



Directions for the Trail

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

**WEEKLY BULLETIN
 DEADLINE**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



**Open Hearts.
 Minds.
 Doors.**
 The United Methodist Church

A wonderful chill has returned to the air as the world shifts into the season of fall colors, harvest and the thoughts of the holiday season. November is always a busy month, which in some ways helps to gear us up for the tremendously busy month, which follows.

It is a time of thanksgiving and for our congregation also the time of our annual stewardship campaign. This year that whole process has been somewhat expanded by the additional need to hold our Elevator Capital Campaign at this time.

Some might see these as competing concerns but the older I become the more I experience them as complementary items moving in accord with one another. For me the thought of offering thanks helps me to see the over whelming gifts of grace and sustenance which God so freely heaps upon my life. I look around me and see blessing upon blessing and am humbled by the sheer abundance. It is this connection that also causing me to desire to give of this abundance as an expression of thanks and praise to the God who gives all things.

I know in the eyes of many I am not a wealthy person and I will admit I possess no substantial material wealth but I would also have to conclude that any person who defines wealth only in material ways is a fool. One of the great pitfalls of living in such a materialistic society is that our understanding of life becomes measured that way. That the sum total of the value of my life can be measured by the material possessions I have amassed; what a tragic misunderstanding of God and creation.

Take time soon to look around and see the real treasures of your life. Now give God thanks for those treasures and then will glad and generous hearts let us make our offerings to God.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

NOVEMBER 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <p>2 9:00am Hand Bell Practice
10:00am AA Meeting</p> <p>3 1:00pm Discerning Our Directions Team</p> <p>4 6:00pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>5 6:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Publicity & Promotions Team</p> <p>6 6:00pm Boy Scouts
6:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7 6:00pm Scouts Roundtable
6:00pm Disciple II Study</p> <p>8 10:00am Feeder of the Pack
7:00pm Daisy Troop</p> <p>9 7:30am UMM Breakfast
9:00am Hand Bell Practice
10:00am AA Meeting</p> <p>10 5:00pm Youth Groups</p> <p>11 1:00pm Nurture & Care Team</p> <p>12 12:00pm Young at Heart
6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Finance Committee</p> <p>13 9:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Boy Scouts
6:00 pm Charge Conference
6:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm AA Meeting</p> <p>14 4:30pm Girl Scouts
6:00pm Disciple II Study</p> | <p>16 9:00am Hand Bell Practice
10:00 am AA Meeting</p> <p>17 11:15am Hospitality Team</p> <p>18 12:00pm Compass Deadline
6:00pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>19 6:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>20 6:00pm Boy Scouts
6:00pm Choir Practice
6:30pm Youth Advisors Meeting
7:00pm AA Meeting</p> <p>21 6:00pm Disciple II</p> <p>22 6:00pm Scrapbook & Scripture Workshop
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Daisy Troop</p> <p>23 9:00am Hand Bell Practice
10:00am AA Meeting</p> <p>24 12:00pm Our Neighbor's Table-Community Meal
5:00pm Thanksgiving Potluck</p> <p>25 6:00pm Create A Card Workshop</p> <p>26 6:00pm Church Council
6:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>27 6:00pm Boy Scouts
6:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm AA Meeting</p> <p>28 Thanksgiving-Church office Closed</p> <p>30 9:00am Hand Bell Practice
10:00am AA Meeting</p> |
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2013				NOVEMBER		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30



ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 3rd we celebrate All Saints Day in our morning service. We honor those loved ones who 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 death.



From Your Welcome Hostesses...

I think *welcome* is one of the most Christ-like words we can speak to each other.

And yet, how rarely this happens. This word is shriveling because of disuse. How rarely do people stop in their busyness to greet one another, to chat on the block, to have a cup of coffee and talk about their day. How infrequently we inquire as to strangers' names, ask questions that indicate interest in their lives and families. How wonderfully rare it is when someone whispers, "I haven't seen you for so long, I missed you." How marvelous to hear, "You always make our times together special." We must learn to give to one another the words are welcome.

Karen Burton Mains



We would like to thank our caring and loving church family for the many, many prayers, thoughts, cards, food and wishes. It was all greatly appreciated. It was so comforting to know that so many people cared. A special thanks to Pastor Larry and Pastor Earl for the visits and beautiful and uplifting prayers when I needed them the most. Each deed was an act of kindness.

