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Directions for the Trail

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

These past few weeks I have had the privilege to be in several conversations and learn about the interesting history of our congregation. It is really difficult to understand what life was like in Murphysboro 100 years ago as the people called Methodist were making plans to build this amazing landmark church building.

I wonder if they could have seen into the future and realized that the Great Depression was just around the corner...if they would have changed their minds. I wonder if they could have seen that our world was on the edge of not one, but two world wars, which would kill millions...if they would have changed their minds. I wonder if they could have seen the destruction of the 1925 tornado and all the businesses in Murphysboro that would never rebuild after that storm... if they would have changed their minds.

I cannot help but believe those early Methodists felt they were following the vision of God for them. I am sure to some degree

that they believed they were following God's will for their lives and their church. Yet the future they lived into was filled with hardship, challenges, and uncertainty. I just cannot help but wonder what they would have done had they known what was coming.

I guess we can only speculate on this question because they did not know...but God did. God called these people to dream a God-sized dream; not because it would be easy and fun, but because God had a plan not dependent on the world but dependent on God. While I am sure many people sacrificed much to see this dream completed, God always provides a way when it is God's vision.

What a marvelous heritage we have received from these amazing and faithful people, which is not just the building but also the vision and character to dream a God-sized dream and pass it on to generations to come.

*Your servant in Christ,
 Larry A. Gilbert*



The cornerstone was removed on 7/9/12. Go to page 5 to see what was inside!

We've Moved!
The Church Offices are now located in the Annex (Parsonage). Please enter through the east side door.

Mailbox trays for church leaders and staff are in the storage room if you wish to leave something.

Pray For Our Pastor



Before worship on Sunday mornings, a team of people is needed to pray with Pastor Larry. This is a very powerful and uplifting experience for our Pastor and those that pray for him and our congregation. If you would like to help support our Pastor and church by participating in this special time of prayer (praying out loud is optional), please contact Rosie Wece at 687-3309 or gwece@wecefarms.com.



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 - Worship Committee in Faithful Friends at 9:00 a.m.
Lay Leadership Meeting in Chapel 9:30 a.m.
Service and Missions Meeting in Faithful Friends 7:00 p.m.
- 2 - Women's Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
Scouts Roundtable in Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 3 - Adult Spiritual Formation in Passages 8:00 a.m.
- 8 - Staff Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 9:00 a.m.
Homebound Visitor Training in Chapel 2:00 p.m.
Lay Leadership Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m.
- 9 - Women's Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- 11 - UMM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 7:30 a.m.
- 12 - 100-Year Celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. (See page 5)
CYF/JYF Picnic & Swimming at Bigham Lake
- 13 - Newcomers Committee Meeting in Passages at 6:30 p.m.
Future Men Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
Nurture and Care Meeting in Chapel 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Young at Heart in Fellowship Hall 12:00 noon
Board of Trustees Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m.
Finance Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Homebound Visitor Training in Chapel 2:00 p.m.
- 16 - Women's Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - Emmaus Social 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - Young Ministries Group Meeting in Passages 6:00 p.m.
- 23 - Women's Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Handbell Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.
- 26 - CYF/JYF to Miners Baseball Game
- 27 - Future Men Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
Card Workshop in Upper Room 6:00 p.m. (First Night)
- 30 - Women's Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Cub Scouts 6:00 p.m. (begins 8/21)

Wednesdays: Boy Scouts 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: There is a calendar on the website that is updated regularly.

<http://www.murphysboroumc.com>

Ushers

Todd Doody
Gary Likins
Andy McNitt
Kyle Miller
Jennifer Watson
London Watson

Sunday Stewards

Dave Auxier
Ralph Bastien
Bob Eaton
Andy McNitt
Bill Quigley

Welcome Center

Hostesses

August 5 & 12

Sandy Herring
Carolyn Sauer

August 19 & 26

Rindy Eisenhauer
Terri Yates

Acolytes

August 5

Adam Barringer
Caitlin Doody

August 12

Olivia Schaldermose
Allison Brown

August 19

Maddie Bean
Tyler Doody

August 26

Ben Barringer
Candace Brown

Mission: Possible Golf Scramble

First United Methodist Church of Carbondale

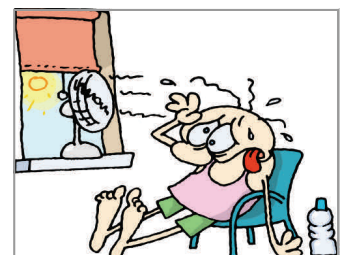
Saturday, September 8th, 2012

Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda

\$80.00 per player (includes Lunch / Silent Auction)

