



From the Pastor's Desk

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The Adult Mission Trip has become an important tradition in the life of our church. Over the past several years dozen of individuals have discovered the benefits of participating in this spiritual experience.

After my personal participation on dozens of mission trips if I were to be asked to define what makes a mission trip so rewarding I would struggle to offer a definitive answer. In part because every one of us is unique and on any given trip what makes it meaningful is also different for everyone. But some common threads would include the fellowship with the others on the trip, helping people who clearly need help, working together to make a difference in someone's life and answering a call of God to give of ourselves and asking for nothing in return.

For the last several years we have traveled to New Orleans working with Hurricane victims and others in that area who were also in need. This year we have chosen to stay a little closer to home by traveling to East Bay United Methodist Camp on Lake Bloomington. There we will be involved in the de-construction (removal) work and clean-up of old buildings and cabins that are no longer in service to the program. To make way for new structures/services at the camp. This work is a vital step in the revitalization of our Conference camping ministry and will be a service to children, youth, and adults for decades to come.

The dates for this year's trip are September 23 to 29. Additional details about our Mission Trip can be found in the church bulletin or by calling the office. Why not be part of a fun and fulfilling adventure and come along this year.

Your Servant in Christ,
 Larry Gilbert

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




September *Compass*
 Deadline is August 13th
 THANKS

**NOISY MISSION OFFERING
 In August is
 going to
 Murphysboro
 FOOD
 PANTRY!**



Are you ready to hit the trail?
Save the Date! for Trail Day 2018
 Sunday, September 9, 3-6 pm at Murphysboro Lake
 Main Concession Area. Food, fellowship, games, and music are coming
 your way! Hope to see you there.



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| 1 | 6:00 PM | Boy Scouts | 13 | 6:30 PM | Children and Youth Spiritual Formation Team | 22 | 7:00 PM | Al Anon |
| | 7:00 PM | AA | | 7:00 PM | Men's Book Study | 23 | 4:00 PM | Stephen Ministries |
| | | Al Anon | | 7:00 PM | AA Big Book | | 6:00 PM | GA |
| 2 | 6:00 PM | GA | 14 | Noon | Young at Heart | 25 | 10:00 AM | AA |
| | | Scouts Roundtable | | 6:00 PM | BOT | 26 | Noon | Our Neighbors Table |
| 3 | 8:30 AM | Adult Spiritual Formation | | 6:30 PM | Praise Team | | 6:30 PM | Executive Council |
| 4 | 10:00 AM | AA | | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee | 27 | 7:00 PM | Men's Book Study |
| 6 | 7:00 PM | Men's Book Study | 15 | 9:00 AM | Nurture & Care | | 7:00 PM | AA Big Book |
| | | AA Big Book | | 6:00 PM | Boy Scouts | 28 | 9:00 AM | Precept |
| 7 | 9:00 AM | Precept Class | | 7:00 PM | Staff Parish | | 6:30 PM | Praise Team |
| | 11:30 AM | A-Team | | 7:00 PM | AA | 29 | 9:00 AM | Holy Folders |
| | 6:30 PM | Praise Team | | 7:00 PM | AL Anon | | 6:00 PM | Boy Scouts |
| 8 | 6:00 PM | Boy Scouts | 16 | 6:00 PM | GA | | 7:00 PM | AA |
| | 6:30 PM | Publicity & Promotion | 18 | 10:00 AM | AA | | 7:00 PM | Al Anon |
| | 7:00 PM | AA | | 10:15 AM | Book Club | 30 | 6:00 PM | GA |
| | 7:00 PM | AL Anon | 20 | | Meals on Wheels Week | | | |
| | 7:00 PM | Bible Journaling | | 7:00 PM | Men's Book Study | | | |
| 9 | 4:00 PM | Stephen Ministries | | 7:00 PM | AA Big Book | | | |
| | 6:00 PM | GA | 21 | 9:00 AM | Precept | | | |
| 10 | 9:30 AM | Feeder of the Pack | | 7:00 PM | Praise Team | | | |
| 11 | 7:30 AM | UMM Breakfast | 22 | 6:00 PM | Boy Scouts | | | |
| | 10:00 AM | AA | | 7:00 PM | AA | | | |



