



From the Pastor's Desk

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WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
 is Wednesday
 at
 10:00 a.m.



DECEMBER *Compass*
 Deadline is
 November 21st
 THANKS

NOISY MISSION OFFERING
In November is
going to
MHS
KEY CLUB



How does someone with my life story, or most of you with yours, begin to say thank you to the God that has given so much? It is so easy to overlook how much we have because we tend to more quickly look up to the one who has more, than down to the masses on our world who have so little. This minor human characteristic so quickly helps to render our lives as “normal” in a world where nothing could be further from the truth. And once that incorrect observation is made and believed, our perspective on expressing thanks is greatly altered.

But now, just for a few seconds, let us pull back the blinders of American culture and try to grasp just how blessed we are. I think so often of my 10 days in Liberia, Africa with no running water, no electricity, no phone line service, few stores and fewer products in those stores, no roads on which to travel or mail service to deliver a letter or a package, and extremely limited access to any form of medical treatment or any form of public education. All the things just mentioned have nothing to do with your income level or mine but are present in our lives just because we live in America.

Now at our traditional season to give thanks, let us offer them deeply; let us begin by seeing our lives in perspective of the world, not the street we live on or the town in which we dwell. And let us with equal regard offer our thanks to God, recognizing the Biblical principle that when much is given, much is required. And what is required most of all are the expressions of our heart-felt thanks to the God who gives so much.

This year’s offering will go to support the United Methodist global work of Africa University. A continent so much in need of the basic resources which you and I take for granted every day. This Thanksgiving, help to give a gift that can radically transform a life and a continent: Education.

Your servant in Christ,

Larry A. Gilbert





- 1 9:00 am Precept Study
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 2 9:00 am Worship Team
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Choir Practice
- 6:15 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm Exec Council
- AA
- Al-Anon
- 3 6:00 pm Scout Round Table
- 5 9:00 am Handbells
- 10:00 am AA
- 6 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Precept Study
- 7 6:00 pm Charge Conference
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 8 9:00 am Precept Study
- 12:00 pm Young at Heart
- 6:00 pm Board of Trustees
- Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

- 9 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Choir Practice
- 6:15 pm Mom's Group
- 6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions
- 7:00 pm AA
- Al-Anon
- 10 5:30 pm Daisies & Brownies
- 6:45 pm Girl Scout Jrs
- 11 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack
- 12 7:30 am United Methodist Men
- 9:00 am Handbell Practice
- 10:00 am AA
- 13 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Meetings
- 6:30 pm Precept Study
- 14 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 15 9:00 am Precept Study
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 16 9:00 am Nurture and Care Team
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Choir Practice
- 6:15 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations
- AA
- Al-Anon

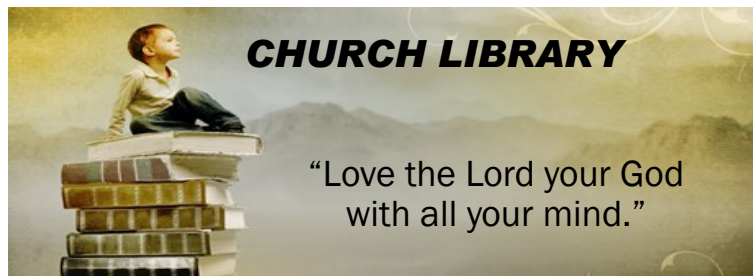
- 19 9:00 am Handbell Practice
- 10:00 am AA
- 10:15 am Book club
- 20 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
- 6:30 pm Precept Study
- 21 Meals on Wheels Week
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 22 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 23 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm AA
- Al-Anon
- 26 9:00 am Handbell Practice
- 10:00 am AA
- 27 Noon Our Neighbor's Table
- [No Youth Mtgs]
- 28 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 29 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 30 9:00 am Holy Folders
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm AA
- Al-Anon



1	Teresa & Larry Gilbert
4	Terri & Roger Twenhafel
7	Glenda & Bill Martin
15	Susan & Harry Wirth
16	Michelle & Terrin Thies
17	Arlene & Paul Bitner
	Kristi & Jerry Miller
18	Barbara & Hal Zimmerman
21	Julie & Jim Peterson
25	Adrienne & Wes Will
27	Gloria & Gary Likins



