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# From the Pastor's Desk

## CARING FOR KIDS MONTH

What began several years ago as a part of the "10 by 10" program has become a summer mission tradition in church. During the month of July, we collect various school items, give money and gift cards to support the work of our school social workers.

Of all the mission work we have done during my ministry here, Caring for Kids may be my favorite for several reasons. One, it is great stewardship - supporting the social workers almost guarantees our resources are being used to their greatest potential. Two, it builds a strong bond between our church, community and schools and has even expanded to be a program supported by the Ministerial Alliance. Three, it helps the children of our community by helping to remove the barriers that can prevent them from getting an education, which we all know is vital to their future. Obviously, I could go on with more excellent reasons to support this year's Caring for Kids program, because it is just great mission work.

This year we went straight to the social workers and asked "what do you need," so the list below is almost entirely generated by their request.

We will also continue our support of the Jesus es el Señor congregation with general school supplies, which are always needed there.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to a great mission month as we touch the children in our community.

See you in worship,  
 Larry

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

August *Compass*  
 Deadline is  
 July 17th  
 THANKS



**NOISY MISSION OFFERING**  
 in July is going to  
**Caring for Kids**



- Money/Wal-Mart gift cards (to be used by social workers at the grade schools).
- Children's and young adult books (to be used in the MUMC Little Free Library).
- Ramen noodles (to be donated to the Gum Drop Kids meal program).
- Playground Mulch (for safer playground equipment in DeSoto Grade School - donations of \$25 per yard of mulch are suggested).
- Jr High/Sr High social workers' needs (hygiene products, clothing items, and other items to be given to the school social workers - copies of this list can be found on the back of this page).



<b>1</b> 10:00 am AA	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm GA	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training
<b>3</b> 7:00 pm AA Big Book	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Yard Sale Drop-off begins	<b>21</b> 3:00 pm Yard Sale
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Worship Team	9:30 am Feeder of the Pack	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Yard Sale
6:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 10:00 am AA	10:00 am AA
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm New Member Orientation	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm AA Big Book
7:00 pm AA and Al-Anon	<b>17 - 21</b> Meals on Wheels Week	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Precept Study
<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training	Yard Sale Set Up	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 pm GA	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm AA Big Book	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Holy Folders
<b>8</b> 7:30 am UMM Breakfast	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Precept Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
10:00 am AA	5:30 pm Service & Missions	7:00 pm AA and Al-Anon
<b>9-13</b> 5:00 pm VBS (Sunday - Thursday)	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministries training
<b>10</b> 7:00 pm AA Big Book	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Nurture and Care	7:00 pm GA
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Precept Study	6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations	<b>29</b> 10:00 am AA
11:30 am A-Team	6:30 pm Publicity and Promotions	<b>30</b> 12:00 pm Our Neighbor's Table
12:00 pm Young at Heart	7:00 pm AA and Al-Anon	
<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Bible Journaling		
AA and Al-Anon		



<b>1</b> Katie Chambers	<b>14</b> JT Jenkins	<b>22</b> Judy Williams
<b>2</b> Kendra Rushing	<b>15</b> Ashlyn Buck	Lillie Schaldemose
<b>3</b> Bill Martin	Brittni Heilig	<b>23</b> Laurie Nehring
Loyd Ebersohl	Pam Crews	<b>24</b> Jennifer O'Donnell
Tassie Lirely	<b>16</b> Olliebelle Ridley	<b>25</b> Ron Moutardier
<b>4</b> Ruth Ebersohl	<b>17</b> Rhiannon Gally	<b>27</b> Irma Bigham
<b>6</b> Viola Parrish	<b>18</b> Jacob Stewart	<b>28</b> Paul Chapman
<b>7</b> Isabella Krummrich	Olivia Schaldemose	<b>29</b> Brianna Carnes
Mickey Jackson	Nikki Krummrich	Dacoda Twenhafel
<b>8</b> Asia Watson	<b>19</b> Bert Ozburn	Kendall Ellermeyer
Jacob Heilig	<b>20</b> Willa Addison	<b>30</b> Francis Addison
Richard Graff	<b>21</b> Barbara Giffin	<b>31</b> Alberta Sullivan
<b>11</b> Geraldine Horner	Harry Wirth	Debbie Chapman
<b>12</b> Gene Schwebel	Jim Hughes	Tage Green
<b>13</b> Sharon Jones		

<b>3</b>	Clara & Ron Kiser
<b>8</b>	Amanda & Brant Wingerter
<b>11</b>	Carol & Mike Dreith
<b>12</b>	Gaye & Randy Auxier
<b>14</b>	Sharon & Richard Graff
<b>16</b>	Donna & Dan Horniacek
<b>17</b>	Ruth & Loyd Ebersohl
<b>21</b>	Rosie & Gary Wece
<b>24</b>	Casey & Mike Johnstone
<b>26</b>	Deana & Mark Twenhafel

