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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August is back to school month and I am asking where did the summer go. I bet every school age youth, teacher and school staff person is asking the same thing.

As we move forward in our 10 X 10 Spiritual Growth Program, we are shifting our emphasis for the month of August to better align our efforts with the back-to-school push. Many families find the financial burden of preparing their children to return school as overwhelming. The additional fees, supplies and clothing demands can push a tight budget to the point of breakage. Hundreds of children in our area will show up to start a new school year without the basic essentials and this need offers each of us a wonderful way to make a difference.

During August, we will focus on four basic back-to-school needs. The first Sunday will be our big school supply push to go all out and support this vital ministry, which Kay Lirely has organized for years. The next Sunday will focus on shoes and the third Sunday on socks. This part of our program will be coordinated with the social workers at the various schools to help target those who could most benefit from this support. Our fourth Sunday will be children's books and in conjunction with our Library ministry, we will collect and disburse books to the children of our community.

Caring for Kids will be our August theme with many details to follow as we offer to everyone the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry



<p><u>COMPASS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> Monday, August 19th at 12:00 noon (3rd Monday of month)</p>
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**Wednesday
Prayer Group**
Begins at 9:30 a.m.
Church Prayer Room
Come and Pray
With Us!
Everyone Welcome!

Praying Through
God's Word

<p><u>WEEKLY BULLETIN</u> <u>DEADLINE</u> Wednesday 10:00 a.m.</p>
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AUGUST 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 * Scouts Round Table at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 2 * Adult Spiritual Formation at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel
- 3 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- 4 * Newcomers Reception at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 5 * Food Sanitation Class at 5:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
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 - * Worship Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
 - * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 8 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Passages
- 9 * Feeder of the Pack "Packers" at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - * Daisy Troop 8225 at 7:00 p.m. in Journeys
- 10 * UMM Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- 11 * Tours of the Church following worship service
- 12 * Nurture & Care Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Trailblazers' Classroom
- 13 * Young at Heart at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
 - * Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
 - * Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 14 * Staff Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Annex
 - * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - * Lay Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Annex
 - * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 15 * Nothing Scheduled
- 16 * Nothing Scheduled
- 17 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
 - * Saturday Book Club at 10:30 a.m. in Library
- 18 * First Connection Orientation following worship service
 - * Church Picnic at Bigham Lake (Van leaves church at 2:00 p.m.)
- 19-23 * Meals on Wheels
- 19 * Nothing Scheduled
- 20 * *Missing Pieces* Young Moms' Book Study at 6:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
- 21 * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - * Youth Ministry Team at 6:30 p.m. in Passages
 - * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 22 * Girl Scouts at 4:30 p.m. in Passages
- 23 * Scrapbook & Scripture at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 24 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
 - * Kitchen reserved in p.m. for meal preparation
- 25 * Our Neighbors' Table (formerly Meal and a Movie) at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
- 26 * Card Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 27 * *Missing Pieces* Young Moms' Book Study at 6:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends
- 28 * Boy Scouts at 6:00 p.m. under Pavilion
 - * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
 - * Publicity and Promotions Team at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 29 * Nothing Scheduled
- 30 * Nothing Scheduled
- 31 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room

Acolytes

August 4

Lucas Bigham and Caitlin Doody

August 11

Allison Brown and Lillie Schaldemose

August 18

Tyler Doody and Aiden McNitt

August 25

Ryan Finke and Drake Rogus



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

August Worship

Leader

Ed O'Donnell

Ushers

Todd Doody, Captain

Jay Graff

Kyle Hargraves

Gary Likins

Jennifer Watson

London Watson

Sunday Stewards

Dave Auxier

Ralph Bastien

Bob Eaton

Andy McNitt

Bill Quigley

Welcome Hostesses

August 4

Barbara Hughes

Adrienne Will

August 11 & 18

Rindy Eisenhower

Kathy Ripley

August 25

Carolyn Ozburn

Julie Peterson

Prayer Request

Readers

August 4

Wilma Westerfield

August 11

Kristi Miller

August 18

Mary Jane Williams

August 25

Emily Wece

The Library Corner: News from the MUMC Library



Preludes to Prayer

Review by Judy Little

Prayers of the Ages

Hope of the Ages

Robert Frost (Poems)

The Wisdom of the Prophets

The library has four new pocket-size very short books. They could be called “blessing” books. They are not quite “devotional” reading, because devotions have a more extended, narrated message. By contrast, in these new books, each selection, each brief entry, is about as long as a blessing.

