



From the Pastor's Desk

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



Reminder The March
 Compass deadline is
 February 11th!



**Noisy Mission
 OFFERING
 In February is
 going to
 OUR
 NEIGHBORS TABLE!**

I would imagine that few of you are aware of the tremendous ministry we provide each year for the children and youth in our congregation to attend summer camp. Last year we sent 50 young persons to summer camp at a cost of over \$17,000. Our church sent more youth to the Little Grassy UMC camp than any church in the Annual Conference.

This year as we began planning our 2019 budget the church leadership realized fairly quickly that something was going to need to change or we could not maintain this level of commitment to our youth's spiritual development.

Over several hours of discussion we pledged to use this year's Easter offering to support summer camp cost and to use the season of Lent to highlight camping and build support for this offering.

The Finance committee has set a goal of \$7,000 for this year's Easter offering which is just a little over twice our typical offering. Over the next several weeks we will communicate in numerous ways the impact of summer camp on our youth and the various options available to support this life-changing ministry.

Just one example of the impact of this ministry was illustrated a few weeks ago when Emma Nehring spoke in worship about her mission trip to Africa. Emma pointed back to a week of church camp when the journey of shaping and modeling her life began.


Camp is expensive. A full week of camp costs \$450 per youth. Our church pays 75% of that cost for active youth in our church, or \$337.50. We do not have to do this, nor do we have to provide support at the 75% level. The unfortunate reality is that the more cost we pass on to parents, the fewer youth will get to go to camp.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Camp is a proven ministry that year after year makes a powerful impact upon our youth for Jesus Christ.

I ask you to prayerfully consider now the investment you hope to make in our youth's summer camp program. It is my prayer that many of you will step up with an Easter offering to cover the cost of one week of camp. I know I plan to do just that and invite you to join me and many others in this effort.

Your Servant in Christ
 Larry


1	8:30 AM	Adult Spiritual Formation	12	9:00 AM	Precept Class	20	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care
	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers		Noon	Young at Heart		6:00 PM	Choir
2	9:00 AM	Handbells		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts
	10:00 AM	AA		6:30 PM	Praise Team		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon
3	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship	13	6:00 PM	Choir		7:00 PM	Staff Parrish
4	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	21	6:00 PM	GA
5	9:00 AM	Precept		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	22	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
	11:30 AM	A-Team		7:00 PM	Bible Journaling	23	9:00 AM	Handbells
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	14	4:30 PM	Stephen Ministries		10:00 AM	AA
	6:30 PM	Praise Team		6:00 PM	GA	24	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
6	5:30 PM	Choir	15	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	16	9:00 AM	Handbells		6:30 PM	Executive Council
	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon		10:00 AM	AA	25	7:00 PM	AA Big Book
7	6:00 PM	Scouts Roundtable		10:15 AM	Book Club	26	9:00 AM	Precept Class
	6:00 AM	GA	17	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
8	9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack	18		Office Closed - Presidents Day		6:30 PM	Praise Team
	10:00AM	Wesley Walkers			Meals On Wheels Week		6:30 PM	Hospitality
9	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast		7:00 PM	AA Big Book	27	6:00 PM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Handbells	19	9:00 AM	Precept Class		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts
	10:00 AM	AA		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon
10	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:30 PM	Praise Team	28	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries
11	6:30 PM	Children/Youth Spiritual Formation					6:00 PM	GA
	7:00 PM	AA Big Book						



**TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR
10 HRS PER WEEK.**

Will provide assistance & support in the areas of technology ministries at the MUMC and DeSoto sites. Assist with coordinating video editing & posting of Sunday services to You Tube, developing video resources for other church ministries as requested. Provide technology needs for Sunday morning services, assist with videotaping of services, prepare and preview Power Point slides, operate computer during both Sunday services and other special services. Will also assist with operating sound board and other technology, as needed. Hours include Sunday morning and a few evening hours each week. Interested or know someone who might be? Contact Lacey Brown at 687-2317 or mumcministries@gmail.com.

Keep going on those resolutions!



Join the Wesley Walkers

Participants gather each Friday morning for a devotion, a 20-30 minute walk (indoors during inclement weather), and a time of prayer and reflection. Step counters and devotional books will be provided. Bring your walking shoes and a desire to improve your physical and spiritual well being.



Happy Valentine's Day

Enjoy a trip to Badgett Playhouse with your loved one on Valentine's Day!

