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Noisy Mission
OFFERING
In April is
going to
Senior Fest!



Reminder The May Compass deadline is April 15th!

## <u>DEADLINE</u> is Wednesday

at 10:00 a.m.



# From the Pastor's Desk

\$83,090.50 can you guess what that number represents? Well, the dollar sign should help it is about money. No, it is not my salary! No, it is not what was spent on the Education Building improvements, but it is close to that amount! No, it is not a new indoor swimming pool for the youth groups to use on Sundays! Still, no idea? So let me give you a hint. It is a number that I am very, very excited about.

This number represents the investment that our church has made in our youth and children by sending them to summer camp over the last 10 years. I think we can easily assume that by the end of this camping season this number will be well over \$90,000.00 mark. This is just amazing.

I do not know the actual number of campers for sure who we have sent to camp over the years but it is safe to say, hundreds. Hundreds of youth who have enjoyed and been blessed by countless hours at church camp. Hours that they have spent making new friends, swimming at the beach, eating in the dining hall, sharing devotions, singing together in worship, growing closer to God, and maybe 1 or 2 of them actually sleeping a little while they are there.

Last year was a record year as we invested over \$17,000 in this ministry. We were able to send over 50 kids from our church and community to camp. In order to continue to carry on this incredible tradition of ministry and service to our youth we will need your help and support. That is why this year we have designated our entire Easter offering to help support this ministry. Please join me in helping to reach and surpass our goal of \$7000 for this year's Easter offering. We have already received a very generous donation of \$2000 to help us reach that goal.

I once again cannot overemphasize the importance of church camp to the lives of our youth. What they experience there is Life-changing and will have a profound spiritual impact on them for years to come. Their future and that of our church will be blessed by being able to participate in a church youth camp.

Thank you for your generosity.

Your Servant in Christ,

Larry

1	7:00 PM	AA Big Book	12	9:30 PM	Feeder of the Pack	21	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
2	9:00 AM	Precept		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	22	7:00 PM	AA Big Book
	11:30 AM	A-Team	13	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	23	9:00 AM	Precept
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		9:00 AM	Handbells		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
3	6:00 PM	Choir		10:00 AM	AA		6:30 PM	Praise Team
	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	14	2:30 PM	Confirmation Class	24	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
4	6:00 PM	Scouts Roundtable		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Choir
	6:00 PM	GA	15		Meals On Wheels Week		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon
5	8:30 AM	Adult Spiritual Formation		7:00 PM	AA Big Book	25	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries
	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	16	5:30 PM	Service & Missions		6:00 PM	GA
6	9:00 AM	Handbells		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	26	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
	10:00 AM	AA		6:30 PM	Praise Team	27	9:00 AM	Handbells
7	2:30 PM	Confirmation Class	17	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care		10:00 AM	AA
	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Choir		10:15 PM	Book Club
8	6:30 PM	Children & Youth Spiritual Formation		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	28		Confirmation Sunday
	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		7:00 PM	Staff Parrish		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
9	Noon	Young at Heart	18	6:00 PM	GA		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service		6:30 PM	Executive Council
	6:30 PM	Praise Team	19		Office Closed Good-Friday	29	7:00 PM	AA Big Book
10	6:00 PM	Choir		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	30	9:00 AM	Precept
	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon		Noon	Good Friday Service - First Baptist Church		5:30 PM	Publicity & Promotion
	7:00 PM	Bible Journaling	20	9:00 AM	Handbells		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
11	Noon	Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance		10:00 AM	AA		6:30 PM	Praise Team
	4:30 PM	Stephen Ministries						
	6:00 PM	GA						

**REMINDER: BIBLE JOURNALING YOUR FAITH** class meets the second Wednesday of every month. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Rosie Wece (559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com) or Patti Mills (684-5515, deanshield@aol.com) for more information.

# CHURCH GREETERS NEEDED FOR BOTH SERVICES.

If you are considering ways to begin or expand your service to the Lord, and hospitality is one of your gifts, this may be the place for YOU!

Check the box on the attendance sheet, and someone will contact you with more information.