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

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






Adult Mission Trip
September 22-29
 East Bay Campground
 on Lake Bloomington





Work to be done will involve demolition of old cabins to make room for new cabins to be built.
 Cost will be \$200 per person. For more information, contact: Gene Schwebel
 618-521-0978, Gene1955@mchsi.com

Precept Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts
 Tuesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
 August 21 - November 13
 Led by Angie Baughman



What has God called you to do and uniquely equipped you for? Discover the spiritual gifts God has given you and understand those given to all believers to glorify Himself and strengthen His church. Book Cost \$30.00.



Stephen Ministry Pew Cards

Stephen Ministers Care!

Are you going through a difficult time or do you know someone who is?
 To learn how to receive care from - or become - a Stephen Minister, pick up a new Stephen Ministry God's Love in Action pew card.
Give the gift of hope to someone today!

August 14 th
12:00 - NOON
Fellowship Hall
Celebrating a Summer Picnic



friends, fellowship, faith.

MENU: Sloppy Joes/Hot Dogs, Chips, Baked Beans and Ice Cream w/Toppings

PROGRAM: Patricia Hoke, partner with Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes, and Hoke will be sharing relevant information with us concerning Estate Planning and various types of Powers of Attorney.

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.



Men's Trip October 15-17

To Branson with a stop at Bass Pro in Springfield, MO to tour the Johnny Morris-Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium then on to the College of the Ozarks in Branson.
 For more information, contact Rob Williams at 618-713-0843 or duckhookville@gmail.com.



OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

Hot Meal
 Beverage
 Dessert

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Saturday, August 11th 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.

Steady On Women's Workshop

WHAT'S IN THERE FOR ME?

Do you desire to find more life application in your Bible reading?
Using Psalm 40, Angie will encourage a deeper connection with scripture
by sharing stories and guiding participants in how to personalize the verses.

Music throughout
the day from
Jessica Krongos

Saturday, October 13, 2018
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
SIU Student Center Ballroom A

Lunch catered by Panera
\$35 for registration
online registration will open in July



Section Greeters Wanted

We have consolidated the greeter/hostess position, which means we are providing a new opportunity for service. That simply means that if you see a first time visitor, guest, or occasional attendee sitting near you, that you greet them, shake their hand, and make them feel welcome. In other words, just be the hands and feet of Christ. You both will be glad that you did.



WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?



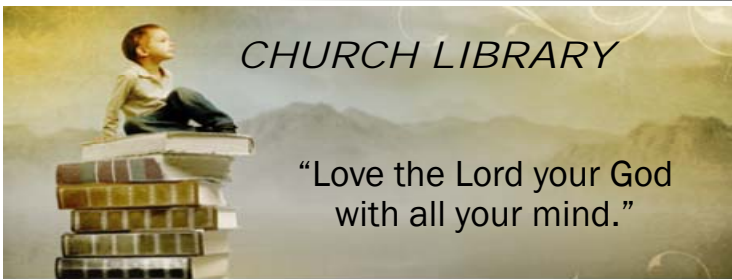
Faithful Friends, a class for women of all ages with rotating leaders, is continuing their 12-session video based study, Twelve Women of the Bible, featuring life changing stories for women today by Lisa TerKeurst, Elisa Morgan, Amena Brown, Jonalyn Grace Fincher, Jeanne Stevens, and Naomi Zacharias.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. The Summer 2018 theme is Justice in the New Testament covering three (3) units: God is Just and Merciful, Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy, and Paul Teaches About New Life in Christ.

Pathfinders, led by Terri Twenhafel, is continuing a six-session DVD study, *Way Through the Wilderness: Growing in Faith When Life is Hard*. Rob Renfroe explores the wilderness experience – what it is, how we get there, why God allows it, and how we can get through it God's way so that we learn the lessons he has for us. Remaining sessions: 4) Walking with God in the wilderness; 5) Avoiding wrong turns in the wilderness; 6) Coming out of the wilderness.