Proceeds go to *Imagine No Malaria* www.ImagineNoMalaria.org

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON TABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH





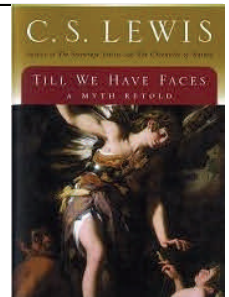
COMING IN OCTOBER.....
“TRAIL DAY”
STARRING SCOTT BALLARD

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The **Pathfinders Sunday school class** is multiplying into two classes. Pastor Larry and Rick Runge will continue to lead the Pathfinders class, which consists of a more ‘mature’ age range and varied topics. They will meet on the second floor of the Church Annex. The new class called **Contemporary Adults** will consist of young singles and couples, led by Scarlett and Rick Pierson. They will study the Gospel Project from Lifeway. This class will meet in the former pastor’s office in the church. These changes begin the first Sunday in August. So...if you are not attending a Sunday school class, we invite you to come to either of these classes...**beginning August 5th and bring a friend!**

NEW BOOK CLUB

A new monthly book club is starting in August! We will meet once a month at the church to discuss a book. There will be a new book each month. The first meeting will be Sat. August 18, from 10:30 a.m. – noon, at which time more permanent meeting arrangements will be discussed. The book for this meeting will be C. S. Lewis’s novel *Till We Have Faces*. Though not as famous as some of Lewis’s other works, this is widely considered to be among his best novels. Drawing on the ancient myth of Cupid and Psyche, Lewis’s novel presents a tale of “love, faith, and transformation.” If you enjoy reading and talking about books, please join us. If you have questions, please contact Ginger at gingerstelle@gmail.com.



RECYCLING AVAILABLE

You will find that there are now several places in church where you will be able to recycle your paper, bulletins, cans, aluminum foil, plastic containers, etc. We hope you will help in keeping our planet **clean and green!** Anyone that

would like to volunteer to pick up recycling and deliver to recycling bins at the Ava Blacktop Extension Office is asked to contact Paula Chapa at 618-967-2689.

Looking Ahead...

Card Workshop

Creating cards from scrapbook kits (no tools required). Fun and Fellowship!
Every 4th Monday beginning August 27 from 6-8 p.m. in the Upper Room

Praying Out Loud Workshop

Praying out loud is a skill. Learn how with small steps.
Every Thursday evening in September from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Library

2nd Annual MUMC APPLE Pancake Breakfast

September 15th 7a.m.-10 a.m. Before the Apple Festival Parade
Tickets \$5 in advance/\$6 at door for adults and children 5 and under are free!
Please contact Rick Pierson if you are interested in being on a team.
Help this wonderful Ministry 'raise the bar' from last year's success!
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men and Hospitality Committee

Scrapbooking & Scripture

4th Friday Evenings beginning September 28th from 6-8 p.m.
All items supplied - novice to experienced scrappers welcome!
Come for a short devotion, fellowship and make a scrapbook!

Disciple 1 New Testament Bible Study

October 4, 2012-February 28, 2013 in Faithful Friends
Thursday Evenings (time to be announced)
Intense & In-depth study of the New Testament!

Nursery Back-Up Help Needed

We still need back-up help for Tania during Sunday Services when the number of children gets overwhelming. This is only on an 'as needed' basis. The Nursery is the first place most newcomers visit and we want it to be a place they feel comfortable placing their children. When there are lots of children—we need extra help. This would be a great opportunity for junior higher and high schoolers! This is a growing Ministry in our church and attention must be paid! Please contact Scarlett Pierson ASAP by calling 573-587-9106 or piersonscarlett@yahoo.com.

If you arrive at church early, you may notice someone pausing and placing their hands on the end of each pew. This is not for support to get down the aisle. They are participating in the spiritual practice of *praying blessings* for our church and the persons that will sit in those pews during the worship service. If you are interested in being a part of this Prayer Team please contact Candy Watt at watt2c2@yahoo.com.