Be a Greeter



**Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance Good Friday Interfaith Service** April 19, 2019 - 12 noon First Baptist Church 401 N. 15th St- Murphysboro, IL Reflection by: Rev. Bryce Pitlick



#### happy anniversan

3	Janis & Jerry Crews	20	Vanessa & Todd Lirely
8	Myrrl & Ray Burroughs	24	Tonia & Bob Purcell
15	Mary Ellen & Patrick Brown		



3	Clifton Buchholz	20	Nancy Fager
4	Perry Patterson		Ed O'Donnell
	Gloria Stoker		Thelma Pierson
5	Caroline Guthman	21	Angie Baughman
	Lou Anne Lough		Heather Bean
	Mikaila Panepinto		Brianna Berger
	Mya Rushing		Lacey Brown
6	Geraldine McConnell		Megan Mileur
10	Aiden McNitt		William Mileur
13	Durice Runge	22	Sylvia Frank
15	Katlyn Abbadusky	24	Jay Graff
	Kay Bozarth		Bob Winters
16	Sam Chapa	27	Mildred Ward
	Glenda Martin	28	Tiara Bradford
18	Rosemary Cornell	29	Megan McNitt
20	Cadence Brown	30	Brittany Nolan



#### Save the Date: Help save a life!!



This is the perfect year to join our American Cancer Society Relay For Life team. Our team name is Methodists on a Mission, and we are definitely on a mission to help in the fight against cancer. This year our Relay event in Murphysboro will have a whole new look. The 2019 theme is Relay for Life - Cruising for a Cure. We are joining with Cruise Night on June 1st downtown around Smysor Plaza. Also, leading up to Relay, there are activities planned in the two months before for all of the teams, plus our team is once again hosting the Fried Chicken Dinner at the K. C. Hall.

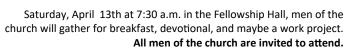
We only do a few fundraisers per year and we are hoping to add at least 10 new members to our team this year from our church family. I hope you hear the call and will join us this relay season.

For more information, contact any of our team members: Wilma Westerfield (team captain), Jennifer Watson, Nancy Fager, Lela Sternberg, Donna Lynn Horniacek, Sharon Graff, Kathy Ripley, Sharon Jones.

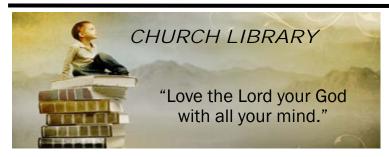












## The Library Corner: Time for Spring Renewal?

It's Spring! And there is something about the fresh new growth in Spring that inspires us to throw out the old and make all things new! If you are ready not just for Spring cleaning, but also for some spiritual growth and renewal, here are some suggestions:

Keri Wyatt Kent brings us several books about looking at life anew, and bringing it to a place where there is more room for God and spiritual growth. As a mother and busy author and speaker, she has a lot to say to busy young families in her books "listen: Finding God in the Story of Your Life", "breathe: Creating Space for God in a Hectic Life", and "rest: Living in Sabbath Simplicity".

"Cure for the Common Life: Living in your Sweet Spot", by Max Lucado has a familiar Bible quote as the theme ". . . I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." Jeremiah 29: 10-11 (Msg). Lucado discusses ways to find that "sweet spot". He says that ". . . when your uniqueness meets God's purpose, both of you will rejoice – forever." p. 142

"Lazarus Awakening: Finding Your Place in the Heart of God", by Joanna Weaver. Weaver has written books about Jesus' followers, Mary and Martha of Bethany, and this one is about their brother Lazarus. Weaver identifies a condition she calls "love doubt" and says: ". . . has Christ's love remained more of a fairy tale than a reality we've experienced for ourselves in the only place we can really know for sure? Our hearts." (p. 4) She uses the story of Lazarus to explore what she calls the "scandalous availability" of God's love "if only we will reach out and accept it." (p 9)

Sometimes a renewal of life is hindered by old hurts that don't let go of us. Perhaps it is time to find our way toward forgiveness— for ourselves, or for others. Many books address this topic, and that is so because it is a very tough issue in many people's lives. Here are two:

"Forgiveness: Perspectives on Making Peace with your Past" is a slim book with thoughts on forgiveness-- ourselves as well as others. The **Companions in Christ, The** Way of Forgiveness Participant's Book is set up as a group study, but can be adapted to individual use by reading the material and using the daily exercises.

