



# From the Pastor's Desk

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Years ago I once heard a pastor say when folks joined their church they were given the choice to receive an apron or a bib. The implication here was not subtle and few if any opted for the bib. I feel everyone would have been better served if they would have been presented with both; maybe not a bib but something similar.

It has been my experience that sometimes life crashes in on us and we need the church to support us when we have little or nothing to offer in return hence the need for the bid. As well as other times we need to step up and serve so others can experience seasons of rest and renewal at this time we would put on our apron and be ready to serve.

Christian discipleship was always intended to be a two-way street. You are to receive from the church but also give back to the church. While our lives circumstances can throw this formula into temporary imbalance we should always work to restore that balance when possible. Those who tend to give in excess burn out becoming angry or frustrated while those who do not give of their time and service typically fade away from the church due to lack of real connection and commitment.

It has always been true if everyone gave a little we would all have plenty and the burden would never be too great on any one person. However, churches like almost all other organization seem to run on the 20/80 rule - 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. So I encourage you to find your balance. Find the place that allows you to receive from the body of Christ while experiencing meaningful service to support that body. That sweet spot is by far the best place to be and helps each of us to live the abundant life that God dreams for each of us.

Your Servant in Christ,  
 Larry

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



October *Compass*  
 Deadline is September  
 10th  
 THANKS

**Noisy Mission Offering  
 In September is  
 going to  
 GUM DROP  
 KIDS!**



1	9:00 AM	Handbells	11	6:30 PM	Praise Team	19	7:00 PM	AA
	10:00 AM	AA	12		Apple Festival Starts		7:00 PM	AI Anon
2	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Choir	20	6:00 PM	GA
3		Office Closed		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	21	3:30 PM	Feed the Football Team
	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study		7:00 PM	AA	22	9:00 AM	Hand Bells
	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		7:00 PM	AI Anon		10:00 AM	AA
4	9:00 AM	Precept Class		7:00 PM	Bible Journaling		10:15 AM	Book Club
	11:30 AM	A-Team	13	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries	23	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Praise Team		6:00 PM	GA	24	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study
5	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care	14	9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack		7:00 PM	AA Big Book
	6:00 PM	Choir	15	7:00 AM	Apple Festival Pancake B-fast	25	9:00 AM	Precept
	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts		9:00 AM	Handbells		6:30 PM	Praise Team
	7:00 PM	Worship Team		10:00 AM	AA	26	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	7:00 PM	AA	16	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Choir
	7:00 PM	AL Anon		6:30 PM	Youth Ministry Team		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts
6	7:00 PM	GA	17		Meals on Wheels Week		7:00 PM	AA
8	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast		7:00 PM	Men's Book Study		7:00 PM	AI Anon
	9:00 AM	Handbells		7:00 PM	AA Big Book	27	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries
	10:00 AM	AA	18	9:00 AM	Precept Class		6:00 PM	GA
9	3:00 PM	Trail Day - Lake		6:30 PM	Praise Team	29	9:00 AM	Handbells
10	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study	19	6:00 PM	Choir		10:00 AM	AA
	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	30	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
11	9:00 AM	Precept Class		7:00 PM	Staff Parish		10:15 AM	Grand Reopening of Library
	Noon	Young At Heart					4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship

2	Mary Jane & Robert Williams	14	Sharon & Mike Jones
3	Nikki & Morgan Krummrich	17	Jennie & Ben Snyder
4	Michelle & Mike Clark	22	Jill & Marty Rogers
9	Amanda & Jake Ashworth	26	Katie & Lee Stewart
10	Barb & Jim Hughes	28	Beverley & Dan Jarrett
13	Julie & John Erbes		



1	Nancy Vallino	11	Tena Bigham	21	Megan Brown
	Hal Zimmerman		Ron Kiser	22	Oma Lee Jacobs
3	Barb Downey		Robin Sievert		James Stewart
4	Erin Mileur		Kellee Ticer	26	Robert Kinslow
6	Andrew Graham		Amanda Wingerter		Brenda O'Connor
	George Sauer	14	Matthew Polk	27	Lowell Heller
7	Amanda Ripley	16	Bill Crawshaw		Maurice Valliant
9	Todsheon Cole		Stephanie Finke	28	Rob Graeff
	James Heilig		Jessie Miller		Conner Twenhafel
	Taylor Moutardier	19	Roger Smith	29	Curt Presley
10	Malcolm Johnstone	20	Sid Boucher	30	Ryan Guthman
	Cole McNitt		Dan Jarrett		Sandra Renshaw
			Betty Kiel		Ashley Runge

# Blessing of the Animals



The Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Frances CARE are joining together to offer the **7th Annual Blessing of the Animals** service open to all animals and their people.

