



From the Pastor's Desk

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The season of Lent has begun and once again I have given up soft drinks (I really love a cold Coke) until Easter. As the season began I had the wonderful opportunity of explaining the significance of the Ash Wednesday service to a group of youth at DeSoto who had never been to such a service. It is just an amazing privilege to continue to work with these young people, teaching them about God and the church.

In a few weeks the season of Lent will wind down and we will be given the opportunity to participate in a number of special worship services. Holy Week is the last week of the Lent season, Palm/Passion Sunday will mark the start of this week. Our Palm/Passion Sunday service will also include the stripping of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the service. On Maundy Thursday we will have an evening Tenebrae service featuring our choir and other musical performances as we remember the passion of our Lord through the dramatic reading of his story. On Good Friday this year our church will host the annual Ministerial Alliance Community Good Friday service at noon. Father Gary from St. Andrews will be the speaker for this service; it would be very nice to have a good crowd from our church in attendance for this service.

At this time we do not have any additional Easter Sunday Sunrise service plans. One option for everyone is always the Sunrise Service at Bald Knob Cross, which is just wonderful in so many ways. As other community opportunities open up we will provide more specific information for you.

In closing Lent is traditionally a time to draw close to God and to make an additional effort to practice our faith. Do not let Lent slip by without making an effort to embrace the spirit of the season.

Your Servant in Christ,
 Larry A. Gilbert

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



April *Compass*
 Deadline is
 March 12th
 THANKS

Noisy Mission Offering
In March is
going to
Our Little
Grassy Camp

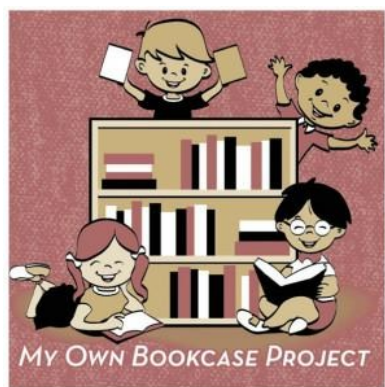
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| <p>1 6:00 pm GA</p> <p>3 9:00 am Handbells
10:00 am AA</p> <p>5 7:00 pm Men's Book Study
AA Big Book</p> <p>6 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
11:30 am A-Team
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team</p> <p>7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon
Worship Team</p> <p>8 4:30 pm Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies
6:00 pm GA
6:30 pm Girl Scout Juniors</p> <p>9 9:30 am Feeder of the Pack</p> <p>10 7:30 am UMM Breakfast
9:00 am Handbells
10:00 am AA</p> <p>11 1:00 pm Etta Mae Imhoff's 90th Birthday Reception</p> <p>12 7:00 pm Men's Book Study
AA Big Book</p> | <p>13 12:00 pm Young at Heart
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>14 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon
Bible Journaling</p> <p>15 6:00 pm GA</p> <p>17 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
10:15 am Book Club</p> <p>18 2:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
Meals On Wheels Week</p> <p>19 7:00 pm Men's Book Study
AA Big Book</p> <p>20 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team</p> | <p>21 9:00 am Nurture & Care
9:00 am Holy Folders
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon
Staff Parish</p> <p>22 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies
6:00 pm GA
6:45 pm Girl Scout Juniors</p> <p>24 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA</p> <p>25 12:00 pm Our Neighbors Table</p> <p>26 7:00 pm Men's Book Study
7:00 pm AA Big Book</p> <p>27 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>28 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Choir
7:00 pm AA
Al-Anon</p> <p>29 6:00 pm GA
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>30 Office Closed
12:00 pm Good Friday Community Service</p> <p>31 9:00 am Handbells
10:00 am AA</p> |
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2	Paul Bitner	12	Everett Blackwell	20	Jeremiah Bradford
3	Drake Rogus		Todd Lirely	25	Pat Hall
	Willard Ellis	13	Brad Fager		Jacob Presley
6	Scarlett Pierson		Etta Mae Imhoff	26	Ashleigh Boyle
7	Brandi Bitner	14	Mary Ellen Brown		Tina Fager-Nimmo
9	Gloria Likins		Connie Boucher		Everett Snyder
	Wilma Westerfield	15	Dianna Smith	27	Harper Ellermeyer
10	Aaron Erbes	16	Patrick Yates	28	Ray Burroughs
	Sharon Medlen	18	Fiona Fletcher		Brandon Ottwell
	Mason Olenkiewice		Caitlin Doody	31	Kort Green
	Bill Slider		Kylin Kirksey		Ada Heller
	Patty Thrailkill	19	Marlene Gibbs		Pete Pederson
			Hope Panepinto		
			Corey Zimmerman		



