



Directions for the Trail

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we continue in this year's **10 X10 Spiritual Growth Program**, the month of March will be a focus on Bible reading. What we are inviting you and everyone in the church to do is read through the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts during the month of March.

Now this is not a very intensive reading assignment, which makes it really doable for just about anyone who wants to. What we are asking is that you read two chapters a day *Monday through Saturday* with Sunday being either a day off or a catch up day in case you have fallen behind during the week (which I always seem to do).

But maybe the larger question is...why would I want to spend any time reading the Bible? Other than the fact that in the Bible-Belt Midwest, reading the Bible is one of those assumed "good things" which good people do – what real benefit is there?

I think this is an excellent question, which strikes at the heart of why the vast majority of church-going people are not Bible readers. No one has offered a clear answer to the question of "What is the real and tangible benefit to setting down and reading this ancient collect of books?"

While I sure would not consider myself either very wise or much of real biblical scholar, over the years I have spent a fair amount of time reading this book. If asked to offer a personal testimony to the benefits of Bible reading I guess I would say "I have found it to be the single greatest collection of real truth I have ever discovered."

While there are vast sections of the Bible I do not often read and do struggle greatly to understand, there are other amazing stories, parables and lessons, which have been priceless treasures to me. The great parables like the *Prodigal Son* and the *Good Samaritan* are quoted the world over helping to shape the very character of the human race. Other profound teachings like *The Golden Rule* contribute to the vast pool of common human wisdom.

But aside from these momentous lessons there are hundreds of other less common truths which, when discovered, have the power to transform our lives and world. Sometimes I feel reading the Bible is a little like mining for diamonds. If I told you I hid a diamond in your yard worth 10 million dollars how long would you spend searching for that diamond? I think many of us would spend every available minute for the rest of our lives. (Matthew 13:44-46)

Well they are in there if you will take the time to look.



DID YOU KNOW....

There are two frames inside the west doors that hold the daily activities for the week.

See photo above.

The schedule is changed the beginning of every week and not only shows the event and time, but also the room reserved.

MARCH 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- | | | | |
|----|--|-------|---|
| 1 | * Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting
8:30 a.m. in Chapel | 15 | * <i>Nothing Scheduled</i> |
| 2 | * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room | 16 | * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Saturday Book Club: <i>The Red Tent</i>
10:30 a.m. in Library |
| 3 | * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages | 17 | * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages
* Hospitality Ministry Meeting
11:15 a.m. in Chapel |
| 4 | * Community Relay for Life Meeting
5:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
6:00 p.m. in Journeys | 18-22 | * Meals on Wheels |
| 5 | * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* <i>"So Long Insecurity"</i> Moms' Book Study
6:00 p.m. in Library
* Newcomers Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel | 18 | * Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
6:00 p.m. in Journeys |
| 6 | * Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
* Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Youth Ministry at 6:30 p.m. in Passages
* Wednesday night A.A. Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Upper Room | 19 | * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
<i>"So Long Insecurity"</i> Moms' Book Study
6:00 p.m. in Library |
| 7 | * <i>"Disciple"</i> Book Study
6:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
* Scouts Round Table
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall | 20 | * Pastor/Parish/Staff Relations Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
* Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Wednesday night A.A. Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Upper Room |
| 8 | * Feeder of the Pack "Packers" at 10:00 a.m.
* Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys | 21 | * Nothing Scheduled |
| 9 | * UMM Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
* Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* 4H at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall | 22 | * Scrapbook and Scripture
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys |
| 10 | * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages
* <i>John Wesley</i> Movie at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
followed by pizza and discussion | 23 | * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room |
| 11 | * Nurture and Care at 1:00 p.m. in Trailblazers
* Publicity & Promotions Committee
6:00 p.m. in Annex | 24 | * Palm Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages |
| 12 | * Young at Heart at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
* Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m.
* Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
* Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Annex | 25 | * Card Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in Upper Room |
| 13 | * Staff Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Annex
* Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
* Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Wednesday night A.A. Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Upper Room | 26 | * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall |
| 14 | * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall and Passages
* <i>"Disciple"</i> Book Study (final session)
6:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends | 27 | * Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
* Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Wednesday night A.A. Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Upper Room |
| | | 28 | * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall and Passages
* Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. |
| | | 29 | * Good Friday
* Church Office Closed |
| | | 30 | * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Kitchen reserved for meal preparation in p.m. |
| | | 31 | * Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Easter Egg Hunt during children's
Sunday School class time
* Meal and a Movie: Easter Meal served buffet
style followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children.
No movie this month. |