Seekers, led by Susan Patterson, is continuing a study which started on July 8th. The title of the study is *A Grace-Full Life: God's All-Reaching, Soul-Saving, Character-Shaping, Never-Ending Love* by Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds.

Trailblazers, Ignorance is bliss--except in self-awareness. What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships--and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts? Join the Trailblazers, led by Rick and Scarlett Pierson, as they continue their study of the book, *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile.



The Library Corner: Study Up!

One of the wonders of spiritual life is that there is always more. As we seek to be closer to God, our lives are enriched over and over again. There is always more to discover, and opportunities to grow in love and understanding. Among the things that enhance our spiritual journeys are the practices of reading and studying—whether it is Bible Study or other spiritual reading. If you long to “study up” here are some resources:

The Story of Heaven: (you can’t get more “up” than that!) This is a three session DVD study with Max Lucado and Randy Frazee discussing the topics “Exit Strategy”, “Heavenly Graduation” and “The End of Time.”

The New Daily Study Bible by William Barclay. This series covers all the books of the New Testament and has both the Bible passages and the discussion in one easy to read format. Choose a book of the New Testament you would like to study—Matthew? John? Acts? Romans? – and check out the volume of Barclay’s series that discusses that book. Barclay explains difficult passages and gives historical background. It is almost a guarantee that you will gain a deeper understanding of the Bible!

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton. This is both a DVD and a book study. See the places in the Holy Land, and hear the stories of Jesus as Hamilton takes you from the place of Jesus’ baptism to the wilderness where Jesus was tempted, and walks us through Jesus’ ministry on this earth. Both the book and the DVD bring us closer to Jesus’ life and message. Beautiful, informative, and inspiring!

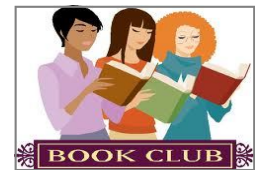
Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God by Bill Hybels. This little book is part of an interactive “small group” series, and it is enjoyable and informative to go through this book with other people and gain their insights. On the other hand, it also makes a fine study

book for one person. However you gotta answer the questions to gain the insights and understandings that Hybels offers!

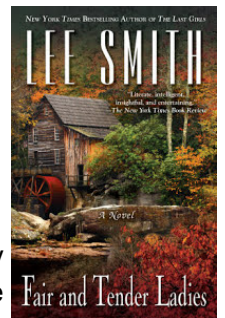
Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions, by Lysa TerKeurst. This is a woman’s book and DVD study, although some of her insights can be valuable to all. TerKeurst felt helpless to change her habit of regularly “losing it” in a number of situations. Then she realized that “imperfect progress” was actually acceptable. No demand for “instant changes” and “quick fixes”, as she examined herself, a variety of situations, and Scripture. She gained insights, changed her perspective, and “imperfect progress” was made!

Try a study—either one of the ones mentioned above, or one of a number of others available in the library or on display on the library tables. If you don’t like one study, try another—something will suit you. You have nothing to lose—and something to gain!

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the Discussion on Fair and Tender Ladies by Lee Smith Saturday, August 18th 10:15 a.m.



Does that title sound familiar? The July Book Club meeting was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, so we will discuss our July book in August!

From Ivy Rowe’s birth on Blue Star Mountain, her life is full of passion and longing as she writes letters to family and friends. Ivy’s talent as a budding writer is recognized early on, but just as she is about to realize her dream of going north to school, she is betrayed by her passionate nature. Facing an unwed pregnancy and publicly admonished for her sins, Ivy marries a childhood friend who takes her back to the family homestead, where she bears several children and endures the endless toil of a farmer’s wife. Through her trials Ivy holds firm, knowing that her life will hold happiness one day.

YOUTH GROUPS

Questions? Contact a leader for your group:

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

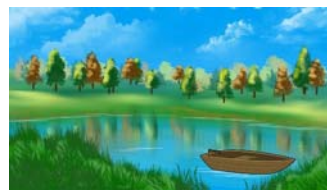
Leaders: Diane Schingel 618-303-3757

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.