Praying Always

MUMC Building Centennial

The original sanctuary turns 100 years old



Back in 1910, the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church took a leap of faith and began the plans for a new church building. After many meetings, the work began two years later and the cornerstone was laid in August of 1912. So one hundred years later, we are excited to celebrate the faith, vision, dedication, and hard work of those early members. On **August 12, 2012**, at the 9:00 A.M. Worship Service, we will honor the heritage of that congregation of long ago as we give praise and worship in this beautiful building that has served us so well this past century.

We have planned a host of activities for the morning. We have two small mementos to give each person commemorating the day. Our District Superintendent Roger Russell will be our guest speaker. We will have special music by Ricardo King, our new choir director. After the service, we will have nine stations set up, so everyone can take a tour of our stained glass windows where members of our congregation will give a brief history of the people who donated the beautiful windows in our church. For the adventurous, there will be a tour of the upper sections of the sanctuary that enables one to get a bird's eye view of the inner structure of the area over the ceiling dome. We plan to have old-fashioned games outside on the north lawn for the children not interested in the tour. At 11:30, we will share an old-fashioned Sunday fried chicken dinner in Fellowship Hall. The church is providing a delicious meal of fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, homemade biscuits and iced tea. We are asking members to bring sliced tomatoes from their gardens & homemade desserts. (There are sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center.) The luncheon concludes our celebration.

In addition to all of this, if you are so inclined, we would love to have as many people as possible dress in period clothing. So 1912 – think *Titanic* or *My Fair Lady*. For the ladies, dresses were down to the ankles. If you don't want to get that involved, ladies always wore hats and gloves to church, so one could do something as simple as that. For the men, a boater, derby, or fedora was the hat style along with suits, white shirts, suspenders, vests and straight or bow ties.



100-year-old newspaper from the Cornerstone box



I hope everyone will mark this day on your calendar and come to church to worship in this beautiful building and take our leap of faith into the next hundred years as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ and continue to serve our Father in heaven.

Left: Contents of the Cornerstone metal box

The Library Corner:



The Library Corner: Reading for the Fun of It

Face it—in these “dog days of summer” nothing beats relaxing with a good book and a glass of lemonade in a comfortable place. That could be the porch swing or hammock—if you can find shade deep enough to keep you cool. Or perhaps a nice air conditioned nook of your home would be a better option!

Here are some possibilities for some light summer reading from our library:

* Lynn Austin is a popular new author (new to our library that is). Our latest book from Austin is **Wonderland Creek**. This is an amusing story about Alice Ripley, a librarian who finds books more interesting than real life. Alice gets a fresh look at life after she loses her job, loses her boyfriend, and decides to deliver donated library books to a troubled coal mining town in Eastern Kentucky. There she finds real characters, mystery, maybe romance—and all more interesting than any book she ever read.

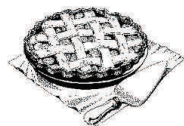
* Or how about a “Bug Man” novel? Yep—**Less than Dead** stars Nick Polchak, a forensic entomologist, of all things. And he has plenty to investigate—a newly discovered graveyard, a

mysterious local woman who tends to wander in the night with her dogs, searching for her missing father. And just how does this all tie in with an up-and-coming presidential candidate and his wife?

* In **Redemption**, Karen Kingsbury teams up with Gary Smalley to tell a story of love and adultery, and all the emotions and complications that ensue. This is the first in a series of five books centered on the Baxter family. The books are in **LARGE PRINT** for those who find a little larger type a comfortable way to read.

* Or perhaps a good movie on a warm summer night is just the ticket! We are increasing the library's movie selections, and one of the newest DVDs is a set of four Hallmark Entertainment movies: **Thicker Than Water** with Melissa Gilbert, **Angel in the Family** with Meredith Baxter, **Ordinary Miracles** with Jaclyn Smith, and **Fielder's Choice**, with Chad Lowe and George Segal.

You'll find these and other “fun stuff” to read or view on the library table upstairs, and also downstairs in the library.



We are asking for donations of garden tomatoes and homemade desserts for our 100 Year Celebration Fried Chicken Meal. Sign-up in Welcome Ctr.

