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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When I was a young boy we lived in the community of Washington, Illinois just east of Peoria. The street in front of our house was also US Route 24 so we had lots of traffic to watch on this busy highway. One very hot summer day my parents noticed a car headed west pulled over to the curb with its hood up. Several children and adults were either in the car or milling around outside.

My parents watched this situation for several minutes and then decided to walk down and make contact with this traveling family, which had obviously fallen on hard times. The next thing I knew our house was full of hungry and thirsty children and a couple of extra adults while my father attempted to offer what support he could to repair the old car.

One child was ill (just overheated, I think) but I played with the rest while Mom and the other women from the car put a quick lunch on the table. Soon the group was eating around our table and someone carried food down to the men working on the car.

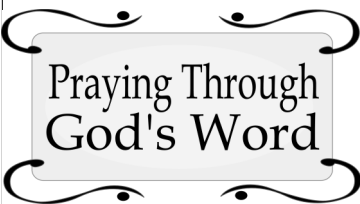
Time passed and eventually they all loaded up and headed off with our hopes and prayers that the rest of their trip would be uneventful.

I don't remember any of their names but I still recall the profound impact this act of kindness had on me as a small boy. I'm pretty sure Mom and Dad were both glad to see them all go but they also knew the blessing of helping someone in need and opening our home to share a meal with them.

The month of September is **Share A Meal** month in our 10 X 10 program. Each week I will be challenging you to find a way to share a meal with someone. As we move through the month, I hope you take this opportunity to offer this simple but profound impact on the life of another. Let us break bread with one another as we expand God's table of love and grace.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

**Wednesday
 Prayer Group**
 Begins at 9:30 a.m.
 Church Prayer Room
 Come and Pray
 With Us!
Everyone Welcome!



WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday



MISSION:POSSIBLE
 GOLF SCRAMBLE
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 CARBONDALE, IL

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013
 Jackson County Country Club
 Murphysboro, IL
 9am tee time (check in 7:30)
 \$80 per player
 Lunch/Silent Auction
 Hole Sponsorship \$100
 Cart Sponsorship \$50
 For more information call:
 Julie Beck (618) 521-0927
 Susan Watson (618) 316-3575



Feeding our Youth!

We are asking parents/church family to provide food for our youth meetings. Please sign up to take turns in providing different items of food and drink. You can sign up on the MUMC Youth Groups Facebook page. Please look under "events" area to see the dates of meetings and what people have signed up to bring. You will not need to stay and serve the kids, just drop the items off in the kitchen.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Day in our morning service. We want to honor those loved ones who have passed on between November 2012 and now. We traditionally celebrate that life with a lighted candle and the ringing of a bell. If you have a friend or a family member whose name you would like included, please contact the church office with that name and the date of

Many members of our congregation have recently participated in the food handlers certification classes. This is to ensure that the food you consume here at the MUMC is safe for you and your families.



I want to share a key bit of knowledge that will make all of us healthier at home, at church, or where ever we choose to eat.

KEEP HOT FOODS HOT, COLD FOODS COLD AND WASH YOUR HANDS!

Of course there is a 109 page booklet that we studied that helps us keep food safe. Whether we are fighting food borne illness or the flu, follow the WASH YOUR HANDS rule to keep our families healthy.

Remember was your hands in hot/warm water and soap for 20-30 seconds. (sing the A-B-C's song)
 What do you have if you wash your hands without soap?.....Wet Germs.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the UMCM health ministry please contact Willa Addison at 319-3444 or call the church office.

COMING THIS FALL



Praying Out Loud Workshop

Thursdays September 5, 12, 26, Oct 3
 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 687-3209 or the church office for more information or to sign up.