The service will take place under the Murphysboro UMC pavilion on **Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 4p.m.** Following the short service each animal will receive an individual blessing.

There will be treats for animals and their humans, a blessing gift and an information bag to be given to those who attend. If your pet is unable to attend, we encourage you to bring a collar, favorite toy or a personal object to be blessed. All animals must either be on a leash or in a carrier.

MUMC and St. Francis CARE invite everyone to come out and join us for an afternoon of fun!

**September 11 th**  
**12:00 - NOON**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Celebrating Apple Festival**



friends, fellowship, faith.

**MENU: Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Waldorf Salad, Rolls, Apple Dessert**

**PROGRAM: Congressman Mike Bost**, will give a general overview of the current state of the government and will discuss his experiences serving in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C.

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.*

## Adult Mission Trip



**September 23-29**  
**East Bay Campground**  
**on Lake Bloomington**

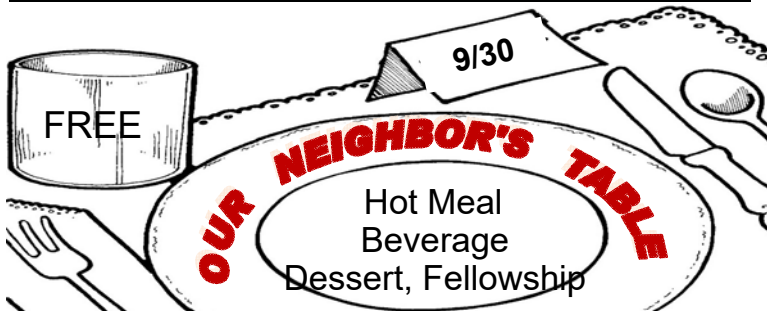
Work to be done will involve demolition of old cabins to make room for new cabins to be built.

Cost will be \$200 per person. For more information, contact: Gene Schwebel  
618-521-0879, Gene1955@mchsi.com

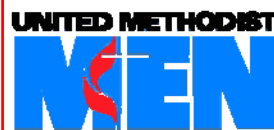


**Oma Lee Jacobs'**  
**100th Birthday!!**  
**Saturday, September 22**

Oma Lee Jacobs turns 100 on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Let's make her day even more special by showering her with 100 birthday cards from our church family!  
Mail to: P. O. Box 148, Murphysboro, IL 62966



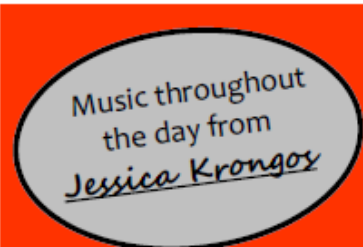
**LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



Saturday, September 8th 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.



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



**Trail Day 2018**  
**Sunday, September 9**  
**from 3-6pm**

**Murphysboro Lake Main Concession Area**

It's that time of year again for everyone to come out and enjoy Trail Day 2018. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert and your lawn chairs and join us for an afternoon of games, music, food, fellowship and fun. Fried chicken, drinks and table service will be provided. If you need transportation please call Michelle Parker-Clark at 618/922-3587. And, don't forget to wear your Trail Day T-shirt. See you on the Trail!



The Wesley Foundation at SIU is in need of sponsors for Sunday Night Meals. Groups are needed who would be willing to prepare/serve a meal to the college students during the Fall and Spring Semester. **If you have questions, would like more information or would like to sign up email Sherry at [umwesley.siu.edu](mailto:umwesley.siu.edu) or call 618- 457-8165.**



**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.



**Save the Date**

Re-Grand Opening of Church Library  
**Sunday, September 30**  
**during the Sunday School hour**  
**Room 110 (Church Library)**

This will be a special time set aside during the Sunday School hour to showcase the new children's section of our church library. There will be gifts, stories, treats, and more. Watch the church bulletin for details to follow.



**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 [duckhookwille@gmail.com](mailto:duckhookwille@gmail.com).



## 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 Fall 2018 lessons come from the Book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. Through its pages, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer who brought all things into being. The lessons survey God's creation of the universe, earth, and people through (3) units: God Created the World, God Destroys and Re-Creates, and God Blesses and Re-Creates Regardless.

**Pathfinders**, led by Terri Twenhafel, will be studying the book, "Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People" by Bob Goff. In this inspiring follow-up to the New York Times bestselling phenomenon, *Love Does*, Bob Goff takes readers on a life-altering journey into the secret of living without fear, care, constraint, or worry. *Everybody, Always* reveals the lessons the author learned – often the hard way – about what it means to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction.