2	Cole Fletcher	11	Liam Guthman	18	Katie Stewart
	Josh Baughman		Rob Williams	19	Greg Schuh
	Julian Valliant	12	Bill Quigley	22	Pam Graham
	Kathy Blackwell		Dave Auxier		Pat Porter
4	Caroline Pederson		Jill Rogers	25	Earl Renshaw
	Clifton Swafford		Julie Erbes		James Nimmo
	Ethan Finke	13	Jonas Schaldemose	26	Katherine Twenhafel
	Kay Lirely	15	Brant Wingerter		Russell Schirmer
	Lucas Bigham	16	Arlene Bitner		Tabitha Lirely
5	Robert Frank		Cecela Crawshaw	29	Beverley Jarrett
8	Jude Siulua		Landrie Green	30	Ben Barringer
10	Arthur Porter		Sharon Graff		Jerry Giffin
		17	Michelle Parker-Clark		



CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God
with all your mind.”

The Library Corner: Gratitude

Praise is due you,
O God, in Zion;

You crown the year with your bounty.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
The hills gird themselves with joy,
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
The valleys deck themselves with grain,
They shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 65: 1, 11-13

How about that as a way to express gratitude, joy, and praise! The Psalmist knew how to express gratitude for the abundance of the earth and the goodness of God. All of us have felt at times that sense of joy and gratitude filling our hearts - but there is also much pain and sorrow in this world, and it is easy to lose sight of the blessings we have received and continue to receive. Here are two books that address the issue of living in gratitude toward God:

In Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You, author John Ortberg notes that the Hebrew word for “gratitude” means “recognizing the good,” and says that the “practice of gratitude” is one of the ways we care for our soul. He notes that we will not always feel grateful, but it is a discipline we can indeed practice - he says it can be the “posture of our soul.” And that will help sustain us and bring us closer to God.

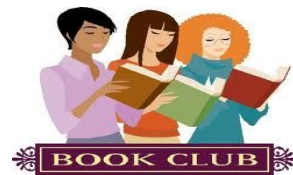
Anne Lamott in **Help Thanks Wow: the Three Essential Prayers** discusses the link between gratitude - saying thank you to God - and how we behave. She says: *“Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you . . . it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give it back.”* (p. 56) Lamott writes with direct honesty - and a sense of humor - about her life and her faith insights.

The library also has books for children to help them think about the meaning of Thanksgiving— try **Give Thanks to the Lord** by Karma Wilson or **The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks** by Jan and Mike Berenstain.

And by the way – have you noticed? – Christmas is coming soon! We have some Advent materials in the library that are good for either class or individual study. Look for Rick

Warren’s **Purpose Driven Christmas**, or Mike Slaughter’s **A Different Kind of Christmas: Living and Giving Like Jesus**, or Adam Hamilton’s **The Journey**, and more. As it gets closer to Christmas you will find a variety of other Christmas books and DVDs for adults and children. They will be downstairs in the library or on one of the library tables in the upstairs or downstairs hall.

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Please come and join in the discussion
**November 19th in the
Church Library, Room 110**
as we talk about:

**The Lost Continent: Travels in Small
Town America** by Bill Bryson

“I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to.”
And as soon as Bill Bryson was old enough, he left. Des Moines couldn't hold him, but it did lure him back. After ten years in England, he returned to the land of his youth, and drove almost 14,000 miles in search of a mythical small town called Amalgam, the kind of trim and sunny place where the films of his youth were set. Instead, his search led him to Anywhere, USA; a lookalike strip of gas stations, motels and hamburger outlets populated by lookalike people with a penchant for synthetic fibres. Travelling around thirty-eight of the lower states - united only in their mind-numbingly dreary uniformity - he discovered a continent that was doubly lost; lost to itself because blighted by greed, pollution, mobile homes and television; lost to him because he had become a stranger in his own land. The Lost Continent is a classic of travel literature - hilariously, stomach-achingly funny, yet tinged with heartache - and the book that first staked Bill Bryson's claim as the most beloved writer of his generation.



Book club will not meet in December. In January everyone read a book of your own choosing and share it with the group.