Enjoy a prime rib dinner with all the fixings as you are entertained by top notch musicians from Badgett Playhouse, Grand Rivers, KY. It's a Valentine's Dinner and Request Show that will be a Valentine's Day event unlike anything in the area!

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM, show starts at 7:00 PM. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 3:30 PM, arriving Grand Rivers at 5:30 PM. Dinner and show: \$39.99 per person, plus gas donations for the church bus. Join us for a fun evening with great food and entertainment! Sign up on the attendance pad or contact the church office.

Celebrate

The Heller Family invites you to join them for a 75th Wedding Anniversary Party for

LOWELL and ADA HELLER

Saturday, March 2nd from 2 - 5 pm

In the Fellowship Hall



February 12th NOON

Fellowship Hall

Celebrating Valentine's Day (Wear Red)



MENU: Spaghetti with friends, fellowship, faith. Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cheesecake

PROGRAM: Diplomatic relations between the US & Cuba (severed in 1961), were restored on July 20, 2015. Since that time, Americans have been traveling to Cuba for family visits, professional reasons, religious & cultural programs, & humanitarian projects. Nancy Fager shares her experiences traveling to Cuba during the summer of 2018 along with the SIU basketball team.

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.

Service Opportunity!

at SIUC Wesley Foundation



Is your church looking for a service opportunity this Spring?

Wesley Foundation at SIU is looking for a few partners in our Sunday Night Supper program. We have a few dates open. If your church would be interested in learning more, please contact Sherry Smedshammer @ umwesley@siu.edu.

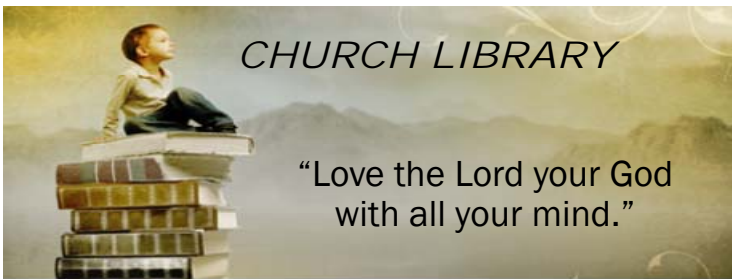


LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Saturday, February 9th 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.



The Library Corner: New for the New Year

New and Improved: We are happy to report that the library took a big step forward in January because we now have a catalog listing of all library items for use by our church library patrons. It took a bunch of work plus some computer wizardry by Gaye Auxier to design and print out this easy-to-use catalog.

The catalog print-outs have been placed in three-ring binders and are located close to the computer desk in the library. One binder contains a list of all books and DVDs in the library by Title, and a second binder contains a list of items by Author. A third binder lists items by Category—for example “Bible Commentaries and Studies”, “Christian Life”, “Memoirs and Biographies”, “Fiction,” “Children’s” items, etc.

A heartfelt thank you to Gaye for giving her time to this significant improvement!

New Set of Commentaries: There’s a new scholar in town! The library has a new set of New Testament Bible commentaries / studies by N.T Wright. This set was purchased partly with a donation from Gloria Stoker, and we thank her very much for thinking of the church library.

N.T. Wright was formerly bishop of Durham in England and is currently professor of New Testament and Christianity at St. Andrew in Scotland. These credentials are impressive, but even more so is the ease of reading and studying his “For Everyone” commentary series. He includes his own translation with each Bible passage, and he has spiritual insights to share as well as information about historical context.

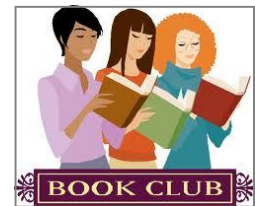
Many of you know about the highly respected William Barclay commentaries, which are also in the library. The Wright commentaries make a good study comparison with Barclay’s. The two don’t always agree—which is a good thing—food for thought!

New DVDs for Youngsters: We have some “new” used VeggieTale videos courtesy of an anonymous

donor who left them on our doorstep! Well, not on the doorstep, but on the computer desk in the library, which is almost the same thing. VeggieTales stories present a combination of faith, values, and fun, including “silly songs” in each. They are lively, have an underlying moral message, and appeal to kids—and often to adults as well. The latest arrivals include **The Little House that Stood: A Lesson in Making Good Choices**, **Josh and the Big Wall: a Lesson in Obedience**, **Celery Night Fever: A Lesson in Forgiveness**, and **Silly Little Thing Called Love**. The “Love” DVD has three stories, each illustrating love in a different context— love of neighbor, love of family, and loving God.

