



Directions for the Trail

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

- ◆ Why do you go to Church?
- ◆ Are you a Christian?
- ◆ Why do you pray before you eat?
- ◆ Why do you read the Bible?
- ◆ You act differently from the others, why is that?

All the questions above and hundreds more like them are the questions of people who watch our lives and wonder why we act the way we do. Each of them is an invitation to share our faith in God and to tell our faith story. Yet too often our response is not a statement of faith but more an evasion of the opportunity. Too often our responses are more like:

- ◆ I don't know. I really haven't thought about it.
- ◆ I guess I have always done it this way.
- ◆ I was raised in the church and just continue to go as an adult.
- ◆ It is just a habit, I guess.

Our 10 X 10 program emphasis for the month of May is *sharing your faith*. The challenge is to share your faith story with one person during the month of May.

Sharing your faith story is not a natural function for many people. For many it is an uncomfortable event filled with anxiety and doubt. Few feel really prepared to move into a conversation where the discussion of our faith in God through Jesus Christ is the central topic of the conversation.

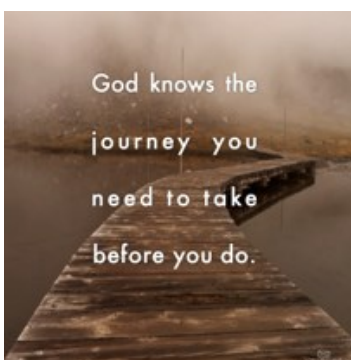
Most, if not all, of us need some coaching and nurturing in order to share that personal story in a focused and effective way. We don't need to learn a bunch of theology or churchy terms, we just need to reflect on our own faith experience and practice telling it to others.

I hope every Christian would want to be able to answer the questions above by sharing a part of their faith story. The month of May will offer you the opportunity to learn to do just that and I hope you will consider taking this small step of faith.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry



Pray With Kay
Wednesday Mornings
9:30 in the Church
Prayer Room.
Come and Pray with
Kay Lirely
Everyone Welcome!



*See You
On The Trail!*

MAY 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <p>1 * 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</p> <p>2 * Scouts' Round Table at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* <i>Sharing Your Faith</i> Workshop
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>3 * Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting
8:30 a.m. in Chapel</p> <p>4 * <i>Showers of Blessing</i> Women's Prayer Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room</p> <p>5 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages
* Sandwich, Salad, and Dessert Potluck
followed by Adult Mission Trip Presentation
5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6 * Community ACS (Relay for Life) Meeting
5:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
6:00 p.m. in Journeys
* <i>When the Game Is Over</i> Book Study
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>7 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* New Worship Service Committee
7:00 p.m. in Annex</p> <p>8 * 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
* Service & Missions Meeting
7:00 p.m. in Annex</p> <p>9 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall and Passages
* <i>Sharing Your Faith</i> Workshop
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>10 * Feeder of the Pack <i>Packers</i>
10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys</p> <p>11 * UMM Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room</p> <p>12 Happy Mother's Day!</p> <p>13 * Nurture & Care Meeting
1:00 p.m. in Trailblazers' Classroom
* <i>When the Game Is Over</i> Book Study
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>14 * Young at Heart at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
* Girl Scout Leader CPR Training
5:00-9:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m.
* <i>So Long Insecurity Moms'</i> Book Study
6:00 p.m. in Library
* Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
* Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Annex</p> | <p>15 * Pastor/Parish Staff Relations Meeting
5:00 p.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</p> <p>16 * <i>Sharing Your Faith</i> Workshop
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>17 Nothing Scheduled</p> <p>18 * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Saturday Book Club: <i>Cutting for Stone</i>
10:30 a.m. in Library</p> <p>19 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages
* Hospitality Ministry Meeting
11:15 a.m. in Chapel
* 2nd Annual Blessing of the Animals
4:00 p.m. under the MUMC Pavilion</p> <p>20-24 * Meals on Wheels</p> <p>20 * Girl Scout Troop 8189 Meeting
6:00 p.m. in Journeys
* <i>When the Game Is Over</i> Book Study
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>21 * Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>22 * 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
* Youth Ministry Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. in Passages</p> <p>23 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall and Passages
* <i>Sharing Your Faith</i> Workshop
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends</p> <p>24 * Scrapbook and Scripture
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys</p> <p>25 * Handbell Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Meal and a Movie preparation in afternoon</p> <p>26 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Sunday School for all ages
* Meal and a Movie at noon in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>27 Happy Memorial Day! Church office closed.</p> <p>28 * Church Council at 6:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
* <i>So Long Insecurity Moms'</i> Book Study
6:00 p.m. in Library</p> <p>29 * 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</p> <p>30 Nothing Scheduled</p> <p>31 Nothing Scheduled</p> |
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The Library Corner: News from the MUMC Library