The Library Corner: News from the MUMC Library

Bible Matters

“Happy are those . . . [whose] delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law they meditate day and night.” Psalm 1:1-2 (NRSV)

Many of us grew up reading the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible, which was translated from Hebrew and Greek texts into English in the year 1611. And most of us still love to hear the 23rd Psalm in the lovely language of the KJV. But a lot has changed in the intervening 400 years, including the English language, which means that some passages in the KJV can be downright puzzling!

Does it matter what translation you use when you read the Bible? Yes, it can. Many who study the Bible will often read a difficult passage in several translations to help them clarify the meaning, or to help deepen their understanding.

This is where your Church Library can be of help. We have a number of Bibles in different translations. They are available for browsing or for check-out. Consulting these various translations can supplement your Bible reading and study. If you are thinking of buying a new Bible they can also help you decide what Bible might be the best for you.

Many people like Study Bibles, which have various footnotes or short explanations which can tell you about the customs of the times, or give citations about where else in the Bible a topic is discussed, or give you the most recent scholarship about some particular issue. The one thing to be careful of with Study Bibles is that you become able to distinguish what is fact based, and what may be the theological attitude of the preparers. Be aware that there may be differing interpretations on some issues, and you may need to think about them.

Here is a sampling of what the library offers:

- ✦ King James Version (KJV)
- ✦ New International Version (NIV)
- ✦ New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) This is the version of our pew Bibles.
- ✦ Jerusalem Bible (JB) —this is the version used by many Catholics
- ✦ English Standard Version (ESV)
- ✦ Today’s English Version (TEV) —the Good News Bible uses this translation
- ✦ Gospel Parallel—parallel columns showing the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, which can be very helpful for Bible study
- ✦ Wesley Study Bible (NRSV), Life Application Bible (NIV)
- ✦ Encouragement Bible (NIV)
- ✦ Large print Bibles in several translations in the Large Print section of the library

May you be one whose delight is in the study of the Bible!

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

March Worship Leader

Troy Brown

Ushers

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

Sunday Stewards

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

Welcome Hostesses

March 3

*Kathy Blackwell
Terri Yates*

March 10 & 17

*Sandy Herring
Adrienne Will*

March 24 & 31

*Erin Mileur
Carolyn Ozburn*

Acolytes

March 3

*Drake Rogus
Maggie Williams*

March 10

*Allison Brown
Caitlin Doody*

March 17

*Tyler Doody
Aiden McNitt*

March 24

*Cadence Brown
Ryan Finke*

March 31

*Lillie Schaldemose
Maggie Williams*

Prayer Request Readers

March 3: *Emily Wece*

March 10: *Adrienne Will*

March 17: *Wilma Westerfield*

March 24: *Kristi Miller*

March 31: *Mary Jane Williams*

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 10: 4:00 p.m. - *John Wesley* movie followed by pizza and discussion

March 24: 3:00 p.m. - Cosmic Bowling \$2.00 Sign up by **March 17 deadline** Bring money for video games

April 14: CYF/JYF/UMYF Regular Meeting from 5:00-6:30 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)

Bring A Friend!

March 12
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall



MENU
Chicken Casserole
Vegetable Tossed Salad
Bread
Ambrosia



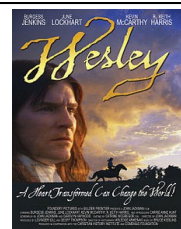
Saturday Book Club Meeting

March 16th at 10:30 a.m.
Church Library

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Contact Emily Wece

at ewece88@gmail.com or 618-559-0329



John Wesley
Movie and Pizza
Sunday, March 10th
4:00 p.m.
ALL INVITED!

**Little Grassy Summer Camp
Information on Page 7!**

Feeder of the Pack "Packers"

will be bagging dog and cat food on Friday, March 8th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for pet food bagging, fun and fellowship! Lunch is provided. Contact Trina Eaton at trina.eaton1@gmail.com for more information.