**Seekers**, led by Susan Patterson, will be reading and discussing the book "I Bought a House on Gratitude Street" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. In this book, Kalas shares life-lessons on matters of friendship, prayer, sin, and success all through the lens of scripture. In the words of the author, "Some...have come to me by my seeking, some have been shared with me by people of wider experience, and some have been thrust upon me by my mistakes."

**Trailblazers**, led by Rick and Scarlett Pierson, is studying Bill Hybels' *Too Busy Not to Pray*. In this study, Hybels asks the question, "Do you have trouble finding time to pray?" So much clamors for your attention: work, school, friends, family, church—the list goes on and on. Time for God and time to pray often seem impossible to fit into packed days and nights. Find out how to slow down, listen to God, and find refreshment in his presence.



## Greetings!

I would like to take a moment to formally introduce myself, my name is Ashlee Sanders. I have been given the wonderful opportunity to become a Nursery Attendant here at United Methodist Church. I graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon my graduation, I was awarded an Infant/Toddler Credential for children birth through three years, the Early Childhood Credential for children birth through eight years, and the Illinois Director's Credential. While studying at SIUC, I was given many opportunities to expand my knowledge and experience in the early childhood field. Previously, I was employed at a preschool facility where I worked closely with four lead teachers for two years as a teaching assistant in the toddler and pre-k classrooms of the center. Currently, I am an employee at Montessori School of Southern Illinois as a two's teacher. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know and to learn from you and your child while maintaining a safe, fun, and loving environment!

Sincerely,  
Miss Ashlee



## 8th Annual Murphysboro United Methodist Church Apple Pancake Breakfast



Sat. Sept. 15th, 2018  
7:00 am to 10:30 am  
Murphysboro United  
Methodist Church  
1500 Pine Street

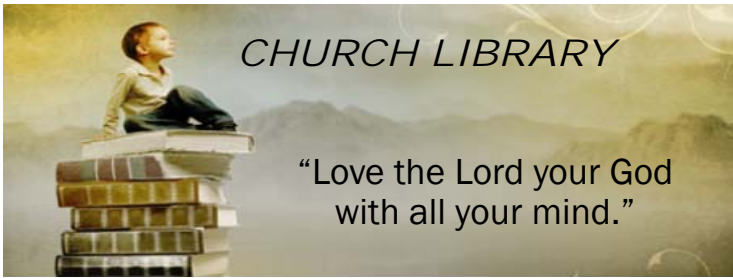
open hearts  
open minds  
open doors

Coffee, Milk or Juice

\$6.00

(Child 5 & Under-Free)

Proceeds used to support Church Camp  
and Other Missions of the MUMC



**The Library Corner  
Treasure Hunt in the Church's Back Yard**

Question: What is white, blue, red, yellow, orange and green?

Answer: It is the colorful, brand new LFL constructed by Bob and Trina Eaton. Now do you know what it is? Maybe not! So here's some basic info on the church's LFL:



Q: What in the world is a "LFL?"  
A: It is a Little Free Library. These are book exchange boxes, set up in neighborhoods. As the name says, they are little, and the books are free-- like a tiny library where anyone can come and take a book.

Q: Where is it?

A: It is close to the pavilion, by the sidewalk near 16th St. A LFL box has been there for some years, and the new box replaces a well used old one.

Q: Who uses the LFL?

A: Everyone can! The church's LFL gets plenty of visitors, although we never know how many. However a lot of books come and go through the doors of that box!

Q: What kind of books are in the LFL, and where do they come from?

A: All kinds of books find their way into the box. We put in books that are donated or that are found at book sales, etc.

B: But one of the fun parts is that all users are encouraged not only to take a book, but also to leave a book—so you never know what you will find! It's like a treasure hunt!

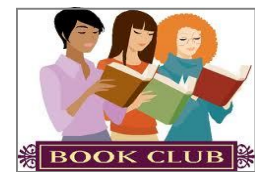
Q: What are the most popular books?

A: Children's books! Books for the youngest go quickly, but chapter books and Young Adult books are also popular. People also like cookbooks and history—military and war history especially. The box is usually well stocked with fiction and mysteries. We also try to see there are always a few religious books in there.

Q: What part can church members play in the LFL?  
A: Plenty! If you enjoy "treasure hunting" for books, stop by the box and look for a book that interests you, and bring one to share with others. It is great to see many people using the box. Or you can donate books—just leave them in the library downstairs. Based on our experience of where books are most likely to be used, we may place them in the library, the LFL, or one of our public libraries. We thank you for your participation in whatever way you choose! And many thanks to Bob and Trina Eaton for that beautiful box!



