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## *Directions for the Trail*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

It is just kind of depressing to drive around and see the cornfields devastated by the extreme heat and lack of rain of this summer. To look out across the fields and know that there is almost nothing in there to harvest. I remember last year, what a difference, rain and temperatures combined to produce a wonderful crop. Farmers were in their fields with great machines gleaned the reward of their labors and mountains of corn appeared at grain elevators in response.

Well, there will be no mountains of corn this year and while I hate that for our farmers and others adversely affected, I do have to admit I am glad I do not have to worry about starving this winter. This summer has made me think about what it must have been like thousands of years ago when people depended every year on eating the crops grown during the summer. That no harvest meant no food for the winter and the presence of hunger and even starvation.

But the reality is...that lifestyle is not really thousands or even hundreds of years ago. All around the world in poorer less developed countries, millions still live with that basic concern; that a poor growing season will bring hunger to them and their families. Only a few years ago a severe drought in Africa killed thousands if not tens of thousands of people with starvation and drove millions to refugee camps.

Today I look out across the devastated fields and I feel a disappointment for the lost potential. I know that many of those farmers will get funds from crop insurance to help cover the loss and that no one that I know will go hungry because of the poor harvest. And one more time I realize how incredibly blessed I am at so many levels.

Everyday my life is so much better than most of the world. What I assume to be normal, most of the world considers high luxury. What I would consider luxury, much of the world cannot imagine. To me, an extremely hot summer and no rain are a disappointment and inconvenience; to others is it a matter life and death. I thank God that for me and everyone I know, it is not a matter of life or death. I wish that were true for everyone, everywhere.

*Pastor Larry*

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

# September

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3 - Labor Day Holiday
- 5 - "Nehemiah" Women's Book Study in Faithful Friends 1:00 p.m.  
Service and Missions Meeting in Faithful Friends 7:00 p.m.
- 6 - Staff/Parish/Pastor Meeting in Chapel 6:00 p.m.  
"What It's Like to Be Married to Me" Bible Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - UMM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 7:30 a.m.
- 10 - Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. (every other Monday evening)  
"Future Men" Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.  
Nurture and Care Meeting in Chapel 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - Board of Trustees Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m.  
Finance Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Staff Meeting in Annex 2nd Floor Classroom 9:00 a.m.  
"Nehemiah" Women's Book Study in Faithful Friends 1:00 p.m.
- 15 - Apple Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 7:00-10:00 a.m.
- 17 - Meals on Wheels September 17th-21st
- 19 - Young at Heart departs church at 11 a.m. to go to Giant City  
"Nehemiah" Women's Book Study in Faithful Friends 1:00 p.m.
- 23 - Hospitality Ministry Meeting in Chapel 11:15 a.m.
- 24 - Card Workshop in Upper Room 6:00 p.m.  
"Future Men" Book Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Church Council in Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- 26 - "Nehemiah" Women's Book Study in Faithful Friends 1:00 p.m.  
Worship Planning Meeting in Faithful Friends 2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays:	Cub Scouts 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays:	Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	Handbell Practice 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: There is a calendar on the website that is updated regularly.  
<http://www.murphysboroumc.com>

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Ushers

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

### Sunday Stewards

*Francis Addison  
Frank Boucher  
Ken Cline  
Gary Likins  
Todd Lirely  
Bob Morefield*

