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Wednesday Prayer Group

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

Praying Through
God's Word

WEEKLY BULLETIN

DEADLINE

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I write, the temperature has edged up into the 60's and everyone is beginning to talk about spring. I generally enjoy winter, but even I must admit I am about ready for this one to be over. As I consider this change in season, I am reminded of another season change which is also just around the corner - the beginning of the season of Lent in the church.

Ash Wednesday is March 5 and we will be holding our Ash Wednesday service that evening at 7pm. This will officially begin the season of Lent, a season which holds both the lows of death and suffering, with the joys of praise and triumph. It is a season which invites us to consider not only the wonderful gift of our relationship with God, but the tremendous cost of that gift paid by Jesus in sacrifice and disgrace.

In so many ways Lent is a season of contrast, helping us to experience the fullness of the God we worship. A God so powerful as to raise Jesus from the dead but also so personal that Jesus would live among us as a man. A God so humble as to wash his disciples' feet and yet so dynamic as to drive moneychangers from the Temple with a whip.

As we travel the trail of Lent together, I encourage you to step into the dark valleys of the soul in order to experience the glorious light of the mountaintop. It will help you truly experience the words of the apostle Paul who writes in Ephesians: 3:18-19, "... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge."

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

MARCH 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	9:00 a.m.	Hand bell Choir	18	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.		6:30 p.m.	Launch Team
3	5:30 p.m.	Relay for Life	19	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study		6:45 p.m.,	Newcomers
4	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts		7:00 p.m.	A.A.
5	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice		7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	20	6:00 p.m.	Not A Fan Book Study
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	21	3:30 p.m.	Dare to Share Youth Conf.
	7:00 p.m.	A.A.		6:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon		7:30 p.m.	Brownies
6	5:30 p.m.	Women's Prayer Planning	22	9:00 a.m.	Hand Bell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts Round Table		10:00 a.m.	A.A.
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II	23	12:00 p.m.	D.O.D.
7	8:30 a.m.	Adult Spiritual Formation		3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Planning		5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Daisy Troup 8225	24	6:00 p.m.	Unglued Book Study
	7:30 p.m.	Brownies		7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study
8	7:30 a.m.	Methodist Men Breakfast	25	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Formation		6:30 p.m.	Church Council
	9:00 a.m.	Hand Bell Choir	26	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9	11:15 a.m.	Staff/Parrish		6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Team
	3:00 p.m.	New Member Orientation		7:00 p.m.	A.A.
	4:00 p.m.	Night In Italy Planning Comm.		7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group	27	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
10	1:00 p.m.	Nurture and Care		6:00 p.m.	Not A Fan Book Study
	6:00 p.m.	Unglued Book Study	28	6:00 p.m.	Couples Date Night
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study	29	9:00 a.m.	Hand Bell Choir
11	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart		10:00 a.m.	A.A.
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	30	12:00 p.m.	Our Neighbor's Table
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts		2:00 p.m.	Becoming Invitational
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	31	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study
12	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting			
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice			
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A.			
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon			
	7:00 p.m.	Publicity and Promotion			
13	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts			
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II			
14	10:00 a.m.	Feeder of the Pack			
15	9:00 a.m.	Hand Bell Choir			
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.			
	10:30 a.m.	Book Club			
16	11:00 a.m.	Adult Mission Trip Info			
	11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Team			
	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class			
17		Meals on Wheels this week			
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study			

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April 6, 2014

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner will be Served at 6:00pm

A Night In Italy

Fine Dining at La Bella Luna

Sponsored by High School
⑆

Cost of ticket is
\$20.00 per person

Babysitting Provided

Middle School Youth

La Bella Luna

Menu

Pasta House Salad

Spinach or Cheese Pasta Shells

with

Red or White Sauce

Mosaic Salad

Choice of Italian Desserts

Such as:

Tiramisu

Italian Cream Cake

Spumoni Ice Cream

Tickets Go On Sale March 9th In The Fellowship Hall

Only 60 Tickets For Sale So Get Yours On The 9th!



