

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

April 13, 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

April 13, 2014—Palm/Passion Sunday
 Lent—Purple

Call to Worship

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 P: **And also with you.**

Lenten Reflection: A Royal Reception

Triumphant Entry Special

MUMC and Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choirs
 "Hosanna" arr. by Michael Barrett

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

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Hymnal #277

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in April will go to the **Murphysboro High School Senior Fest.**

Invocation

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. 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

Children's Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a Holy Bible (in pew)
 Philippians 2:5-11 Old Testament p. 681
 L: The Word of God for the people of God. New Testament p. 197
 P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"What Does It Cost?" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Lenten Reflection: Day of Darkness

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Chancel Choirs

"Deep, Deep Love" by Frombach and Dengler

Benediction

++Postlude

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

Today's Worship

Greeters: Donna Horniacek and Peggy Schuster
Liturgist: Wilma Westerfield
Organist: Micha Mayes
Worship Leader: Rosie Wece
Prayer Request Reader: Kristi Miller
Acolytes: Maddie Bean and Caitlin Doody
Welcome Hostesses: Katherine Twenhafel and Arlene Bitner
Ushers: Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien,
 Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely
Credentialed Nursery Teacher: Tania Cruz
**The Memory Book is open to the page honoring
 Leonard Bartnek**



The white rose on the alter today is in memory of Bette Chandler, mother of Gaye Auxier.

Ministry Surveys are due TODAY. Extras are available at the exits, and drop boxes are located at the front foyer, Welcome Center, and basement.

Stewardship & Attendance for April 6, 2014

Offering April 6—\$10,830.50; Worship-226; Sunday School-137



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!!

The Lifted Hands Ministry will be a part of the Tenebrae Service on Thursday, April 17th. Anyone interested in learning a Lifted Hands special is encouraged to attend practice **TODAY** from 2-3 p.m. and again on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Contact Angie Baughman at 201-0139 or angie_baughman@hotmail.com.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

The trip to the Holy Land is now scheduled for February, 2015. An informational meeting is being planned for Sunday, May 4th, 4:00 p.m. in Faithful Friends, Room 204. If you are interested in attending, please check the Holy Land Informational Meeting box on the *Registration and Attendance Sheet*.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST -

"Uncomplicated Life in Christ"

When: Saturday, May 3rd
Where: MUMC Fellowship Hall
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

- Child care will be provided during the event.
- Suggested ticket price is \$6.50 each. Please contact Sandy Herring, Patti Shields or Kathy Bratton if you would like to purchase a ticket.

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



Saturday Morning Book Club

Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m., Church Library (Rm 109).
Book to be discussed: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.



The Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life team would like to thank everyone who supported us at our Handbags for Hope brunch and auction. With everyone's help we raised over \$4800 in the fight against cancer! This is one of our church's service and mission projects, and is at the heart of John Wesley's General Rule #2—DO GOOD.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, April 14, 2014

1:00 p.m. Nurture and Care in Trailblazers Rm 200D
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Fellowship Hall Rm 104

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in Sanctuary and Chapel Rm 202
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

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

Thursday, April 17, 2014

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18, 2014

Noon Community Good Friday Service (First Baptist)

Saturday, April 19, 2014

9:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice in Balcony
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages (closed mtg) Rm 108
10:30 a.m. Saturday Morning Book Club in Library Rm 109

Sunday, April 20, 2014 - Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall Rm 104
9:00 a.m. Easter Early Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt
11:15 a.m. Easter Late Worship

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

LET'S EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO PAT SULLIVAN

It is with all sincerity that I present the following appeal for your consideration. Our custodian, Pat Sullivan, has done an incredible job in keeping our church as clean as possible during construction of the elevator. Project cleanup became an everyday addition to his daily assigned tasks. Throughout these months Pat's performance has been outstanding, his attitude very positive, and his smiles ongoing. It is my wish that we thank him with a "love offering." If you share in my appreciation of Pat's extra hard work, please respond by making a contribution of your choice (examples: monetary, gift card, greeting card, etc.). Expressions of appreciation for Pat should be sent to Christine Nolan, Financial Secretary, at the church office **or dropped in today's offering plate**. Our goal is to present Pat with this love offering sometime after Easter Sunday. Thanks for your consideration. ~Pastor Larry

MANY THANKS

Cliff Buchholz would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food and gifts he received for his 84th birthday on April 3rd and for his and Viola's 63rd wedding anniversary on April 7th.

Prayer List

Viola Buchholz	Myrtle McKinnie	Josh Nelson
Elene Swafford	Rick McLaskey	Ed Lirely
Dan Watson	Patsy Springs	David Hines
Rhonda Guisti	Ada Heller	Linda Rozich
Sandra & Keith Flynt	Alberta Sullivan	

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Charlie Elliott, brother of Sally Moutardier, for health concerns
- ♦ Family of Gaye Auxier whose mother, Bette Chandler, passed away. If you wish to send cards, Gaye's address is: 411 N. 9th St., Murphysboro, IL 62966. Her father's address is: Jerrald W. Chandler, PO Box 93, Clinton, KY 42031-0093

- ~ 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 April is the
Murphysboro High School Senior Fest.**
Please include this in your daily prayers.

The deadline for the May Compass is the Monday after Easter - April 21



WRITING OUR FAITH MEMOIRS WORKSHOP

A mini-workshop, "Writing Our Faith Memoirs" (led by Judy Little), will meet on Thursdays in May at 10:00 a.m. in Faithful Friends Rm. 204. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage listening to the spiritual movement of our lives (decisions, actions, prayings, influences, blessings)...More details to appear in the May COMPASS.

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