There are many other books that invite us to renew and refresh our spiritual lives and our relationship with Christ. You will find these and others on display, or in the library, particularly in the "Christian Life" section.

And of course, books that pertain to the seasons of **Lent** and Easter will also continue to be on display.



Saturday

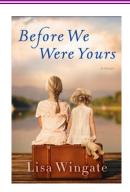




## Join the Saturday Book Club In the church library April 27th at 10:15

### **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate

(Note Date Change)



Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

#### WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

<u>Faithful Friends</u>, is a class for women of all ages with rotating leaders. From March 24 – April 14 the class will take a break from their study of *Twelve More Women of the Bible* to pursue a Lenten theme - -the four week video based study – *The Case for Easter* – by Lee Strobel. In this study, bestselling author Lee Strobel examines how we can know the biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection are accurate by objectively looking at the evidence surrounding Jesus' death, the evidence of the empty tomb, and the evidence of the many witnesses who saw him alive after his crucifixion. They will resume their previous study on April 21.

<u>Helping Hands</u>, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. The Spring 2019 theme is Discipleship and Mission. The first unit – Call to Discipleship – offers four lessons and highlights several aspects of what it means to be called by Jesus as a disciple. The five lessons in the second unit -- Call to Ministry – explore the diverse ways in which Jesus' disciples were challenged to exercise their call to ministry. The third unit – The Spread of the Gospel – contains four lessons beginning with Paul's introduction of himself to the Jewish and Gentile Christians living in Rome.

<u>Passages</u>, 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. The class will be on hiatus from April 14 thru July 7 while Randy is in Poland.

<u>Pathfinders</u>, led by Michelle Parker-Clark, will be spending the next few weeks viewing the DVD – *Jews and Christians: A Journey of Faith* – a documentary by Gerald Krell & Meyer Odze based on the book *Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith* by Marvin R. Wilson, Ph.D.

<u>Seekers</u>, led by Susan Patterson, will be continuing their Lenten study – *Give Up Something Bad for Lent*. In this seven-session study, James Moore challenges us to seek God's help to eliminate a bad habit or attitude while preparing to fully embrace the good news of Easter. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer.

<u>Trailblazers</u>, 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.



Agape House Easter Service April 10, 6:30-7:30pm DeSoto United Methodist Church

We invite you to come and worship with us as we celebrate our risen King at an Easter Service during Agape House.

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## Badgett Playhouse



Several couples celebrated Valentine's Day by taking a bus trip for dinner and listening

to beautiful music at the Badgett Playhouse Grand Rivers, KY.



Health

#### **HEALTHY HABITS**

Colon health is a subject not usually discussed in polite company. But, according

to Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University, St. Louis, it is the third most common cancer in the United States. However, the good news is 75% of all cases could be prevented by things listed below:

- **1. Get Screened after age 50.** The American Cancer Society advises a colonoscopy every 10 years and home stool test every year. This may be recommended more often according to health and family history.
- 2. Maintain a Healthy Weight.
- 3. Don't Smoke
- 4. Be Physically Active: About 30 minutes of moderate exercise every day.
- **5. Drink Alcohol only Moderately, if at all**: one drink/day for women, two/day for men.
- 6. Limit Red Meat (especially processed meat such as bacon, sausage, bologna). Try to eat three servings or less each week.
- 7. Get 1000-1200 mg of Calcuim/day and 1000 IU of Vitamin D/day.
- 8. Take a Daily Multi-Vitamin that includes Foleate along with the above suggested amounts of Calcium and Vitamin D. Avoid large doses of Vitamin A. A standard multivitamin supplement is best.

What About Aspirin? Siteman Cancer Center recommends people from age 50-69 take a daily low-dose aspirin (81 mg) for heart and colon health. Aspirin has some important risks so check with your health care provider before starting an aspirin regime.

What are the Uncontrollable Risk Factors? Family history of bowel cancer, being over age 60, inflammatory bowel disease and being tall (women over 5'8", men over 5'11").

