is \$300 per person, \$150 due by August 15th signup deadline, balance required by September 1st. *Please note the change in deadline dates from earlier bulletin notices.* Scholarships are available. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Gene Schwebel to at 618-521-0879 or gene.1955@mchsi.com.





Library Corner: State of the Library

This month is the seventh anniversary of the UMC Library! Seven years ago a new library began its life in Room 110. It built upon and replaced a library that had functioned years ago but which had long since been out of service. We wanted a living library to serve the needs of the congregation as a source of inspiration, knowledge, entertainment, and food for thought. It's a mission we continue to pursue!

There have been lots of changes over the last seven years—many new books and other materials have been purchased or donated, and the library is a comfortable place to browse the shelves, find books of interest, and sit and read awhile.

Here's the "State of the Library" by the numbers:

1,875: The number of items the library holds at this moment—books, DVDs, and even some CDs.

184: Current number of library patrons. Some have taken out one or two items, and some have taken out many. It doesn't matter what number of items you borrow— if the library has the one book you need, that is success!

106: The number of books in our "Christian Life" section. We also have a "Women's Christian Life" section (**42** books) and "Men's Christian Life" (**14**) Oops, sorry men! Does someone have suggestions for some new books?

11: Number of times our most popular items have been checked out. The two most popular are: **Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption** by Laura Hillenbrand, and a book for youth-- **The Brick Bible, a New Spin on the Old Testament.**

10: That would be the number of times our next most popular items have been checked out: **The Brick Bible, a New Spin on the Story of Jesus**, and a fiction book **A Light to my Path (Refiner's Fire Series)** by Lynn Austin.

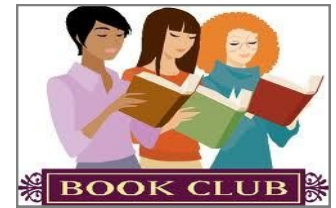
4: Number of the current library team who help keep the library functioning week by week. That would be: Susan Patterson, Trina Eaton, Kathy Bratton and Candy Watt. But that's not all—a number of wonderful people have helped over the years, or continue to step in and do things that are needed. Count Gaye Auxier and Troy Brown among those!

1, 2, 3: That's how easy it is to check out a book: Put your name on the library card of your chosen item, put the card

in the box or basket provided, and make a note of the date it should be returned (one month). You're good to go!

Many: That would be many thanks to all who help support the library and who have expressed appreciation for it!

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



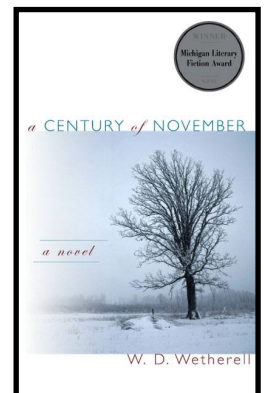
Join the discussion on : A Century of November

By W.D Wetherell

Saturday, August 19th at 10:15 am

In the Library, Rm 110

This is the tale of Charles Marden, an apple grower and judge who sets off from his Vancouver Island home on an impulsive journey to Belgium, where his son, an Allied soldier in the First World War, has just died in battle at the very end of the war. Marden's single-minded mission: finding the exact spot where his son was killed. Upon arriving in England, Marden learns that his son left behind a pregnant girlfriend, and soon Marden's search widens to include both finding the exact spot where his son died, and locating the love his son left behind. Nearing the front lines, Marden seems to descend into the fires of hell as he navigates the mine-strewn killing fields of the trenches, still reeking with poison gas.



Read ahead book for September:

The Persian Pickle Club

by Sandra Dallas

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

Agape House activities resume on

August 16 and we are excited

about beginning our second

year. Over the summer weeks, we

have been focusing on the Golden

Rule and how to show respect for

others by honoring their feelings,

their time, and their property. In

order for Agape House to fulfill

our dedication that it is **a place I belong**, it has to be a

place where people feel safe both physically and

emotionally. So, we are working on creating that

environment for all of the youth and adults who are

involved.

One of the youth asked me recently if I knew how long

we would continue Agape House. When I told her we

hoped to continue the ministry for a long time, she

declared that when she was too old to come as a

youth, she would like to work in the ministry. She's

fourteen years old, but something inside her values

Agape House for herself and already hopes to give

back. What a testimony to what the work, the prayers,

and the financial gifts have done over the past year.

A big thank you to Kristi Miller and Melba Ziegler

who created the Agape House logo on the DeUMC

sanctuary wall. We would love to talk to more of you

about being involved in many ways. Whatever your

skills, resources, and time availability, the Agape House

ministry can be **a place where you belong, too!**

Angie Baughman
Agape House Coord



Jonah and The Whale!

June 4th - August 27th, the Pre-K through 5th grade Sunday School classes participated in a special program with the theme of Jonah and The Whale.

August 27th, during traditional worship service, the children will be performing a play about what they learned. You won't want to miss it!



Back to School Bash

Saturday, August 12

2-4 pm

DeSoto UMC parking Lot

This fun-filled event includes a giant slide, snow cones, popcorn, games, balloons and school supplies and more.

And it's all FREE! Come out and enjoy!



Bigham Lake Outing

August 13, 2pm - 7pm

Bigham Lake - Pinckneyville

Youth and their families are invited to join us for some fun in the sun at Bigham Lake on August 13! If possible send your child with a life jacket! **RSVP by August 9th** using the cards on the Youth Bulletin board. For those needing a ride, we will be leaving the church at 1:30. We will arrive at Bigham Lake around 2. Eating dinner at 5.