The Library Corner: Bound for Easter

Easter. It is the most joyous and triumphant day of the Christian year. But the path to Easter — to the resurrection — was an incredibly hard path for Jesus. Because we know the glorious end of the story, what happens before that end—the opposition of religious leaders, the fickleness of the people, the lack of understanding of the disciples, rejection, beating—may not seem as real to us.

Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and meditation. The library has resources that can help make the path to the cross and beyond both more understandable and more real. Here are some of the resources that can make your own journey to Easter deeper and more meaningful:

And the Angels Were Silent, the Final Week of Jesus by Max Lucado. Lucado says: "Feel his passion . . . Sense his power . . . Hear his promise . . . Let's follow Jesus on his final journey. For by observing his, we may learn how to make ours."

Preparing My Heart for Easter, a Woman's Journey to the Cross and Beyond by Ann Marie Stewart. As an actor in a community passion play, Stewart had an opportunity to play the roles of several of the devoted women who followed Christ. Stewart looks at the journeys of these women, and how Jesus changed their lives, and invites women to realize how the stories of Jesus' followers can change lives today.

24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton. Those 24 hours start with Jesus and disciples in the Upper Room for the Last Supper, and follow him through the next hours to his death on the cross. The final chapter is "Christ the Victor". Hamilton writes with great thoughtfulness and spiritual insight, as well as a knowledge of historical detail that brings it all to life for us.

In Remembrance, their Last Supper Together (DVD) This DVD is from Grace Products, and it was made in association with the Walk to Emmaus. It is a close look at Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. This film was shown as part of the Walk to Emmaus experience until a year or so ago. Now it has been released for others to see. The disciples are brought to life in all their humanness, which is to say they are not perfect! Every time we have communion we are remembering the Last Supper. Watching this DVD will make it more real for you than ever.

Look for these and other resources related to Jesus' life in the library downstairs and on the library table in the upstairs hall. If you have questions about these or other materials in the library talk with Trina Eaton, Candy Watt, or Susan Patterson.

NEW BABY IN YOUR FAMILY -

The Nurture and Care Committee and the Library Committee, representing your church family, would like to celebrate with you the arrival of a new child or grandchild. There will be a rose and a book for your baby on the altar and a prayer blanket will be passed through the congregation to initiate prayers for your precious little one. Please contact the Church office or Lynn Pierson (684-3601) with details.





Handbags for Hope BRUNCH



Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:30 a.m. at Murphysboro Elks (Doors open at 8:30)

As Clairee in *Steel Magnolias* states “The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to ACCESSORIZE.”

Invite your Mom, Sisters, Daughters and Besties for a fun-filled **Girls’ Day Out** beginning with brunch and followed by a handbag auction!

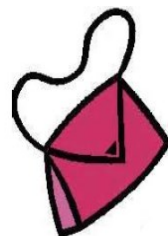
Admission:

\$15.00 PLUS a Gently Used or New Handbag
or Table of 8 for \$100 / Table for 6 for \$75 -- PLUS Handbags

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT SHARON AT 618-303-2489 OR WILMA AT 618-534-1061,
OR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICE AT 618-687-2317
(located at 1500 Pine Street in Murphysboro).

- ♥ Brunch Catered by Heartland Catering of Murphysboro
- ♥ Handbag Auction Conducted by Canning Auction Service
- ♥ All proceeds will be donated to *Murphysboro Relay For Life*



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) at MUMC
about Early and Late Services**

With planning and preparation for an additional worship service come a lot of questions. Here are several questions - with answers - that we've encountered so far. This list will continue to grow as time draws near, which is all part of the process as we celebrate and grow together!