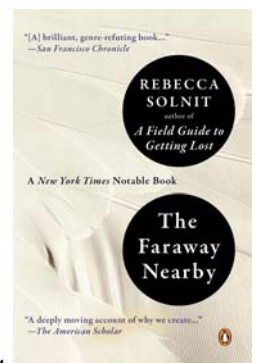
And speaking of love—in this month of love, we have books for adults too with love as the subject. Some are light and romantic, and others have serious messages to share about the height, depth, and breadth of love. Look for them!

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the
Saturday Book Club
In the church library
February 16th at 10:15

The Faraway Nearby
by Rebecca Solnit.



In this exquisitely written book Solnit explores the ways we make our lives out of stories, and how we are connected by empathy, by narrative, by imagination. In the course of unpacking some of her own stories—of her mother and her decline from memory loss, of a trip to Iceland, of an illness-- woven together with other stories, even fairy tales--she creates a map which charts the boundaries and territories of storytelling, and how we tell our own stories.

Read ahead book for March: **A Gentleman in Moscow**
by Amor Towles



Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance Christian Scholarship

Deadline March 29, 2019

Applications for the Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance Christian Scholarship are currently being accepted. **The recipient must be a graduating senior and a resident of Murphysboro, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.**

Proof of registration to a college, university, or trade school is required, along with two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the pastor of the applicant's church and the other letter must be from a teacher, administrator, or coach of the applicant's high school.

The application and all required documentation must be mailed to the Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance no later than March 29, 2019. Applications are available on the youth bulletin board outside the sanctuary or at the church annex during regular office hours.



Do you want to receive INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION by text message for MUMC?

Here's how!

Text the word "**ALERT**" to the number "**22300**"

If you want to receive this and other useful information about all things MUMC by email or a phone call. Let the office know and we will add you to the weekly Grapevine call to ensure you receive all the messages for MUMC.

WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

Faithful Friends, is a class for women of all ages with rotating leaders. During the month of February, Mary Ann Chambers Hinchcliff will be leading the class in the video based study – *Twelve More Women of the Bible* – with life changing stories for women today based on teachings from: Karen Ehman, Lisa Harper, Margaret Feinberg, Biana Juarez Olthoff, Crystal Evans Hurst, and Courtney Joseph.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. They will be continuing their Winter series entitled **Our Love of God**. The final unit offers three lessons from Psalms – **Love Songs That Glorify God**.

Passages, led by Randy Auxier, meets in Room 110 (the Church library). In this class participants delve into in-depth studies of theological themes in Christianity, and they are currently studying the book of James.

Pathfinders, led by Michelle Parker-Clark, will be continuing their book study – *After Christmas How Christ's Birth Changed Everything* by Jeremy Royal Howard and Doug Powell. This seven session series addresses The Problem, The Promise, The Fulfillment, The Life, The Teachings, The Cross, and The Resurrection.

Seekers, led by Susan Patterson, are working through a six week video series by Rob Renfroe – *A Way Through the Wilderness: Growing in Faith When Life is Hard*. This series addresses the fact that "At one time or another, everyone has a wilderness experience, a time when life is barren and difficult and we feel alone and desperate, not knowing where to turn. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a financial or health crisis, divorce, or some other painful experience, we see no end in sight and wonder how we can make it through another day."

Trailblazers, a class for young adults with rotating leaders, focuses on studies about fitting Christ into the big picture. Join them on Sunday morning in Room 108.

2018 UMM Annual Report

United Methodist Men (UMM) is the official organization for the purposes to involve men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and His church and to provide resources and programs in the area of stewardship and missions.

For the past eight 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. Rather than keep any of the profits, the UMM have voted yearly to support missions at our church and in the community. **Some \$11,400 has been raised the past 8 years!** The programs funded have included food pantry, camping and camping scholarships, helping our youth on their mission trips, 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 2018 annual meeting, we were very pleased to have Coach/Athletic Director at SIU-C., Jerry Kill, discuss his coaching experiences at SIU-C, Northern Illinois University, and Minnesota University. What worked for him as a young man on his father's Kansas farm to eventually becoming the Big 10 coach of the year at Minnesota was how he faced adversity and the importance of establishing positive personal relationships with people.