Coming Soon

A Library Clearance Event!

The Church Library has extra books and we want the congregation to benefit from our overstock.



We're going to clear them out—some old, some newer, and some donated by generous friends, but that we just can't use.

One of those books may be just what you want!
Stay tuned for our clearance event details... coming soon!



Pray With Kay

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Room in Church
Come and Pray with Kay Lirely
Everyone Welcome!

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday at 12:00 noon

Do you have wares to sell? Or tickets to upcoming events for sale? You can set up a table in the Fellowship Café on Sunday before and after Worship Service. Just contact Cathy in the church office and she will put up a sign in church announcing that your items/tickets are available for sale in the Fellowship Café that day.

COMPASS NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the next Compass newsletter is noon on the *third Monday of the month* prior, so it is Monday, March 18th at noon.

You may submit items by...

- calling the church office at 687-2317
- leaving in Cathy's mailbox in the church storage room
- dropping off in the Church Office during business hours
- email to murphysboroumc@frontier.com

Handbags for Hope

Get your Mom, Daughters, Sisters, and Besties Together for a Fun-Filled Girls Day Out!



As Clairee in *Steel Magnolias* states "The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize." So ladies, let's get ready to accessorize with **Handbags for Hope!** The *Methodists on a Mission* Relay For Life Team will be holding a brunch on Saturday, March 23rd at the Murphysboro Elks Club. A delicious brunch catered by Heartland Catering of Murphysboro will be served at 9:30 a.m. followed by a handbag auction. Blake Canning will be our auctioneer as we bid on a wide array of new and gently-used purses. Admission is only \$15 and one purse. The handbags can be gently-used or brand new; they can be vintage styles from the 40's and 50's or last month's latest style. They can be Chanel, Michael Kors, Badgley Mischka, Nine West, Karen Scott, and Simply Vera. There is no limit to what you may contribute! All we ask is that the bags are gently used. We already have a brand new Dooney and Bourke bag that has been donated. All of the proceeds will go the Murphysboro Relay For Life event to help in the fight against cancer. Tables for eight (8) may be purchased for \$100 *plus* purses. So put on your pearls and come join us for a fun-filled morning to help a good cause. Get your tickets NOW from any member of the *Methodists on a Mission* team or in the church office during business hours..

March Noisy Offering for

Murphysboro Food Pantry

Less than 5% of the Murphysboro Food Pantry budget comes from FEMA or other county revenue sources. The balance of donations that keep their doors open come from people and congregations like ours, who believe that the work of "easing the pain of hunger in Jackson County" is a necessary and worthwhile mission.



THANK YOU from the MHS Key Club for the Noisy Offering Donation in November 2012!

THANK YOU to Nancy, Joan, Lee, Mildred, Rosie, and Sharon for coming in on Fridays to fold our weekly bulletins!

THANK YOU to our monthly folding team that comes in to assemble, fold, and prepare our monthly newsletter for mailing!

MUMC Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, March 31st
During Sunday School



Accepting donations of candy, plastic Easter eggs, tiny toys (for inside plastic eggs)
Contact Lacey Brown for more information.



M & M NEWS (Meal and a Movie) Easter Meal Served Buffet Style on March 31

The March meal falls on Easter Sunday. If you know you could help serve on that day please contact Jennifer O'Donnell at 618-534-3822 or email her at jodonnell2@edodonnell.com.

Since there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, a movie will not be shown so we should be finished by about 1:30p.m. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Menu is: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert

SPRING CLEAN THOSE BOOK SHELVES!

The Cache River District is asking us to collect the following to send to 3rd world nations:



- Old or unused Bibles
- Used Sunday School literature
- Christian Magazines
- Used VBS materials
- Devotional Booklets (Upper Room, Daily Bread)
- Any other Christian printed materials



The condition of the Bibles is not important, for the district writes "Christians who have no Bibles in these nations commit to memory the portion they receive and pass on the portion to other believers." Monetary donations are also encouraged to help defray shipping costs.



MUMC is sponsoring **The Art of Marriage** in the Masada Lodge at Little Grass Camp-

ground on Friday & Saturday, April. 5th and 6th. This intensive retreat is from 7-9 p.m. on Friday and includes dessert. It resumes on Saturday at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are included on Saturday. The cost is \$140 per couple for overnight stay (optional) or \$80 without staying the night. To get the full benefits of the intensive, the overnight stay is highly encouraged.