What are some signs of possible colorectal cancer? Change in bowel habits lasting longer than one week, rectal bleeding, black or bloody stool, persistent abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss. Often there are no signs so early detecion via screening is very important. Use these tips to lower your risk of bowel cancer. Start with one or two changes and build from there.

> GOD GAVE US OUR BODIES. ITS OUR JOB TO CARE FOR THEM!



The year was 1999 when SIH started a new movement in southern Second Act Illinois, successfully implementing an ambitious vision to create a

membership program for people 50 and above.

Today, Second Act is a vibrant program that actively helps its members take control of their physical, mental, social and financial health.

Join us as Tracy Herron, Second Act Manager, shares what's ahead for Second Act as they celebrate 20 years of excellence in service to the Southern Illinois area.

#### April 9th NOON In the Fellowship Hall We will be Celebrating Spring

The MENU: Baked Chicken, Broccoli w/Cheese, Sunshine Salad, Rolls, & Lemon Cake

Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.





11th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast May 4, 2019 9:00 a.m. MVMC Fellowship Hall

All women age 13 and over are invited to attend the 11th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come as we explore the theme "She is Clothed with Laughter, Strength and Dignity." Featured speaker will be Janeen Plumer with special music by Alex Donelson and Kim McDannel. Child care will be provided.

Tickets will be on sale between church services in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 14th. Reservations will be accepted for a table of eight.

Contact Rosie Wece at 618-559-8167 or e-mail her at

rwece50@gmail.com for more information.



#### **Church Cookbook**

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

Submit any of your favorite reci-

pes. 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: mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com or placed in the Youth Mailbox.



#### CYF took an awesome trip to Pirate Pete's!





These little mateys got all kinds of treasures playing the arcade games. They also kicked Sage out of their laser tag



group and made her fend for herself, but she got revenge in winning the round.

These nuggets always

bring good fellowship, conversation, and lots of laughs.

We are always looking forward to our next adventure together!

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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.

#### Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt!

Will be Easter Sunday during the Sunday School Hour!
Children should go to their Sunday School class and
then will participate in the Hunt from there.



## MUMC & DUMC All Girls Lock-IN



Our girls had a Jr and Sr High lock-in here at our Murphysboro location with our Murphysboro and DeSoto girls. The girls came together and battled it out in Minute to

Win It games. They sounded like a stampede of elephants as they ran throughout the church finding the best hiding spots for Hide-and-Go-Seek. These beautiful girls also gave themselves some self love with facials and makeovers. We spent quality time with Jesus and each other, building deeper relationships, sharing encouraging words, and eating lots of snacks. Thank you to all the adults who made the evening possible and created a fun safe environment. For many of our girls, it was an unforgettable first lock-in experience.



Agape House welcomes youth for fellowship, study and a light meal every
Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30
pm.

Agape

House

Agape House is a ministry of DeSoto United Methodist Church.

APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS						
TRADITIONAL PRAISE						
<u>APR</u>	Worship Leader					
<u>7</u>	Barb Hughes	Mary Louise Cashel				
<u>14</u>	Barb Hughes	Kristi Miller				
<u>21</u>	Barb Hughes	Kristi Miller				
<u>28</u>	Barb Hughes	Kristi Miller				
	Choir/Mu	sic Leader				
	Brianna Sitton Lacey Brown					
<u>APR</u>	Prayer Request Reader & Liturgist					
7	TBD	Mary Louise Cashel				
14	TBD	Kristi Miller				
21	TBD	Kristi Miller				
28	TBD	Kristi Miller				
<u>APR</u>	Children's Church Leaders					
7	Sage Lintner	Scarlett Pierson				
14	Cheryl Smith	Ben & Jennie Snyder				
21	Lacey Brown/Rene Doody	Katie Stewart				
28	Diane Schingel	Sage Lintner				
	<u>Ushers</u>					
	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Mason Schingel, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Rick Pierson and Brant Wingerter				

