



From the Pastor's Desk

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WEEKLY BULLETIN **DEADLINE**

is Wednesday
at
10:00 a.m.



NOVEMBER
Compass
Deadline
is Oct 16th
THANKS

Noisy Mission Offering
in October is going to



**FEEDER OF
THE PACK**

Well, October is our annual Stewardship campaign, and I can sense the enthusiasm building already. I have to admit I am not sure that is true, but I can also honestly say that I hope it is, because giving financially to support the church and the work of God is a vital step in discipleship.

One of the great challenges of discipleship is surrendering to God the things we hold most dear. By "surrender" I typically mean placing them under the direction of God; or allowing God to use them as God sees fit and not as we would prefer. Surrendering our time, our talents, our loved ones is often a stumbling block to taking that next serious step on our faith development and let's go ahead and say it, our money or financial assets are also right there.

Offering our financial resources to the church is often not easy for many reasons. In our culture we can always look around and see things we would like to have or to do with those resources or maybe our future is just uncertain and we worry about a time when we will need them to sustain ourselves. I understand all these temptations and struggle with them just like everyone else, but I have also found something else. The joy of letting go and trusting God to be faithful in response to my being faithful to follow God's direction in my life.

I believe that what we do with the things that are important to us matters to God, and defines much of the relationship we have with God. I encourage you to consider your response to God and how you might take an additional step in surrender and commitment.

See you in worship,
Larry

Fall is Here!

1	1:00 pm	Sr High Youth to Garden of the Gods	11	6:30 pm	Publicity and Promotions	22	3:00 pm	Children's Youth Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals		7:00 pm	Bible Journaling		4:00 pm	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Jr Youth Fellowship			AA and Al-Anon		6:30 pm	Executive Council
2	7:00 pm	Men's Book Study	12	5:30 pm	Daisies and Brownies	23	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
		AA Big Book		6:30 pm	Girl Scout Jrs and Cadets		6:30 pm	Youth Ministry Team
					Stephen Ministries Training		7:00 pm	Men's Book Study
3	9:00 am	Precept Study		7:00 pm	GA			AA Big Book
	10:00 am	A-Team	13	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack	24	9:00 am	Precept Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	14	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal		9:00 am	Handbells		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
4	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts		10:00 am	AA			Hospitality Team
		Choir Rehearsal	15	6:00 pm	UMM Men's Banquet	25	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	7:00 pm	AA and Al-Anon	16	-20	Meals on Wheels Week		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
5	6:00 pm	Scout Roundtable	16	6:00 pm	Mom's Group			Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministries Training					7:00 pm	AA and Al-Anon
	7:00 pm	GA		6:30 pm	Children/Youth Spiritual Formation	26	5:30 pm	Daisies and Brownies
7	9:00 am	Handbells		7:00 pm	Men's Book Study		6:30 pm	Girl Scout Jrs and Cadets
	10:00 am	AA			AA Big Book			Pilgrimage Study
8	3:00 pm	Children's Youth Fellowship	17	9:00 am	Precept Study		7:00 pm	GA
	4:00 pm	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		5:30 pm	Service & Missions	28	9:00 am	Handbells
9	6:00 pm	Mom's Group		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		10:00 am	AA
	7:00 pm	Men's Book Study		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	29	12:00 pm	Our Neighbor's Table
		AA Big Book					4:00 pm	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
10	9:00 am	Precept Study	18	9:00 am	Nurture and Care	30	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
	12:00 pm	Young at Heart		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts		7:00 pm	Men's Book Study
	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees			Choir Rehearsal			AA Big Book
		Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations	31	9:00 am	Precept Study
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal			AA and Al-Anon		5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee	19	7:00 pm	GA		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
11	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	21	9:00 am	Handbells		6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
		Choir Rehearsal		10:00 am	AA			
				10:15 am	Book club			