**MUMC  
Saturday  
Morning**



**Saturday, September 22nd  
10:15 a.m.**

**Please note the Date change!**

Due to the fact that our normal Saturday of the month in September falls on the Apple Festival Pancake Breakfast and the Murphysboro Apple Festival Parade. We have changed the date to the following Saturday.

At this time we have not chosen a new book for September. Please be watching as it will be announced in a Bulletin in the near future.

**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.

**Youth Mission Trip to Mission Peoria in pictures!**



**-Breezy Hill Farm-**

**JYF/SYF Trip to the pumpkin patch  
September 23rd**

**Watch the youth board or church  
bulletin for more information**



**Save the Date!!**

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31st.

Watch for candy

collection bins starting in late September or early October.

**BOO**

**A big THANK YOU!!**

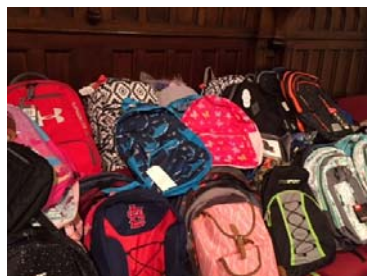
**Caring For Kids**

We would like to extend a **huge thank you** for all the help and participation in the Caring for Kids collection this past July.

The congregation showed generous support of the local schools by collecting backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products and gift cards.

These collected items will be shared with the school social workers who will distribute among those who need them the most.

We celebrate this church's continued commitment to the children and youth of Murphysboro and the



**Volunteer Opportunity!**

An opportunity exists for a volunteer or volunteers wishing to teach junior high age students. This may be an opportunity to teach weekly, or if multiple volunteers express interest, an opportunity to rotate teaching. Please consider whether the time is right for you to either singly or partner with a friend in Christ to contribute to the spiritual growth of our young people.

**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.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<b>Worship Leaders</b> mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Vanessa Lirely	Allison Vandenberg
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Welcome Hostesses &amp; Greeter</b>	
<b>2</b>	Carolyn Ozburn Kathy Blackwell	
<b>9</b>	Carolyn Ozburn Kathy Blackwell	
<b>16</b>	Carolyn Sauer Barb Griffin	
<b>23</b>	Carolyn Sauer Barb Griffin	
<b>30</b>	Michelle Parker-Clark Arlene Bitner	
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	
<b>2</b>	Charlie Pierson Justin Maynor	
<b>9</b>	Brianna Carnes Harper Ellermeyer	
<b>16</b>	Jayah Maynor Landrie Green	
<b>23</b>	Maya Jenkins Harper Geis	
<b>30</b>	Leeland Ashworth Phoebe Heller	
<b>Stewards</b>		
Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, Ron Moutardier		

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Prayer Request Reader &amp; Liturgist</b>	
<b>2</b>	Nancy Fager	Allison Vandenberg
<b>9</b>	Gene Schwebel	Allison Vandenberg
<b>16</b>	Wilma Westerfield	Allison Vandenberg
<b>23</b>	Gaye Auxier	Allison Vandenberg
<b>30</b>	Lou Ann Lough	Allison Vandenberg
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>	
<b>2</b>	Sage Lintner	Patti Thrailkill
<b>9</b>	Cheryl Smith	Julie Wachtel
<b>16</b>	Lacey Brown/Rene Doody	Scarlett Pierson
<b>23</b>	Diane Schingel	Ben Snyder
<b>30</b>	Diane Schingel/Sage	Patti Thrailkill
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Music Leaders</b>	
<b>2</b>	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
<b>9</b>	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
<b>16</b>	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
<b>23</b>	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
<b>30</b>	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
<b>Ushers</b>		
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Triana Eaton, and Jay Graff		Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky



## FALL 2018 WOMEN'S BUS TRIP NOV 8TH - 10TH TO P. ALLEN SMITH'S MOSS MOUNTAIN FARM ROLAND, AR (NEAR LITTLE ROCK)

Ladies, there is still plenty of time (and room on the bus) to sign up for our Fall 2018 Bus Trip to Moss Mountain Farm. We will depart Thursday morning November 8, the following day we will tour Moss Mountain Farm and on Saturday, November 10 we will return home. The two night's lodging will be at the Rosemont Inn's Barkley-Hayward cottages in Little Rock.

The cost of the tour and lodging is \$194.29 (based upon a group of 10). Other costs will be donations toward gas for the bus, food (breakfast on Friday & Saturday included with lodging) and your individual purchases. **Please contact Michelle Parker-Clark (618/922-3587 or mpclark@siu.edu) or Rosie Wece (618/559-8167 or rwece50@gmail.com) for more information.**





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Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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E-Mail: [murphysboroumc@gmail.com](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.crossandflameministries.com](http://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.....  
Choir Director..... Brianna Sitton  
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sander

**DeSoto Site Staff:**

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

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