Please send a lifejacket if possible.

JYF outing to St. Francis CARE

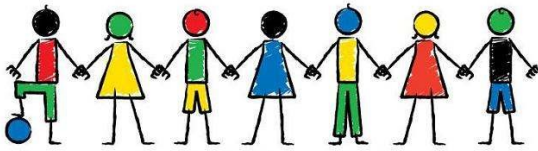


All junior high age youth are invited to help animals in need by partaking in a volunteer opportunity at St. Francis CARE, **Saturday, August 12.**

Participants will walk dogs, play with cats, and do some light cleaning.

Those would like to attend should drop their name and \$2 in the youth bulletin board drop box by Sunday, August 6.

Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and will return to the church parking lot by 11:30 a.m. Questions, contact Laurie Nehring, 618-303-2777 or nehringsfarm@hotmail.com.



CALLING ALL YOUTH SUPPORTERS!

- ◇ Could you bake cookies for a youth event?
- ◇ Could you fix sandwiches or serve pizza for a youth meeting?
- ◇ Could you drive the bus or van for a youth outing?
- ◇ Could you occasionally help chaperone a youth event?
- ◇ Do you have a skill you could share with the youth?
- ◇ Could you help lead devotions for a group?

We need people like you that could occasionally help in any of these (and other) ways. There are some exciting plans for building our youth ministry, and we need your help. **We are having a “dessert and discussion” meeting on Sunday, August 6th, at 2:00 p.m.** in Rm 104N. If you feel you can help in any way as we continue to build our youth program, please come and talk with us. (At least come and have dessert!)



Children’s Story Time

The stories of David and Goliath, the Late Night Visitor, and Breakfast with Jesus were brought to life in the Children’s Story Time held in the pavilion on three Tuesdays this past June. Children participated in the interactive Bible Stories narrated and acted out by a group of talented, inventive volunteers. And we also sang songs, colored pictures, worked on fun activities and enjoyed snacks—it was a busy time! Fourteen children attended the first Tuesday, twelve came the second Tuesday, and thirty-one the third Tuesday (go figure—we never know how many will come)!

What we do know is that we loved bringing this experience to the children, we loved having it in the Church Pavilion, and we loved the excitement and joy it brought—to the children and to the volunteers.

It is a “simple” project, but it takes creativity, time, and willingness on the part of many volunteers. Many thanks to all who participated—the great group of volunteers, the parents and caregivers who brought the kids, and once again thank you to the United Methodist Men who built the pavilion that is such a good setting for this event.



Children at MUMC were able to learn to be God’s heroes in training this year at Vacation Bible School. **The theme was Hero Central: Discovering Your Strength in God.** The children learned a hero code each night of VBS. They learned how to have heart, courage, wisdom, strength and hope. They participated in crafts, science experiments, bible storytelling and recreation. Each evening a wonderful meal was prepared and provided by members of the church. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with VBS this year, without you I would not be able to provide this wonderful time for our youth.

Touya Walker, VBS Coordinator

AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Jon Lough	Roger Smith
AUG	Welcome Hostesses	
6	Susan Patterson and Nancy Tillett	
13	Rindy Eisenhauer and Marilyn Perry	
20	Julie Peterson and Marilyn Perry	
27	Laurie Nehring and Barb Giffin	
AUG	Acolytes	
6	Wesley Graham and Harper Ellermeyer	
13	Phoebe Heller and Maggie Jenkins	
20	Harper Geis and Maya Jenkins	
27	Caroline Guthman and Brianna Carnes	
Stewards		
Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin		

AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
AUG	Prayer Request Reader	
6	Loue Anne Lough	Roger Smith
13	Nancy Fager	Roger Smith
20	Gene Schwebel	Roger Smith
27	Wilma Westerfield	Roger Smith
AUG	Children's Church Leaders	
6	Tonya Walker	Jennie & Ben Snyder
13	Cheryl Smith	Patty Thraikill
20	Lacey Brown and	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
27	Diane Schingel	TBN
AUG	Liturgists	Music Leaders
6	TBN	Brian Vincent
13	TBN	Lacey Brown
20	TBN	Brian Vincent
27	TBN	Lacey Brown
Ushers		
Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller and Dave Auxier		Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Recycling: TBN		

WE ARE MESSENGERS

The sermon series examines the characteristics of a prophet using Jeremiah's call story in Jeremiah 1:1-17 and also challenges the listener to strive to have these same characteristics so that we might be used by God today.

Week One Sun, Aug 20 - "Listen" - Jeremiah 1:4, *The word came to me...*
Big Idea: Hearing God Speak

Week Two Sun, Aug 27 - "Obey" - Jeremiah 1:7, *You must go...*
Big Idea: Doing What God Says

Week Three Sun, Sep 3 - "Trust" - Jeremiah 1:8, *Do not be afraid...*
Big Idea: Trusting in God

Week Four Sun, Sep 10 - "Depend" - Jeremiah 1:8, *I will rescue you...*
Big Idea: Protection of God

Week Five Sun, Sep 17 - "Discern" - Jeremiah 1:12, *You have seen correctly...*
Big Idea: Understanding What God Says

Week Six Sun, Sep 24 - "Prepare" - Jeremiah 1:17, *Get yourself ready...*
Big Idea: Stand Strong

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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

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