



From the Pastor's Desk

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Well spring is finally upon us and summer is just around the corner. Although as I have grown older I prefer the chill of winter to the heat of summer, I would have to admit that after this winter I am ready for a little heat.

I am also ready for the routine of summer, watching my grandsons play baseball, visiting area parks for summer outings, a little summer vacation traveling, and even the hectic pace of summer ministry. I know a lot of people think summer is a little less busy at the church than during the school year, but that would be an inaccurate assumption. Summer, at least for me, is the busiest time of the year and for a number of reasons.

One of them would be summer camp. Our summer camp registration this year is currently at 45. What a blessing, 45 children and youth headed off to camp due in part to your financial support and prayers. This year for the first time some of our youth will be from our Agape House program in DeSoto thanks to a generous donor for this ministry.

We also have our senior high heading back to Mission Peoria this year; youth from Agape House will also be participating in this week long mission experience - Praise God.

Of course we will have VBS, a Confirmation trip, and we will again celebrate our Caring for Kids mission emphasis in July. So you can pretty quickly see why summer is such a busy time. But it is so much more than just being busy. Summer offers so many of us those intensive spiritual experiences that shape our faith and relationship with God for years to come.

Very soon our worship services will start to include sending our youth and adults off for these spiritually deepening experiences. I encourage you not to wait till then to begin praying. Begin now, to lift up this summer in your prayers that the hearts of our people, young and old may be blessed.

Your Servant in Christ,
 Larry A. Gilbert

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


 June *Compass*
 Deadline is May 14th
 THANKS

NOISY MISSION OFFERING



**In May is
 going to
 Relay for
 Life**

1	11:30 am	A - Team	10	4:00 pm	Stephen Ministries	20	6:30 pm	Youth Ministry Team
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		5:30 pm	Daisy & Brownies	21		Meal's on Wheels Week
	6:30 pm	Praise Team		6:00 pm	GA		7:00 pm	Men's Book Study
2	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts		6:30 pm	Girl Scout Juniors			AA Big Book
		Choir	11	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack	22	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Worship Team	12	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		6:30 pm	Praise Team
		AA		10:00 am	AA		6:30 pm	Precept Class
		Al-Anon		4:00 pm	Emmaus Group	23	9:00 am	Holy Folders
3	6:00 pm	GA	14	7:00 pm	Men's Book Study		6:00 pm	Choir
5	9:00 am	Women's Prayer Breakfast			AA Big Book			Boy Scouts
	10:00 am	AA	15	9:00 am	Precept Class		7:00 pm	AA
6	8:00 am	Graduate Breakfast		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts			Al-Anon
	2:00 pm	My Own Bookcase Presentation at Elks Lodge		6:30 pm	Praise Team	24	4:00 pm	Stephen Ministries
7	7:00 pm	Men's Book Study		6:30 pm	Precept Class		6:00 pm	GA
		AA Big Book	16	9:00 am	Nurture & Care	26	10:00 am	AA
8	9:00 am	Precept Class		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	27	Noon	Our Neighbor's Table
	12:00 pm	Young at Heart			Choir	28		Office Closed-Memorial Day
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations		7:00 pm	Men's Book Study
	6:30 pm	Praise Team			AA	29	6:30 pm	Praise Team
9	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts			Al-Anon		6:30 pm	Precept Class
		Choir	17	6:00 pm	Ga	30	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30 pm	Publicity & Promotion	19	10:00 am	AA		7:00 pm	AA
	7:00 pm	Bible Journaling		10:15 am	Book Club			Al-Anon
		AA				31	6:00 pm	GA
		Al-Anon						



1	Mary Ellen Tierney	9	Madison Runge	18	Alex Baughman
2	Ali Bradford	9	Candace Watt	21	Beautiful Bradford
	Terri Twenhafel	10	Da'Vaughn Graves		Bethany Jenkins
3	Allen Bigham	12	Belinda Nation	23	Carol Wehmeyer
4	Peggy Schuster	13	Landess Mills	24	Delores McNitt
5	Jason Nimmo	14	Vanessa Lirely	26	Carolyn Sauer
6	Ethan Zimmerman		Hallee Ticer	27	Roger Medlen
7	Cheyenne Abbadusky	15	Jordan Williams	29	Richard Pierson
8	Ryan Finke	17	Kristi Miller	31	Debbie Korando
9	Jeff Patterson				