1	Jaylah Maynor	11	Amber Smith	22	Gary Wece
2	Rosie Young	12	Elizabeth Lovell	23	Emma Nehring
5	Jamie Stuck		Rick Runge	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
	Ken Cline	13	Braden Miller	25	Julie Peterson
7	Jennifer Watson	14	Blake Niesporek	26	Cheri Grover
8	Allison Vandenberg	15	JoAnn Schirmer		Nicci Steele
	Ellen McNitt		Mary Jane Williams	28	Barbara Zimmerman
9	Carolyn Ozburn		Maya Jenkins		Brandon Miller
	Hanna Wece	16	Tonya Walker		Margie Stilley
	Lora Maye Bitner	18	Andy McNitt	30	Kyle Quigley
	Susan Wirth	19	Adam Barringer		London Watson
10	Robert Morefield	21	Larry Gilbert	31	Martin Twenhafel

5	Emily & Kyle Hargraves
	Lynn & Richard Pierson
	Sheila & James Stewart
9	Brooke & Ryan Guthman
11	Robin & Todd Sievert
12	Bethany & JT Jenkins
15	Carla & Bill Quigley
	Tonya & Scott Walker
16	Marlene & Harold Gibbs
25	Sandra & Earl Renshaw
26	Sharon & Roger Medlen

Men's Banquet

October 15, 6pm
Fellowship Hall &
Sanctuary



Join us for food & fellowship with sports & outdoors writer for *The Southern*, Les Winkeler as our guest speaker. Les is a long time writer for *The Southern*, covering local & regional sports as well as outdoors topics such as hunting & fishing. He will have numerous pictures he has taken throughout his time at *The Southern* and stories to go along with them. Les will speak about how faith has guided him throughout his life & career.

To purchase tickets contact **Jay Graff, Perry Patterson or Bob Eaton**. We will also have them on sale outside the West doors before worship on October 1st & October 8th. **This is a catered event so please purchase tickets no later than October 10th.**



A.M. Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 am
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! Cost is \$5 per session, or 10 sessions for \$40. For more information, contact Sandy Hostetler, 618-303-0250 or shostet@siu.edu.

**You are
Invited**

FREE

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE
 Hot Meal
 Beverage
 Dessert
 Fellowship

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Oct. 10th
GHOSTLY LUNCH
12:00 pm NOON
Fellowship Hall



friends, fellowship, faith.

Menu:
Potato bar w/fixings
Chili w/crackers
Brownies (no nuts)

Program:
2017 Adult Mission Trip to
Camp Restore.

Meals are \$6 a plate.

Presenter: Barb Hughes

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 **Oct. 14th at 7:30 am**, in Rm 104N.

All men of the church are invited. We will be finalizing our plans for the Oct 15 Men's Banquet.

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

5:30

DeSoto Worship Time Change!
Effective October 1st

The Desoto Site is going from a 10:15 am worship time to a 5:30 pm worship time. This change will allow for the Desoto site to be on the same worship schedule as the Murphysboro site. It will also enable Pastor Larry to preach live instead of via video more often.



Construction has begun on the new heating and air conditioning in the education wing. **Due to this construction, the air condition will be OFF in the education wing, second floor, until further notice.** Plans are underway to relocate all classes and meetings currently set to use rooms 202-205. Thank you for your patience and please pray for cooler weather!

Sixth Annual



Co-Hosted by:

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
and St. Francis Community Animal Rescue
and Education

A FREE EVENT FOR PETS & THEIR PEOPLE

Each animal will receive an individual blessing.

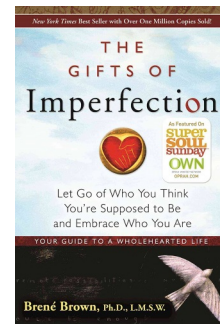
MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PAVILION

AT 16TH & PINE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

All animals must be brought in carriers
or on leashes

Mom's Group Small Book Study



We will be studying the book
"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené
Brown. The study discusses
vulnerability and courage.

This book study will meet every

Monday from 6-8pm beginning October 9th in the

Faithful Friends classroom. Child care is provided.