November 8th
THANKSGIVING
 12:00 pm NOON
 Fellowship Hall



Menu:
 Turkey & dressing,
 mashed potatoes, broccoli
 w/cheese, cranberry salad, rolls, and pumpkin
 dessert

Meals are \$5 a plate

Rosie Wece will talk about the 4-H program

Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you. Thanks.

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

*All Church
 Thanksgiving
 Potluck*



November 20th 5:00 pm
EVERYONE IS INVITED to the
All-Church Thanksgiving Potluck!

The church will provide meats and drinks.
 Please bring a side dish of your choice of a vegetable, salad or dessert.
 Please come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship.



Last Sunday of the Month

The MUMC youth group will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** this year.



Operation Christmas Child provides church leaders around the world affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease, with shoe boxes

filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please consider donating shoe boxes, small toys, non-liquid hygiene items, (toothpaste is acceptable) school supplies and notes of encouragement by **Nov. 13th**. Monetary donations are also being accepted as each box costs \$7 to mail. Place all donated items in the tubs outside the Welcome Center.

ALL JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH are invited to attend an outing on **Saturday, Nov. 5th**. We're going to **Z Factor**, a trampoline park in Harrisburg, and dinner at **Italian Village**.

All attendees can sign up by filling out an envelope with \$2 and placing it into the youth group drop box on the youth bulletin board by Oct. 29. Friends are welcome, but must have a completed and signed permission slip from their parents. The bus departs at 5 p.m. and will return to the church parking lot at 9:30 p.m.



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Nov 13th: 5:00—6:30 pm Youth Meetings

Nov 27th: No meeting - Thanksgiving

- *CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

*Youth meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sundays September through April with monthly events in the summer months.

FOOD, FUN, and GAMES!!
BRING A FRIEND!!

DeSoto UMC Updates

- Sept average Family Night attendance (4 weeks) - 23 children; 16 adults
- Oct average Family Night attendance (2 weeks) - 25 children; 14 adults
- DeSoto Daze was a great event. We met a lot of people along the parade route and served around 160 fish dinners on Saturday night.
- Our first Information Meeting was held on Sun, Oct 16th. There were 21 people from the DeSoto community and from the Murphysboro site attending. People are praying about making the new congregation at DeSoto their home church. Our next information meeting will be on Sun, Nov 20 at 2:00 pm.



WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

Building:

- Electrical work is continuing on the remodeled classroom.
- A small group will be working to move a screen and projector in the sanctuary in preparation for video worship.

Youth & Children:

- We are looking forward to our Trunk-or-Treat on Mon, Oct 31 from 6-8. Come by, say hello, and have a hot dog!
- Utilization of the church van has been a blessing in transporting the youth home on Wednesdays. It has gotten too dark for them to safely ride their bikes home.

Worship:

The search is underway for a Music Leader and we hope to soon be able to announce a Site Pastor.

New Cross & Flame Ministries t-shirts and sweatshirts are now available for purchase. Orders are due by November 2. Sample shirts and order forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the MUMC sanctuary.



[NOVEMBER 2016]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 5:30pm Family Night	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 5:30pm Family Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 5:30pm Family Night	17	18	19
20 2pm Info Meeting	21	22	23 Not meeting Holiday	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 5:30pm Family Night			

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 5:30pm Family Night	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 5:30pm Family Night	15	16	17
18 2pm Info	19	20	21 6:30 pm Blue Christmas	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Not meeting Holiday	29	30	31

**Cross & Flame
Ministries Shirts**



NOW AVAILABLE!

Back

Our Ministries are expanding under the name Cross and Flame Ministries. T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available with the new Cross and Flame Ministries family name and logo. All funds raised will help with DeSoto community outreach. You can order long or short sleeve t-shirts, hooded or crewneck sweatshirts, or full zippered sweatshirts. All are black with the logo in white with the red flame. Prices range from \$13-\$30 for YS—XL and \$15-\$33 for 2XL and 3XL. Order forms are available on the bulletin board outside the north sanctuary doors at MUMC.

ADULT MEN AND WOMEN:

A New Study is starting in
Pathfinders Sunday School Class

Christian: It's Not What You Think

Begins November 6th in Room 107

Matt and Angie Baughman, Leaders

What does it mean to be a Christian? Ask 100 people that question and you are likely to get 100 different answers In *Christian*, an eight-session DVD Bible study, pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley explores the one word that Jesus gave his followers that should define them.