2	Durice & Rick Runge
8	Holly & Chad Flecher
11	Leah & Jeff Patterson
18	Sid & Frank Boucher
19	Jennifer & Ed O'Donnell
	Thelma & William Pierson
	Nancy & John Vallino
24	Hillary & Ronald Brooks
27	Kathy & Dan Bratton
	Nancy & Andy McNitt
31	Cindy & Kurt Presley
	Cheryl & Roger Smith



Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 3 2-4 pm Fellowship Hall

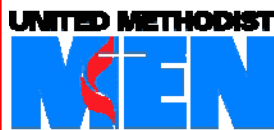
Calling all homemade ice cream makers — we need your expertise. On Sunday, June 3rd, MUMC Fellowship Ministries is hosting an Ice Cream Social. Please join us from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If the old ice cream machine is broken, or packed away in the attic, pick up a gallon of your favorite ice cream flavor or bring cookies, brownies, or other treats to share. And, be looking forward to a fun skit courtesy of our own MUMC Youth. Hope to see you there!



**10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Thursday, May 17**
Denny's in Carbondale will be giving a percentage of their sales to the Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team!

No coupon is needed. You don't even have to tell the wait staff. Just show up, eat, and pay your bill. Denny's will do the rest. **Please tell all your friends.** Please show your support of our efforts to raise funds in the fight against cancer.

Our team members thank you in advance for your support.



Saturday, May 12th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, men of the church will gather for breakfast, devotional, and maybe a work project. **All men of the church are invited to attend.**



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**May 8th 12:00 NOON
Fellowship Hall -
Celebrating Mom**



MENU: Mom's Comfort Foods - Chicken and Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Lettuce Salad, Rolls, & Strawberry Short Cake.

friends, fellowship, faith.

PROGRAM: What is Health Ministry?

Health ministry is a ministry within a church or other faith community that addresses the issues of health and wellness, healing and wholeness. It does this by calling upon an individual's spiritual and faith resources as well as medical and physical resources. Join Jo Sanders, RN, BSN, SIH Health Ministry Coordinator, for "Healthy Living and You."

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.



CALLING ALL DRIVERS!

Join our Transportation Team

Every week we bring people to church who would not otherwise be able to attend because of lack of transportation or because they can no longer drive. Volunteer drivers pick people up at their homes and take them back either after the church service or after Sunday School. We are looking to expand this ministry to include some of our local assisted living facilities. So many of our seniors have the desire to worship with their church family, but they have no way to get here.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone who wanted to attend our church had that opportunity?

If you can drive, you can help!



Are you ready for some real “comfort food”?

Join the Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team
on Sunday, May 20th.

We will be hosting our annual fundraiser at the Plum Street Home Association
(formerly known as Murphysboro K C Hall).

The menu is fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, plus all the trimmings. Drinks provided. Homemade desserts made by our wonderful Methodist bakers, will also be on the menu.

The meal will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 5-11, and children 4 and under eat free.

Advanced tickets may be purchased from any team member.

Team members are Nancy Fager, Jennifer Watson, Tena Bigham, Sharon Graff, Lela Sternberg, Wilma Westerfield, Kathy Ripley, and Sharon Jones. There will be a limited number available at the door.

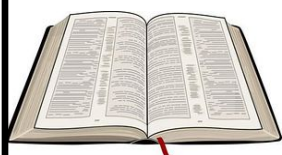


SAVE YOUR STUFF!!

**The annual YARD SALE
for MISSIONS**

Will be July 20th & 21st.

**Watch next month's
newsletter for details!**



Cache River District Lay Servant Training

You Can Preach!

(counts toward Certified Lay Speaker track)

Dates: Fri. June 15 & Sat. June 16, (both dates required)

Times: Fri., 6:00 – 8:00 pm & Sat., 8:30am-6pm

Location: Carbondale Grace UMC, 220 N Tower Rd, Carbondale, IL

Cost: \$30 (includes book, snacks & Saturday lunch)

Registration Deadline: June 11, 2018

Instructor: TBA

Contact: Roberta DePuy, happyfish27@hotmail.com
573-201-6650 (voicemail), or PO Box 69, Marion,
IL 62959

Individuals are expected to purchase the text and complete assigned work **PRIOR** to the first class.