Thanks, our love to all.

JOAN & RALPH BASTIEN



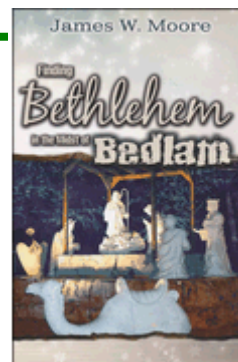
"Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" begins

December 1, Faithful Friends Class

8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.; Room 204

Teresa Gilbert, Class Leader, Teresa@teresagilbert.com

WOMEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME



THE LIBRARY CORNER: GETTING TO FAITH



How do people get to a faith that saves and sustains them through all of their years? This is a big question, and one that is asked in various ways over and over again. Books featured this month address this issue—faith worked out in the lives of real people. Check out Thelma Pierson’s recommendation below and then the review of a book called, appropriately, “Have a Little Faith.”

Thelma Pierson recommends two resources in our church library:

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, a biography of Louis Zamperini, who was an Olympic runner and a prisoner of war in Japan. This was an eye-opening book concerning World War II POWs, and it was also inspiring. His courage and his religious experience were moving and powerful.

The William Barclay **Daily Study Bible series**, particularly the volumes that discuss the letters of Paul. Paul’s words are often beautiful, such as this quote on faith: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1) but often his letters are also deep and complex. See the **Daily Bible Study series** for helpful information.

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom is the story of two very different, but very open and faith filled people. One is Albom’s old rabbi, “Reb,” who startles and shakes up Albom by asking him to give the eulogy when the rabbi dies. The other person is Henry Covington—a one time serious criminal, convict, drug user, and then, miraculously, almost unbelievably, the inspired leader of the “I Am My Brother’s Keeper Ministries” in Detroit.

As Albom interviews Reb about his life and faith, and as he also finds out more about Henry and his ministry to the homeless and the hopeless, Albom finds himself coming to a deeper understanding of his own faith, and of the connections that can bind together even people of different faith traditions.

Albom’s inquiry into faith, as it is worked out in the lives of others, is an interesting journey for him and for the reader. It is also a surprising one. Albom’s rabbi’s request gives him an insight about ways faith can work in people’s lives.

ALBOM SAYS: *And as is often the case with faith, I thought I was being asked a favor, when in fact I was being given one.*

We’re on the Map!

What map? **THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** map, that’s what. We are listed on the website www.littlefreelibrary.org. You can look it up. Go to the website, click on “map,” and go from there. If you do, you’ll be able to confirm a little known fact: Trina Eaton is officially Steward #5564! When you see her, congratulate her!

YOUTH CALENDAR

Nov. 10: Youth Meeting at 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving All Church Potluck

- *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



Welcome, youth!



Check out MUMC YOUTH GROUPS on Facebook!



Feeder of the Pack Celebrates One Year Anniversary

November 1, 2013 marks *Feeder of the Pack* Pet Food Pantry's first year in operation.



MUMC partners with Murphysboro Food Pantry to distribute dog and cat food to families in need so their pets don't go hungry or become abandoned. Our goal continues to be "giving hungry pets a healthy future."

We operate completely on donations and through volunteers. We have 15-20 volunteers who gather monthly in our fellowship hall to bag over 600 gallon bags of food for monthly distribution from the Food Pantry. To date, we have given nearly 7000 bags of dog and cat food to people in need from our community.



Feeder of the Pack would like to thank each one of you who has been a part of this ministry through your time, your money or your prayers. We could not continue this ministry without you.

Young at Heart

November 12th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

MENU

- Ham
- Sweet Potatoes
- Corn
- Apple Salad
- Pumpkin Cake

PROGRAM

Dr. Bill Doerr
Divesting of family assets in advance





Saturday Book Club

November 16th at 10:30 Church Library

Next book is:

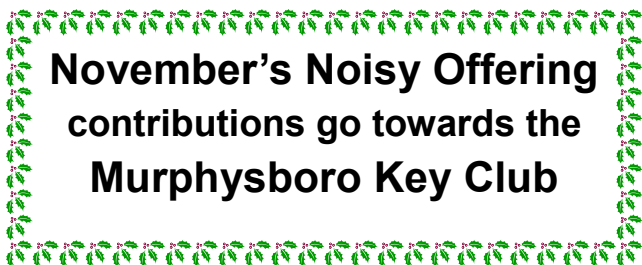
"The Clan of the Cave Bear" by Jean M. Auel

Anyone is welcome to join the group!