Please come the first night prepared to discuss the
Introduction! Any questions, please contact Scarlett
Pierson, 573-587-9106 or piersonscarlett@yahoo.com

Adult Bus Trip to Yoder's Kitchen & The Great Pumpkin Patch, Arthur, IL

October 21, 2017

We will be leaving the church promptly at 7:30 am.
Our first stop will be Yoder's Kitchen for a delicious
lunch in the heart of Amish country. Choose something
from the menu or enjoy their lunch buffet. After lunch
we will visit The Great Pumpkin Patch — featured on
Martha Stewart's website. A 200-acre farm that boasts
300 varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds from all
over the world. In addition, there are numerous
displays, mazes, gardens, shopping, a bakery featuring a
full line of Amish baked goods, and musical
entertainment by The Gunny Sack Revue (labeled the
grinners and pickers of Arthur, IL) playing Gospel, Roots,
Country and Bluegrass. We will be leaving the farm late
afternoon for our trip home.

**The admission charge for the farm is \$6 for adults and
\$4 for adults 60 and over.** The only other costs will be
for lunch, and individual purchases of snacks and gift
items, etc.

Please direct questions to Michelle Parker-Clark,
618-993-0309, mpclark@siu.edu.



FCA DAY

Saturday, Oct. 14

AT SALUKI STADIUM

#RUNWITHUS

VS. ILLINOIS STATE | 2 P.M.

SALUKIS

Faith & Family Day at Saluki Stadium

October 14th, 2pm

UMM is sponsoring again this year. It's a great time for
the entire family. SIU offers different ticket packages.

FIRST-DOWN PACKAGE

DISCOUNTED TICKETS, IN-GAME RECOGNITION, & GROUP SEATING!

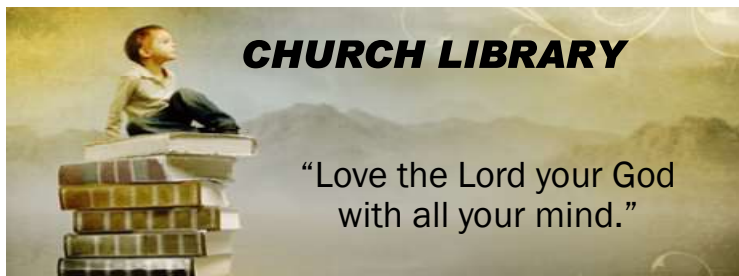
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TOUCHDOWN PACKAGE

THE FIRST DOWN PACKAGE PLUS A FOOD & BEVERAGE VOUCHER AND
A 710 TEAM STORE COUPON!

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL

To purchase tickets contact the church office
or Jay Graff, 618-967-9848, jgraff4@yahoo.com.



The Library Corner: Best Friends

We need best friends. And luckily there are all types of them—for instance, some friends are great talkers – and some don't talk at all! At least not with words. But they express themselves anyway—with the look in their eyes, with their devotion and affection, and with their total and non-critical acceptance. I am, of course speaking of our (usually) four-legged best friends — the animals that add fun, love, and companionship to the lives of individuals and families.

If you are lucky enough to have a furry companion, remember that the first Sunday in October is the day our church hosts a Blessing of the Animals. It is a time of thanksgiving and a celebration that we share this beautiful earth with many creatures that cannot speak and tell us what they need, and yet who bless us by their very existence.

If you like not only taking care of these creatures who share our world and add so much to it, but also like to read stories about animals and their people, we have some books for you. Here are a few that are new to the library:

Best Friends: The True Story of the World's Most Beloved Animal Sanctuary by Samantha Glen. This is the story of the founding of this sanctuary in Utah, which is the largest no-kill shelter in the country. The book interweaves the stories of the people involved in this monumental task with the stories of some of the animals who have been rescued. Personalities shine in this book—both the people and the animals!

A Dog Named Boo: How One Dog and One Woman Rescued Each Other—and the Lives They Transformed Along the Way by Lisa Edwards. Edwards is a dog trainer, but this story is about the dogs who have become part of her family, and who have taught her and supported her while she was doing the same for them. Her sensitivity to the needs and potential for the animals she adopts bring out the best in them—especially Boo—not the brightest or most graceful of dogs, but who absolutely was just what she, and others, needed.