These books are (perhaps) pre-devotional reading; they are “preludes” to prayer. Like the Prelude before the Sunday service, the four books are invitational. They can lead us into a reflective, listening attitude, a prayerful state of heart and mind.

Prayers of the Ages includes brief passages of Scripture, some stanzas of hymns, occasionally lines from a poem. In this book, as well as in Hope of the Ages, and the selection of Frost’s poetry, there are splendid reproductions of paintings.

The Wisdom of the Prophets has somewhat longer selections, but similar format. All four books invite reflection rather than study. And on occasion, they can move a person right into prayer itself.

Below is a sampling of the blessings these books have to offer:

“Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. I mean, do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage.”

By St. Francis of Sales, from Hope of the Ages

“Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick one, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for your love’s sake.”

By St. Augustine of Hippo from Prayers of the Ages



Check the frames
inside the west doors that
hold the daily
activities for the week.
This lets you know which
room you need to go to as
well as know which rooms
are available for use.

**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER
UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS
NOW AVAILABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH.
JUST PUT YOUR DONATION IN THE SLOT.
REGULAR AND LARGE PRINT AVAILABLE.
OFFERS DAILY SCRIPTURES, THOUGHTS,
STORIES, PRAYERS, AND FOCUS.
“YOUR PLACE TO MEET GOD”**

YOUTH CALENDAR

- August 10:** * **Holiday World** for JYF/Sr. UMYF
- August 11:** * **Cape Splash** for CYF
- August 25:** * **Regular Meeting** for CYF/JYF/Sr. UMYF

- *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *Sr. UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



Welcome, Youth!

Food Sanitation Class OPEN TO PUBLIC!

August 5th, 6th and 7th

MUMC will be hosting a food sanitation class on August 5, 6 and 7 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Twelve hours of attendance is required to get certified. Cost is \$60 per person and will be held at the church. The class is open to the public so pass the information along to friends and family. Contact the church office to register or for more information.

Welcome Newcomers


Pastor Larry will be hosting a **Newcomers Reception** in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 4th, at 3:00 p.m. for all those who have started attending our church in the past few months. This is just a time to get acquainted with Pastor Larry and others new to MUMC, learn some information about our church, and get any questions answered that you may have. Child care and light refreshments provided. Please check the box on the *Registration and Attendance Sheet* in church or contact the church office at 687-2317 if you plan to attend (please include all members of your family).

**August Noisy Offering
For
Feeder of the Pack
Pet Food Pantry**



A collaboration of MUMC and the Murphysboro Food Pantry. The mission is to distribute pet food to those in need so pets don't go hungry or become abandoned. Pet food is housed at the Food Pantry and distributed to people who qualify for their services. Besides monetary donations, **Feeder of the Pack** welcomes donations of bags of dry pet food which can be dropped off in the Annex. Volunteers are needed to help bag pet food (from larger bags into smaller bags) the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch, fun and fellowship are provided!

**August 13th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall**



MENU
Chicken Salad Sandwich
(with pickles, celery, grapes, & mayo)
(lettuce and tomato on side)
Potato Salad
Banana Pudding

**School Supplies will be collected in the
back of church through August 14th!**

**All-Church Picnic
August 18th
Bigham Lake
Starts at 2:00 p.m.
Swimming, Games, Fun!
Eat at 5:00 p.m.
Bring brats or hot dogs
and
a side dish or dessert.**

Return Mission Trip to Camp Restore

We are returning to New Orleans
October 20th-26th
Cost is \$300.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating in this ministry trip.