Contact Emily Hargraves at 559-0329 or ewece88@gmail.com for more information.

"This novel of awesome beauty and power is a moving saga about people, relationships, and the boundaries of love. Through Jean M. Auel's magnificent storytelling we are taken back to the dawn of modern humans, and with a girl named Ayla we are swept up in the harsh and beautiful Ice Age world they shared with the ones who called themselves the **Clan of the Cave Bear**."

ANYONE is WELCOME to READ and JOIN the DISCUSSION



November's Noisy Offering contributions go towards the Murphysboro Key Club

OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON

METHODIST MEN'S BANQUET

SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2013

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Speaker: SIU Hall of Famer Joel Sambursky

His twitter account states: I am a follower of Christ, husband, father, President of Liberty Wealth Management, former Saluki quarterback, and radio color commentator for SIU football.

Tickets will be \$12.00 and are available at the church office or from Jay Graff, jgraff4@yahoo.com

Cards for a Cure



Do you ever dine out at Panera, Steak & Shake, Cracker Barrel or Chili's? Do you ever buy a book from Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble? Do you purchase home repair items at Lowe's, Sears, or Home Depot? Do you ever put gift cards in a Christmas or birthday card?

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions, you can help raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life team is selling gift cards again this year to raise money to help in the fight against cancer. It is a battle all of us have seen loved ones, friends and co-workers fight. You may have fought the battle yourself.

For every gift card that we sell, the companies will give us a percentage of the sale. For example, if you give us \$10, we will give you a gift card for \$10. The business will donate a percentage back to our team.

The purchase of gift cards is an easy way to jump-start your Christmas shopping and at the same time help raise money for the battle against cancer.

You may contact any Relay team member for information or mail your order form to Wilma Westerfield at 303 South Pecan Street, DeSoto, IL, 62924.

If you do not make it to church to receive an order blank in the bulletin, send an email to wmwcof@frontier.com and we will be glad to send you one.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO A TEAM MEMBER BY NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Sunday Stewards



Rick Runge
rrunge@frontier.com

Everett Blackwell
Troy Brown
Ron Kiser
Bill McNitt
Marty McNitt
Gene Schwebel

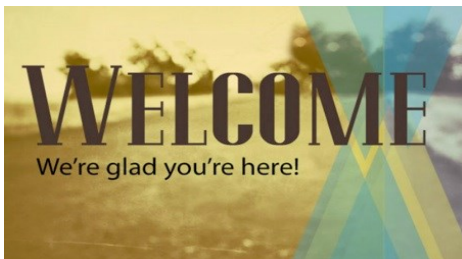


Todd Doody—Captain
James Bean
Jay Graff
Kyle Hargraves
Jennifer Watson
London Watson

November Church Leaders



November 3
Aiden McNitt & Ben Barringer
November 10
Maddie Bean & Caitlin Doody
November 17
Alex Baughman & Ethan Finke
November 24
Tyler Doody & Ryan Finke



November 3 & 10
Sharon Graff
Pam Crews
November 17 & 24
Kay Bozarth
Kathy Bratton



November 3
Emily Hargraves
November 10
Adreienne Will
November 17
Wilma Westerfield
November 24
Kristi Miller





MUMC ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

In an effort to assist our growing church family with their announcements, the Publicity and Promotions Team developed some guidelines that should help to make the process for the Sunday morning announcements, along with items for the bulletin, more efficient for all involved.



Sunday Morning Announcements

- Announcements should be e-mailed to the Worship Leader, with a copy to the Church office, by 11:00 a.m. on Friday. The names and email addresses of the Worship Leaders will be printed in the Compass monthly.
- In *emergency situations*, announcements must be hand-delivered to the Worship Leader no later than 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.
- The Worship Leader has the right to edit announcements as necessary, especially if it is particularly lengthy or there are numerous announcements on a given Sunday.
- The Worship Leader will make the announcement no more than two times, unless an exception is approved by the Publicity and Promotions Team in advance.
- Announcements will be made by the Worship Leader. Pastor will make announcements on an exception basis when an item warrants special emphasis. These exceptions should be submitted to the Publicity and Promotions Team for prior approval.



