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Directions for the Trail

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I was considering the other day that for a person who really likes and enjoys routine I find myself living in a lot of change. Maybe we all do or maybe I really don't understand myself very well but for me personally and for our church we are about to go through one more significant change.

After months of discussion and input from dozens of persons the church leadership has approved the movement of our church offices from the church building into the former parsonage. The staff at our last meeting has set a transition week for July 16th, which means we plan to relocate the church offices that week.

While the staff look forward to the move for several reasons, (extra space being just one), the unanswered question is just how will this move impact the life of our church. And the real question is "How will this move help us more effectively fulfill our mission of making disciples".

Of course additional space just offers us some new ministry possibilities. Some of those possibilities might include: a new Sunday School class starting which is already being discussed; I

personally would love to find the choir a little more permanent home for robes and music; a better space for our Health ministry blood pressure checks and those are just a few of the many ideas being discussed and proposed.

It will also offer much easier access to the offices being almost ground level. The current plan is to make the east door of the house the office entrance that opens into a small-enclosed porch and then into what was the dining room. This will be the space for the new Church Administrator's desk and waiting area. The Trustees have plans to build a small ramp to overcome the few steps, which will provide a step-less entry into the office space. We also hope the offices will just be easier for people to find. I know it is hard to believe with all the signage we have added recently but we still have people who wander the building trying to find the current office space.

One other change is that the church building will now be locked during the week at times when there is no event scheduled. Persons who need access to the building and do not have a key will need to come to the church office to be let into the building. This decision is primarily about

safety. Several times over the past few months, persons looking for assistance have approached individuals working alone or in a very small group in the building. Myself and other church leaders believe we cannot continue to place persons at risk in this way and to do so is reckless and careless. One other item of concern has been access to the office equipment especially the copy machine. To address this the church has already purchased a small and inexpensive copier to leave in the church for those who need to make just a few copies for meetings or classes. We are concerned about access to the Prayer Room and we continue to explore options around this ministry.

There are many changes we will just need to live into together as we make this transition. My hope and prayer is that everything we do here at MUMC helps us fulfill our mission: "TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD." And if not-then to ask ourselves; why are we doing it?

Your servant in Christ,
Larry A. Gilbert

Church Yard Sale

It's time to clean out the closets, drawers, cabinets, etc. for the MUMC YARD SALE July 27th-28th.

Proceeds from this event will be applied to the renovation debt. Please drop off items in the church Fellowship Hall July 20th-25th.

Helpers are needed July 23rd-28th. A sign up sheet will be available in church July 15th & 23rd. Contact Lynn Pierson or Rob Williams for more information.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 - DOD Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- 3 - Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- 4 - Church Office Closed for Independence Day Happy 4th ☆ of July!
- 5 - Men's Reunion Group 6:30 a.m.
 Scouts Roundtable Session 6:00 p.m.
 Women's Book Study 6:30 p.m.
- 6 - Children's Story Time 10:00 a.m.
- 8 - CYF Picnic in the Park 4:00 p.m.
 JYF Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 9 - Nurture & Care Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Young @ Heart Lunch 12:00 p.m.
 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
 Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Spiritual Formation 8:00 p.m.
- 12 - Women's Book Study 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Children's Story Time 10:00 a.m.
- 14 - UMM Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- 15 - Vacation Bible School begins 5:00 p.m.
- 16 - Vacation Bible School 5:00 p.m.
 Moving of church office to Parsonage this week
- 17 - Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Vacation Bible School 5:00 p.m.
 Moving of church office to Parsonage this week
- 18 - Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Young @ Heart trip to Whittington restaurant & S.I. Artisan Festival 10:30 a.m.
 Bible School 5:00 p.m.
 Moving of church office to Parsonage this week
- 19 - Vacation Bible School 5:00 p.m.
 Women's Book Study 6:30 p.m.
 Moving of church office to Parsonage this week
- 22 - Hospitality Ministry Meeting 11:15 a.m.
 CYF/JYF Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 23 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 Church Office Opens in Parsonage
- 24 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Church Council 6:00 p.m.
- 25 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 CYF/JYF St Louis FunDay 7:30 a.m.
 Perpetual Motion 6:30 p.m.
- 26 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 Women's Book Study 6:30 p.m.
- 27 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 YARD SALE 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 28 - UMYF Mission Trip to Peoria
 YARD SALE 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.
- 29 - Store-Bought Pot Luck at Murphysboro Lake 12:00 p.m.
- 30 - Future Men (Library) 6:30 p.m. (every other Monday for 8 weeks)
- 31 - Men's & Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.