Saturday Book Club Meeting

August 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library
Everyone Welcome!
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Contact Emily Wece at 559-0329 or
ewece88@gmail.com

A *New York Times* bestseller for seven years running that's coming to movie theaters on November 15, 2013. Set during World War II in Germany, this groundbreaking novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist~ books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Holy Land Trip Information

It's Not Too Late!

There is a trip forming to go to the Holy Lands in spring 2014. If you would like more information, please send your email address or phone number to murphysboroumc@frontier.com. Someone will contact you with information.

We keep an updated **CHURCH CALENDAR** on our website at www.murphysboroumc.com.

Sunday School Opportunity

There is an opportunity to 'team teach' the Junior High Sunday School class or another level if you are interested. There is curriculum for each level of Sunday School to assist with teaching. Please contact the church office at 687-2317 if you are interested in this ministry opportunity.

Check out **MUMC Youth Groups** on Facebook!



CHURCH WEEK August 18th-24th

Turn your Rural King receipts dated between 8/18-8/24 in to the church office or drop in the offering. Rural King gives a percentage of your purchases to MUMC!

2013 MUMC Trail Day t-shirts for sale through August 18th! Order forms available in back of church or in the church office.

OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE (FORMERLY MEAL AND A MOVIE)



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

COMING THIS FALL



Bible Study for Young Moms

Missing Pieces

by Jennifer Rothschild
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Begins August 20th—Through Sept. 24th
Contact Scarlett Pierson or the church office for more information or to sign up.

*God doesn't always make sense,
but He's trustworthy.*

Let God reveal Himself, and draw closer to Him.



Praying Out Loud Workshop

Thursdays in September at 6:30 p.m.
September 5th-26th

Contact the church office to sign up.
Designed for the beginner who desires to overcome the fear of public prayer.



Women's Bible Study

Malachi

by Lisa Harper

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Begins Sept. 3—Through Oct. 22nd
Contact Trina Eaton or the church office for more information or to sign up.

Explore God's unchanging love in this video-driven Bible study. No matter how often we mess up, God loves His broken people.

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



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Happy Birthday

AUGUST

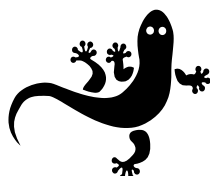


*Anniversaries
 and Birthdays*

- 1 SALLY MOUTARDIER
- 2 GAYE AUXIER
- 2 LOGAN WINGERTER
- 3 BOB EATON
- 5 MARILYN GLASFORD
- 5 ELIAS GUTHMAN
- 5 RICKY B. PIERSON
- 6 DEAN SHIELDS
- 7 RANDY AUXIER
- 8 PRESTON FLETCHER
- 14 GARY LIKINS
- 14 RUTH VERBAL
- 14 CATHY LILLEY
- 16 KIM GOFORTH
- 16 ELIZABETH CHAPMAN
- 17 CARMILEE DONAHUE
- 17 GRANT TICER
- 17 CHRISTINE NOLAN
- 18 ALLISON BROWN
- 18 MARTY MCNITT
- 20 EMILY ALLEN
- 20 ABIGAIL WINGERTER
- 21 CHARLES CREWS
- 21 JERRY MILLER
- 26 WILLIAM QUIGLEY
- 28 BROOKE GUTHMAN
- 29 MAGGIE STEWART
- 30 HILLARY PRESLEY
- 30 WES WILL
- 30 WESLEY GRAHAM
- 31 DEANA TWENHAFEL

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 FRANCIS & WILLA ADDISON
- 12 RON & SALLY MOUTARDIER
- 13 RALPH & JOAN BASTIEN
- 16 GERALD & KATHY RIPLEY
- 16 SHANNON & JAMIE GREEN
- 25 JIM & IMOGENE TEDROW



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