Interesting Challenges

In the spring everyone's thoughts turn to – challenges? Well, maybe they do. Spring brings new energy, new ideas, and a yearning to learn or do something different. The library has lots to offer along those lines. Check out these interesting—and perhaps challenging—new books in our library.

How about this: **The Story: the Bible as One Continuous Story of God and His People.** This book tells selected stories of the Bible, in the New International Version Bible text. It is easy to read, and in between the significant stories there is a “bridge” summarizing what is occurring. This really is THE STORY- the one of God and his people. Give it a try.

Do Hard Things. This book was written several years ago by two teen-aged brothers, Alex and Brett Harris. The sub-title is “**A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations.**” Using both modern examples and insights from the Bible, the Harris brothers challenge teens to quit putting limits on their own potential. This book is aimed at teens, and parents of teens will be interested also. It's an exciting and challenging book—*recommended by Paula Chapa*

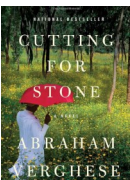
Speaking of challenges, check in with Abby Rike in **Working it Out, A Journey of Love, Loss, and Hope.** Some of you may know her from her time on the TV show The Biggest Loser. Those who watched the show know that she had lost her husband and young children in an accident, which plunged her into years of emotional pain. On the show she not only eventually lost a hundred pounds, she also gained back new strength, hope, and a sense of purpose. She acknowledges that some pains never really go away, and how could they? But she also proclaims her faith in the love of God, and that He is always with us during the hard times.

Bill Hybels, senior pastor at the Willow Creek Community Church, offers us another challenge. Many of us are tongue-tied when it comes to talking about our faith, and yet many of us know that our faith stories, and our ability to speak about what means most to us can make a difference in other people's lives. Bill Hybels talks about his own faith story, and about reaching out to other people in **Just Walk Across the Room, Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith.** It's an interesting book, and just may be the information – and inspiration-you want.

You will find these and many other interesting books on the library table upstairs and downstairs in the library.

MAY-JUNE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH
REGULAR AND LARGE PRINT AVAILBLE
DAILY SCRIPTURES, THOUGHTS, STORIES, PRAYERS, AND FOCUS
“YOUR PLACE TO MEET GOD”



Saturday Book Club Meeting

May 18th at 10:30 a.m. in Church Library
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
Contact Emily Wece at ewece88@gmail.com or 618-559-0329

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May Worship Leader

Jennifer Watson

Ushers

*Todd Doody, Captain
Jay Graff
Kyle Hargraves
Gary Likins
Jennifer Watson
London Watson*

Sunday Stewards

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

Welcome Hostesses

May 5 & 12
*Jennifer O'Donnell
Patti Shields*
May 19 & 26
*Erin Mileur
Marilyn Perry*

Prayer Request Readers

May 5: *Mary Jane Williams*
May 12: *Emily Wece*
May 19: *Adrienne Will*
May 26: *Wilma Westerfield*

Acolytes

May 5
*Lucas Bigham
Allison Brown*
May 12
*Ryan Finke
Maggie Williams*
May 19
*Caitlin Doody
Lillie Schaldemose*
May 26:
*Tyler Doody
Drake Rogus*

WEEKLY BULLETIN

DEADLINE
Wednesday
12:00 noon

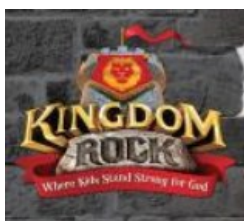
YOUTH CALENDAR

- May 12:** * Mother's Day—no youth meetings
May 19: * Blessing of the Animals
May 26: * Meal and a Movie Cookout and Outdoor Games
 *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
 *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
 *Sr. UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



United Methodist Men (UMM) Graduation Breakfast

June 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 For 8th grade, 12th grade, and college graduates!
 Call the church office to sign up.
Rescheduled from May 5th



Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School

July 14th—18th
 Contact Emily Wece at
ewece88@gmail.com
 for more information

Save Your Stuff!!!