SEPTEMBER 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 *4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 3 *6:00 p.m. Mom's book study "Missing Pieces"
- 3 *6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 4 *6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 4 *6:00 p.m. Choir practice
- 4 *7:00 p.m. AA meeting
- 5 *6:00 p.m. Scouts Roundtable
- 6 *8:30 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team meeting
- 7 *9:00 a.m. Handbell practice
- 7 *10:00 a.m. AA meeting
- 8 *5:00 p.m. CYF/JYF/SYF Youth meetings
- 9 *1:00 p.m. Nurture & Care Ministry Team meeting
- 10 *12:00 p.m. Young at Heart
- 10 *6:00 p.m. Mom's book study "Missing Pieces"
- 10 *6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 10 *6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 10 *7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 11 *9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 11 *6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 11 *6:00 p.m. Choir practice
- 11 *7:00 p.m. AA meeting
- 12 *4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 13 *7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
- 14 *7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men
- 14 *9:00 a.m. Handbell practice
- 14 *10:00 a.m. AA meeting
- 15 *11:00 a.m. Hospitality Ministry meeting
- 16 *6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 17 *6:00 p.m. Mom's book study "Missing Pieces"
- 17 *6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 18 *6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 18 *6:00 p.m. Choir practice
- 18 *7:00 p.m. AA meeting
- 21 *9:00 a.m. Handbell practice
- 21 *10:00 a.m. AA meeting
- 21 *10:30a.m. Saturday Book Club
- 22 *2:00 p.m. All Church Trail Day
- 24 *6:00 p.m. Mom's book study "Missing Pieces"
- 24 *6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 24 *6:00 p.m. Church Council
- 25 *6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 25 *6:00 p.m. Choir practice
- 25 *7:00 p.m. AA meeting
- 26 *4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 27 *6:00 p.m. Scrapbook & Scriptures
- 27 *7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop
- 28 *9:00 a.m. Handbell practice
- 28 *10:00 a.m. AA meeting
- 29 *12:00 p.m. Our Neighbors' Table

The Library Corner:



The Library Corner: Library Celebration!

In August we reached the third anniversary of our Church Library! To celebrate we asked some of our readers to tell us what books they would recommend to others.

Books can touch us deeply. As you read the comments about the three fiction recommendations below, you can see that each reader brought something of value away from the books they read. Enjoy their viewpoints, and next month look forward to more reader recommendations.

The Sisters of Holmes County Trilogy by Wanda Brunstetter: **A Sister's Test, A Sister's Secret, and A Sister's Hope.**

Belinda Nation: These books I couldn't put down. I had to keep reading. The stories are about the simple life that they enjoy. We think we need all these fancy things in life, but after reading these books you'll realize the simple life is good.

These books show that people can make mistakes and can be forgiven. These books show survival and hope. These books are very relaxing.

Mark of the Lion Series by Francine Rivers: **A Voice in the Wind, An Echo in the Darkness and As Sure As the Dawn.**

Paula Chapa: I enjoy this library so much, but these are the best books I have read. This series was so good that you had to have the next book of this trilogy ready to read or you may have a stroke waiting for it! The impact they had on me was awe inspiring.

This fictional series was exciting and educating. It was very interesting how this author brought you into her books by showing you how it was in this particular time in Jerusalem. She showed the history of Romans and Jews living together and how barbaric of a time it really was.

This series centers around a slave girl named Hadassah and her devotion to God. It amazed me how someone can go through so much torture and strife in her life and still stay the Christian that she was. She loved God to the end and made me want to be a better Christian. Hadassah brought so many people in her life to God because of the person she was and the devotion to God that she portrayed in her everyday life.

If ever there was an author that researched this time period and how it impacted Christians, Francine Rivers is that author. Everyone should read this series and I am sure of the impact it will have on their lives as well.

The Atonement Child by Francine Rivers

Emily Morrell: This book completely changed my view of abortion. The story is really about listening to what God calls us to do rather than listening to what society tells us is o.k.

Look for these books downstairs in the library or upstairs on the library table. Next month we will have reader recommendations about some of our non-fiction books. Don't forget to read something good this month!

