



## 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!

Praying Through  
 God's Word

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

**COMPASS  
 DEADLINE**  
 3rd Monday  
 Or the 20th,  
 whichever  
 is later.



As the start of our additional worship experience draws closer, there are lots and lots of questions. Several individuals have worked to help develop the document below, which attempts to address the most common questions and just give a great deal of general information about the new worship service. I hope you find this information helpful. If you have a question which is not answered here, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email and I will attempt to provide an answer.

- **What will the attire be like at the later service?**  
 Just as for the early service, you should wear what you feel is comfortable and appropriate for a worship service.
- **Will the nursery be offered during the late service?**  
 Yes, the nursery will be available for your children.
- **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 and last 1 hour.
- **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?**  
 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.
- **When will the late service begin?**  
 It begins on Easter Sunday and the 3rd Sunday of every month there after until the weekly services begin Sept. 21st.

Your servant in Christ,  
*Larry*

**APRIL 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1	6:00pm	Cub Scouts	16	6:00pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30pm	Launch Team		7:00pm	AA Meeting
2	9:15am	PAT Meeting			Al-Anon Meeting
	5:45pm	Choir Practice	17	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts	18	12:00pm	Good Friday Comm. Service at First Baptist Church
	7:00pm	CYSF			Hand Bell Choir
		AA Meeting	19	9:00am	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting		10:00am	Book Club
3	6:00pm	Not A Fan Study		10:30am	Sunrise Service
		Scouts Round Table	20	6:30am	7:30am
4	8:30am	ASF		7:30am	Easter Breakfast
	5:00pm	Night in Italy set up		9:00am	Easter Early Service
5	8:30am	Emmaus Formation		11:15am	Easter Late Service
	9:00am	Hand Bell Choir	21		Meals on Wheels this week
	10:00am	AA Meeting		6:00pm	Girls Scouts
	4:30pm	Night in Italy set up		7:00pm	AA Big Book Study
6	2:00pm	Palm Sunday rehearsal	22	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	5:30pm	Night in Italy Dinner		6:30pm	Launch Team
7	5:30pm	Relay for Life	23	5:45pm	Choir Practice
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts		6:00pm	Boy Scouts
		Unglued Study		6:30pm	Youth Ministry Team
	7:00pm	AA Big Book Study		7:00pm	AA Meeting
8	12:00pm	Young at Heart			Al-Anon Meeting
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees	24	4:30pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts		6:00pm	Not A Fan Study
	7:00pm	Finance Committee	25	6:00pm	Daisy Troop
9	9:00am	Staff Meeting		7:30pm	Brownies
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts	26	9:00am	Hand Bell Choir
	6:30pm	Choir Practice at Grace Meth.		10:00am	AA Meeting
	7:00pm	Publicity & Promotion	27	12:00pm	Our Neighbor's Table
		AA Meeting		5:00pm	Youth Group
		Al-Anon Meeting	28	7:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting
10	4:30pm	Girl Scouts	29	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	6:00pm	Not A Fan Study	30	5:45pm	Choir Practice
11	9:00am	Women's Prayer Break. Mtg		6:00pm	Boy Scouts
	10:00am	Feeder of the Pack		7:00pm	AA Meeting
	6:00pm	Daisy Troop			Al-Anon Meeting
	7:30pm	Brownies			
12	7:30am	United Meth. Men Breakfast			
	9:00am	Handbell Choir Practice			
	10:00am	AA Meeting			
	2:00pm	Sue Congiardo Memorial Serv			
13	9:00am	Palm Sunday Service			
	2:00pm	Lifted Hands Practice			
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class			
	5:00pm	Youth Group			
14	1:00pm	Nurture & Care			
	7:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting			
15	5:30pm	Choir Practice			
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts			
	6:30pm	Maundy Thurs. Rehearsal			

**April 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Methodists on a Mission  
Relay For Life Team

Handbags for Hope  
BRUNCH

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



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Uncomplicated Life in Christ"

When: Saturday, May 3rd

Where: MUMC Fellowship Hall

Ticket price \$6.50 each

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

You won't want to miss this inspirational time of fellowship, prayer, music and a light breakfast.

Suggested ticket price is \$6.50 each.