- **Will there be changes to the early service?**
No, the early service will remain the same with the exception of a change in attendance. Early service will remain at 9 and Sunday school at 10:10. The late service will probably begin at 11:15.
- **Will style of early service change?**
No changes will take place beyond the tweaking that the worship team does on a regular basis to make sure that the worship experience is the best it can be. The early service will continue to sing from the hymnal, enjoy the Chancel and Hand bell Choirs, and special music.
- **Will technology ever be used in the early service?**
Yes, announcements before the service begins and scripture readings will be projected on the screens so everyone can see them. Sometimes, video clips or slides to support sermon topics will also be used.
- **Will Pastor Larry be preaching at the late service?**
Pastor Larry will be preaching and delivering the same sermon at both services.
- **What will the style and music of the late service be like?**
The environment will be more casual. Pastor will not wear a suit and tie. Live praise and contemporary music will be led and sung by a worship team. There will not be as much liturgy. The service will last about an hour.
- **Will there be separate servers in each service?**
Yes, it is anticipated that separate acolytes, greeters, ushers, hostesses, etc. will be needed.
- **Will communion be served at both services in the same way?**
Communion will be served on the same schedule at both services. Communion will be by intinction at the late service with the opportunity for prayer at the communion rail if you desire. With an adjustment in attendance, it is anticipated that the communion rail will be used in the early service.
- **Will there be Children's Church?**
At this time it is not planned to have Children's Church at the late service.
- **How will Sunday School be affected?**
The Sunday School program will grow to accommodate new attendees.



March 5th
at
7:00pm

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar. Occurring 46 days before Easter, it is a moveable fast that can fall as early as February 4 and as late as March 10.

According to the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this 40-day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or abstinence. Of the 46 days until Easter, six are Sundays. As the Christian Sabbath, Sundays are not included in the fasting period and are instead "feast" days during Lent.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Attention Couples Date Night is BACK!

March 28th 6 p.m. Bandanas in Carbondale.

Sign-up on the attendance pad.

Prizes for the best western attire!
(contest optional)



*Save
The Date*

"*Uncomplicated Life in Christ*" is the theme for the Women's Prayer Breakfast which will be held on Saturday, **May 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendar and plan to attend this inspirational time of fellowship, prayer, music and a light breakfast. Child care will be provided during the event.

Contact Rosie Wece at [618-687-3309](tel:618-687-3309) or gwece@wecefarms if you need more information.

The Women's Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Formation Team.

Worship Leader

Ed O'Donnell - eod@edodonnell.com

Acolytes

- March 2** - Drake Rogus & Conner Twenhafel
- March 9** - Caitlin Doody & Maddie Bean
- March 16** - Ben Barringer and Ethan Finke
- March 23** - Tyler Doody & Aiden McNitt
- March 30** - Alex Baughman & Ryan Finke

Sunday Stewards

Everett Blackwell, Troy Brown, Gene Schwebel

Welcome Hostesses

- March 2 & 9** - Kathy Blackwell & Laurie Nehring
- March 16 & 23** - Sandy Herring & Adrienne Will
- March 30** - Erin Mileur & Carolyn Ozburn

Prayer Request Readers

- March 2** - Wilma Westerfield
- March 9** - Kristi Miller
- March 16** - Mary Jane Williams
- March 23** - Emily Hargraves
- March 30** - Adrienne Will

Greeters

- March 2** - Rosie Wece and Family
- March 9** - Rosie Wece and Family
- March 16** - Rosie Wece and Family
- March 23** - Rosie Wece and Family
- March 30** - Rosie Wece and Family

Liturgists

- March 2** - Mary Slider
- March 9** - Bill Slider
- March 16** - Judy Little
- March 23** - Paula Chapa
- March 30** - Emma Bigham

Ushers

Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, Erin Mileur, Kyle Quigley, Rick Runge, Mark Twenhafel



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

Have you ever thought about going on a Mission Trip?



Adult Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement June 8-14, 2014

Henderson Settlement is a United Methodist missions camp in Frakes, Kentucky with volunteer opportunities too numerous to list. We are planning an Adult Mission trip to Henderson June 8-14, 2014.

- Cost per person: \$350
- \$100 - due now to hold spot
- \$100- due March 16th
- \$250 - due April 1st



We must have a final count and all money turned in by April 1. There are no refunds. We are responsible for all registrants even if they do not participate.

We plan to arrive by 7pm on Sunday June 8th for the orientation. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are work days. Wednesday is a free day. There are morning devotionals and evening programs each day. We should know what our project is prior to arriving. All supplies and



If you are interested in a mission trip please come learn more about MUMC's trip to Henderson Settlement. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, March 16th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall (right after Sunday school). Contact Trina Eaton for questions, trina.eaton1@gmail.com





Church Yard Sale

Start saving your stuff now for the annual yard sale which will be near the end of July. Proceeds from the sale will be disbursed by the Missions and Service Committee. Storage can be made available by calling Rob Williams or Lynn Pierson

Are you a fan or admirer of Jesus Christ?
Find out in this video book study by Kyle Idleman if you are a fan or follower.
Led by Troy Brown & Jennifer O'Donnell.