YOUTH CALENDAR

- September 8:** * Regular Meeting for CYF/JYF/SYF
- September 10:** * Welcome Wagon for CYF/JYF/SYF
- September 22:** * Trail Day at Giant City Park

*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
 *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
 *SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (High School)



Welcome, youth!

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

3rd Annual MUMC APPLE Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 14th 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Have Breakfast Before the Apple Festival Parade!

\$6 for adults/Children 5 and under are free!

The success of the previous years' apple pancake breakfast has been well established and is history! The United Methodist Men and the Hospitality Committee are committed to "raising the bar" as they say. "Chef" Bob Eaton will again make those delicious pancakes and syrup.

Tickets are available from UMM members or tickets will be for sale outside the west door of church after worship service and after Sunday School on SEPTEMBER 1ST.

**September Noisy Offering
For
SIU Wesley Foundation**

The Wesley Foundation at SIUC is a place for fellowship and spiritual growth. They offer times throughout the week for bible studies and worship. Other activities and services that the Wesley Foundation offers are a food pantry for SIUC students, and Service opportunities throughout the community.

Wesley Core Values

1. Service
2. Passion
3. Discipline



September 10th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

MENU

Hamburger with Onion
Cole Slaw
Spinach with Vinegar
Cornbread
Brownie with no Nuts

PROGRAM

ASK EARL

Saturday Book Club Meeting

September 21st

10:30 a.m.

Church Library

Everyone Welcome!

“*The Kite Runner*” by Khaled Hosseini

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

“*The Kite Runner*” is a novel about friendship and betrayal, and about the price of loyalty. It is about the bonds between fathers and sons, and the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, and their lies. Written against a backdrop of history that has not been told in fiction before, “*The Kite Runner*” describes the rich culture and beauty of a land in the process of being destroyed. But through the devastation, Khaled Hosseini offers hope: through the novel’s

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, contact Trina Eaton 687-3209 or

Kathy Blackwell 684-2787

We keep an updated **CHURCH CALENDAR**

OUR NEIGHBORS’ TABLE

(FORMERLY MEAL AND A MOVIE)



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Yard Sale Update

Thanks and appreciation for all the church family did to make the July yard sale a huge success. Those that donated items for the sale, those that worked to display the items, those that worked during the actual sale, and for those that helped to dispose of the leftover items — you did a great job.

The donations of items to sell were exceptional and, as usual, we filled both rooms of the Fellowship Hall and three classrooms, as well as a number of items outside on the parking lot.

The focus of the sale this year was for Service and Missions Committee projects. The sale, in itself, benefited many people in our community with affordable items for their homes.

The guests at “Our Neighbors’ Table” on Sunday) after the sale) were able to take home any items they desired.

The unsold items were distributed to:

- ◆ A nursing home who received age-appropriate and washable clothing, shoes, hats, and lap blankets.
- ◆ Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (SIRRS) accepted media items for their annual media sale.
- ◆ Sally Logan Library received books.
- ◆ Women’s Center in Carbondale received children’s clothes, shoes, misc. items.
- ◆ Salvation Army in Marion received kitchen, household and seasonal items
- ◆ Key Club will be given toys for their Christmas Toy Drive

Distribution of funds from the sale (\$2,900 plus) will be determined by the Service and Missions Committee.

We have a very nice above-the-stove microwave that did not sell. If interested please call Lynn Pierson at 684-3601.



See You on the Trail!



September 22, 2013

All Church Trail Day

1:30 – Meet at Church

Van will be taking people to Giant City

2:00 – Gather

At the Trailhead
Shelter #4 Giant City Park

2:30 – Worship and Music

At the Trailhead

3:00-5:00 – Various Activities

At the Trailhead

At the Trailhead – Fellowship and Games
On the Path and At the Lookout – Hiking
Off the Path – Scavenger Hunt and Visitors Center

5:00-6:00 – Eat

At the Trailhead

Hot dogs and buns provided along with condiments, plates, utensils, cups and ice.