### Welcome Center

#### Hostesses

#### **September 2 & 9**

*Barbara Hughes  
Adrienne Will*

#### **September 16 & 23**

*Julie Peterson  
Rosie Wece*

#### **Sept. 30 & Oct. 7**

*Pam Crews  
Sharon Graff*

### Acolytes

#### **September 2**

*Allison Brown  
Cole McNitt*

#### **September 9**

*Emily Finke  
Olivia Schaldemose*

#### **September 16**

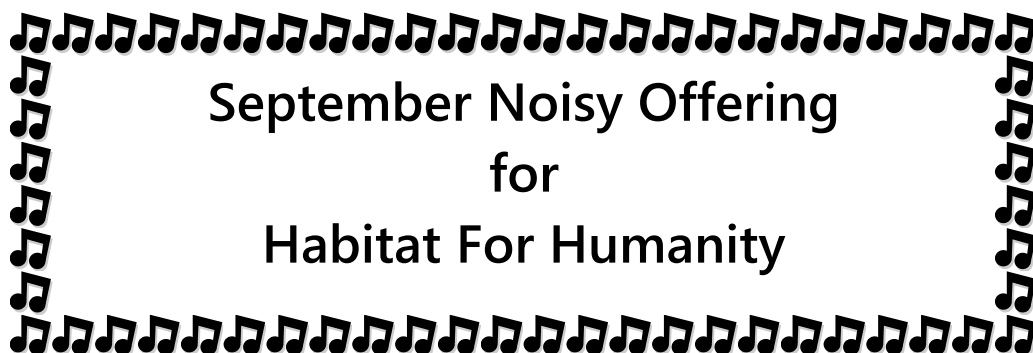
*Lucas Bigham  
Tyler Doody*

#### **September 23**

*Ben Barringer  
Aiden McNitt*

#### **September 30**

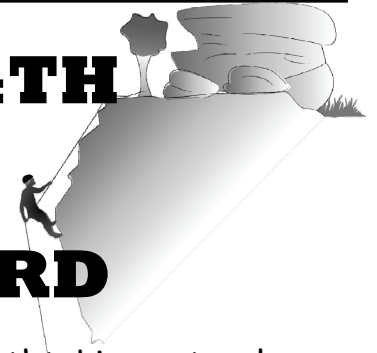
*Adam Barringer  
Mason Schingel*



# COMING SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH

# “TRAIL DAY”

# STARRING SCOTT BALLARD



Please join us and celebrate the beauty of fall as we enjoy the breathtaking natural beauty of Giant City State Park. You will delight in the many activities that await you as the day holds a promise of, "*SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.*"

### Schedule:

2:30 p.m. - Meet at the Giant City State Park Visitor's Center or Shelter No. 4



### 3:00 p.m. - Activities:

Hike led by our knowledgeable trail guide, Scott Ballard.

Learn (or watch) the basics of rappelling down a sandstone cliff.

Watch children play fun games and learn about animals.

(Supervised child care is available).

At the Visitor's Center discover the natural & cultural history of the park, visit the gift shop, audio-visual room or kids discovery corner.

Fellowship at the campsite.

Participate in a field trip to explore nearby Makanda.

4:30 p.m. - Return from all activities to the campsite (shuttle service provided)

5:30 p.m. - Picnic, fellowship, campfire and music



*PLEASE COME* and enjoy the beautiful outdoors in one of the most scenic parks in Southern Illinois where you will take only memories and leave only your footprints!

For more information visit our website [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com) or

Call our church office (618) 687-2317



# Looking Ahead...

## Scrapbooking & Scripture

4th Friday of Each Month beginning September 28th  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in Upper Room

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-March 21, 2013 in Faithful Friends  
Thursday Evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Intense & In-depth study of the New Testament!

## Mission Trip

April 21-28, 2013

More information forthcoming



## 2nd Annual MUMC APPLE Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, September 15th 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**  
Have Breakfast Before the Apple Festival Parade!

\$6 for adults/Children 5 and under are free!



The success of last year's apple pancake breakfast has been well established and is history! The United Methodist Men and the Hospitality Committee are committed to "raising the bar" as they say. "Chef" Bob Eaton will again make those delicious pancakes and syrup. Tickets are available from UMM or the Church Office.



The recent Yard Sale was quite successful - \$3,458.02. Thanks to all who worked to arrange the items for the sale and to those present during the sale. The donations of many nice items is appreciated. Unsold items were sorted and taken to Pregnancy Matters, a nursing home, SIRRS (Southern Illinois Regional Social Services) -- tapes, CDs & DVDs, Neighbor-to-Neighbor in Energy, and to another local church for their fundraiser. Start saving now for a sale next year!!

