



Directions for the Trail



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

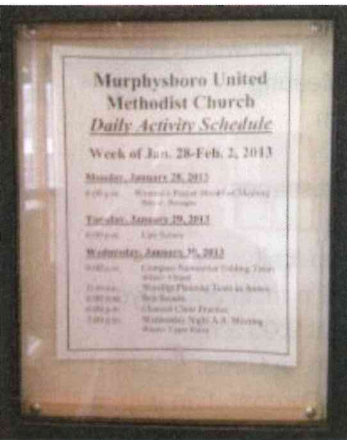
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As we look toward the month of April in our 10 X 10 spiritual growth program the emphasis for the month is *Missions*. Our goal for the month is simple: we would like each person in our church to participate in a mission project sometime during the month. Now for some of you (actually, many of you) this could be pretty easy because you already do mission work on a regular basis. You volunteer at the food pantry, deliver Meals on Wheels, volunteer at a local school or animal shelter, etc. For those of you who fit in this category, let me challenge you to do extra service this month. Make the month special by giving those extra hours or additional day to serve others.

For others it may be more challenging or you may feel your health just will not allow you to be "hands on" in missions or volunteer work any longer. Don't let that stop you: dedicate an additional offering this month to a mission project of your choice, support others who will be doing additional mission work by your prayers or giving. To some who are saying, "I just don't know what to do" we will be providing a whole list of mission projects which you can participate in during the month.

Don't just sit back and let this month go by. Join the dozens of others who will be serving and growing this month in missions.

Your servant in Christ,
 Larry



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.

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



APRIL 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 * Community Relay for Life Meeting
at 5:00 p.m. in Chapel
- * Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
at 6:00 p.m. in Journeys
- 2 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Moms' Book Study "*So Long Insecurity*"
at 6:00 p.m. in Library
- 3 * Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Methodists on a Mission Team Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel
- * Wednesday Night A.A. Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 4 * Scouts Round Table at
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * New Worship Service Committee
at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 5 * Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting
at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel
- 6 * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
- * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- 7 * Confirmation Class Meeting (5th-12th grades)
at 3:00 p.m.
- 8 * Nurture & Care Ministry Meeting
at 1:00 p.m. in Trailblazers' Classroom
- 9 * Young at Heart at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
- * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
- * Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 10 * 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
at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- * Service & Missions Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
- 11 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall and Passages
- * Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting
at 6:00 p.m. in Chapel
- 12 * Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys

- 13 * 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
- 14 * D.O.D. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
- 15-19 * Meals on Wheels
- 15 * Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
at 6:00 p.m. in Journeys
- 16 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Moms' Book Study "*So Long Insecurity*"
at 6:00 p.m. in Library
- 17 * Choir Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Adult Mission Trip Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel
- * Wednesday Night A.A. Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 20 * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
- * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- * Saturday Book Club (*The Blue Bottle Club*)
at 10:30 a.m. in Library
- * Wedding at 4:30 p.m.
- 21-27 *Adult Mission Trip to New Orleans
- 22 * Card Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 23 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 24 * 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
- 25 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall and Passages
- 26 * Scrapbook and Scripture
at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys
- 27 * 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.
- * Wedding at 4:00 p.m.
- 28 * Meal and a Movie at 12:00 noon
in Fellowship Hall (and Kitchen)
- 30 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- * Moms' Book Study "*So Long Insecurity*"
at 6:00 p.m. in Library

COMPASS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the next Compass newsletter is noon on the *third Monday of the month* so it is Monday, April 15th, at noon for the May 1st Compass.

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 ; or email to murphysboroumc@frontier.com

The Library Corner: News from the MUMC Library



Mission Possible!

April is a month for missions in our 10 x 10 all-church program. A church mission team will be at *Camp Restore* in Louisiana, and the rest of us will be considering seriously what we might do as a mission undertaking during the month.

Getting involved in a mission project also makes us consider the question of how best to help people. How can we make a real difference in the lives of those who are very needy? And how do we begin to understand what it is like to be on the "other end" of the question—as someone who is in need? Here are a few books that help us consider these important questions:

* **Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America** by Mike Yankoski. The author takes a look at what is like to be a homeless person-- by becoming one. For five months he and another Christian friend sleep outdoors, panhandle, and deal with the situations the homeless meet. It's eye-opening and insightful. The topic of homelessness and its causes is complex, but Yankowski finds that little acts of kindness still make a difference!

* **The Jesus Enterprise: Engaging Culture to Reach the Unchurched** by Kent R. Hunter. Hunter runs Church Doctor Ministries, which is a service to help churches become more effective. Hunter sees churches as hurting their message and their mission by isolating themselves in their own "culture". He says the church needs to build bridges to the "un-churched" people around it. While this book is not really about "missions" it is helpful in making us think about mistakes churches make in reaching out (or perhaps in not reaching out at all) to others who need to hear the message in ways that speak to them.