Other events we have had include attending 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 Annual Women's Breakfast, and do minor repairs at the church. One of our best attended events is our Saturday annual meeting 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. In 2019, we want to have an overnight to the College of Ozarks and attend the Thresherman's Reunion in Pinckneyville.

If you are not an active member then please consider joining the UMM. Attendance averages 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.

Pastor Larry has been an active participant in the UMM since arriving here 11 years ago. We will miss his participation. He has an open invitation to join us whenever he wishes!

We thank Jay Graff for his leadership the last 6 years and also thank Rob Williams for being our erstwhile Treasurer.

Our elected officers for 2019 are Richard Tierney, President; Dave Auxier, Treasurer; and Perry Patterson, Secretary.

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.



Light Kids Conference

March 23 9am-2pm

Aldersgate UMC

The Annual Light Kid's Conference will be held on

March 23 at Aldersgate UMC in Marion, IL.

Doors will open at 8:30am and it will end at 2pm.

The Light Kid's Conference hosts children 1st-5th

grade. Information about registration, cost and

forms are located on the Youth Bulletin Board.

While this is not a scheduled MUMC Youth Group activity it would be a great family event.

Check out their website

<http://harvestministryteams.com/events/category/conferences/the-light-kids-conference/>

for more information



Volunteer Opportunity!

We are currently in need of Children's Church volunteers for Praise service. It will be one Sunday a month. Any questions contact Sage Lintner, 618-889-7320, mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com.



Church Cookbook

We will be collecting recipes from Feb 3 – April 21 (Easter).

Submit any of your favorite recipes. Appetizers, Side Dishes. Deserts. Soups. Etc. In addition to the recipe, please the name of the person submitting the recipe as well as any story or special memories about the recipe. Recipe sheets can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board. Recipes may be submitted by email to Sage Lintner at: mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com or placed in the Youth Mailbox.



Clothing Drive



During the month of February

This is a clothing drive to collect clothes for youth, sizes youth small – youth extra-large throughout the month of February. It can be summer clothes or winter clothes. These items will help support our youth at Agape House. Any questions, contact Sage Lintner 618-889-7320 mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com

Drop off in the Welcome Center

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.



Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<u>Worship Leader</u>		
Vanessa Lirely		Kristi Miller
<u>Choir/Music Leader</u>		
Brianna Sitton		Lacey Brown
Feb	<u>Prayer Request Reader & Liturgist</u>	
3	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller
10	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
17	Wilma Westerfield	Kristi Miller
24	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
Feb	<u>Children's Church Leaders</u>	
3	Sage Lintner	Scarlett Pierson
10	Cheryl Smith	Ben & Jennie Snyder
17	Lacey Brown/ Rene Doody	Katie Stewart
24	Diane Schingel	Sage Lintner
<u>Ushers</u>		
	Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller, & Dave Auxier	Paul Chapman & Allen Bigham



1	Roger Twenhafel	14	Betty Morefield
2	Morgan Krummrich	15	Lynn Pierson
3	Tyler Doody	16	Leah Patterson
4	Joan Bastien		Julie Schaldemose
5	Ed Thrailkill	18	Ralph Bastien
6	Rhonda Shands	19	Maddie Bean
	Michelle Thies	22	Paul Parrish
7	Lola Pierson		Mila Thies
8	Kyle Hargraves	23	Donna Lynn Horniacek
10	Harold Gibbs	24	Judy Little
11	Doug Bitner		Adrienne Will
12	Patti Mills	26	Andrew Gordon
14	Casey Johnstone	29	Josh Barringer