Wednesdays: Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays: AA Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

July

Ushers

*Todd Lirely
 Scott Ballard
 Sandy Herring
 Ralph Bastien
 Dick Graff*

Sunday Stewards

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

Welcome Center

Hostesses

July 1

*Wilma Westerfield
 Marilyn Perry*

July 8 & 15

*Carolyn Ozburn
 Jennifer O'Donnell*

July 22 & 29

*Kay Bozarth
 Kathy Ripley*

Acolytes

July 1

*Emma Bigham
 Mason Schingel*

July 8

*Emily Finke
 Aiden McNitt*

July 15

*Lucas Bigham
 Cole Fletcher*

July 22

*Briana Bean
 Ryan Finke*

July 29

*Cole McNitt
 Lily Schaldemose*

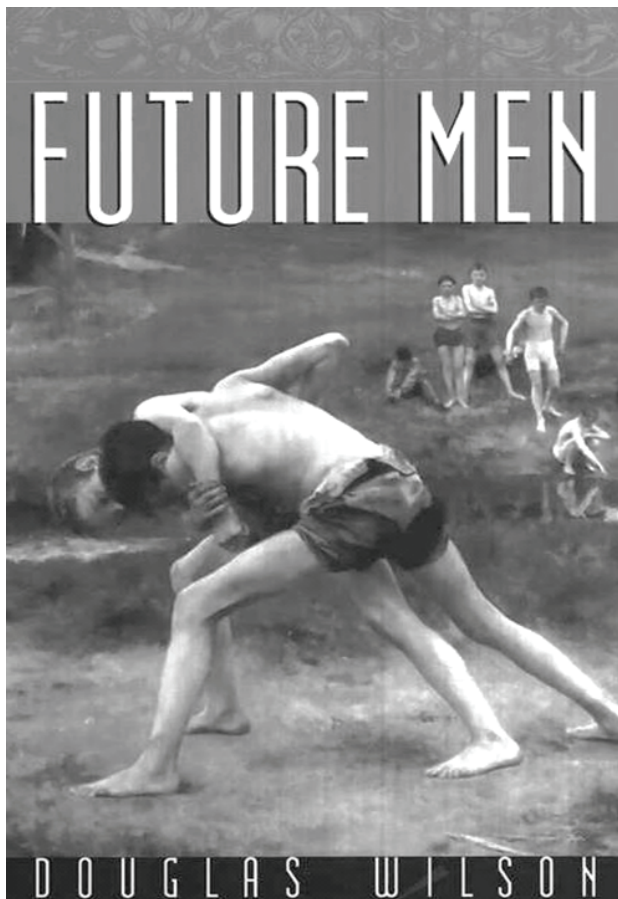


COMING THIS FALL.....

“TRAIL DAY”

STARRING SCOTT BALLARD

WATCH FOR TRAIL DAY T-SHIRT SALES THROUGH JULY 31ST



ATTENTION YOUNG DADS!!

Book Study

about raising boys into respectful men.

As much as it may distress us, our boys are future men.

As we look to Scripture for patterns of masculinity for our sons, we find them manifested perfectly in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who set the ultimate pattern for friendship, for courage, for faithfulness, and integrity.

(back cover excerpt)

Led by Ricky Pierson

Every other Monday for 8 weeks

Begins July 30th

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sign-up in the Welcome Center

MUMC YARD SALE

July 27th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
July 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

As mentioned on the front page of this COMPASS, the church yard sale is around the corner. It's not too early to be cleaning out your house, garage, storage shed, etc. for items to donate to this worthwhile event. Proceeds from this event will be applied to the renovation debt. The June newsletter explained how the church's renovation loan has gone from \$633,439 starting in 2006 to \$265,761 as of April 30, 2012. The debt elimination campaign has helped considerably but events like this are important too!



**Please drop off items in the church Fellowship Hall
 July 20th-25th**

Helpers are needed July 23rd-28th

A sign up sheet will be available in church July 15th & 23rd

Contact Lynn Pierson or Rob Williams for more information

School Supplies Collection begins July 1st

Collection of school supplies will begin July 1st and continue every Sunday throughout the month of July. There will be a tub in the back of the Sanctuary for donated items. The lists of local classroom needs will be displayed on the table in the back as soon as they are available.

Please help the children of our community by providing needed school supplies for the upcoming school year. We appreciate that the local classroom teachers have been wonderful about giving supplies only to those with a need.