**School Social Workers' most requested items**

Body/Personal Hygiene:  
 shampoo and conditioner  
 body wash  
 deodorant (no spray)  
 toothpaste/toothbrushes  
 feminine hygiene products  
 (pads/tampons all sizes)

Other:  
 Writing journals  
 Coloring books-  
 kind meant for adults, not kids  
 drawing pads  
 art drawing pencils, colored pencils  
 books to read  
 backpacks for Jr & Sr High students  
 general school supplies

**July - Caring for Kids**

Clothing:  
 Socks – ankle height (men & women)  
 t-shirts - Fruit of the Loom/Hanes  
 white, grey, black  
 men's sizes: XS– XL  
 Cotton briefs underwear  
 (for girls/women)  
 Youth sizes 12-14, 14-16.  
 Ladies sizes XS to XL  
 sweatpants/joggers: girls-youth 12-14  
 women's sizes XS - XL  
 boys-youth 14-16, 16-18  
 men's sizes: S-L



**LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



The United Methodist Men will enjoy a breakfast on **July 8th at 7:30 am.** All men of the church are invited. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship with other men of the church.

**July 11th**  
**Celebrate Independence!**  
**12:00 pm NOON**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Menu:**  
**Barbeque sandwiches**  
**Chips**  
**Cole slaw**  
**Red, white and blue cake with blueberries**  
**Meals are \$6 a plate.**



**Program:**  
 Dave Auxier will bring his unique music stylings.

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.*

*St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Volunteers Needed*

St Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Murphysboro just celebrated its 60-year anniversary. The hospital has a rich history where local community members have banded together to serve those in need. The Auxiliary is now looking to expand its membership. All ages can join the Auxiliary by giving a \$5 annual donation. The funds raised go to various initiatives, including scholarships for local high school students who are pursuing a degree in the medical field, and financially assisting the hospital with improvement plans. The Auxiliary is also looking for new volunteers who can donate time to work in the hospital gift shop, craft workshops, scrapbooking, office work, and many more opportunities. Schedules are very flexible and they are in need of all shifts to be worked.



To become a St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary member or learn about its volunteer program, contact Jamie Green, Volunteer Services Coordinator, by phone at 618.684.3156, extension 55532 or by email at [jamie.green@sih.net](mailto:jamie.green@sih.net). Or you can pick up an application at the Sunset Corner Gift shop inside St. Joseph.

**Yard sale event will be Friday, July 21, 3 pm to 6 pm and Saturday, July 22, 8 am to 12 noon.**

Please bring items for the sale **PRIOR TO 8 pm** on Wednesday, July 19th.

**Work hours will be:**



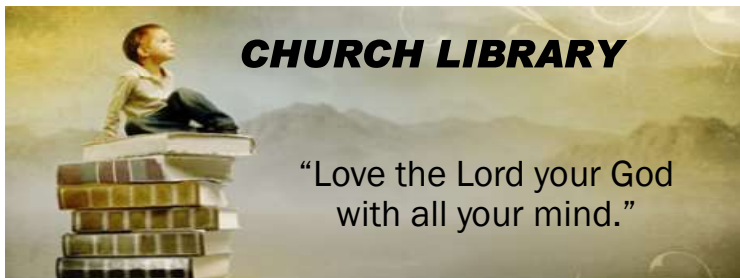
<b>Friday, July 14th</b> 9am - 2pm	<b>Saturday, July 15th</b> *Drop-offs by appointment only* Call 618-684-3601	<b>Sunday, July 16th</b> After Worship	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, July 17, 18, &amp; 19th</b> 9am - noon & 1pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm	<b>Friday, July 21</b> 3pm - 6pm <b>Saturday, July 22</b> 8 am to 2 pm (Sale ends at noon. Then clean-up & set up classrooms for Sunday School)
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- Helpers are needed for all working hours and especially Friday, July 21, 3 to 6 pm as this is the busiest time.
- Drop-off times will be during the above-listed work times. Furniture items may be brought on Friday, July 21st from 9 am - noon.
- All items should be clean and in good working order. Please do not bring large TVs, cell phones, or outdated computer equipment/ printers. Please be aware that some phones, computers and fax/printers may have stored information that should not be shared - delete personal info.

Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601 (cell #)

Proceeds from this sale are used for mission projects. Please help us make this sale a success.





**CHURCH LIBRARY**

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

**The Library Corner: A Little Lightness**

Light of heart. Sometimes that’s exactly what we want to be, and exactly the type of book we want to read. And sometimes it’s even better if the books happen to also give us something to think about or some inspiration while they entertain us. Here are a few library materials that meet that description.