Bigham Lake Outing

August 12, 2pm - 6pm

Bigham Lake - Pinckneyville

Youth and their families are invited to join us for some fun in the sun at Bigham Lake on August 12! For those needing a ride, we will be leaving the church at 1:15. Please send a lifejacket if possible.

Co-Teacher Needed!

4th/5th Grade Class



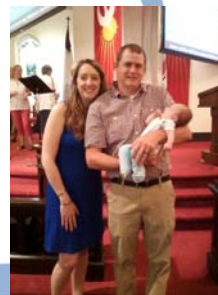
The 4th/5th grade Sunday School Classroom is looking for a co-teacher. It will follow a monthly rotation & covering of that classroom when needed. If interested, contact Diane Schingel, 618-303-3757,

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.



Celebrating Baptisms



Daxton Robert Hargraves

baptized Sunday, July 1st.

Daxton's parents are Kyle & Emily Hargraves.

Grandparents are Gary & Rosie Wece.

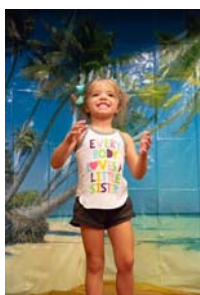
Lexi Kristyn Robinson

baptized on July 8th.

Lexi's mother is Alisha Robinson .



Just some of the fun at Vacation Bible School 2018!



| JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS | | |
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| TRADITIONAL | | PRAISE |
| Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com | | |
| | Jon Lough | Roger Smith |
| AUG | Welcome Hostesses & Greeter | |
| 5 | Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt | |
| 12 | Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt | |
| 19 | Sharon Graff Pattie Shields | |
| 26 | Sharon Graff Pattie Shields | |
| AUG | Acolytes | |
| 5 | Martell Brown Eli Guthman | |
| 12 | Phoebe Heller Leeland Ashworth | |
| 19 | Nathan Ashworth Caroline Guthman | |
| 26 | Landrie Green Harper Geis | |
| Stewards | | |
| Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin | | |

| JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS | | |
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| TRADITIONAL | | PRAISE |
| AUG | Prayer Request Reader & Liturgist | |
| 5 | Gene Schwebel | Roger Smith |
| 12 | Wilma Westerfield | Roger Smith |
| 19 | Gaye Auxier | Roger Smith |
| 26 | Lou Anne Lough | Roger Smith |
| AUG | Children's Church Leaders | |
| 5 | Sage Litner | Patti Thrailkill |
| 12 | Cheryl Smith | Julie Wachtel |
| 19 | Lacey Brown/Rene' Doody | Scarlett Pierson |
| 26 | Diane Schingel | Ben Snyder |
| AUG | Music Leaders | |
| 5 | | Lacey Brown |
| 12 | | Lacey Brown |
| 19 | | Lacey Brown |
| 26 | | Lacey Brown |
| Ushers | | |
| Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller, and Dave Auzier | | Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham |



FALL 2018 WOMEN'S BUS TRIP NOV 8TH - 10TH

**TO P. ALLEN SMITH'S MOSS MOUNTAIN FARM
ROLAND, AR (NEAR LITTLE ROCK)**



P. Allen Smith is the host of three national, award-winning television shows: Garden Home (which has enjoyed 15 seasons on PBS), Garden to Table, available on Create TV, and Garden Style, now in its 17th season of syndication. During the tour you will visit Allen's vegetable garden, the rose garden, the terraced gardens, Poultryville and the animals, the Garden Home, and the eHow Cottage. Lunch prepared by the resident chef, featuring the famous buttermilk pecan pie, is included in the tour. **Cost per person is \$96.75 plus tax.**



Please contact Michelle Parker-Clark at pclark@siu.edu or 618/922-3587 or Rosie Wece at rwece50@gmail.com, or 618/559-8167 for more information.

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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

Ministry Director Michelle Parker-Clark
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

DeSoto Site Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Jennifer O'Donnell
Nursery Attendant Tara Taborn
Mike & Casey Johnstone Caretakers

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