## Young at Heart SEPTEMBER 11 at Noon

Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Sunshine Salad, Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Coconut Cream Pie

*Church Hours effective September 1st  
The church will be open 7:30 a.m. through 12:00 noon Monday through Friday for those that wish to use the Prayer Room. If you have a need to use the church other than those hours, please contact Cathy, Church Administrator, in the office to make arrangements to get in.*

## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

Southern Illinoisans know that we have weather emergencies. There are times when the power is off for an extended period of time. Stores and gas stations are unable to open and we must take care of ourselves and those that need our help. The federal emergency management agency (FEMA) has suggested each home gather an emergency kit that will fit your needs.

### Why do I need an emergency kit and what do I need in it?

An emergency kit can help you, your family, and your pets survive through the first few days of a disaster, until outside help is available. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides guidance on putting together an emergency kit for your home, work, and vehicle at <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>. It is suggested that you be prepared for a 3 day period of self care. That means food, water, shelter, light, medicines, and any personal care items that you might need.

Don't panic, but be prepared!  
*Your Health Ministry Team*

### We are recycling at MUMC !

Look for the baskets as you exit the sanctuary to put your bulletins in. There are recycling bins in some of the Sunday school classrooms and downstairs hallway. We are recycling in the kitchen as well. When using the kitchen, please rinse out your aluminum pans, cans and plastic containers and place in the recycling bin.

We also have bins by the soda machine to put your soda cans and plastic bottles in.

*The recycling committee appreciates your cooperation.*



### **Nursery Back-Up Help Still 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 highers 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](mailto:piersonscarlett@yahoo.com).

### **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.

# The Library Corner: News from the MUMC Library

## Celebration!



The United Methodist Church library is two years old! Since our official opening in August 2010, the library has grown and changed, but we are still working to become an even better resource for the Church congregation. It is our mission! Thank you so much to those who have expressed appreciation for the library. Currently we have 82 individuals of our church who have checked out at least one book. Many people have taken out several books, and some people have borrowed a lot of books! Here are a few of our more popular items during this past year:

**“Same Kind of Different as Me; a modern day slave, an international art dealer and the woman who bound them together”** by Ron Hall. It sounds like fiction—but it’s not! At his wife’s insistence Ron Hall volunteers at a homeless shelter, and there he meets Denver Moore, a homeless drifter. This story has plenty of pain, but it has life-changing love as well. It’s a page turner!

The Jan Karon **“Mitford” series**. This series remains highly popular, for very good reasons—it is well written, humorous, and portrays a community that has its problems but where you would still want to live!

The Francine Rivers **“Mark of the Lion” series**. Set in ancient Rome, this series fascinates everyone who reads it. Adventure, faith and history set side by side make a winning combination.

**“The Help”** by Kathleen Stockett. We have both the book and the movie. If you haven’t read it or seen it you may want to find out what others have found so fascinating in this fictional story of the south in mid-twentieth century.

**“Water’s Edge”** by Robert Whitlow. This legal suspense story about a young attorney uncovering the truth about his father’s death plus other books by this Christy award winning author have gained popularity this year.

**“Twelve Extraordinary Women”** about “how God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with you” is by the same author, John MacArthur, who wrote about the disciples in “Twelve Ordinary Men.”

Melody Carlson brings us the “Inn at Shining Water’s Series.” The first book is “River’s Song”, and we just received the final book of the trilogy so it is now complete.

We also have CDs, and have been trying to expand our worship music selections. Two of our more popular CDs this past year are **“Until the Whole World Hears”** by Casting Crowns, and **“Worship Mania”**. Come and check out our growing music, and DVD selections. We hope to expand our audio book selections as well.

Finally, what is life without a little humor? The popular humorist Chonda Pierce brings us **“Roadkill on the Highway to Heaven”**. And remember “no animals were injured in the writing of this book”!