Nursery News

Desiring to make the nursery an effective outreach for our church, we have decided it will remain locked when not in use. Please note that the nursery will need to be reserved through the office like any other room in the church. Keys will be made available for those that need them. If you have any questions, please contact Scarlett Pierson.

August Noisy Offering for Murphysboro Masonic Home

For over 120 years, the Illinois Masonic Children's Homes (IMCH) have offered long-term residential care for children between the ages of 4 through 16 years.

In January 2004, the Murphysboro Masonic Children's Home opened. This local facility is home to 24 children.



DEBT FREE IN 3

Just a reminder that we are in our final year of our **Debt Free in 3** campaign. If you pledged an amount, please remember to have that commitment met by May 31, 2013. If you did not pledge an amount and would like to contribute to the campaign, please feel free to do so at any time before May 31, 2013. If you need to know the status of your pledge, feel free to call Christine Nolan and she will let you know the balance of your pledge. This campaign has reduced our loan to \$252,280.20 as of July 2012. If we continue to make the extra payments like we are now, the loan balance should be around \$210,000.00 when we go to refinance in June of 2013. Since the **Debt Free in 3** campaign has begun we have reduced our principle by \$124,170.00! Thank you to everyone that has helped with this campaign. Let us try to reduce the loan by even more in the last year of the campaign so we can truly be **DEBT FREE IN 3**.

Thank you again,
Finance Committee



Youth Group News

August 12: CYF/JYF Swim at Bigham Lake
Van departs Church at 1:30 p.m.
Arrive at 2:00 p.m.
Picnic at 5:00 p.m.
**BRING YOUR LIFE JACKET
AND SUNSCREEN!**

August 26: CYF/JYF Trip to Miners Game
Van departs Church at 3:30 p.m.
Bring money to eat at Ballpark

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



Young at Heart

August 14

Lunch is at noon in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$5.00 each. Please make your reservation no later than Sunday, August 12th, on the church attendance pad.

Menu

Chicken Salad on Croissant
(Pickles, Celery, Grapes & Mayo)
Potato Salad
Lettuce and Tomatoes (on side)
Banana Pudding

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Ministers: The Congregation
Pastor: Larry A. Gilbert
Coordinator of Ministries: Earl R. Renshaw
Discipleship Coordinator: Teresa Gilbert
Financial Secretary: Christine Nolan
Church Administrator: Cathy Lilley
Custodian: Elmer McRoy

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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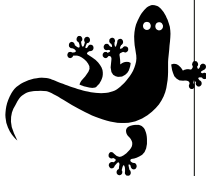


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service:
9:00 A.M.

Sunday School:
10:10 A.M.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

In August

Happy Birthday

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| 1 SALLY MOUTARDIER | 17 CARMILEE DONAHUE |
| 2 GAYE AUXIER | GRANT TICER |
| LOGAN WINGERTER | 18 ALLISON BROWN |
| 3 BOB EATON | MARTY MCNITT |
| 5 MARILYN GLASFORD | 20 EMILY ALLEN |
| ELIAS GUTHMAN | ABIGAIL WINGERTER |
| RICK B. PIERSON | 21 CHARLES CREWS |
| 6 DEAN SHIELDS | JERRY MILLER |
| 7 RANDY AUXIER | 26 WILLIAM QUIGLEY |
| 8 PRESTON FLETCHER | 28 BROOKE GUTHMAN |
| 14 GARY LIKINS | 30 HILLARY PRESLEY |
| RUTH VERBAL | WES WILL |
| CATHY LILLEY | WESLEY GRAHAM |
| 16 KIM GOFORTH | |

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|---------------------------|
| 3 FRANCIS & WILLA ADDISON |
| 12 RON & SALLY MOUTARDIER |
| 13 RALPH & JOAN BASTIEN |
| 16 GERALD & KATHY RIPLEY |
| 19 ROBERT & ANDY WILLIS |
| 25 JIM & IMOGENE TEDROW |



If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the
Compass, please contact the Church office.

Many **THANKS** to
the folding team
that comes in each
month to prepare
our newsletter for
mailing. *You are
truly a blessing!*

Please submit information for the September COMPASS
newsletter no later than noon on August 22nd.