Please contact Sandy Herring,

Child care will be provided during the event.



Saturday Book Club Meeting

April 19th at 10:30 a.m. Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com

Discussing "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks

"Once again, Geraldine Brooks takes a remarkable shard of history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure."



April 8th

12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

MENU

Chicken Casserole

Rolls

Broccoli & Cheese

Lemon Cake

\$5.00

PROGRAM

Teresa Ewell

A Certified Evaluator of Antiques

(Bring one antique item for her to evaluate at no cost)

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



Church Yard Sale

WRITING OUR FAITH MEMOIRS

A Mini-workshop led by Judy Little

Thursdays starting

May 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Faithfull Friends Class Room

A workshop to encourage listening to the spiritual movement of our lives

(decisions, actions, prayers, influences, blessings)

If you have ever considered writing your own personal faith story then please join us for meditation and writing.

Bring your Bible, pencils and note pad.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

July 13th-17th, 2014

If you are interested in helping, contact

Emily Hargraves

ehargraves88@gmail.com or 618-559-0329.

Please be reminded that the deadline for the Compass is the 21st of April.



Easter Sunday Nursery - 5th Grade During Sunday School



Candy needed for Easter Egg Hunt

- \* Plastic eggs are in the Welcome Center.
- \* You may take the eggs and fill them yourself or just leave the donated candy in the Welcome Center and volunteers will fill them.

Thank you for your help.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



Chicken & Dumplings Dinner with dessert & beverage

LAST SINDAY OF THE MONTH



**The Library Corner: To Heaven and Back**

We sing hymns about heaven. We think about heaven. We wonder what heaven will be like, but how can we know? There are some people who say they do know, and they give us personal accounts of their experiences of going to heaven and back. Fascinating? You bet! Here are three books narrating personal experiences, that we have in the library:

**Heaven is For Real: a Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back** by Todd Burpo

Todd Burpo is a pastor in a small town in Nebraska. After his four year old son Colton almost dies from a serious illness, Colton begins to tell his dad and mom about his visit to heaven, and his encounter with Jesus. Among other details, Colton emphatically affirms the love of Jesus for children.

**To Heaven and Back: a doctor's extraordinary account of her death, heaven, angels, and life again: a true story**

by Mary C. Neal

Mary Neal, an orthopedic surgeon, was kayaking in Chile when her kayak overturned and she was pinned underwater long enough to drown before her companions could rescue her. Neal describes her experience of heaven, and states that like patients of hers that have described their own experiences she had "an overwhelming sense of God's love and forgiveness", and also said she had no desire to return to earth. Needless to say this life changing experience really did change her life. She describes a life of gratitude, joy, and purpose.

**90 Minutes in Heaven** by Don Piper with Cecil Murphy Piper was also in an accident. He is a Baptist minister who was driving home from a conference when a semi-truck crossed the center line and crashed into him. When rescue personnel arrived, they pronounced him dead at the scene. Another pastor who came upon the scene prayed over him, and he lived. His description of heaven includes meeting the people who were his spiritual influences and also experiencing a feeling of true peace. His recovery was long and difficult, and he did not write this memoir until urged to do so by friends and family. Our library copy of his book is in large print.

**Children's Corner**

**The Boy and the Ocean** by Max Lucado

This is a beautiful book in every way. The illustrations are wonderful, and fit perfectly in a book designed to give children an idea of the depth, breadth, and vastness of the love of God. A boy and his parents visit the ocean and the mountains, and his parents use these awe-inspiring experiences of nature to help describe to their son what the love of God is like. Well worth reading to your children or grandchildren!

**CHURCH LIBRARY**

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



**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

**WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?**

The Christian feast, or holy day, falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the Canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is followed by Good Friday.

The liturgy held on the evening of Maundy Thursday initiates the Easter Triduum, the period which commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ; this period includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and ends on the evening of Easter. The service of worship is normally celebrated in the evening, when Friday begins according to Jewish tradition, as the Last Supper was held on feast of Passover.