happy anniversary

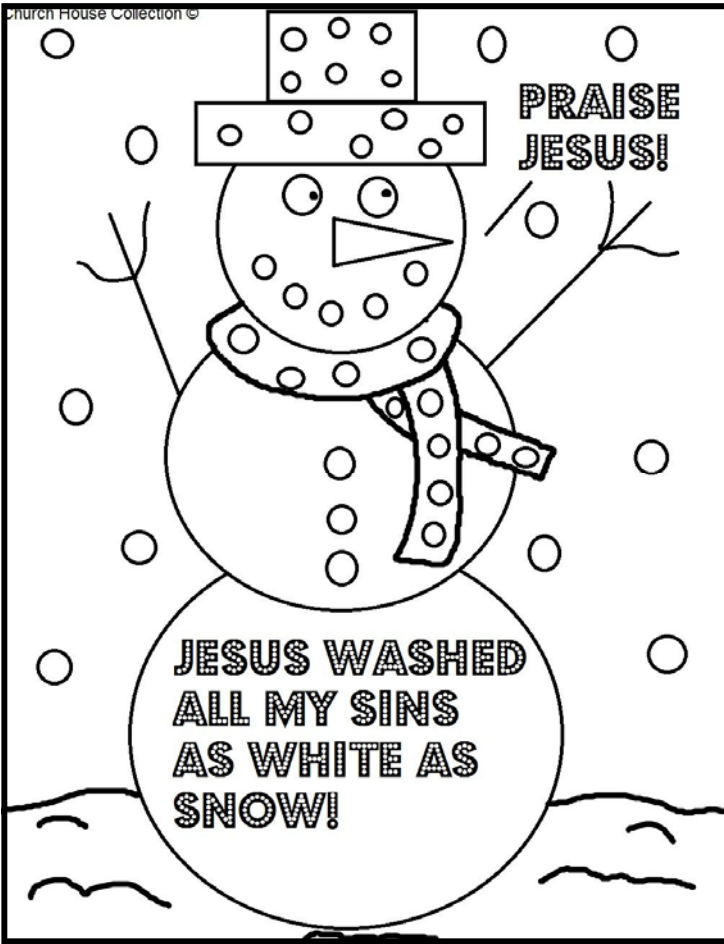
TRADITIONAL SERVICE		
Feb	<u>Welcome Hostesses & Greeter</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
3	Thelma Pierson Julie Peterson	Phoebe Heller
10	Thelma Pierson Julie Peterson	Jaylah Maynor Caroline Guthman
17	Marlene Gibbs Mary Ellen Tierney	Harper Geis Landrie Green
24	Marlene Gibbs Mary Ellen Tierney	Justin Maynor Eli Guthman
STEWARDS: Everett Blackwell & Jerry Giffin		

14	Viola & Paul Parrish	22	Pam & Charlie Crews
15	Barbara & Kevin Howard	24	Ada & Lowell Heller
18	Mary & Bill Slider		

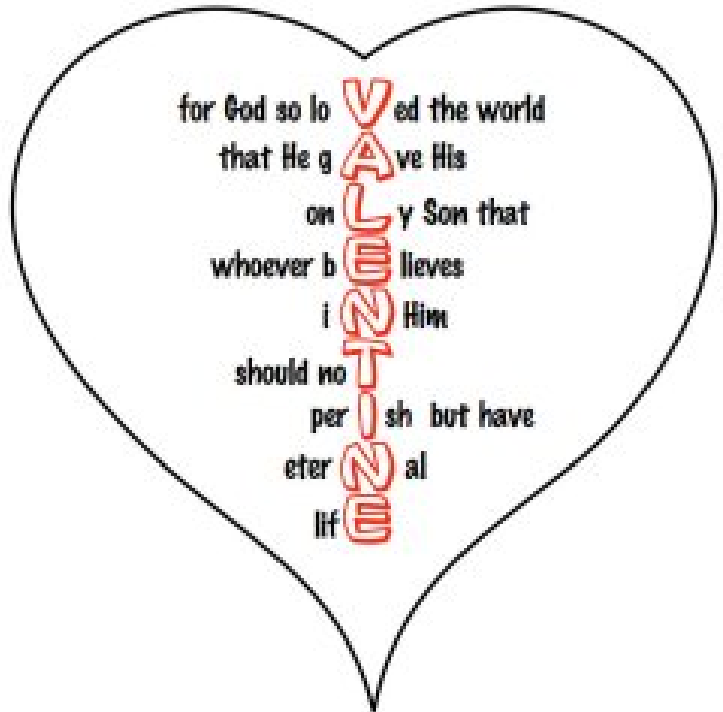
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES WANTED FOR OUR NEWSLETTER CALENDAR!

If you think we may not have your special date, please note same on the Attendance Sheet, and we'll be sure to add it to the COMPASS calendar!





John 3:16



People of the Bible

K	Q	F	Q	N	I	V	S	H	D	R	A	M	B	G
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ABRAHAM	ADAM	DAVID
ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	

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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:

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 Vacant
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..... Cameron Taylor
Choir Director..... Brianna Sitton
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sander and Caitlyn Boyd

DeSoto Site Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Sage Lintner
Caretakers..... Mike & Casey Johnstone

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