1	Kellee & Steve Ticer
10	Mary Ellen & Richard Tierney
11	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
18	Lou Anne & Jon Lough
31	Caroline & Pete Pederson



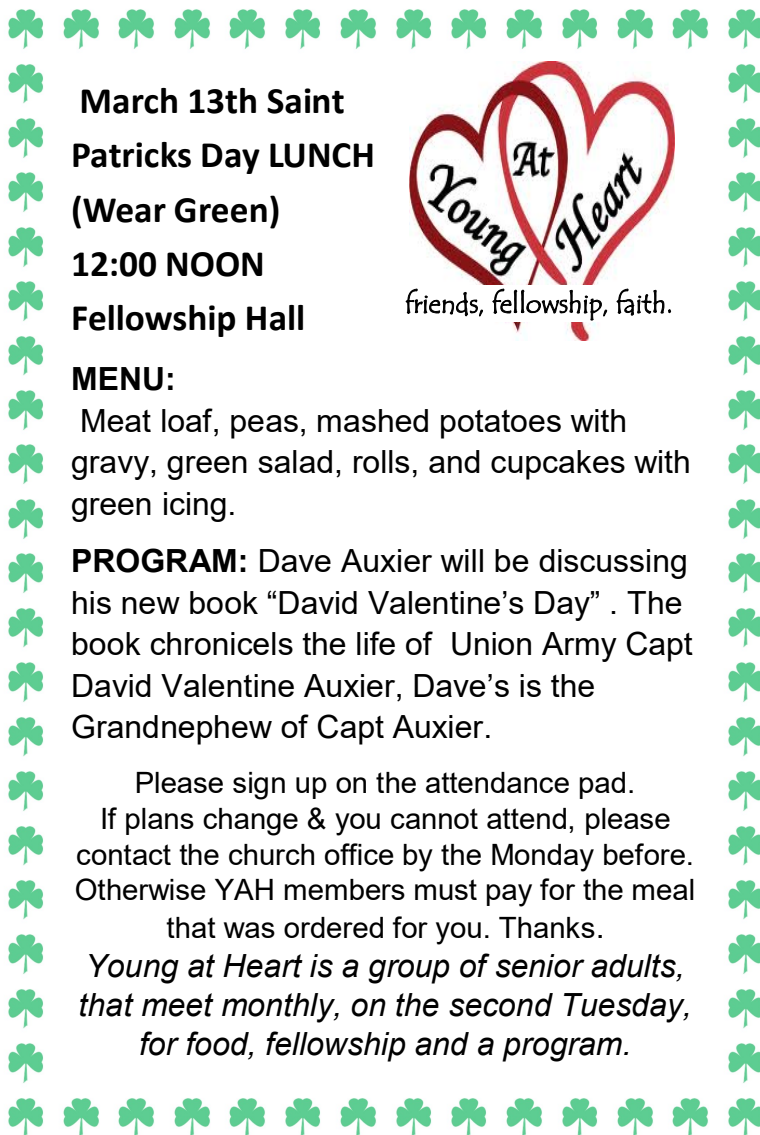
4th Year My Own Bookcase!

The Service & Missions team is excited to announce the fourth year of our MY OWN BOOKCASE project!

This project, co-sponsored by our church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis, will provide 37 children in the Murphysboro Head Start program with their very own handmade bookcase and a starter set of books. The goal of this project is to encourage parents to read to their children, and to improve literacy in the children in our community.

Last year we provided 35 Head Start children with a bookcase and books and the look on the children's faces when they were presented their bag of books was priceless!!!