For more information, please contact
 Kay Lirely at 684-4308.



Young at Heart

Young at Heart on July 10 is our
INDOOR SUMMER PICNIC!

Lunch is at noon in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$5.00 each. Please make your reservation Sunday, July 8th, on the church attendance pad.

Menu



Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Chips
Watermelon



Young at Heart is taking a Road Trip July 18th departing at 10:30 a.m. to the restaurant in Whittington and the S. I. Artisan Festival. Please make your reservation by calling the church office no later than July 14th.

What is 'The Trail?'

Growing in our faith and deepening our relationship with God is a lifelong process, a journey. At MUMC, 'The Trail' is the metaphor we use to describe and discover where we are in our personal relationship with Christ.

Sometimes we can be on the trail, believing in God, attending church, going through the motions... but become complacent and 'stuck' – no longer growing, and no longer reaching new destinations on the path.

'The Trail' helps you discover where you are in your spiritual journey, and encourages you to seek and discover new ways to take the next step to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Set foot on the trail for the greatest journey of your life!



Donald Batz

Peter Cartwright Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Rev. Dr. Donald Batz, who retired in 2004, is "the epitome of what a United Methodist minister stands for," said Susan Abbott, a member of Quincy Union UMC, who nominated Dr. Batz for the 2012 Cartwright award. "He is a gentleman who puts the needs of others above his own and is willing to go the extra mile in order to serve."

Dr. Batz began his pastoral career at age 17 when in 1952 he was appointed to DeWitt while attending Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1971, following the completion of his doctorate in Social Ethics from Christian Theological Seminary, Dr. Batz was appointed to Murphysboro United Methodist Church where he developed a common mission out of two congregations that had previously merged but yet remained divided. He left MUMC in 1979. Dr. Batz and his wife Aleta live in Bettendorf, Iowa and have four adult children.



Donald Batz

The Library Corner:

News from the UMC Library



A Reader Review by Scarlett Pierson

Title: *Made to Crave*
Author: Lysa Terkeurst

What is this book about? In the book, Lysa is dealing with her long time battle with food. She is changing the way she thinks about food and learning how to go to God instead of food for comfort, de-stress, fulfillment, satisfaction, etc.

What did you find interesting or meaningful? This is the first book I've read that deals with these issues so well. I've struggled with food my whole life, running to "treats" instead of the Lord for whatever I need to get away from at the time. Obviously this is an empty pursuit, after you get done with the box of cookies the real issues are still there. Lysa really got me thinking differently about my struggles, but also gave me great scripture to focus on and use for these times.

Any other thoughts about this book? I think that this book also can be relatable for anything that you run to for comfort, de-stress, fulfillment, it doesn't just have to be about food for you.

Would you recommend it to others? I would highly recommend this book to others because many Americans have issues with food, but don't know how to approach it correctly with God's Word.

How many stars would you give it? *****

Lysa definitely gets five stars from me!



Library Notes

Made to Crave is one of the books we received during our recent library shower—**thank you!** It will be available on the table in the upstairs hall.

Another contribution through our Library shower is our **Featured DVD of the month: Soul Surfer**. This popular movie is based on the true and inspirational story of Bethany Hamilton, who lost her left arm in a shark attack. What happens next definitely involves both faith and determination! Check it out at the library table upstairs.

Paul, Paul, and Paul: At their June meeting the Young at Heart group heard the eloquent words of Paul's letter to the Philippians spoken aloud by an actor portraying Paul dictating that letter. It was a great treat! Paul—intense, intelligent, and full of faith-- is the subject of three books in our library.

All are extremely interesting, just as Paul himself is. Any one of these books could add to your life of faith.

Paul- A Man of Grace and Grit by Charles Swindoll is a portrait in character of this complex man.

Paul—a Novel by Walter Wangerin tells Paul's story, and also gives the background of life in Biblical times.

To Live is Christ; embracing the Passion of Paul by Beth Moore looks at the transforming power of Jesus in Paul's life--changing him from a persecutor of the church into one of Jesus' most faithful followers—and discusses how we too can be transformed.

KEYS!!!

If anyone has a west canopy door key, please come to the church office to sign the register so we can update our key inventory. This is especially important since the church office is moving to the Parsonage.



Thank You!

Children's Summer Story Time!

Children's Story time will be held in the Pavilion on four Fridays this summer. The first one was June 22nd. Kids and their parents or grandparents are invited to come and have a fun time! We will have story telling time, songs, crafts and snacks. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.