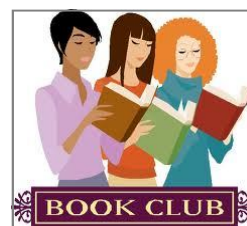
The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis by Elizabeth Letts. How did Hitler and horses become connected? It seems Hitler was not only looking for the “master race” but also “master animals.”

The famous Lipizzaner stallions become victims to this mania when they are stolen and kept on a secret farm behind enemy lines. But as the war winds down, the horses are slated to be slaughtered for food. In this wild tale, it is chance that brings this to the attention of American troops, and it is boldness and bravery that lead to the covert rescue operation that saves them. What a story!

We also have fiction books that feature animals. Try **The Dog that Talked to God** by Jim Kraus or **The Dog Master: a Novel of the First Dog** by W. Bruce Cameron.

You'll find these and other books about animals on display in the library and on book tables in the upstairs and downstairs halls. Enjoy!

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



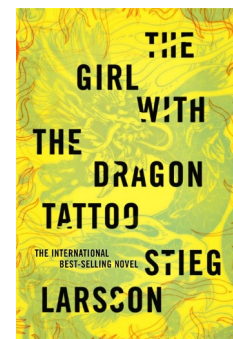
Join the discussion on :

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

by Stieg Larsson

Saturday, October 21st at

10:15 am, Library, Rm 110



Mikael Blomkvist, a once-respected financial journalist, watches his professional life rapidly crumble around him. Prospects appear bleak until an unexpected (and unsettling) offer to resurrect his name is extended by an old-school titan of Swedish industry. The catch—and there's always a catch—is that Blomkvist must first spend a year researching a mysterious disappearance that has remained unsolved for nearly four decades. With few other options, he accepts and enlists the help of investigator Lisbeth Salander, a misunderstood genius with a cache of authority issues. Little is as it seems in Larsson's novel, but there is at least one constant: you really don't want to mess with the girl with the dragon tattoo.

Read ahead book for November:

11/23/63

By Stephen King

YOUTH GROUPS

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

Meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, in
Room 104N from 3:00 - 3:45 pm.

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 and
Shannon Vincent 618-525-4183

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

Sr. High Trip to Garden of the Gods

Oct. 1 2017

Garden of the Gods

We will leave the church at 12:30pm

We will stop for lunch on the way.

We plan to be back around 7pm.

Questions please contact: Sage Lintner
618-889-7320, mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com



MUMC youth will once again support Operation Christmas Child. Their mission is to provide partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children with the good news of Jesus Christ. These boxes will be shipped outside the U.S. to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

By Oct. 8, please donate shoe boxes, wrapping paper, personal care items such as brushes or bar soap; clothing and accessories such as socks, sunglasses or tote bags; crafts such as school supplies, coloring books, play dough or stickers; and toys such as a slinky, puzzle, card game, or yo-yo. Please do not donate liquids, candies, or medicines. Each box costs \$9 to ship, so monetary donations are needed as well.

Thank you for supporting our youth's effort to help make disciples for Christ. For more information contact: Laurie Nehring, 618-303-2777, nehringfarm@hotmail.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.



It's fun to **HOST A TRUNK** at either Murphysboro or DeSoto.

Please contact Lacey Brown at
mumcministries@gmail.com or

618-525-5106 for more information or
to volunteer.



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.

Apple Festival 2017 in pictures!



Trail Day 2017

Between 80-90 people enjoyed a beautiful day at Lake Murphysboro.

Jerry Giffin & friends and Dave Auxier provided music. There were games, fun and great food.

Couldn't ask for a better day to celebrate our discipleship growth.



SAVE YOUR STUFF FOR UPCOMING FALL/WINTER YARD SALE!

Proceeds to benefit Murphysboro Food Pantry

Friday, Nov. 3, 3-6pm & Saturday, Nov. 4, 8am - noon

This sale will feature Fall/Winter clothing, footwear, coats, as well as bedding & towels. We hope to have Christmas decor items, kitchenware, small appliances, etc.