If you would like to help support this ministry, please pick up one of the flyers that are located either at the back of the sanctuary or by the doors to the education wing. Your generous support will make a positive and everlasting difference in the life of a child. For more information contact Trina Eaton 618-713-6041, trina.eaton1@gmail.com



March 13th Saint
Patricks Day LUNCH
(Wear Green)
12:00 NOON
Fellowship Hall



MENU:

Meat loaf, peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, green salad, rolls, and cupcakes with green icing.

PROGRAM: Dave Auxier will be discussing his new book "David Valentine's Day". The book chronicels the life of Union Army Capt David Valentine Auxier, Dave's is the Grandnephew of Capt Auxier.

Please sign up on the attendance pad.
If plans change & 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.



Saturday, March 10th at
7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship
Hall, men of the church will
gather for breakfast, devotional, and maybe a
work project.

Happy Birthday Etta Mae Imhoff!

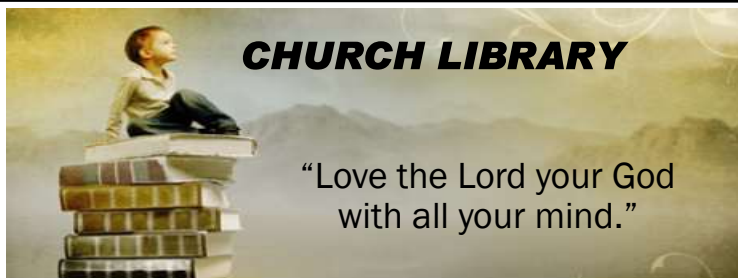
Sunday March 11, 1-3pm
Fellowship Hall, MUMC

The family of Etta Mae Imhoff would like to invite you to an open house in the church fellowship hall from 1pm-3pm to celebrate Etta Mae's 90th birthday. Please no gifts, just stop by to say "Hi" and visit a bit.



FREE
3/25
OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE
Hot Meal
Beverage
Dessert

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



The Library Corner: The Gifts of Imperfection!

*There are gifts in imperfection? That is good news for all of us! Angie Baughman shares a review (below) of Brené Brown's book **The Gifts of Imperfection: Let go of who you think you're supposed to be and embrace who you are.***

Where do I even begin? This book, and the work of Brené Brown, has been transformational in my life. If you are not familiar with her research, I encourage you to find her TEDx Houston talk from June 2010 on YouTube. I have watched it at least a dozen times and I always learn something new from it.

After watching this talk, I looked for her on Audible and purchased a copy of *The Power of Vulnerability*. This recording is Brené teaching workshops on the same guideposts that are found in the chapters of ***The Gifts of Imperfection***. I often go back to both the audio and print versions of this book to remind myself of concepts that are significant to me.

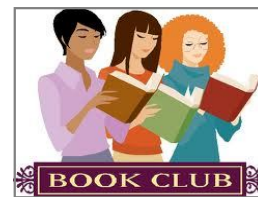
Brené's work challenges me because her writing presses on many of the places where I struggle. I am journeying to live at a place of greater peace with myself and her willingness to share her own journey sparks hope in me. I believe that I am capable of living with more worthiness, more self approval, and more acceptance of who I am. Here are a couple of Brené's statements you would find underlined in my copy of *Gifts*:

How much we know and understand ourselves is critically important, but there is something that is even more essential to living a Wholehearted life: loving ourselves. When the shame winds are whipping around me, it's almost impossible to hold on to any perspective or to recall anything good about myself. I went right into the bad self-talk of *God, I'm such an idiot. Why did I do that?*
And this quote she shares from Howard

Thurman, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Brené is a Christian, but her work is academic. She talks about God and her spiritual journey in relationship to the work she does and how it affected her personally. She refers to a transformative time in her life that she describes as a "spiritual awakening". I find her writing style to be honest, encouraging, challenging, and accepting.
By Angie Baughman

Note: Angie Baughman has founded "Steady On Ministries". Check out her website at www.livesteadyon.com for Information, Blog, Book Reviews, Classes and details about her Women's Study Weekend to be held on April 7 & 8 at Little Grassy Camp.
You will find a copy of Brené Brown's book on the Library Table upstairs.