Everyone should bring a potluck dish to share along with your own drinks.

6:00 – Closing Campfire

At the Trailhead

Rain Date

September 29, 2013

Wear your Trail Day Shirts and Bring Your Lawn Chairs!

Fun at Children's Story Time



Good story-telling, good weather and a good turn-out added up to a successful children's story time this year! We had an average of 24 children at each session, and they enjoyed stories about Noah and the Ark, Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, and the birth of Jesus (we had "Christmas" on the 25th—the 25th of June that is)!

Story Time was held in the pavilion—the perfect spot to help people feel comfortable who have not been to our church. Add in great songs, fun crafts, and some snacks, and it was a winning combination. Much credit goes to the planning team that put together a good program for the children, and many thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen! And finally thanks to the United Methodist Men who built the pavilion that has been so welcoming in so many ways to our community



Recycling at Church

It is time to request new people to volunteer to pick up the church recycling. We take turns every month depending on how many volunteers we have. So far each of us has had to take two months this year. We pick up on Sat. (if possible but for sure once a week) and take to what ever recycling drop off is most convenient for you. Please contact Paula Chapa at 967-2689 or sign up on the registration pads if you would like to volunteer at least one month a year.

Yummy Pancakes!



The Middle School and Senior High Youth are having a pancake breakfast after Sunday School on October 6th!

We just want to take a moment to express our appreciation for this congregation of the MUMC. It has been our privilege to sit in the pews with each of you and worship. To serve on committees, and be with you to learn and share in Sunday School. As a congregation we have depended upon your prayers in times of celebration, sorrows, and trials...and you have never let us down, in fact, you have always exceeded all expectations. This wonderful place has been our church home for 28 years and though we are moving away, we know that this church will always be our true church home.

It is hard to say good-bye to such wonderful friends....so instead we simply say, please come visit us.

Thank you all,
Gary and Gloria Likins
6629 Fern St.
Navarre, Fl. 32566



Sandra and Earl Renshaw thank the many who have sent get well cards to Sandra. We also thank several who delivered food for our meals. Our ongoing prayers are greatly appreciated.

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Ministers.....The Congregation
 Pastor.....Larry A. Gilbert
 Coordinator of Ministries.....Earl R. Renshaw
 Discipleship Coordinator.....Teresa Gilbert
 Financial Secretary.....Christine Nolan
 Custodian.....Pat Sullivan
 Organist.....Micah Mayes
 Choir Director.....Ricardo King
 Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz

Happy Birthday

- 1 HAL ZIMMERMAN
- 2 JAMES BEAN
- 2 NANCY VALLINO
- 4 ERIN MILEUR
- 5 NOAH HEILIG
- 6 GEORGE SAUER
- 8 JACOB HEILIG
- 10 COLE MCNITT
- 10 LISA MELVIN
- 11 TENA BIGHAM
- 11 ROBIN JONES
- 11 RON KISER
- 11 KELLEE TIGER
- 16 STEPHANIE FINKE
- 16 DAN WATSON
- 19 BETTY HEAPE
- 20 SID BOUCHER
- 20 BETTY KIEL
- 21 MEGAN BLACKWELL
- 22 OMA LEE JACOBS
- 25 DAVID MARTIN
- 27 LOWELL HELLER
- 28 ROB GRAEFF
- 29 CURT PRESLEY
- 30 SANDRA RENSHAW
- 30 ASHLEY RUNGE
- 30 RYAN GUTHMAN

SEPTEMBER



*Anniversaries
 and Birthdays*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2 ROB & MARY JANE WILLIAMS
- 10 JIM & BARBARA HUGHES
- 13 JOHN & JULIE ERBES
- 14 MIKE & SHARON JONES



If your anniversary or birthday does not appear in the Compass, please contact the Church