Advent 2016 SERMON SERIES

"Waiting"

During Advent, Pastor Larry will explore statements Jesus made to demonstrate that waiting for the Messiah was over because He was already present. In what ways are we still waiting for the Messiah today because we do not recognize and receive His presence?

Luke 4:14-20 (NIV)

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim good news** to the poor. He has sent me to **proclaim freedom** for the prisoners and **recovery of sight** for the blind, to **set the oppressed free**, ¹⁹ to **proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**" ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



Sun, Nov 27 - Advent 1
Waiting to Hear Good News

Sun, Dec 4 - Advent 2
Waiting to Be Set Free

Sun, Dec 11 - Advent 3
Waiting to Have the Vision

Sun, Dec 18 - Advent 4
Waiting to Overcome

Sat, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
Waiting to Know God's Blessing



The next monthly breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, November 12th, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am.

Please contact Jay Graff at

618-967-9848 if you have any questions.

All men of the church are invited to attend.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IWANIS
CARING FOR KIDS**



**CHICKEN & DUMPLING
DINNER**

\$9.00 ADVANCE \$10.00 AT DOOR
\$5.00 KIDS UNDER 12 • CHILDREN UNDER 5 EAT FREE!
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL - ST. ANDREWS
606 PLUM ST.
MURPHYSBORO
SUN. NOV. 13th 11:00AM - 2:00PM
CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE

**HELP US SUPPORT
THE YOUTH IN NEED
IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND THE WORLD**

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
Jon Lough		Emily Finke
NOV	Welcome Hostesses	
6	Sharon Graff and Carolyn Sauer	
13	Kay Bozarth and Kathy Bratton	
20	Kay Bozarth and Kathy Bratton	
27	Marcia Butler and Barb Hughes	
NOV	Acolytes	
6	Tiara Bradford and Brandon Ottwell	
13	Wesley Graham and Conner Twenhafel	
20	Caroline Guthman and Briana Carnes	
27	Maggie Jenkins and Ben Barringer	
NOV	Prayer Request Reader	
6	Lou Ann Lough	Emily Finke
13	Stephanie Finke	Emily Finke
20	Nancy Fager	Emily Finke
27	Gene Schwebel	Emily Finke
NOV	Children's Church Leaders	
6	Tonya Walker	Katie Stewart & Julie Wachtel
13	Jennifer O'Donnell	Jennie & Ben Snyder
20	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
27	Diane Schingel	Patty Thrailkill
NOV	Liturgists	Music Leaders
6	Ron Kiser	Kim Goforth
13	Sally Moutardier	Brian Vincent
20	Wilma Westerfield	Lacey Brown
27	Emily Hargraves	Angie Baughman
Ushers		
Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller and Shannon Green		Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Stewards		
Francis Addison, Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin		

Your Thanksgiving offering goes to...



When Africa University students and graduates express their hopes and dreams, they often speak about changing the African continent - making a difference in their world. Their dreams come true because United Methodist congregations support the Africa University Fund.

Africa needs more principled Christian leaders to minister with the poor, foster church growth and fight killer diseases of poverty. Africa's future lies in the minds, hearts and hands of Africans. Since 1994, Africa University has developed global leaders who are gifts to the continent from The United Methodist Church. Each graduate profiled is living his or her dream because of you.

All Saint's Day
November 6th at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services

All Saints Service is a time for us to pause and remember those of our congregation and others close to us who have died during this past year. It is a time to honor the life they lived, the impact they made on us and our world and to celebrate the gift of being able to share a part of our life journey with them.

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MUMC OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

Ministers	The Congregation	Ministry Support Assistant	Lacey Brown
Pastor	Larry A. Gilbert	Merger Project Coordinator.....	Angie Baughman
Minister of Visitation.....	Michelle Parker-Clark	Child/Youth Ministry Coord	Jennifer O'Donnell
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Technology Coord	Anne Miller Johnson
Financial Secretary	Christine Nolan	Pianist/Organist	Jenny Kirby
Church Secretary	Deb Severa	Choir Director	Joseph Ryker
Custodian.....	Pat Sullivan	Nursery Attendants.....	Caitlyn Boyd & Megan Gale

Your 2016 Thanksgiving Letter and Envelope
 are enclosed. ☺
 Open today!



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