TRADITIONAL SERVICE				
<u>APR</u>	Welcome Hostesses & Greeter	<u>Acolytes</u>		
7	Vanessa Lirely Deanne Twenhafel	Phoebe Heller Maya Jenkins		
14	Susan Patterson Janet Porter	Harper Geis Landrie Green		
21	Susan Patterson Janet Porter	Justin Maynor Jaylah Maynor		
28	Julie Erbes Marcia Butler	Caroline Guthman Eli Guthman		

#### STEWARDS:

Dick Graff, Todd Lirely, Richard Pierson, Gene Schwebel



#### Time to Collect Easter Goodies for our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt!

Starting March 31st Empty Easter Eggs will be available in the Welcome Center for you to take home and fill will Candy or Trinkets. They will need to be returned by April 14th. You may also donate these items and we will fill the eggs for you.

(Please only individually wrapped candy!)



Based on the belief that reading is a fundamental part of a child's ability to learn, the Service and Missions team is excited to announce the 5th YEAR OF MY OWN BOOKCASE PROJECT. This project, co-sponsored by our church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis, will

provide 40 children in the Murphysboro Head Start program with their very own handmade bookcase and a starter set of books.

There are several ways you can be a part of this very worthwhile ministry. The project team will have two work days at Bob and Trina Eaton's home, 2331 Clay St.: Sun., Mar. 31st, 1:00 pm (staining) and Sun., Apr. 14th, also 1:00 pm (finishing). Whether you are an expert or first-time stainer and/or finisher, the team would love your help.

Another avenue for making a positive and everlasting difference in the life of a child is through financial support. The cost of sponsorship is \$50, but all donations will be appreciated. Fliers and donation forms are located at the back of the sanctuary and by the doors of the education wing.

The bookcases presentation ceremony will take place on Sun., May 5, 2:00 pm at the Elks. Save that date: the look on the children's faces when they are presented their bags of books is PRICELESS!



new quilting class.

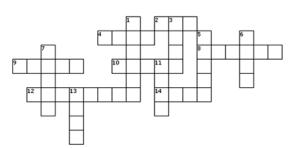
#### Bus Trip to Festival of Quilts - Saturday, April 6, 2019 Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, IL

Since 1985, guilters from across Illinois have made guilts for the children ■ at Cunningham Children's Home. Thanks to them, thousands of young people have been wrapped in warmth, safety, and love. Join us for the 15th Annual Festi-■ val of Quilts. Last year's quilt generated over \$71,000.00 to support the children at Cunningham. The Festival of Quilts features something for everyone, a quilt auction, gift shop, bake sale, quilt boutique, walking tours and featured speakers. We will leave the church at 6:00am and return late afternoon/early evening. The cost for the trip is \$5 for admission, lunch onsite at the Patchwork Cafe & a donation toward gas for the bus. If you are already an avid quilter and would like to make a quilt for a child at Cunningham, please size it to fit a twin-sized bed- approximately 66" x 96". When planning your design, keep in mind that most of the residential youth are between the ages of 11 - 17 and 66% are boys. If you don't know how to quilt, but have always wanted to learn, don't miss this trip as we will use our time on the bus to discuss the start up of a



## He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

#### DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

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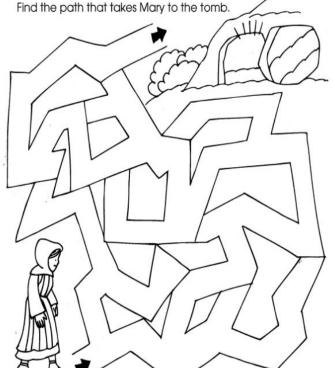
early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	



## **Jesus Rises Up**

(John 20)

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was put inside a tomb. A heavy stone was placed in front of the opening. When Mary Magdalene went to His tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away. Jesus was not there!



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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

DeSoto Site Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry...... Sage Lintner

Caretakers......Mike & Casey Johnstone

#### **OFFICE HOURS at MUMC**

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604

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Website: www.crossandflameministries.com



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Church Secretary...... Melba Ziegler
Ministry Support Asst..... Lacey Brown
Children/Youth Coord ...... Sage Lintner

MUMC Site Staff

Nursery Attendant...... Ashlee Sander and Caitlyn Boyd

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