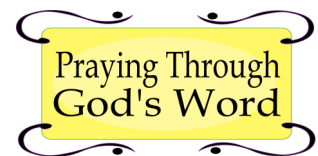
Bulletin

- Announcements may be printed in the Bulletin, in detail (with graphics, if requested), twice. After the second time, the announcement may be listed as an upcoming event.

Requests for exceptions to these guidelines should be submitted in writing to the Publicity and Promotion Team, at promotions@murphysboroumc.com

HANGING OF THE GREEN Sunday December 1
 Early Afternoon Chancel Stewards & Assistants Decorate the Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. JYF and SYF decorate the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Light potluck (sandwiches & finger foods)
 Everyone welcome--even if you don't decorate!
 5:45 p.m. Christmas carols in the sanctuary--

**Let's kick off the Christmas season
 & enjoy the decorated sanctuary!**



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



Here is the story about our **Young At Heart** trip on October 12.....

CRUISING UP THE RIVER Not really, because we were in the church van and Martin & Kathryn Twenhafel's auto.

Our first stop in the Shawnee National Forest was that wonderful retreat center, San Damiano, on the banks of the Ohio. It was the first visit for most of our group. We were impressed with the art, the horses reaching toward the sky, the beautiful chapel. The gift shop was great.

People go to this center, Protestants and Roman Catholics, for a weekend or a few days during the week. There are nice cabins overlooking the Ohio River. Meals are provided in the dining area. Pastor Earl gave a devotion as we overlooked the river.

Next we went to Elizabethtown, also called E-Town. There are 350 in the small community, beautiful old homes, and two hotels from the 19th century overlooking the river. The most spectacular is the Grand Rose Hotel, a bed and breakfast, that originally opened prior to the Civil War in 1830.

A beautiful white gazebo is on a great rock at the riverside. But we were there to eat fish. At the E-Town River Restaurant, a floating restaurant about 50 feet off shore. The catfish and shrimp were excellent. This leisurely lunch was enjoyed by all of the group.

We made arrangements in advance to greet Janice Threw at her new church, First United Methodist Church of Golconda. This is not a dying small town church. It was great to be with her and hear of the growth of that church. They are now up to 70 in worship. Earl asked Janice what she misses about Murphysboro? "I miss the church and the people in the church and community." We sense she has brought a new "spark" to that church.

One more stop to report...we had to stop at The Chocolate Factory! Earl and Jim Rendleman caused Twenhafel's and company to get lost out of Golconda. But Kathryn/Martin got back on the right road to enjoy the ice cream/chocolate, etc....of course.....
By Earl Renshaw



ALL CHURCH



THANKSGIVING

POTLUCK

Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall

- ◆ Includes entertainment
you won't want to miss this event!
- ◆ Church provides meat and drinks
- ◆ Bring a side dish of vegetables, salad or dessert
- ◆ Contact Rob Williams at 521-8633 or the church office at 687-2317 if you would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast or ham
- ◆ Please contact Rosie Wece at 559-8167 if you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner.

PLEASE COME ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

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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.

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We're On The Web!
www.MurphysboroUMC.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 Secretary.....Mimi Rice
 Custodian.....Pat Sullivan
 Organist.....Micah Mayes
 Choir Director.....Ricardo King
 Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz

November

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1st- Larry & Teresa Gilbert
- 17th- Paul & Arlene Bitner
Jerry & Kristi Miller
- 18th - Hal & Barbara Zimmerman
- 21st - Jim & Julie Peterson
- 22nd - Brad & MaryAnn Hinchcliff
- 25th - Wes & Adrienne Will
- 27th - Gary & Gloria Likins



Birthdays of the Month

2	Kathy Blackwell	15	Cindy Johnson
	Cole Fletcher		16
4	Caroline Pederson	18	Kristen Biggs
	Kay Lirely	19	Greg Schuh
	Clifton Swafford	22	Pat Porter
	Lucas Bigham		Pam Graham
5	Robert Frank	25	Earl Renshaw
6	Bailey Melvin	26	Tabitha Lirely
10	Arthur Porter		Kathryn Twenhafel
	Rob Williams		Russell Schirmer
11	Liam Guthman	28	Janice Threw
	12	Julie Erbes	29
12	Dave Auxier	30	Elias Warren
	13		Jonas Schaldemose

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