Please do not bring computers/printers, phones, picture frames, furniture, misc. home decor, or any summer items. Workers are needed Wed., Nov. 1 and Thurs., Nov. 2, 9 am to noon & 1 – 4 pm, as well as Friday morning, starting at 9 am. Items may be dropped off prior to the work hours by leaving them in Room 102A after Sunday School or during work hours, but no later than noon on Thursday. Please find some time to help with this sale with your donations and your presence. **Proceeds will help the Murphysboro Food Pantry to assist recipients with holiday meals. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Pierson @ 684-3601.**

We need candy and small toys!

We've made it through the Murphysboro and DeSoto parades, so now we need to stock up for the Trunk-or-Treats at both our Murphysboro and DeSoto church sites. **Collection bins will be available at both churches thru Sunday, October 29.** With two separate Trunk-or-Treats, our volunteers could really use help from the congregation. Watch for sales, swing through the candy aisle - often - and help us add something a little sweet to our outreach opportunities this fall.

Besides candy and small trinkets, monetary donations will be accepted. Just include the word "Candy" on the memo line of your check or the "other" line of the offering envelope.

Questions? Contact: Lacey Brown, 618-684-6969 or mumcministries@gmail.com



OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
	Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com	
	Rick Runge	Kristi Miller
OCT	Welcome Hostesses	
1	Carolyn Ozburn and Kathy Blackwell	
8	Arlene Bitner and Nancy Tillett	
15	Arlene Bitner and Nancy Tillett	
22	Susan Patterson and Mimi Rice	
29	Susan Patterson and Mimi Rice	
OCT	Acolytes	
1	Harper Ellermeyer and Caroline Guthman	
8	Wesley Graham and Phoebe Heller	
15	Justin Maynor and Maya Jenkins	
22	Phoebe Heller and Brianna Carnes	
29	Harper Geis and Tiara Bradford	
Stewards		
Dick Graff, Todd Lirely, Richard Pierson and Gene Schwebel		

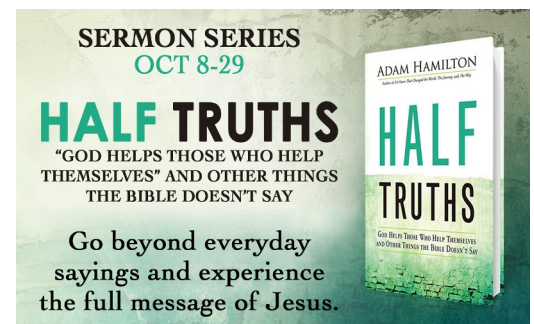
OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
OCT	Prayer Request Reader	
1	Wilma Westerfield	Kristi Miller
8	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
15	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller
22	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
29	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
OCT	Children's Church Leaders	
1	Tonya Walker	Patty Thraikill
8	Cheryl Smith	Jennie & Ben Snyder
15	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
22	Diane Schingel	TBA
29	Diane Schingel	TBA & Julie Wachtel
OCT	Liturgists	Music Leaders
1	Mason Schingel	Brian Vincent
8	Barb Hughes	Lacey Brown
15	Diane Schingel	Brian Vincent
22	Nancy Fager	Angie Baughman
29	Richard Tierney	Lacey Brown
Ushers		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely		Rick Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Recycling: Diane Schingel		

HALF TRUTHS Sermon Series - revised schedule

This sermon series will use Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths* book as a guide. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Week One	Sun, Oct 1 "Everything Happens for a Reason"
Week Two	Sun, Oct 8 "God Said I, I believe It, That Settles It"
Week Three	Sun, Oct 15 "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"
Week Four	Sun, Oct 22 "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"
Week Five	Sun, Oct 29 "God Will Not Give You More Than You Can Handle"

**Come and learn why these are called Half Truths,
and why we should avoid them in ourselves and question them in others.**



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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: 5:30 pm

Agape House: 5:30 p.m. Each Wednesday

Cross and Flame Staff

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Church Secretary Deb Severa
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Pianist/Organist Jenny Kirby
Choir Director Joel Kirby
Nursery Attendant Caitlyn Boyd, Megan Gale

DeSoto Site Staff:

Program Assistant Jessica Seals
Children/Youth Coord Jennifer O'Donnell
Ministry Support Tina Nimmo
Nursery Attendant Tara Taborn
Caretakers Mike & Casey Johnstone

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