The Art of Marriage equips those with a passion for building Godly marriages and helps couples fully experience God's design for marriage.

Contact Jennifer O'Donnell for more information by calling 618-565-4166 or email jodonnell2@edodonnell.com



SAVE THE DATE

"Showers of Blessings"

is the theme for the Women's Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Formation Team, to be held on May 4th in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendar and plan to attend this inspirational time of fellowship, prayer, music and a light breakfast. Child care will be provided during the event.



Contact Rosie Wece at 618-687-3309 or gwece@wecefarms.com for more information



Have A Blessed Easter!



United Methodist Men (UMM)

LifeWay's Conference for Men
July 26-27 in Nashville TN

Faith + Family + Freedom

Contact Jay Graff at jgraff4@yahoo.com
or Rob Williams at 618-713-0843





Summer Camps

Camp registration packets are available in the Church Office until April 5th. A registration opportunity will be held on April 7th in the Fellowship Hall, which offers a \$15 discount.

There are 12 summer camps to choose from at Little Grassy. The full list of camps and prices is listed below and to right.

2013 Little Grassy Camp Dates and Prices

My Shepherd & Me – June 14 – 16

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 21.25 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 23.75 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 42.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 47.50 cost

Slumber Party Camp – June 16 – 21

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 62.50 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 65.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 125.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 130.00 cost

Camp Rock – June 16-21

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 81.25 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 83.75
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 162.50
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 167.50

Boys, Bugs and Beyond – June 16-21

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 62.50 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 65.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 125.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 130.00 cost

CIT (Counselor in Training) – June 16-21

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 62.50 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 65.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 125.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 130.00 cost

AIR – Aldersgate Institute Redesigned – June 23-29

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 68.75 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 71.25 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 137.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 142.50 cost

Family Camp – June 23 – 29

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 21.25 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 23.75 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 42.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 47.50 cost

Discovery I Camp – June 30 – July 6

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 31.25 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 33.75 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 62.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 67.50 cost

Discover II Camp – June 30 – July 6

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 32.50 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 35.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 65.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 70.00 cost

Campers Got Talent – July 7 – July 13

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 100.00 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 102.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 200.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 205.00 cost

Solid Rock – July 7 – 13

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 100.00 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 102.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 200.00 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 205.00 cost

Camp Rocks – July 7 – 13

Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 81.25 cost
 Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 83.75 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Feb. 28 – 162.50 cost
 Non-Member Early Registration Apr. 12 – 167.50 cost

Mission Illinois – July 14 – 19

THE LIGHT KIDS CONFERENCE

MARCH 16TH
9AM—2PM

YOUTH: 1ST-5TH GRADES

Turn in your registration form to Rene' Doody
 Permission slips required for all attending
 (if not on file)
 Event held at Aldersgate UMC
 Marion, IL
Kidsconference.org

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
 1500 Pine Street
 Murphysboro, IL 62966

Non-Profit Organization
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Murphysboro, IL
 Permit No. 63



Return service requested

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.....Vacant

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

We're On The Web!
www.MurphysboroUMC.com

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

2	PAUL BITNER	13	BRAD FAGER
	JANE MITCHELL	14	CONNIE BOUCHER
3	BRIAN BUSTOS	18	CAITLIN DOODY
6	SCARLETT PIERSON	19	MARLENE GIBBS
9	GLORIA LIKINS	19	CORY ZIMMERMAN
	WILMA WESTERFIELD	25	JACOB PRESLEY
10	AARON ERBES	27	ISAAC WARREN
	SHARON MEDLEN	28	RAY BURROUGHS
	BILL SLIDER		JOHN CARVELL
12	TODD LIRELY	31	ADA HELLER
	EVERETT BLACKWELL		PETE PEDERSON



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1	STEVE & KELLEE TICER
11	RICK & SCARLETT PIERSON
31	PETE & CAROLINE PEDERSON

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the Compass, please contact Cathy in the Church Office at 618-687-2317.

MUMC Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604 E-Mail: murphysboroumc@frontier.com