### NURTURE & CARE COMMITTEE

Please contact the church office when you are blessed with a new child or grandchild so that we may celebrate with you. Not a part of Nurture & Care, this is a reminder that if anyone is needing pastoral care for hospitalization, surgery, illness, etc...they need to contact the church office.

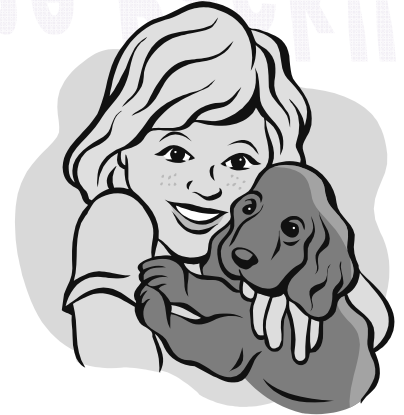
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE** on Hortense Street is getting closer to occupancy. We anticipate that the family will be able to move in this month! The September Noisy Offering goes to **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!** Save your change!

July Noisy Offering generated about \$325 for school supplies for Murphysboro and Cobden schools. Thanks to all who donated and a special thanks to Kay Lirely who did the shopping and delivery to schools.



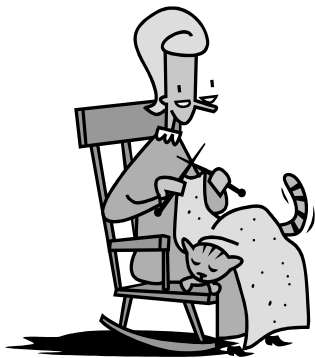
# Become a Feeder of the Pack!!

The Murphysboro United Methodist Church Service and Missions Team is partnering with the Murphysboro Food Pantry to start a new “Pet Food Pantry” for the Jackson County area. This program, called ***Feeding the Pack***, will be housed at the Murphysboro Food Pantry and distributed to families who qualify for food.



The mission of ***Feeding the Pack*** is to assist families who are finding it difficult due to economic hard times to feed their family pet. These pets have no voice or way to feed themselves and they are unable to earn a living, ***BUT*** they can make all the difference in the life of a family. This food will help keep pets in the family home and out of shelters. We realize these pets, gifts from God, deserve to be treated with respect and care. Sadly, once placed in shelters, many of these pets are euthanized simply because of a lack of funds and resources.

So what can you do to help? Large quantities of DRY dog and cat food are needed. Monetary donations may be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Please mark checks ***Feeding the Pack***. Pet food may be dropped off at the church office or the Murphysboro Food Pantry (M-F; 9-11 a.m.) or pick-up can be arranged by contacting Trina Eaton below. We would like to launch ***Feeding the Pack*** on November 1, 2012. Any and all donations, no matter how large or small, are very much appreciated!



If you have questions or want to participate more in this mission project, please contact Trina at (618) 687-3209 or by email at [trina.eaton1@gmail.com](mailto:trina.eaton1@gmail.com).



**Service & Missions** continues to be very busy. They are pleased to announce that MUMC has now contributed about \$3300 to *Imagine No Malaria*...almost halfway to our goal of \$8000. A very special thanks to the children of Vacation Bible School that used this as their mission project and donated over \$200 to *Imagine No Malaria* again this year.

## Making A Joyful Noise

MUMC is happy to announce that our music positions have been filled. We welcome Ricardo King and Micah Mayes to the staff of MUMC. With the leaving of Carl Herzog and Min Yu Koh, we are very happy to have two persons who will keep our music program performing at a high level.