NOT A FAN

Begins Thursday evenings
March 20th – May 1st (no meeting Maundy Thursday) 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sign-up on the Attendance Pad in Worship or contact Jennifer (618)565-4166 or jennylee.odonnell@gmail.com
Books are \$9. (Please let us know if you already own it).

Happy Birthday

- 2 Jane Mitchell
- Paul Bitner
- 3 Drake Rogus
- Brian Bustos
- 6 Scarlett Pierson
- 7 Brandi Bitner
- 9 Gloria Likins
- Wilma Westerfield
- 10 Aaron Erbes
- Patty Thrailkill
- Sharon Medlen
- Bill Slider
- 12 Everett Blackwell
- Todd Lirely
- 13 Brad Fager
- Etta Mae Imhoff
- 14 Connie Boucher
- 15 Dianna Smith
- 16 Patrick Yates
- 18 Caitlin Doody
- 19 Marlene McGregor Gibbs
- Bill Martin
- Corey Zimmerman
- 25 Jacob Presley
- 28 John Carvell
- Ray Burroughs
- 31 Ada Heller
- Pete Pederson



- 1 - Steve & Kellee Ticer
- 11 - Rick & Scarlett Pierson
- 31 - Pete & Caroline Pederson

March Noisy Offering is going to the Murphysboro Food Pantry

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

Lenten Services at MUMC

- ◇ Ash Wednesday: March 5, 7 p.m.
- ◇ Maundy Thursday: April 17, 7 p.m.
- ◇ Good Friday Community Service: April 18 (time not yet known)
- ◇ Easter Events:
 - ◇ Sunrise Service: (time not yet known)
 - ◇ Boy Scout Breakfast: (to follow Sunrise Service)
 - ◇ Early Worship Service: 9 a.m.
 - ◇ Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt: 10:10 a.m.
 - ◇ Late Worship Service: 11:15

Please be reminded that the deadline for the Compass is the 20th of each month.



Saturday Book Club Meeting

March 15th at 10:30 a.m. Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com

We will be discussing "Divergent" by Veronica Roth. In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue--Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is--she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.



Welcome, youth!

Check out MUMC Youth Groups on Facebook!



March 9 – Youth Group - 5:00-6:30

A Night In Italy Tickets go on sale

March 21 & 22 - "Dare to Share" - High School Youth

March 23 - Youth Group - 5:00-6:30

April 6th - *A Night In Italy* Dinner

*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

*SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



March 11th

12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

MENU

Soup & Sandwiches

Soft Roll

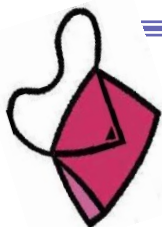
Carrot & Raisin Salad

Cherry Cheese Cake

\$5.00

PROGRAM

TBA



HANDBAGS FOR HOPE

Ladies, let's get ready to accessorize with Handbags for Hope. The Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life team will be holding a brunch on Saturday, April 5th at the Elks Club on Shomaker Drive in Murphysboro. The doors open at 8:30 for viewing and brunch will be served at 9:30 followed by a handbag auction. David Canning is the auctioneer as we bid on a wide array of new and gently-used purses.

The cost of admission is **\$15 and one purse**. The handbags can be gently-used or brand new; they can be vintage styles from the 40's and 50's or last month's latest style. They can be Chanel, Michael Kors, and Bagdley Mischka or Nine West, Karen Scott, or Simply Vera. There is no limit to what you may contribute. All we ask is that the bags are gently-used. All proceeds go to the Murphysboro Relay For Life event in the fight against cancer. Tables for eight (8) are \$100, and tables for six (6) may be purchased for \$75.

So put on your pearls and come join us for a fun-filled morning to help a good cause. Get your tickets in advance from any Methodists on a Mission team member. Tickets sold out last year, so get your order in early.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
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Return Service Requested

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966

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



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