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Directions for the Trail

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

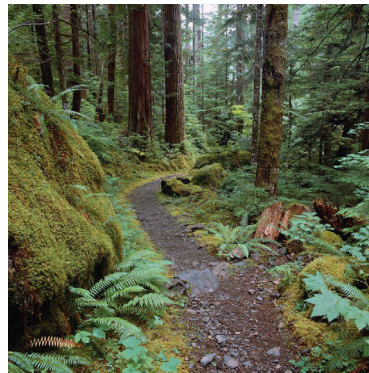


**Camp
Registration
Days
March 11th &
April 1st**
We're signing everyone up for camp after our youth group activities on Sunday, March 11 and after worship service April 1st. Please bring your check made out to MUMC, your registration form, your medical form and your email address. Camp brochures are on the bulletin table in the sanctuary.

Well the long awaited launch of our Disciple Formation Process "The Trail" by our Discerning Our Direction team has finally begun. All over the church the images and signs of the trail remind each of us of the spiritual journey we are on. The sanctuary trickles with water from a rock waterfall as a variety of trees, ferns and animals dot the landscape. On the video Scott challenges us to see our lives as a journey as others share their places on the trail and the various stages they have experienced along the way. The trail is everywhere.

It has been rewarding for the DOD team to hear many of the positive responses from the congregation; the expressions of

appreciation for all the commitment of time, energy and resources to develop the promotional pieces and decorations. But this is not why the DOD team put all of this together. Every member of the team understands if this is where it ends then our labor has been in vain.



All that has been done to develop, launch and promote our Disciple Formation Process has been for one focused goal: to move every person into a deeper more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

Scott closes the video with a simple invitation: What is your response to the call of the trail. If your response is to say, "well that was nice", and nothing more, then our efforts have fallen short.

For the DOD team the real reward will be when people begin to take that next step along their journey of faith. When persons begin to step out of their comfort zones and allow God to work in their lives as never before. Those stories of transformation and growth will be the real rewards and the real fruits of our efforts. So I close with Scott's closing line: What will be your response to the call of the trail.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry A. Gilbert





MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 - Scouts Roundtable, 6 pm
- 2 - Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting, 8 am
- 4 - JYF Confirmation Class, 4 pm
- 5 - **Chancel Choir Practice, 5:30 pm** / Relay For Life, 5:30 pm
Girl Scouts, 6 pm / Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- 6 - Mom's Small Group, 6:30 pm
- 8 - Girl Scouts, 6 pm
- 10 - UM Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am Meeting, 8:30 am
- 11 - JYF Picnic at Giant City, 4 pm / CYF Weiner Roast, 5 pm
Camp Registration, 6:30 pm
- 12 - Girl Scouts, 6 pm / Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Nurture & Care Meeting, 7 pm
- 13 - Young @ Heart Lunch, 12 pm / Board of Trustees, 6 pm / Finance, 7 pm
- 14 - Staff Meeting, 9:30 am / Service & Missions Meeting, 7 pm
- 18 - All Church Potluck & Fellowship , 5:30 pm
- 19 - Girl Scouts, 6 pm / Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- 20 - Staff/Parish Meeting, 5 pm / Mom's Small Group, 6:30 pm
- 22 - Girl Scouts, 6 pm
- 25 - Hospitality Ministry Meeting, 11:15 am / JYF Confirmation Class, 4 pm
CYF meet at church to go bowling, 4 pm
- 26 - Girl Scouts, 6 pm / Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- 27 - Church Council Meeting, 6 pm
- 28 - Youth Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm



Tuesdays: Cub Scouts, 6 pm
 Wednesdays: Chancel Choir Practice, 6 pm / Boy Scouts, 6 pm
 Saturdays: Handbell Practice, 9 am / AA Meeting, 10 am



Ushers

- Rick Runge*
- Kyle Quigley*
- Erin Mileur*
- Bob Eaton*
- Trina Eaton*

Welcome Center

Hostesses

March 4 & 11

- Wilma Westerfield*
- Sandy Herring*

Sunday Stewards

- Gene Schwebel*
- Bill McNitt*
- Marty McNitt*
- Troy Brown*
- Everett Blackwell*
- Ron Kiser*

Acolytes

March 4

- Emily Finke*
- Lily Schaldemose*

March 11

- Maddie Bean*
- Allison Brown*

March 18

- Asia Watson*
- Ryan Finke*

March 25

- Aiden McNitt*
- Adam Barringer*



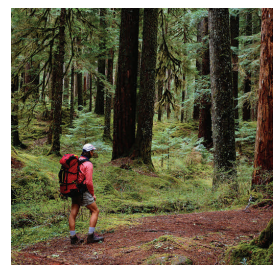
March 4: JYF Confirmation Class,
4-6:30 pm

March 11: JYF Picnic & Hiking at Giant City, 4 pm
CYF Weiner Roast/Games at Church Pavilion, 5- 6:30 pm
Camp registration at the church for both groups, 6:30 pm

March 25: JYF Confirmation Class, 4-6:30 pm
CYF Bowling at SI Bowl 4-6:30 pm (meet at church at 4:00)

April 8 Easter Sunday: no youth meetings

- *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *Sr. UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th Grade)





Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 11th.

