

Welcome to the
Murphysboro United
Methodist Church



See You on the Trail

March 24, 2013

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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New to Murphysboro UMC?

We want to help you get connected!

Welcome Center:

Come visit the Welcome Center following the service today. The Welcome Center is located just outside the North Sanctuary doors. We have a "sweet" gift for you and we would love to meet you!

Tours of the Church:

Tours of our historic church are held the 2nd Sunday of each month immediately following worship. We meet in the front of the Sanctuary.

First Connection:

Learn about MUMC & get answers to your questions. The 3rd Sunday of each month, we meet in front of the Sanctuary immediately after Worship Service.

Interested in information about Sunday School Classes, Small Group Studies, Discipleship Groups, and other similar activities:

A brochure is available at the Welcome Center.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2013
Palm/Passion Sunday
Lent-Purple

The Greeting

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

Congregational Chorus

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (verse 2) Hymnal #599

The Greeting and Sharing of Parish Opportunities

- ♦ Please sign and pass the attendance registration pad to all those in your pew; filling out full address, phone number, and email.
- ♦ Please fill out the prayer request cards, if needed, located in the attendance registration pad and hand them to the ushers after the Time of Fellowship and Greeting.

Prelude

"Musique Royal" by Michel-Richard Delalande
Please begin a time of quiet centering for worship when the music begins.

Light of Christ Enters

The Triumphant Entry Luke 19:28-40

++Hymn of Praise

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal #278

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in March will go to *Murphysboro Food Pantry*.

Procession of Palms

Invocation

In Unison

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting

If due to health concerns, you are unable to stand and share in this time of greeting, please know that our hearts are yours in Christ Jesus.

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Children's Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Be Thou With Me" by Johan Sebastian Bach

++Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

Offering of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

Hymnal #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Church Procession

Scripture

Acts 10:44 through Acts 11:3

Holy Bible

New Testament #130

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"When God Does A New Thing"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Commitment Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymnal #292

Stripping of the Sanctuary

++Benediction

++Postlude

"Air" by Johan Helmich Roman

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Ed & Patty Thrailkill and Adyson & Gavin Trower

Liturgist: Wilma Westerfield

Organist: Micah Mayes

Choir Director: Ricardo King

Prayer Request Reader: Kristi Miller

March Worship Leader: Troy Brown

Acolytes: Drake Rogus and Cadence Brown

Welcome Hostesses: Pam Crews and Carolyn Ozburn

Sunday Stewards: Everett Blackwell, Troy Brown, Ron Kiser, Bill McNitt, Marty McNitt and Gene Schwebel

Ushers: Rick Runge, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, Erin Mileur and Kyle Quigley

Credentialed Nursery Teacher: Tania Cruz

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring Bessie Wayman

We Have A Nursery!

A nursery for children infant through four years old is available during both the worship and Sunday School hours, located in Room 201, just outside the North Sanctuary doors. A pager system is provided for parents.

Stewardship & Attendance for March 17, 2013

Offering: \$6368 Worship: 152 Sunday School: 110

COMING EVENTS

- ♦ Maundy Thursday '**Tenebrae**' Service on March 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Easter Sunday **Sunrise Service** at 6:30 a.m. under pavilion
- ♦ **Meal and Easter Egg Hunt** on March 31st at 12:00 noon
- ♦ **The Art of Marriage** on April 5th (evening) and April 6th (all day) at Masada Lodge at Little Grassy Campground—Contact Jennifer O'Donnell at 618-565-4166 or jodonnell2@edodonnell.com
- ♦ **Adult Mission Trip** on April 21st-27th in New Orleans LA
- ♦ **Showers of Blessing** Women's Prayer Breakfast on May 4th
Child care provided during event. Contact Rosie Wece at 618-687-3309 or gwece@wecefarms.com
- ♦ 2nd Annual **Blessing of the Animals** on May 19th at 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **UMM Lifeway's Conference for Men** July 26-27 in Nashville TN
Register with Jay at jgraff4@yahoo.com or Rob at 713-0843

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, March 25, 2013

6:00 p.m. Card Workshop in Upper Room (110)

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Church Council in Chapel (202)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night A.A. Meeting in Upper Room (110)
7:00 p.m. 'Tenebrae' Practice

Thursday, March 28, 2013

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall & Passages (108)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday March 29, 2013

Good Friday—Church Office Closed

Saturday March 30, 2013

9:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. A.A. Meeting in Upper Room (110)
Kitchen reserved in afternoon for Meal and a Movie preparation

Sunday, March 31, 2013

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service under Pavilion
7:30 a.m. Boy Scout Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
12:00 p.m. Meal and Easter Egg Hunt for Community
In Fellowship Hall

Opportunities for Growth and Service

The ART OF MARRIAGE

We still have openings for **The Art of Marriage** video event in the Masada Lodge, Little Grassy Campground, on April 5th and 6th. This intensive retreat runs from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on April 5th (includes dessert) and then resumes on April 6th at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. (includes breakfast and lunch). Email Jennifer O'Donnell at jodonnell2@edodonnell.com or call 618-565-4166 to register or for more information.