* **When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . And Yourself**, by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. This book lays out principles and practical strategies for helping people without hurting them, and also discusses specific examples of work within communities. Corbett and Fikkert say: *"Good intentions are not enough. It is possible to hurt poor people, and ourselves, in the process of trying to help them. But do not let that truth paralyze you. Read this book and other resources, study, learn, pray, repent . . . And trust that a sovereign God is more than able to take our feeble acts and turn them into something He can use for His glory."*

* **There Are No Children Here** by Alex Kotlowitz. This is a classic book, describing the life of two boys growing up in the inner-city, where poverty seems to have no end, and where the decisions and actions of others play tragically into the lives of poverty stricken individuals. The book is an eloquent witness to struggles and problems that most of us never dream of.

You will find these and other books on similar topics on the library table upstairs or downstairs in the library.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

April Worship Leader

Ed O'Donnell

Ushers

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

Sunday Stewards

*Dave Auxier
Ralph Bastien
Bob Eaton
Andy McNitt
Bill Quigley*

Welcome Hostesses

April 7 & 14

*Arlene Bitner
Carolyn Sauer*

April 21 & 28

*Janis Crews
Caroline Pederson*

Prayer Request Readers

April 7: *Emily Wece*
April 14: *Adrienne Will*
April 21: *Wilma Westerfield*
April 28: *Kristi Miller*

Confirmation Information Meeting

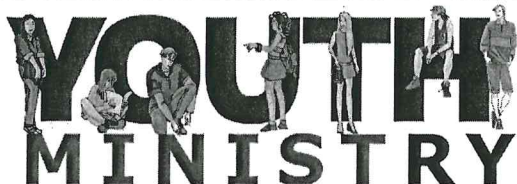
A meeting for all youth and parents interested in participating in the next Confirmation Class will be held Sunday, April 7th, at 3:00. Confirmation age youth are those who are now in the 5th grade through High School. At the meeting, we will discuss the schedule for Confirmation sessions and the two trips which will be a part of the overall Confirmation experience.



Saturday Book Club Meeting

April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in Church Library
The Blue Bottle Club by Penelope Stokes

Contact Emily Wece at ewece88@gmail.com or 618-559-0329



YOUTH MINISTRY

- April 13:** "Beautiful U" Conference
Middle-High School Girls
See Paula Chapa to register
- April 14:** CYF/JYF/UMYF Regular Meeting
from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- April 28:** "Breaking Barriers"
Tae Kwon Do teaches about faith
(rescheduled from January)
- May 12:** Mother's Day—no meetings
- May 19:** All groups assist with "Blessing of
the Animals" Service

- *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!

April 9th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall



MENU
Spagetti & Meatballs
Lettuce Salad
Garlic Bread
Lemon Cake



LITTLE GRASSY

Summer Camps

Camp registration packets are available in the Church Office until April 5th. There will be a registration opportunity April 7th in the Fellowship Hall, which offers a \$15 discount. There are 12 summer camps to choose from at Little Grassy. Check out the information in the back of church and register as soon as possible!

An All-Church Event

Sunday, April 28, 2013

5:00 p.m. – All church potluck
5:45 p.m. – Michael's inspiring presentation

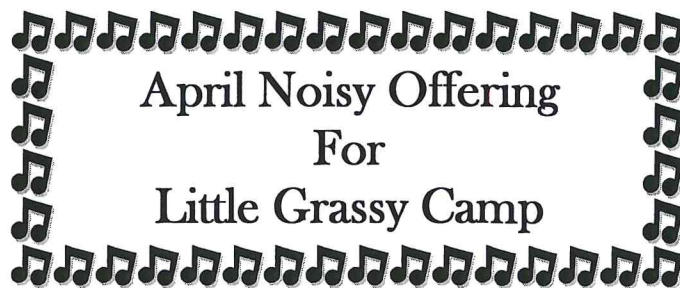


Breaking Barriers
Teaches Us About Faith
featuring
Michael Jessup
Tae Kwon Do Expert

Presentation on
how to live a Christ-centered life



Appropriate for all ages.
Bring a covered dish to share, and come expecting a blessing!



April Noisy Offering
For
Little Grassy Camp

The Youth would like to thank their church family for the tremendous support they received for the *Evening in Paris* event. They would also like to express their thanks to the John A. Logan Museum for the loan of their period dresses and accessories for the Paris Dress Shop. Many compliments were given for this particular shop. The Youth will be planning another event, so be prepared to travel again!