Precept Study on Acts

Acts parts 1 & 2 are different studies, so it is not necessary for you to take part 1 in order to take part 2.

These studies will be similar to the traditional method, but will only have about one-third of the homework. In & Out is a streamlined approach that covers the same material but with fewer hours of study time.

Part 1

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

May 15 - July 17

This Tuesday evening class is an In & Out streamlined (less homework) approach to Precept studies. We will be studying the power of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the early church in Acts pt 1. Both men and women will be apart of the class. Child Care is available.

Part 2

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 am

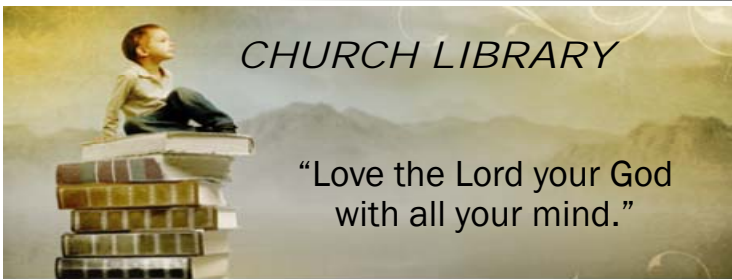
June 5 - July 31, 2018

The Tuesday morning Precept class will be trying something new this summer and we would love for you to join us. We will be studying Acts Part 2 (ch 13-28) using the In & Out Precept method.

Acts part 2 focuses on Paul and his witness to the Gentiles. If you've ever considered taking a Precept class, this would be a great one to try.

Sign up on the attendance pads at church or contact Angie at 618-201-0139 or angie@livesteadyon.com. All sessions taught by Angie Baughman





The Library Corner: Kids at Heart

Did you see the picture of our newly designed and built children and youth display bookcases in last month's newsletter? This month we have some newly acquired books and DVDs especially for kids and families. Stop in the library for a look at our cheery kid's space, and check out what's new!

The Blessings Jar: A Story About Being Thankful: Having a grumpy day? The little girl in this book was, until Grammy introduces the Blessings Jar. Turns out that God's blessings outweigh all those grumpy feelings.

Ferdinand: We have the book and the movie. The classic children's book has gained new life from the recently released movie about Ferdinand, the gentle bull who really would rather smell the flowers than fight. The book is simple enough for smaller children. The animated movie expands the book to show Ferdinand's example of peaceful courage and kindness – and adds considerable action to the book's basic story! It is fun for older children.

I Am Jackie Robinson and I Am Jane Goodall: Two books from the popular "Ordinary People Change the World" series by Brad Meltzer. It's history, it's bravery, and it shows ordinary people doing heroic things.

Wonder: We have both the popular book and the movie. Beloved by readers and movie goers, Wonder tells the story of Auggie Pullman, a 10 year old entering school for the first time. He has facial differences that draw attention to him even though what he wants most is just to be an ordinary kid. It's a challenging situation for everyone around him too. And on top of that it's a page turner!

Wrinkle in Time: The story of Meg and her younger brother Charles as they seek to rescue their father who has disappeared. It is science fiction and fantasy, and it is also part of the tradition of timeless stories about the fight between good and evil.

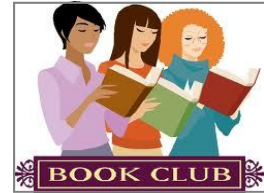
We hope the church family enjoys these new additions to the kid's library shelves. We'll be adding more—keep checking in!

Other Book Notes: Mother's Day is coming! We are thinking of mothers and women of all ages. We will have books of interest to women—including the moms in our midst— on display in the library and on the upstairs and downstairs library tables.

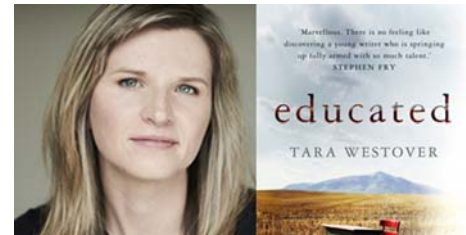
Spring Cleaning?: Are you doing some spring cleaning? While you are doing that please look for church library books! We love lending books out—and we would also love to have overdue ones returned!



MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the
discussion on
Saturday, May
19th, 10:15 am in
the Library



Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard. Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. Educated is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty, and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.

YOUTH GROUPS

Questions? Contact a leader for your group:

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

Leaders: Diane Schingel 618-303-3757

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.



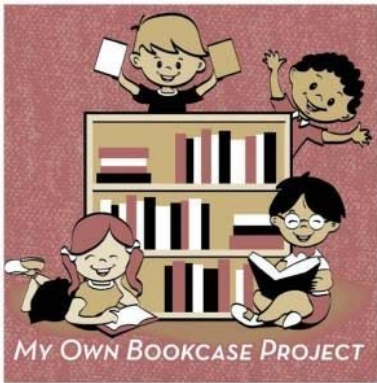
**Spring Festival in Murphysboro
May 18th, 6pm-8pm.**

Murphysboro Youth & Recreation Facility

Carnival style games will be provided by local churches.

All proceeds go to social workers at the schools.

This event was largely inspired by our "Caring for Kids" project. MUMC youth are encourage to participate by helping with the games from 5:30-8:30.



**My Own Bookcase Ceremony!
Sunday, May 6 at 2pm
Elks Banquet Hall**

The Fourth Annual My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony will be Sunday, May 6 at 2pm at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall.

Please join us as we will present over 30 children with their own bookcase and starter set of books.

The look of excitement on the children's faces as they receive their bookcases and books is something that you won't want to miss!



**Youth Mission Trip
July 23-28
To Mission Peoria**

Sign-ups on the Youth bulletin board.

Deadline to sign-up is May 7th.

Questions, contact Sage Lintner, 618-889-7320

mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com



Graduate Breakfast!

Sunday May 6th, 8am

Graduates and their parents, siblings, and grandparents are invited to a celebration breakfast . Contact the church office if you and your graduate would like to attend.

Reminder!

Promotion Sunday is May 20th!



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.



MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Rick Runge	Roger Smith
MAY	Welcome Hostesses	
6	Kay Bozarth Marcia Butler	
13	Janice Crews Sally Moutardier	
20	Janice Crews Sally Moutardier	
27	Terri Yates TBN	
MAY	Acolytes	
6	Landrie Green Nathan Ashworth	
13	Phoebe Heller Caroline Guthman	
20	Maya Jenkins Harper Geis	
27	Brianna Carnes Justin Maynor	
Stewards		
Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin		

MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
MAY	Prayer Request Reader	
6	Lou Ann Lough	Roger Smith
13	Gaye Auxier	Roger Smith
20	Nancy Fager	Roger Smith
27	Gene Schwebel	Roger Smith
MAY	Children's Church Leaders	
6	Sage Litner	Ben Snyder
13	Cheryl Smith	Patty Thrailkill
20	Lacey Brown/Rene' Doody	Julie Wachtel
27	Diane Schingel	Scarlett Pierson
MAY	Liturgists	Music Leaders
6	TBN	Lacey Brown
13	Brooke Guthman	Lacey Brown
20	Diane Schingel	Lacey Brown
27	Ron Kiser	Lacey Brown
Ushers		
Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller, and Dave Auxier		Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham



All of us do things that are not really good for us in some way. We don't exercise enough, maybe we don't eat right or we just worry too much. But the Bible helps us to understand that some things we do are just destructive to us; physically, emotionally and spiritually. Continuing in May we will take a look at seven of these destructive behaviors and how allowing them into our lives robs us of the joy of living.

- May 6: "Lust – The ring of fire"
- May 13: "Pride – Lord, it's hard to be humble"
- May 20: "Sloth – I would love to, but..."
- May 27: "Wrath – I am so mad I could spit"



Opportunity For Service-Children's Story Time

For some time, we have had a summer children's story time. Last year the Murphysboro site had over 40 kids participate, including a local preschool. There were more at Desoto, where 2017 was the first year. This program has lost it's sponsor & will not happen this summer unless an individual or group is willing to pick this up & coordinate & hold the event. Please consider offering your help to use this opportunity to tell children about Jesus.

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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
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Minister of Visitation..... Michelle Parker-Clark
Financial Secretary..... Christine Nolan
Technology Coord..... Anne Johnson
Webmaster..... Amanda Wingerter
Custodian..... Pat Sullivan

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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

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