

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
 METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**March 30, 2014**

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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 30, 2014—Fourth 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**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp" Hymnal #601

**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**

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise**

"Standing on the Promises" (vs 1, 2, 4) Hymnal #374

**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 Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control, that we may live in the Spirit and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. Help us so to keep the fast that you have chosen, that we may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free; through the grace of Christ Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. 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**

**Chancel Choir**

"God So Loved the World" by John Stainer

**Children's Moments**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**++Doxology**

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

**Hymn**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Hymnal #297

**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)*

Luke 15:16-21 New Testament p. 78

Exodus 21:15-17 Old Testament p. 67

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"Letting the Word Speak" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**++Commitment Hymn**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vs 1, 2, 3) Hymnal #420

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**Benediction**

**++Postlude**

**++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

**Today's Worship**

**Greeters:** Rosie Wece and Family  
**Liturgist:** Emma Bigham  
**Organist:** Micah Mayes  
**Worship Leader:** Ed O'Donnell  
**Prayer Request Reader:** Adrienne Will  
**Acolytes:** Alex Baughman and Ryan Finke  
**Welcome Hostesses:** Carolyn Ozburn and Thelma Pierson  
**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 James L. Watkins*

**Stewardship & Attendance for March 23, 2014**

Offering: Worship: 215 Sunday School: 133

Workshop: **"Becoming Invitational," It's Easier Than You Think TODAY, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

Even if you have not yet signed up, there is still time. Sign up on the attendance pad today, and let's become a more invitational congregation!



**Don't Miss the Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!!

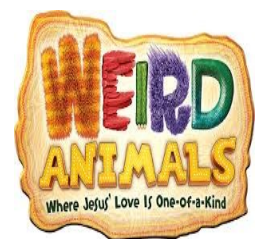
\*What is Tenebrae? Means 'service of shadows,' where candles are gradually extinguished until all is dark.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Tuesday, April 8th  
At noon in the Fellowship Hall

Program is Teresa Ewell, a certified evaluator of antiques. Members of Young At Heart as well as anyone else wishing to do so are invited to bring one antique to luncheon for a free evaluation.

Menu: Chicken casserole, broccoli and cheese, lemon cake and rolls—\$5.00. Please check the box on the Registration & Attendance Sheet if you plan to attend.



**SAVE THE DATES, PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS!**

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

VBS Planning Meeting:

Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in the Chapel

For those interested in helping with VBS- no commitment to help during the week of VBS required.

THE TWO ROSES ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE IN MEMORY OF ANABEL SAUER, MOTHER OF GEORGE SAUER, AND GEORGE ALVIS, UNCLE OF TONYA WALKER



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Monday, March 31, 2014**

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

6:30 p.m. Late Service Launch Team in Annex

**Wednesday, April 2 2014**

9:15 a.m. PAT Meeting

5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room (open mtg) Rm 110

7:00 p.m. AA/AL in Passages Rm 108

7:00 p.m. CYSF Meeting in Chapel Rm 202

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Scouts Roundtable in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

6:00 p.m. *Not a Fan* Study in Faithful Friends Rm 204

**Friday, April 4, 2014**

8:30 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation in Chapel Rm 202

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

9:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice in Balcony

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages (closed mtg) Rm 108

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**

2:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Rehearsal in Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. "Evening in Italy" in Fellowship Hall

We keep an updated CHURCH CALENDAR on our website at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)



**HANDBAGS FOR HOPE BRUNCH**

Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life team invites the ladies of the church to join them at their Handbags for Hope event on Saturday, April 5th, 9:30 a.m. at the Murphysboro Elks. This event is a brunch and handbag auction. Cost is \$15 and one new or gently used handbag. Please show your support by helping us raise money to win the fight against cancer. For tickets or info, see a team member: Wilma Westerfield, Sharon Jones, Kathy Ripley, Sharon Graff, Tena and Emma Bigham, Jennifer and Asia Watson, Lela Sternberg, and Nancy Fager.

**YOUR CHURCH OFFICE STANDS READY TO SERVE!**

To insure the correct handling of documents you drop off at the church office, please attach a note including any instructions, your name and contact information. Please place all incoming items in the "IN" box on right, front corner of desk. Thank you.



**Prayer List**

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|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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    |               |

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Lori Chapman, daughter-in-law of Paul and Debbie Chapman
- ♦ Family of Anabel Sauer who passed away

~ 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](mailto: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.

**The deadline to order Easter Lilies is Monday, April 7**



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.

**MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS INTEREST SURVEYS** are available at the exits today and also on the church website. Responses due: Sun., Apr. 13th. Drop boxes located at front foyer, Welcome Center and the basement.

**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

- April 13** \*Youth Group Meetings 5:00—6:30 p.m.
- April 27** \*Youth Group Meetings 5:00—6:30 p.m.
- \*CYF: Children's 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