Doing your spring cleaning?
 Don't throw away your stuff! Save it for the annual yard sale. The proceeds this year support MUMC Service and Missions projects.
 Yard Sale is July 26th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and July 27th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
 Drop off dates are July 19th-24th in the church.
 Call Lynn at 684-3601 or Rob at 713-0843 for more information or to arrange early drop-off.

In Memory

A white rose will be placed on the altar in memory of those in our church family that have passed away. Please call the church office at 687-2317 for a rose in their memory.

NURSERY NEEDS

- ♦ Snacks with no peanuts and label cannot say "may contain nuts" as this might mean there are nuts in it.
- ♦ Adult helpers during Sunday mornings. Not for entire time but just for moments of need. Tania needs help during diaper changes and snack time.
We have a growing nursery that needs your help in order for us to serve our new families which are always growing!

Coming Soon: Little Free Library!

What if we had a place outside our church where books could be kept and people could come by and take a free book to read, or leave an interesting book that they would like to share with others? That "What If" is about to become a reality through a new "Little Free Library".

This "Library" will be available to everyone: church members, our neighborhood, and our community--by means of a small library box mounted on a post on our church grounds. Even as this is written, Bob Eaton is putting the finishing touches on our own "one of a kind" book box. Sneak preview: it will have the color red on the doors!

There are "Little Free Libraries" all over the country, and this exciting idea was recently shared in the newspaper supplement "American Profile". Books have so much to offer to people--we hope this will be another good way to reach out to the community beyond our doors. Check out the web-site at littlefreelibrary.org to see the many ways this idea is being used throughout the country. Our church will soon be on the "Little Free Library" map!

For more information, contact Trina Eaton, Susan Patterson, or Candy Watt.

3rd Annual Children's Story Time June 4, 11, 18 and 24



May 14th
 12:00 noon
 Fellowship Hall

MENU

Potato Bar
with all the fixings
 Strawberry Short Cake



We Need Your Help For Funeral Dinners!!!

Due to extenuating circumstances, we find ourselves in need of more kitchen help *and* more people to provide food for the MUMC funeral dinners. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry that personifies the hospitality for which our church is known in the community. Contact Joan Bastien at 684-6005

Second Annual Blessing of the Animals



A Free Event for Pets and Their People
 Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m.
 MUMC Pavilion

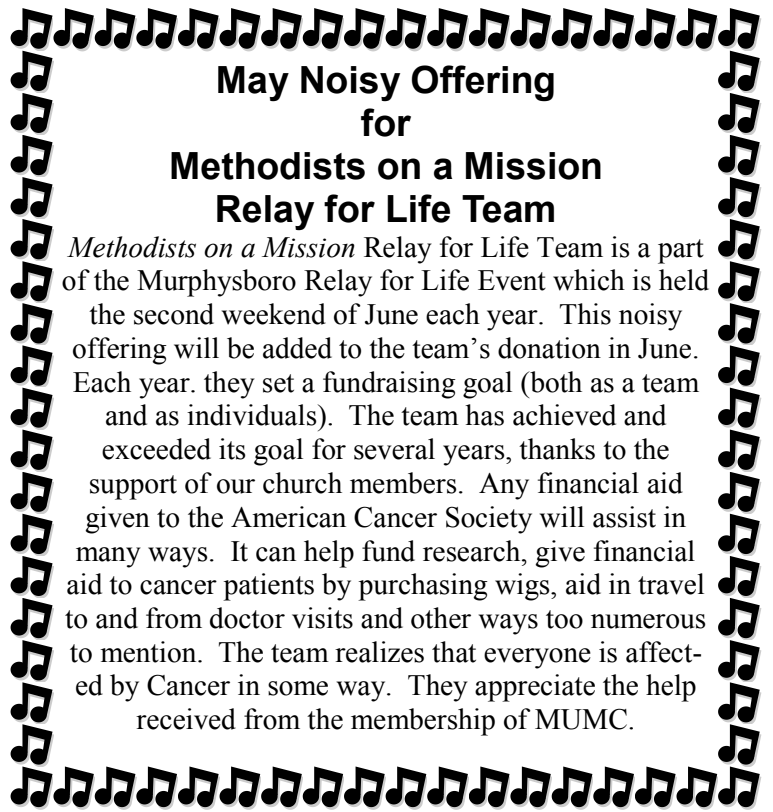
All animals must be brought in carriers or on leashes