MUMC
Saturday
Mornings



Saturday, March 17th, 10:15 am in the Library

Please check the Library Bulletin Board for updates of which book will be discussed at the March and April Meetings.

It will be either
"Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving,
 or **"Chilbury Ladies Choir"** by Jennifer Ryan

YOUTH GROUPS

Questions? Contact a leader for your group:

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

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

Meets every Sunday from 4-6pm in Room 100.

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

Leaders: Stephanie Finke 618-713-4059

Meets every Sunday from 4-6pm in Room 100.



4th-5th Grade Sunday School Teacher Needed!!

We are currently looking for a new Sunday School Teacher to lead the 4th and 5th grade class. Please sign up on the attendance pad if interested. Or contact Sage Lintner, 618-889-7320 or email mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com.

Light Kids Concert

March 10, 9am-2pm

Aldersgate UMC Marion, IL

For children 1st-5th grade.

Any child in 1st or 2nd grade must be accompanied by an adult.

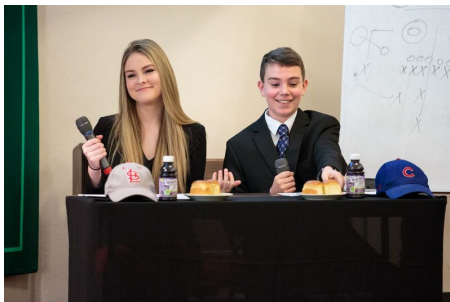
Remember if you signed up your child/children must have a parent sign a Liability and Medical Release form located on the Youth Bulletin Board. More information is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Agape House welcomes youth for fellowship, study, and a light meal every Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Agape House is a ministry of DeSoto United Methodist Church.



Highlights of Youth Sunday, 2018



2017 Annual Report

United Methodist Men (UMM) is the official organization for the men at the local church, Annual Conference, and denominational levels. Among the purposes of the UMM is to involve men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and His church, to provide resources and programs in the area of stewardship, and to provide models and support for Annual Conference and local church United Methodist Men. Our annual report follows.

For the past seven years the United Methodist Men (UMM) have invited the community to our church to enjoy a homemade apple pancake breakfast to help celebrate the Murphysboro Apple Festival. The church has gotten behind this "mission" and it has been offered with a high level of hospitality which has resulted in a very positive response from the community. Rather than keep any of the profits, the UMM have voted to support missions at our church and in the community. **Some \$10,144 has been raised the past 7 years!** The programs funded have included food pantry, camping and camping scholarships, funds to help our youth on their mission trip to Belize, and funds to the Little Grassy Camp for the "Buy a Bunk" project. The UMM believe the Little Grassy camp is essential to the spiritual growth of youth in the community so it was an easy decision to support the camp.

For our 2017 annual meeting, we were very pleased to have Les Winkeler, the Sports Editor of *The Southern*, deliver an interesting presentation based on the question "where does the modern man go for inspiration?" His talk was named "Spirituality is right in our backyard." To make his point, he presented slide pictures of fascinating sites such as the Grand Canyon, Glacier Bay, Crater Lake and the haystacks off the Oregon Coast. However, to further support his topic he had a large personal selection of pictures of birds and animals and scenes he has taken in southern Illinois. The pictures of sunrises and sunsets were inspiring. As he noted, all of this is "right in our backyard."

Other events we had or attended are The Main Event in Nashville, Graduates Breakfast, Feed the Team (Murphysboro HS), attending a Cardinal baseball game and a Saluki football game, serve at the Women's Breakfast, display the Nativity Scene, and do minor cleaning and some repairs at the church. One of the best attended events is our Saturday morning at the Bigham Farm. Allen treats us to breakfast and gives us an overview of the latest in farming equipment and the operation of the farm. We have decided to adopt the Lighthouse in Marion. The Lighthouse is a homeless shelter and a safe place for families to stay until a family crisis is resolved. The UMM will be responsible to do any repairs and keep the room clean and painted.