Ricardo King will serve as Chancel Choir Director with Micah Mayes as choir accompanist. Micah will also be serving as our organist on Sunday morning. Some may remember that Micah was our accompanist several years ago when he was in high school. He is currently a student at SIUC and also serves in the National Guard. Ricardo was born in Alabama. He has been singing in church since about the tender age of six...thanks to his grandmother, the late Rosetta Ellington. His love for the classical arts began in about the 5th grade when he heard an opera on the Public Broadcasting System. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in vocal performance from Alabama State University in Montgomery. Throughout his matriculation, he was hired as a vocalist for the Lake Junaluska Singers, a United Methodist choral group stationed in North Carolina. He attended several national and international tours with that group which strengthened his love for Christ and for life. He is currently finishing his Masters Degree in vocal performance at SIUC.

We feel very blessed to have these talented people working with the Chancel Choir as we *Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord* each Sunday morning.

Of course, the choir is always looking for new members so if you love to sing, please consider joining us. Practices are Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



MUMC will again help **GUM DROP KIDS** pack food bags, beginning in September. We will also continue delivering those bags to John A. Logan Attendance Center and Murphysboro High School. Anyone able to volunteer to pack bags on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year, please contact Barb Hughes.

If anyone has any neighborhood or community project for us to look into, please let the **Service and Mission Committee** know.

There will be a special offering on September 23rd for the Jesus es el Senor UMC, Cobden, as they are struggling financially.

*Jesus es el Señor UMC*



The **Pathfinder** Sunday School class will be starting a new study on September 16th entitled "What's so Amazing about Grace?" This 10 session video-based study is fashioned from the best selling book of Philip Yancey by the same title. A word of caution; while the study is for 10 sessions, it may just take us a few more than 10 weeks to actual complete all the sessions. We would love to have you come join us. Contact Larry Gilbert or Rick Runge for more information.



# YOUTH MINISTRY



### 100-Year Celebration

Children were invited to participate in outdoor old-fashioned games as part of the August 12th festivities. Above, they are rolling hoops using sticks. A game of long ago. Below, they are competing in an old fashioned Tug Of War.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

9/9/12: \* JYF PRACTICE FOR YOUTH SUNDAY  
\* CYF MEETING 5:00-6:30 P.M.

9/23/12: \* JYF PRACTICE FOR YOUTH SUNDAY  
\* CYF MEETING 5:00-6:30 P.M.

9/29/12: \* JYF/CYF PRACTICE FOR  
YOUTH SERVICE 10:00-11:30 A.M.

9/30/12: YOUTH SERVICE

10/14/12: TRAIL DAY

10/28/12: CYF & JFY MEETING 5:00-6:30 P.M.


**BRING A FRIEND!**

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

Vacation Bible School

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Return service requested

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## In September

*Happy Birthday*

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 HAL ZIMMERMAN | 16 DAN WATSON      |
| 2 JANE STEWART  | 19 BETTY HEAPE     |
| 4 ERIN MILEUR   | 20 SID BOUCHER     |
| 5 JESSIE GORDON | 20 BETTY KIEL      |
| 6 GEORGE SAUER  | 21 MEGAN BLACKWELL |
| 10 COLE MCNITT  | 22 OMA LEE JACOBS  |
| LISA MELVIN     | 25 DAVID MARTIN    |
| 11 TENA BIGHAM  | 27 LOWELL HELLER   |
| 11 ROBIN JONES  | 29 CURT PRESLEY    |
| RON KISER       | 30 SANDRA RENSHAW  |
| SANDY MCROY     | 30 ASHLEY RUNGE    |
| KELLEE TICER    | 30 RYAN GUTHMAN    |



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|----------------------------|
| 2 ROB & MARY JANE WILLIAMS |
| 10 JIM & BARBARA HUGHES    |
| 13 JOHN & JULIE ERBES      |
| 14 MIKE & SHARON JONES     |



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

Please submit information for the October COMPASS newsletter no later than noon on September 19th.

We're On The Web!  
[www.MurphysboroUMC.com](http://www.MurphysboroUMC.com)



Open Hearts. Minds. Doors.  
The United Methodist Church

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service:  
9:00 A.M.  
  
Sunday School:  
10:10 A.M.

