

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

March 23, 2014

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 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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"The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

New to Murphysboro UMC?

We want to help you get connected!

Welcome Center:

Come visit the Welcome Center following the service today. The Welcome Center is located just outside the north sanctuary doors. We have a "sweet" gift for you and we would love to meet you!

Newcomers Reception:

Approximately once per quarter we will host a Newcomers Reception, at which Pastor Larry will be present to meet and share information with the newcomers. At that same event, we will offer a church tour and brief orientation to the ministries of our church.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. If you prefer, a nursery for children ages infant through three-years-old is available during both the worship and Sunday School hours.

THE NURSERY is located in Room 201, just outside the north sanctuary doors.

Children who desire, ages 3 through grade 3, will be dismissed for CHILDREN'S CHURCH in Room 205, following the Pastoral Prayer.



Celebration of Worship

March 23, 2014—Third Sunday of Lent
 Lent—Purple

Call to Worship

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Congregational Chorus

"Something Beautiful" Hymnal #394

The Greeting

Sharing of Parish Opportunities and Attendance Ritual

Please fill out the prayer request cards, if needed, located in the pew Bibles and hand them to the ushers after the Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting.

Prelude

"Adagio" by Arcangelo Corelli

Please begin a time of quiet centering for worship when the music begins

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs 1, 4, 5) Hymnal #139

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in March will go to the **Murphysboro Food Pantry**

Invocation

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting

If due to health concerns, you are unable to stand and share in this time of greeting, please know that our hearts are yours in Christ Jesus.

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Lenten Reflection

Special Music

Solo by Vincent Hale

Children's Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Andante" by Georg Philipp Telemann

++Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs 1, 2, 4) Hymnal #298

Offering of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
 kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Scripture

Holy Bible (in pew)

Psalm 84:1-4 & 10-12 Old Testament p. 543

I Corinthians 12:4-12 New Testament p.174

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Gifts for Service" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

++Commitment Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" Hymnal #399

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude

"Praise Ye the Father" by Charles F. Gounod

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

Today's Worship

Greeters: Rosie Wece and Family
Liturgist: Judy Little
Organist: Micah Mayes
Worship Leader: Ed O'Donnell
Prayer Request Reader: Emily Hargraves
Acolytes: Aiden McNitt and Tyler Doody
Welcome Hostesses: Adrienne Will and Sandy Herring
Sunday Stewards: Gene Schwebel, Troy Brown, Everett Blackwell
Ushers: Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Erin Mileur, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Mark Twenhafel
Credentialed Nursery Teacher: Tania Cruz
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring Harold W Blacklock

Stewardship & Attendance for March 16, 2014

Offering: \$6,995.50 Worship: 188 Sunday School: 123

Next Sunday -- March 30, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Workshop: "Becoming Invitational," It's Easier Than You Think
Did you know:

- 89% of all new people who attend our church, and return, come with a friend
- 82% of people not connected to a church are somewhat likely to attend if invited
- 2% of a typical congregation say they have invited someone in the past year

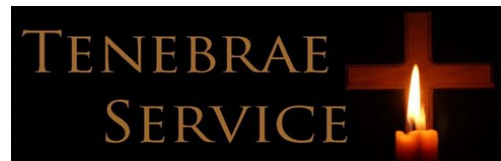
How can we be part of helping our church grow?
Learn how easy it is to become more invitational.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Mike Crawford, Coordinator of Congregational Development

Date/Location: Sunday, March 30, 3:00—6:30 p.m., MUMC Fellowship Hall

For Whom: Anyone willing to learn how to invite others to church

Sign up on the attendance pad no later than March 23rd, and let's become a more invitational congregation!



Don't Miss the Maundy Thursday Service

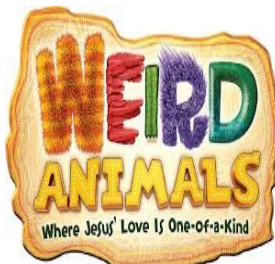
Thursday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m.

Look at all that's happening to help us celebrate this amazing event:

- Chancel Choir will sing
- Hand Bell Choir will play
- Lifted Hands presentation by youth
- Lenten readers lead Tenebrae Service*
- Late Service Worship Team will lead our music
- Ricardo King will share a solo
- Congregation will worship and sing together!

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to worship Christ the King and give thanks for all God has given!!

*What is Tenebrae? Means 'service of shadows,' where candles are gradually extinguished until all is dark.



SAVE THE DATE PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Vacation Bible School is
July 13th-17th, 2014.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, contact
Emily Hargraves at ehargraves88@gmail.com
or 618-559-0329.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, March 24, 2014

6:00 p.m. Unglued Study in Faithful Friends Rm 204
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall Rm 104
6:30 p.m. Church Council in Chapel

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

5:45 p.m. Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall Rm 104
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Team in Chapel Rm 202
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room (open mtg) Rm 110
7:00 p.m. AA/AL in Passages Rm 108

Thursday, March 27, 2014

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Rm 104
6:00 p.m. *Not a Fan* Study in Faithful Friends Rm 204

Saturday, March 29, 2014

9:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice in Balcony
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages (closed mtg) Rm 108

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Noon Our Neighbor's Table in Fellowship Hall Rm 104
3:00 p.m. Becoming Invitational in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

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



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt preparations have begun. Ways the congregation can help include bringing in bags of candy or toys for filling eggs, plastic eggs already filled with candy and toys, or take a bag of empty eggs from the bucket in the Welcome Center to fill at home and bring back by Palm Sunday. Any questions see Lacey Brown or Diane Schingel.

Greetings Bakers!

Our dessert for the March 30th Neighbor's Table includes cookies. We'd like to have 10 to 12 dozen available. Please let Clara Kiser know if you want to provide some by writing to pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com or calling 687-2235. Please let us know if the cookies you bake include nuts. And if one or two of you want to make sugar-free varieties, that's even better. Thanks for all you do.



Our Neighbor's Table Team

Prayer List

Viola Buchholz	Myrtle McKinnie	Josh Nelson
Elene Swafford	Rick McLaskey	Ed Lirely
Dan Watson	Patsy Springs	Phyllis Sides
David Hines	Rhonda Guisti	Ada Heller

- ♦ Sandra & Keith Flynt
- ♦ Linda Rozich, sister-in-law of Gene Schwebel, who is battling cancer
- ♦ Tom Vestal, related to cancer and other health concerns.
- ♦ Judy Jo Graff Phillips and David Hallman, cousins of Dick and Sharon Graff, who are having health concerns
- ♦ Family of Sue Congiardo who passed away

We welcome all prayer requests for publication. Please remember to advise the church office when requests should be removed from the Prayer List. Thank you!

- ~ If you would like to place or remove someone on the prayer list, please call the church office at 687-2317 or send an email to murphysboroumc@frontier.com
- ~ Copies of the long-term and ongoing prayer list are on the bulletin table for those who wish a copy for their prayer time at home.

Wednesday Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room.
Intercessory prayer for the joys and concerns of our church family, community and the world.

Prayer Emphasis for March is the Murphysboro Food Pantry.
Please include this in your daily prayers.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BOWLING AT SI BOWL

Friday, March 28th, 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Bus departs church at 5:30 p.m.

and returns at 8:30 p.m.

Sign up with Laurie Nehring by paying \$2 by **TODAY**.

BRING A FRIEND!



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

March 23 *Youth Group Meetings 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
March 28 JYF Bowling at SI Bowl 5:30—8:30 p.m.

- *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)
- *Youth meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month