**YOU are INVITED to:**

- April 17th 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 18th 12:00 pm Good Friday Community Service at First Baptist Church
- April 20th 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service
- 7:30 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Easter Early Worship
- 10:10 am Sunday School with Egg Hunt
- 11:15 am Easter Late Worship

**EXALT THE RISEN LORD!**



**Worship Leader**

Rosie Wece - gwece@wecefarms.com or 559-8167

**Acolytes**

- April 6 - Drake Rogus & Conner Twenhafel
- April 13 - Maddie Bean & Caitlin Doody
- April 20 - Cadence Brown & Ryan Finke
- April 27 - Ben Barringer & Aiden McNitt

**Sunday Stewards**

Ralph Bastien, Bob Eaton, Andy McNitt, Bill Quigley

**Welcome Hostesses**

- April 6 - Marcia Butler & Carolyn Ozburn
- April 13 & 20 - Arlene Bitner & Katherine Twenhafel
- April 27 - Deb Chapman & Caroline Pederson

**Prayer Request Readers**

- April 6 - Wilma Westerfield
- April 13 - Kristi Miller
- April 20 - Mary Jane Williams
- April 27 - Emily Hargraves

**Greeters**

- April 6 & 13 - Donna Horniacek & Peg Schuster
- April 17 - Barb Hughes & Wilma Westerfield
- April 20 - Early Service - Olliebelle Ridley & Margie Stillely  
Late Service - Carmen & Paula Chapa
- April 27 - Olliebelle Ridley & Margie Stillely

**Liturgists**

- April 6 - Bert Ozburn
- April 13 - Wilma Westerfield
- April 20 - Rick Runge
- April 27 - Rene Doody

**Ushers**

Scott Ballard, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff,  
Sandy Herring & Todd Lirely

- 1 - Prince Alexander
- 3 - Cliff Buchholz
- 4 - Gloria Stoker  
Perry Patterson
- 5 - Caroline Guthman
- 6 - Geraldine McConnell
- 9 - Katherine Yearian
- 10 - Aiden McNitt
- 13 - Durice Runge
- 15 - Katlyn Abbadusky  
Kay Bozarth
- 16 - Sam Chapa
- 18 - Rosemary Cornell
- 20 - Nancy Fager  
Thelma Pierson  
Ed O'Donnell  
Cadence Brown
- 21 - Heather Bean  
Lacey Brown
- 22 - Sylvia Frank
- 24 - Jay Graff  
Bob Winters
- 26 - Elene Swafford
- 27 - Mildred Ward
- 28 - Michael Dreith
- 29 - Megan McNitt
- 30 - Brittany Nolan



- 3 - Jerry & Janis Crews  
John & Sylvia Carvell
- 7 - Clifton & Viola Buchholz
- 8 - Ray and Myrrl Burroughs
- 20 - Todd & Vanessa Lirely  
James & Brittni Heilig

**Ways to Sponsor our High School Youth for their Mission Trip to Gatlinburg Tennessee in July**

- ◇ **April** - Support the Youth Mission Trip by donating an amount on the "Post-It-Board" the whole month of April in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◇ **May** - Sign up for the Youth Spring Work days. Get your spring cleaning, inside and out, done by our youth. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.
- ◇ **June** - T-Shirt Business Sponsor - Sponsor the Youth Mission Trip with your Business.



**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

The deadline for return of interests surveys is:  
Sunday, April 13, 2014

Your completed surveys can be dropped in bright yellow collection boxes located at front foyer, Welcome Center, or basement. Thanks for your participation!

**April Noisy Offering is going to the Murphysboro High School Senior Fest & Easter Offering goes to our MUMC Youth**

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

- April 4th** - High School Youth-Decorate for Night in Italy - 5pm
- April 5th** - High School Youth - Set up for Night in Italy - 4:30pm
- April 6th** - A Night In Italy Dinner - JYF & SYF be at church by 4:00 pm
- April 13th** - Youth Group 5-6:30
- April 20th** - Youth Group 5-6:30



- \*CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
  - \*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
  - \*SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)
- Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5-6:30pm

**Please sign up on the kitchen fridge to provide meals for the youth.**

**Murphysboro United Methodist Church**  
1500 Pine Street  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

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***Return Service Requested***

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**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](mailto:murphysboroumc@frontier.com)

**We're On The Web!**  
**[www.MurphysboroUMC.com](http://www.MurphysboroUMC.com)**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

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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