\$140 per couple includes overnight lodging
(to get the full benefits, overnight stay is encouraged)
\$80 per couple without lodging

Youth Sponsor Needed

The Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF Youth), grades 3-5, are looking for a youth sponsor(s) to begin June 1st. Contact Teresa Gilbert at teresa@teresagilbert.com for more information or if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry. This is a great opportunity to make disciples with our youth!

Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School

A planning meeting for VBS will be held on Thursday April 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel for anyone interested in being a leader or helper. Contact Emily Wece at ewece88@gmail.com for more information or just come to the April 11th meeting.

VBS will be held July 14-18, 2013



Are You Called to be a Liturgist? Greeter?

Would you be interested in reading scripture in church (liturgist)? How about a greeter handing out bulletins just prior to worship service? or more information, call Caroline Pederson at 684-2631 or pcpederson@gmail.com.



Meal and a Easter Egg Hunt Easter Meal Served Buffet Style March 31st

Volunteers are still needed to help serve or provide a yellow cake. Please contact Jennifer O'Donnell at 618-534-3822 or email 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 1:30 p.m.

Menu is: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad and Yellow Cake

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th at 12:00 NOON

Prayer List For Sunday, March 24, 2013

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| Gloria Barker | Russ Breading | Viola Buchholz |
| Lori Chapman | Sue Congardio | Cheryl Funk |
| Betty Kiel | Ed Lirely | Myrtle McKinnie |
| Cole McNitt | Harold McRoy | Bob Rice |
| Sharon Sanders | Ronnie Seyferth | Elene Swafford |
| Gaye Thornton | Barbara Zimmerman | |
| Lisa Parrish Wright (Daughter of Paul and Viola Parrish) | | |
| Cheryl Wilkerson (Co-Worker of Gene Schwebel) | | |
| John Myers (Linda Craig's brother-in-law) | | |
| Bob Leehy (friend of June Black) | | |
| Kim Ellis (Friend of Dan Bratton who is hospitalized) | | |
| The Family of Patricia Collins | | |

- If you would like to place or remove someone on the prayer list, please call the church office at 687-2317.
- Copies of the long-term and ongoing prayer list are on the bulletin table for those who wish a copy for their prayer time at home.

Pray With Kay

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Prayer Room
Come and pray with Kay Lirely and anyone who would like to join her.

Due to security concerns, the church will be locked unless there is an event that requires the doors be unlocked. The Prayer Room is open when the church is open for an event or you can go to the church office during regular business hours to be let into the church to use the Prayer Room.

Prayer Emphasis for March Murphysboro Food Pantry

Many thanks to my church family for the prayers, cards and calls during my recent illness. God is Great!

Katherine Twenhafel



Temporary Housing Needed

An SIUC student who has been regularly attending our church is in need of a place to stay during the month of June. She is between leases on her apartments and needs a place to stay so she can attend summer classes. If you can offer this young lady a bedroom or know someone who can, please contact Cathy in the office.

WELCOME FIONA

Holly, Chad and Preston Fletcher welcome Fiona Carter Fletcher, born on March 18th. The proud grandparents are Mike & Sharon Jones and great-grandmother is Mildred Ward.



Good Friday Interfaith Service

March 29th, 12:00 noon, at Pate Chapel
Reflection by Rev. John Pitchford



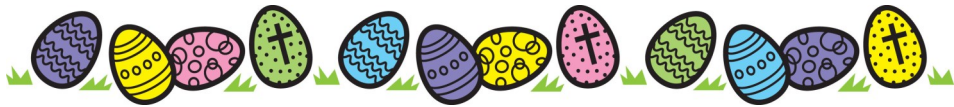
Saturday Book Club

April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in Library
The Blue Bottle Club by Penelope Stokes.
Contact Emily Wece at ewece88@gmail.com

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If you would like to donate any pre-packaged items (cookies, crackers, popcorn, hot chocolate, candy, gum, etc), it would be greatly appreciated. Please put items in the designated box in the church kitchen or contact Paula Chapa at 967-2689.

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