**Remember to set your clocks
ahead 1 hour Saturday night.**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



The Women's Prayer Breakfast,
sponsored by the Adult Spiritual
Formation Ministry, will be held on
Saturday, May 5, 2012.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend this inspirational time of fellowship, prayer, music and a light breakfast. Child care will be provided. Watch for more information about this annual event in upcoming newsletters and church bulletins.

Please contact Rosie Wece at 618-687-3309 or gwece@wecefarms.com if you would like more information or would like to help with the event.



HOLY WEEK

April 1

Palm Sunday

Service, 9:00 am

April 5

Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm

Holy Communion Served

April 6

Community

Good Friday Worship

Church - 12 Noon

St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Rev. Ken Staib, Speaker

April 8

Easter Sunday

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Sunrise Service begins at the Church Pavilion,
continues in Church Sanctuary - 6:30 am

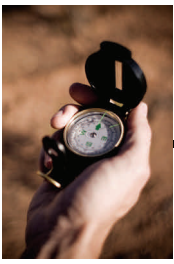
Breakfast by Boy Scout Troop #114

in Fellowship Hall

Service, 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt

During Sunday School



The Library Corner: News from the UMC Library



"A Library Shower!"

We're giving a shower and everyone is invited to participate, but there's no party to attend and you don't have to put on your best "duds"! So what is a "library shower"? It's a chance to help the Church Library ministry.

We're putting together a "wish list" of books for the church library. The books will all have some sort of faith related theme, including Christian fiction. On March 11th and 18th we will have the names of our "wish list of books" posted on the bulletin board above the library table in the upstairs hall. If you would like to buy a book for the library or would like to just donate toward a book you will be able to look over the choices and pick one that suits you. We're hoping for a shower of books! So that's our library "shower". There are no games or party hats—we hope you're not disappointed!

P.S. You can help with our "wish list". Leave your suggestions for books (including children's books) on the sheet on the library table in the upstairs hall. Thanks!

Something New to Read: "The Forgotten God"

What? We don't forget God, do we? Or Jesus? Francis Chan, author of "Forgotten God" says that we do forget, all too often, the third member of the trinity—the Holy Spirit. His book is sub-titled "Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit".

Chan says that some Christians hardly speak of the Holy Spirit at all, and that others may speak of the Spirit a lot, but by the appearance of their lives may not actually be living by the Spirit. In fact, Chan reports some of his non-Christian neighbors "seem more joyful, welcoming and at peace" than are some of his Christian neighbors.

Chan, the pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, California, is the author of several bestselling books, the most popular of which is "Crazy Love". We have that book also, courtesy of one of our readers who wanted to buy these two Francis Chan books for the church library.





All Church Potluck & Good Christian Fellowship
March 18, 2012 at 5:30pm
Table Setting, Tea, Coffee and Water Provided

**COMING IN THE MONTH OF
MAY.....**



Watch for more information
about...
a special gift of inspiration
created by disciples.....

for disciples!



Thank you so very much for your kind expressions of sympathy. Your prayers, concerns and cards are appreciated during this difficult time. It is a comfort to know that I am still a part of the Murphysboro church family. I feel blessed to have two church families who care about me.

Pat Smart



Young at Heart

March Menu

- Chicken Casserole
- Veggie of Choice
- Tossed Salad
- Bread of Choice
- Ambrosia

Program: Bob Hall will discuss his long time involvement in KEY CLUB.

Young at Heart meets
Tuesday, March 13
at 12, noon.



After 39½ years of wandering in the desert, Mrs. Moses secretly asks for directions.



Leaders of the world wide United Methodist Church pray that God's intended future for The United Methodist Church will be embodied in the actions of the 2012 General Conference. They offer this statement.

We believe:

- *the local congregation is the heartbeat of The United Methodist Church. It is where people are invited into a relationship with the living Word, nurtured in the faith, and sent out to live as God's people in the world;
- *the whole of The United Methodist Church is greater than the sum of our parts. The web of relationships that connects congregations, annual conferences, and other ministry networks multiplies our effectiveness;
- *The United Methodist Church becomes a stronger witness for Christ and agent for transformation with a vibrant, accountable, mission-directed general church system that helps to connect, equip, and extend the ministries of local congregations.

We affirm that The United Methodist Church values:

- *an intentional focus on fostering and sustaining vital congregations effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world;
- *balanced and collaborative clergy and lay leadership;
- *a broad spectrum of inclusion that assures opportunities for witness and leadership are available to the wide variety of people found in The United Methodist Church;
- *its longstanding commitment to ministries of justice, advocacy, and mercy.



The Nurture Committee continues to work on areas of nurture in our congregation.