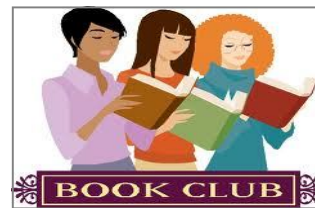
**Kaleidoscope: Seeing God’s Wit and Wisdom in a Whole New Light.** Patsy Clairmont, who is gifted with a sense of humor, and who has been a speaker at Women of Faith conferences, looks at some of the straightforward observations made in the book of Proverbs and applies them to life—her life. Most of the time her serious point is made in an amusing way such as the short chapter on Proverbs 10: 29a, “The way of the Lord is strength for the upright” where she discusses her purse—so big she gave it a name—Bertha! But she also talks about what she needs strength to do, and invites readers to consider that question for themselves.

**Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses.** James W. Moore gives his book a funny title, but then of course it is especially funny because that’s the underlying message behind many a sin that we want to rationalize away! He talks about “common” sins of Christians and churches, and does so seriously, while at the same time giving many interesting and amusing anecdotes.

**When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You Through the Power of Coincidence** by Squire Rushnell. This is not a “funny” book, but the underlying message is so upbeat and inspirational, that the whole book leaves you with a feeling of amazement, and a lightened heart. Don’t rush through this book—give yourself some time to take in some of these amazing true stories.

**God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life’s Little Detours.** Regina Brett, a newspaper columnist, wrote these lessons in one of her columns when she turned 50 years old. Here she expands upon her experiences, such as being an unwed mother when she was young, and a cancer survivor later in life. She does so with a sense of proportion and humor, with chapters such as “Don’t take yourself too seriously—no one else does” and “Life isn’t tied with a bow, but it is still a gift.”

**MUMC**  
**Saturday**  
**Mornings**



**BOOK CLUB IS ON VACATION IN JULY. However if you need books to read on YOUR vacation you can read ahead:**

The book for August is *A Century of November* by W.D. Wetherell  
The book for September is *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas

**2017 MUMC Children’s Story Time**



**Fun for Children in the Library**

It’s fun to read books to children that have some something humorous in them. The library has a number of **Berenstain Bears** books, which are illustrated and told with humor as the Bear family learns some lessons in dealing with issues of life. These books are usually of interest to readers from around 4 – 8.

A fun book for the 3 or 4 year old set is **The Mystery** by Maxwell Eaton III. This book introduces young readers to the concept of “mystery” as something to be solved, but even more importantly it has gentle little jokes and funny illustrations.

Other fun experiences for children are available through the **Veggie Tales** DVDs which are sometimes based on Bible stories, and sometimes on other popular culture themes that are used to make a point. Try **Gideon Tuba Warrior** or **Sweetpea Beauty**. Or others!



**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

**Miners Game at Rent One Ball Park**



**Children's Story Time -DeSoto**



**AGAPE HOUSE NEWS**

Agape House took a break for a couple of weeks after the school year ended. We started back on June 6th. Attendance on Wednesday evenings has been much lighter, with children on vacations, at camps and playing summer ball.



Our first Children's Storytime this year was a success. We averaged 13 children each week. It was held at Senior Citizen Park, about a block away from the church. We shared an interactive story, sang songs, did a craft and had a snack. One day we had balloon animals courtesy of Mary Ann Hinchcliff.

On Monday afternoons we are playing movies at 2pm. There are several kiddos coming out for popcorn and water and a child-friendly movie.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At

**HERO CENTRAL**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 9 -13, 2017**

You can lead a group, assist leading a group, act out Bible stories, help decorate, or greet and register attendees. The possibilities are endless. Junior High and up are eligible to volunteer.

Be a hero - be a part of this fun outreach ministry!

Contact Tonya Walker to offer your help.

twlkr73@gmail.com or text or call her at 618-559-0573



JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS	
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE
<b>Worship Leaders</b> mumcministries@gmail.com	
Vanessa Lirely	Kristi Miller
<b>July Welcome Hostesses</b>	
2	Janis Crews and Sally Moutardier
9	Janis Crews and Sally Moutardier
16	Candy Watt and Rindy Eisenhauer
23	Candy Watt and Rindy Eisenhauer
30	Susan Patterson and Nancy Tillett
<b>July Acolytes</b>	
2	Maggie Jenkins and Brianna Carnes
9	Wesley Graham and Harper Ellermeyer
16	Phoebe Heller and Justin Maynor
23	Harper Geis and Maya Jenkins
30	Maggie Jenkins and Caroline Guthman
<b>Stewards</b>	
Dick Graff, Todd Lirely, Richard Pierson and Gene Schwebel	

JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS	
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE
<b>July Prayer Request Reader</b>	
2	Lou Anne Lough
9	Nancy Fager
16	Gene Schwebel
23	Wilma Westerfield
30	Gaye Auxier
<b>July Children's Church Leaders</b>	
2	Tonya Walker
9	Cheryl Smith
16	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody
23	Diane Schingel
30	Diane Schingel
<b>July Liturgists</b>	
2	Gaye Auxier
9	Thelma Pierson
16	Trina Eaton
23	TBA
30	TBA
<b>Music Leaders</b>	
2	Brian Vincent
9	Lacey Brown
16	Brian Vincent
23	Angie Baughman
30	Brian Vincent
<b>Ushers</b>	
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff, and Vanessa Lirely	
Rick Pierson and Brant Wingerter	
<b>Recycling: TBA</b>	

**SERMON SERIES: GAME ON**

The sermon series will speak to our defenses against Satan by examining the armor of God pieces described in Ephesians 6:10-17

**Week One:** Sun, Jul 9

"Bind What Hinders"

Armor piece: Belt of Truth  
Big Idea: **The Power of Truth**

**Week Two:** Sun, Jul 16

"Protect What Counts"

Armor piece: Breastplate of Righteousness  
Big Idea: **The Protection of Right**

**Week Three:** Sun, Jul 23

"Stand With Strength"

Armor piece: Shoes of Peace  
Big Idea: **Peace - The Ultimate Goal**



**Week Four:** Sun, Jul 30

"Extinguish the Temptations"

Armor piece: Shield of Faith  
Big Idea: **Confidence in God**

**Week Five:** Sun, Aug 6

"Believe with Confidence"

Armor piece: Helmet of Salvation  
Big Idea: **Saved by Grace**

**Week Six:** Sun, Aug 13

"Answer with Ease"

Armor piece: Sword of the Spirit  
Big Idea: **Being One with God**

**A Note from Pastor Larry about Cross and Flame Ministries**

July 1 is the official date for the change in our ministry name. For over a year now we have been one church, in two sites, with three services, and multiple programs - some shared by the sites and some unique to just one site. I will confess that sometimes I still have trouble really understanding how this all works. In 40 years of ministry I have never done what we are doing, and while that can always be a little scary it is also so exciting to see what God is doing as we step out in faith. I know God is constantly growing us as persons but I understand more and more that God also seeks to continue to grow us as a church. God is always looking for faithful people who are willing to step out and follow, not knowing exactly where you are going but just trusting God to be faithful.

I pray we will always be a church that will accept the challenge to follow God by faith, trusting God will provide all that is needed to fulfill the purpose to which God has called us.

See You Sunday,

Larry



**ADULT BUS TRIP to ECKERT'S FARM**

**Saturday, July 22nd at 1pm**

We will leave the church at 1:00 pm and end our visit to Eckert's Family Farms around 8:00 pm. Those participating in this trip will have the opportunity to visit Eckert's Country Store: Deli, Bakery, and Meat Market; Eckert's Country Restaurant; Eckert's Gardening Center, and the Custard Shop. And, to top off the day, the Chris Tally Trio will be performing a concert of bluegrass favorites at 7:00 pm -- lawn chairs are recommended.

We would like to have enough interest to fill both the bus and the van. The plan is to schedule these fun trips to different locations throughout the year. Ideas for the next location are welcome and encouraged! Contact Michelle Parker-Clark with suggestions or questions.



The Pilgrimage continues...Save the Dates

**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, and Sept 7  
6:30-8 pm**



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.

Look for more information in the bulletin and sign up on the attendance pad

**Creative Volunteer  
Needed**



The Compass newsletter is in need of a new owner.

Jennifer O'Donnell is stepping down as of this issue. We need someone to produce this key communication tool, which goes out to over 300 households by mail and to over 80 email recipients.

The Compass is produced in MS Publisher. The church office helps assemble materials and creates some content. The time commitment is roughly 10 hours per month, primarily in the last 2 weeks of the month. A good eye for graphics and strong communication skills are helpful.

Please contact the church office at 687-2317 if you think you might be interested.

**Ice Cream Social/Youth Pictures –June 4th**





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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

**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  
Pianist/Organist..... Jenny Kirby  
Nursery Attendant ..... Caitlyn Boyd  
Nursery Attendant ..... Megan Gale

**DeSoto Site Staff:**

Site Leader ..... Jill Rogers  
Program Assistant ..... Jessica Seals  
Children/Youth Coord ..... Jennifer O'Donnell  
Ministry Support Intern..... Tina Nimmo  
Nursery Attendant..... Tara Taborn  
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