M & M NEWS (Meal and a Movie)
April 28th Menu
 Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs
 Sausage Patties and Orange Juice

“Showers of Blessings” Women’s Prayer Breakfast

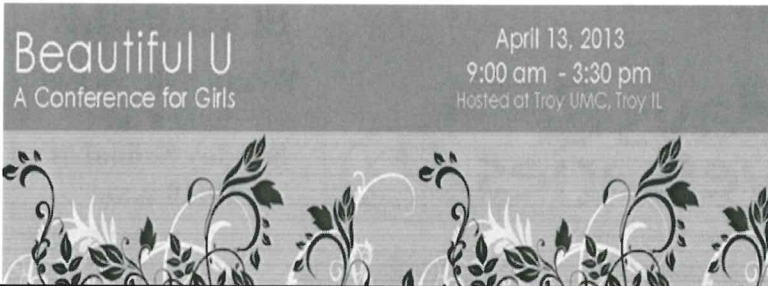
Saturday, May 4th, in the Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Formation Team

Plan to attend this inspirational time of fellowship, prayer, music and a light breakfast.

For more information, contact Rosie Wece at 618-687-3309 or gwece@wecefarms.com

Child care will be provided during the event.



BEAUTIFUL U is a one day, special event for high school and middle school girls and their female ministry leaders and/or moms! A day at **BEAUTIFUL U** will include inspiring music, authentic worship, live speakers, seminars for students & adults, and stations for a fun experience. Great refreshments, a delightful lunch and an opportunity to get away will make this a memorable day! **Don't miss the BEAUTIFUL U Conference!** Youth registration fees will be covered while Mom's fee is only \$20. Contact Paula Chapa (967-2689) ASAP to register.

College Student Ministry Donations

We are making care packages for our college kids. 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.

Bishop's Open for Imagine No Malaria

Join golfers from around the IL Great Rivers Conference for the 2nd Annual Bishop's Open on Friday, May 17th at Edgewood Golf Club in Auburn IL.

Proceeds from the day will go to Imagine No Malaria (helping to eradicate malaria from the globe).

Register online or sponsor a hole by going to: www.igrc.org/registrations/register/208



United Methodist Men (UMM)
 LifeWay's Conference for Men
 July 26-27 in Nashville TN
Faith + Family + Freedom
 Contact Jay Graff or Rob Williams to register or for more information.



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 for more information at ewece88@gmail.com or just come to the April 11th meeting.

VBS will be held July 14-18, 2013

Grief Recovery Support Group

GriefShare is a special weekly support group for people grieving the death of someone close. The first meeting is Sunday, April 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC in Marion. Call 618-997-6065 for more information.

Food Service Sanitation Class

We are in the process of scheduling a Food Service Sanitation Class in May for those interested in becoming certified food handlers. The cost would be \$60 each. Please contact Cathy in the church office to register for the class.

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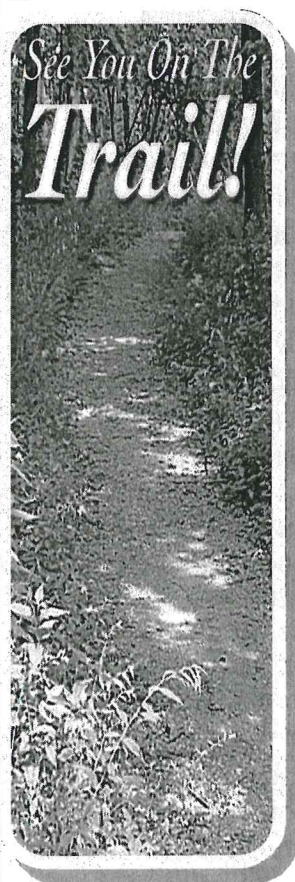
Open Hearts.
Minds.
Doors.

The United Methodist Church

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

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



April

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

3 CLIFF BUCHHOLZ	21 LACEY BROWN
4 PERRY PATTERSON	MEGAN MILEUR
4 GLORIA STOKER	WILLIAM MILEUR
5 CAROLINE GUTHMAN	HEATHER BEAN
7 TOM INCE	24 JASON GRAFF
9 KATHERINE YEARIAN	24 BOB WINTERS
10 AIDEN MCNITT	26 JOE MELVIN
13 DURICE RUNGE	ELENE SWAFFORD
15 KATY ABBADUSKY	27 MILDRED WARD
16 SAM CHAPA	29 MEGAN MCNITT
18 ROSEMARY CORNELL	30 BRITTANY NOLAN
20 CADENCE BROWN	
NANCY FAGER	
THELMA PIERSON	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3 JOHN & SYLVIA CARVELL
3 JERRY & JANIS CREWS
7 CLIFF & VIOLA BUCHHOLZ
8 RAY & MYRRL BURROUGHS
20 TODD & VANESSA LIRELY

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.
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