Featuring a Memorial Board for Pets who have crossed over

Each animal will receive:

- An individual blessing
- A blessing medallion
- Treats for All
Compliments of Mario's Mama Pet Bakery
- Free Handmade Information Bag
- Free Photo of Pet & Owner (3:00-4:00)
- Free Nail Trim by Lana

Hosted by MUMC and St Francis Animal Rescue



May Noisy Offering for Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life Team


Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life Team is a part of the Murphysboro Relay for Life Event which is held the second weekend of June each year. This noisy offering will be added to the team's donation in June. Each year they set a fundraising goal (both as a team and as individuals). The team has achieved and exceeded its goal for several years, thanks to the support of our church members. Any financial aid given to the American Cancer Society will assist in many ways. It can help fund research, give financial aid to cancer patients by purchasing wigs, aid in travel to and from doctor visits and other ways too numerous to mention. The team realizes that everyone is affected by Cancer in some way. They appreciate the help received from the membership of MUMC.

MARCH NOISY OFFERING



Dear MUMC Congregants,
 Thank you so very much for the amazing generosity you send our way. With your help, we are feeding a lot of hungry people!
 Murphysboro Food Pantry

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
Registration deadline is June 1st



COMPASS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, May 20th, at 12:00 noon



M & M NEWS (Meal and a Movie) Cookout and Outdoor Games on May 26

The May meal falls during Memorial Day Weekend, so M&M wants to kick off your summer with a cookout and outdoor games!
 The May volunteers are MUMC Youth Groups.
 The M&M Team is always looking for new members and ideas.
 If you are interested in volunteering or have an idea, please contact Rindy Eisenhauer at 967-1380.

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Murphysboro, IL 62966



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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.....Pat Sullivan
Organist.....Micah Mayes
Choir Director.....Ricardo King
Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

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.
Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604
E-Mail: murphysboroumc@frontier.com

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



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

- 2 RICK & DURICE RUNGE
- 2 DAN & JENNIFER WATSON
- 5 CHRIS & CINDY GORDON
- 8 CHAD & HOLLY FLETCHER
- 18 FRANK & SID BOUCHER
- 21 BILL & THELMA PIERSON
- 20 BRIAN & LISA BUSTOS
- 26 JOSH & ALLISON BARRINGER
- 27 ANDY & NANCY McNITT
- 31 CURT & CINDY PRESLEY

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

Happy Birthday

- 4 ALLEN BIGHAM
- 4 PEG SCHUSTER
- 6 ANDREW WILSON
- 7 CHEYENNE ABBADUSKY
- 7 RICK KORANDO
- 9 MADISON RUNGE
- 9 CANDACE WATT
- 11 CAROLYN CHAPMAN
- 12 BELINDA NATION
- 13 LANDESS MILLS
- 14 VANESSA LIRELY
- 14 HALLEE TICER
- 15 JORDAN WILLIAMS
- 17 KRISTI MILLER
- 23 KRISTAL MOREFIELD BELL
- 23 CAROL WEHMEYER
- 23 DUKE WATSON
- 24 DOLORES McNITT
- 26 CAROLYN SAUER
- 27 ROGER MEDLEN
- 29 RICHARD PIERSON
- 31 DEBBIE KORANDO