This is a joint project of the MUMC Library Committee, Services and Missions, and the Children/Youth Spiritual Formation. We hope not only to offer some fun and meaningful stories to the children of our church, but also to reach out to others outside our church, including our immediate neighborhood.

The last two sessions are July 6 and July 13 at 10:00 a.m.

We hope to see children enjoy this experience and then come to Vacation Bible School. That will start on Sunday, July 15th, and will be another great experience for children...See Below!

Please come! Invite others!



SKY Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 15th
through Thursday, July 19th

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade

Meal served at 5:00 p.m.
Bible School from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Please call (618) 687-2317 MUMC to register or if
you need a ride.

*Please leave a message if no one
answers and someone will get back to you.*

Youth Group News...

July 8: CYF Picnic in the Park 4:00-6:30 p.m.
JYF Meeting 5:00-6:30 p.m.

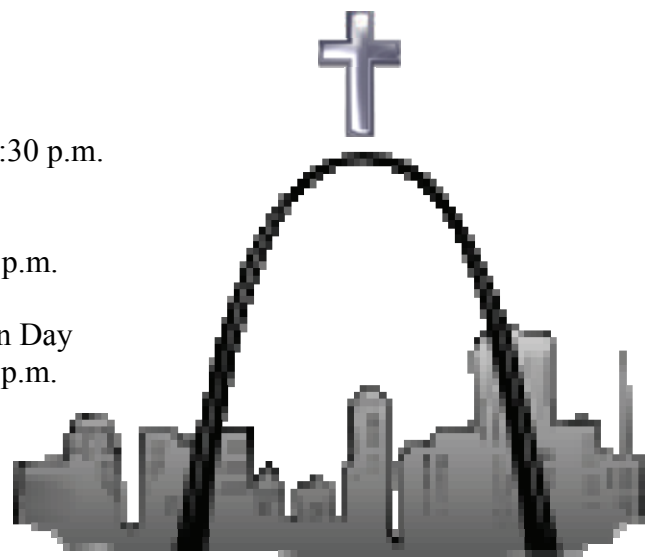
July 22: CYF/JYF Meetings 5:00-6:30 p.m.

July 25: CYF/JYF Trip to St. Louis Fun Day
Depart 7:30 a.m. Return 7:00 p.m.

*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

*Sr. UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship
(9th - 12th Grade)



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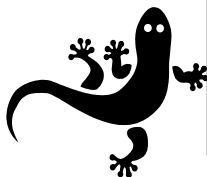


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

In July

Happy Birthday

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| 1 KATIE CHAMBERS | 13 SHARON JONES |
| 1 MACKENZIE WATSON | 15 PAM CREWS |
| 3 LOYD EBERSOHL | 15 BRITTNI SHANDS |
| 3 FRANCES GREEN | 16 OLLIEBELLE RIDLEY |
| 3 TASSIE LIRELY | 17 RHIANNON GALLY |
| 3 BILL MARTIN | 18 OLIVIA SCHALDEMOSE |
| 4 RUTH EBERSOHL | 19 BURT OZBURN |
| 5 DON CORNELL | 20 WILLA ADDISON |
| 6 VIOLA PARRISH | 22 LILLIE SCHALDEMOSE |
| 7 MICKEY JACKSON | 25 SUE CONGIARDO |
| 7 BILL MCGUIRE | 25 RON MOUTARDIER |
| 8 DICK GRAFF | 25 LEE RENDLEMAN |
| 8 CAROLE MUNSON | 28 PAUL CHAPMAN |
| 8 ASIA WATSON | 29 CODY TWENHAFEL |
| 11 JON KORANDO | 30 FRANCIS ADDISON |
| 12 JUNE BLACK | 31 DEBBIE CHAPMAN |
| 12 GENE SCHWEBEL | 31 ALBERTA SULLIVAN |



Happy Anniversary

- 2 RICK & DEBBIE KORANDO
- 3 RON & CLARA KISER
- 12 RANDY & GAYE AUXIER
- 14 DICK & SHARON GRAFF
- 17 LOYD & RUTH EBERSOHL
- 21 GARY & ROSIE WECE
- 25 JIM & LEE RENDLEMAN
- 27 CARL & GLORIA STOKER
- 30 DAVE & EILEEN AUXIER

Dick & Sharon Graff would like to extend an invitation to the MUMC family to an open house in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Murphysboro Elks Lodge.



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

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