- *Rose on the Altar for new infants
- *Meals for families when a family member has been discharged from hospitalization
- *Care for Shut Ins
- *Camping Recruitment and Registration for youth campers
- *Provide in house training for visitors of shut ins
- *Funeral Dinners
- *Worshippers praying over Prayer Blankets that are taken to persons who need prayer and concern
- *Worshippers praying over Prayer Blankets for infants
- *Short Term Classes on Christian Caring
(this is simply a progress report.....our congregation cares...)



A moment to remember.....

184 people passed a prayer blanket through the congregation on Sunday, February 19, each person offering a prayer for Sandy Stiegman. The blanket was taken to her on Monday, February 20, with an explanation shared as to the potential meaning by this congregational prayer act. The person taking the blanket to Nashville, IL hospital will long remember the impact of Sandy's response...

WE HEAR OF BOB HALL'S IMPACT

Bob Hall, a long time member of our congregation, and local/state/national/international guidance leader for Key Club (High School Service Club which is part of Kiwanis, Int.) will share his long time leadership among high school youth at YOUNG AT HEART, March 13, in the Fellowship Hall at our church. Lunch will be served at noon. Make your lunch reservation by signing the church attendance pad or calling the church office.

Even if he modestly denies having a great influence, Bob has been a major impact in Key Club. Where and when does he find energy to be this leader for the past 40+ years?

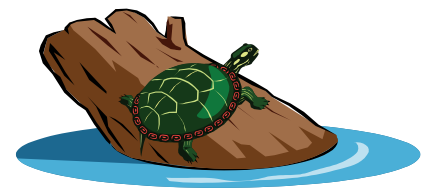
We don't know what Bob will say at YAH, but we know you will be impressed and miss something that will make you proud of youth if you do not join us.

**BOB HALL--MARCH 13
YOUNG AT HEART**



A Note from Girl Scout Troop 8189...

Troop 8189 wants to say "Thank You" to the church for supporting us with a location to meet over the last five years. We would also like to thank the congregation for supporting us throughout all our events, especially cookie sales. We currently have 12 girls in our troop that range from Kindergarten to fifth grade. Those are the age levels of Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors. Four of the girls are members of our congregation, but it's nice to be able to share our church with the other girls and their families. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting. Calling all former Girl Scouts! **Sunday, March 11th is Girl Scout Sunday.** Hope to see you there!



Information for your health from the CDC and your Health Ministry team.

Recommended adult immunization schedule, by vaccine and age group- United States, 2012

VACCINE ▼	AGE GROUP ►	19–21 years	22–26 years	27–49 years	50–59 years	60–64 years	≥65 years
Influenza ^{2,*}		1 dose annually					
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap) ^{3,*}		Substitute 1-time dose of Tdap for Td booster; then boost with Td every 10 years					
Varicella ^{4,*}		2 doses					
Human papillomavirus (HPV) ^{5,*} Female		3 doses					
Human papillomavirus (HPV) ^{5,*} Male		3 doses					
Zoster ⁶						1 dose	
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) ^{7,*}		1 or 2 doses			1 or 2 doses		
Pneumococcal (polysaccharide) ^{8,9}		1 or 2 doses					1 dose
Meningococcal ^{10,*}		1 or more doses					
Hepatitis A ^{11,*}		2 doses					
Hepatitis B ^{12,*}		3 doses					

* Covered by the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program



For all persons in this category who meet the age requirements and who lack documentation of vaccination or have no evidence of previous infection



Recommended if some other risk factor is present (e.g., on the basis of medical, occupational, lifestyle, or other indications)



Tdap recommended for ≥65 if contact with <12 month old child. Either Td or Tdap can be used if no infant contact



No recommendation

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Prayer Chain...

If you desire prayer, please contact Janis Crews at 534-9404 or Barb Zimmerman at 201-9599.



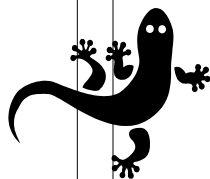
**Open Hearts.
Minds.
Doors.**

The United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship Service:
9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday School:
10:10 A.M.**



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

In March

2-Paul Bitner	18-Caitlin Doody
2-Jane Mitchell	19-Marlene Gibbs
6-Scarlett Pierson	19-Corey Zimmerman
9-Gloria Likins	23-Andy Willis
9-Wilma Westerfield	25-Jacob Presley
10-Aaron Erbes	27-Isaac Warren
10-Sharon Medlen	28-Ray Burroughs
10-Bill Slider	28-John Carvell
12-Todd Lirely	31-Ada Heller
13-Brad Fager	31-Pete Pederson
14-Connie Boucher	

1-Steve & Kellee Ticer
11-Rick & Scarlett Pierson
21-John & Jeanette Hudgins
31-Pete & Caroline Pederson

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the Compass please call the church office.



*See You On The
Trail!*

All information for the Compass must be in the church office by the 20th of each month.