Informing you of what we do is felt to be very important. For the men of the church, if you are not an active member then please consider joining the UMM. We average around 12 men each month. The UMM is open to all men, young and very mature. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. The breakfast is always very good and "homemade!" For those who would like to enjoy a breakfast including a social time and an occasional devotional, please join us. The topics we discuss range from serious to the sublime.

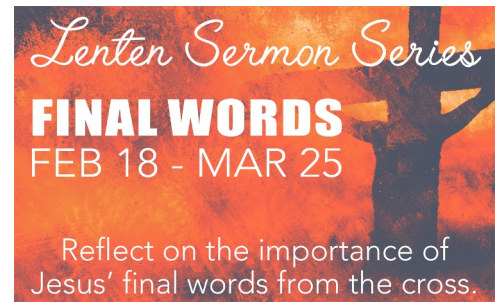
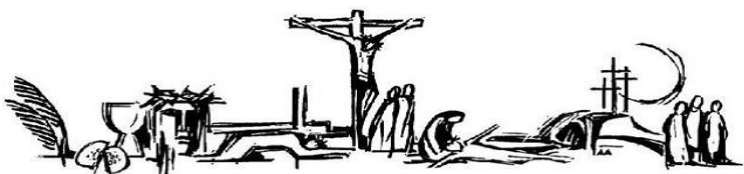
Our elected officers are Jay Graff, President; Rob Williams, Treasurer; and Perry Patterson, Secretary.

MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Jennifer Watson	Allison Vandenberg
MAR	Welcome Hostesses	
4	Carolyn Ozburn and Kathy Blackwell	
11	Carolyn Ozburn and Kathy Blackwell	
18	Kathy Bratton and Barb Griffin	
25	Kathy Bratton and Barb Griffin	
MAR	Acolytes	
4	Phoebe Heller and Justin Maynor	
11	Caroline Guthman and Eli Guthman	
18	Brianna Carnes and Landrie Green	
25	Harper Geis and Maya Jenkins	
Stewards		
Bob Eaton, Jay Graff		

MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
MAR	Prayer Request Reader	
4	Wilma Westerfield	Allison Vandenberg
11	Nancy Fager	Allison Vandenberg
18	Gene Schwebel	Allison Vandenberg
25	Wilma Westerfield	Allison Vandenberg
MAR	Children's Church Leaders	
4	Sage Litner	Scarlett Pierson
11	Cheryl Smith	Ben Snyder
18	Lacey Brown & Rene Doody	Patti Thrailkill
25	Diane Schingel	Julie Wachtel
MAR	Liturgists	Music Leaders
4	TBN	Angie Baughman
11	Michelle Parker-Clark	Lacey Brown
18	Rosie Wece	Lacey Brown
25	Nancy Fager	Lacey Brown
Ushers		
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Jay Graff		Matt Baughman and Jennifer Watson
Recycling:		

Holy Week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25th	
Traditional Worship	9:00am
Praise Worship	11:15am
Maundy Thursday, March 29th	
Service of Tenebrae	7:00pm
Good Friday, March 30th	
Interfaith Service at MUMC	12:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 1st	
Bald Knob Cross of Peace	Sunrise
Easter Sunday, April 1st	
Traditional Worship	9:00am
Praise Worship	11:15am



“Final Words” Lenten sermon series continues in March with worship focusing around the words of Jesus from the cross. Each week we will examine one of Jesus' remarks and the importance of these final words to his followers

- 03/04 – "Behold Your Son/Behold Your Mother"
- 03/11 – "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
- 03/18 – "I Thirst"
- 03/25 – "It Is Finished/ Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"

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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com

Website: www.crossandflameministries.com



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

MUMC:

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

DeUMC:

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 Melba Ziegler
Ministry Support Asst Lacey Brown
Children/Youth Coord..... Sage Lintner
Pianist/Organist..... Jenny Kirby
Choir Director Joel Kirby
Nursery Attendant Caitlyn Boyd, Megan Gale

DeSoto Site Staff:

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Nursery Attendant Tara Taborn
Mike & Casey Johnstone..... Caretakers

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