

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

May 18, 2014
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Easter—White
Promotion Sunday

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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.

Also see our new “Helping Children Experience Worship” cards in

front of the pew Bibles.

9:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship

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

P: And also with you.

Congregational Chorus: “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” Hymnal #176

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: “Blessed Assurance” Hymnal #369

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 *Relay for Life*.

Invocation

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. 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

Special Music: Carbondale Middle School Choir, under the direction of Kara Gregory, singing “His Name So Sweet” Arr. by Ricardo King

Children’s Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

++Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

Promotion Sunday Recognitions

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

Psalm 27:1-6

Holy Bible (in pew)
 Old Testament p. 503

John 4:19-26

New Testament p. 95

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Connecting”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Commitment Hymn: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Hymnal #348

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

11:15 a.m. Celebration of Worship

Gathering

Opening Singing

Greeting Each Other

Welcome and Announcements

Sunday School Promotions

Songs of Worship

Children’s Time

Offering

Special Music: Brian Vincent, Miriam Timmons, and Lacey Brown
 “Give Me Jesus”

Scripture

Psalm 27:1-6

John 4:19-26

Holy Bible (in pew)

Old Testament p. 503

New Testament p. 95

Message: “Connecting”

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

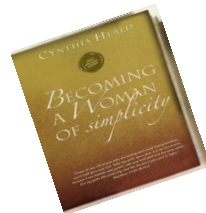
TODAY’S WORSHIP	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
Greeters	Marilyn & Ted Perry	Marcia Butler & Kelly Ellis
Liturgist	Adrienne Will	N/A
Organist	Gail White	N/A
Worship Leader	Ed O’Donnell eod@edodonnell.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
Chancel Choir/ Music Leader	N/A	Kim Goforth
Prayer Request Reader	Wilma Westerfield	Angie Baughman
Acolytes	Conner Twenhafel & Drake Rogus	N/A
Welcome Hostesses	Sharon Graff & Pam Crews	Patti Shields & Janis Crews
Ushers	James Bean, Todd Doody, Jay Graff, Kyle Hargraves, London Watson & Jennifer Watson	Todd Lirely, Ricky Pierson, Laurie Nehring, Emma Nehring & Matt Baughman
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	To be named

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Deceased Members of Helping Hands Class

Stewardship & Attendance for May 11, 2014
Offering—\$5,195.50; Worship-248; Sunday School-104

New Study for Faithful Friends
Women's Sunday School Class

"Becoming a Woman of Simplicity"
by Cynthia Heald
begins **TODAY**



Do we have your current email address on file in the church office? If you are not sure, and you do not mind sharing, please **PRINT IT** on the attendance pad today. Also, if you would like to receive the COMPASS newsletter via email, check that box on the *Registration and Attendance Sheet*.

New Ministry Opportunity



Disciple Builders

Dan Bratton is coordinating a new ministry and is in need of **able bodied, handy women and men** for painting, home repair, and general carpentry. This new ministry is to help members of our church family with home projects that they may not be able to complete by themselves. Please mark the attendance pad if you are interested in this. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 25 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel (Room 202), or contact Dan Bratton for more information: 618-687-2460.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!!

There is still time to benefit from the early registration discount for the August 1-2 Main Event to be held in Nashville, TN and which features President George W. Bush. Information may be obtained by contacting either Jay Graff at 967-9848 (jgraff4@yahoo.com) ~OR~ Perry Patterson at 519-0916 (perry0441@aol.com).
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



THANK YOU, church family, for all you do to make Our Neighbor's Table meals friendly, welcoming and run smoothly. We couldn't do it without you. We're planning our dessert for the **May 25** meal and welcome donations of six to seven angel food cakes. Please contact Clara Kiser at 687-2235 or pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com if you want to provide one. Thanks ahead of time!

The Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life team wishes to thank everyone who participated in our Dessert Silent Auction fundraiser last Sunday. It was a huge success, and all of the money will be donated to the American Cancer Society in our continuing fight against cancer.



The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Tim Herring, son of Jack and Sandy Herring.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, May 19, 2014

Meals on Wheels: Kathy Blackwell & Betty King
Nancy Fager & Sharon Jones
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 8189 in Room 107
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Room 104

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Meals on Wheels: Loyd & Ruth Ebersohl
Ralph & Joan Bastien
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Room 104
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Meals on Wheels: Candy & Dave Watt
Sharon Graff & Peggy Schuster
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Room 104
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Room 108 (open mtg)
7:00 p.m. AA/AL in Room 110
7:00 p.m. Service & Missions in Room 202

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Meals on Wheels: Thelma Pierson & Lynn Pierson
Pete & Caroline Pederson
10:00 a.m. Writing Our Faith Memoirs in Room 204
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts in Room 104

Friday, May 23, 2014

Meals on Wheels: Jack Herring & Jack Cochran
Bill & Thelma Pierson
6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop in Room 107
7:30 p.m. Brownies in Room 107

Saturday, May 24, 2014

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

Sunday, May 25, 2014

11:15 a.m. Disciple Builders Info Meeting in Room 202
Noon Our Neighbor's Table In Room 104
5:00 p.m. Youth Promotion Party

Due to recent changes in Sunday School meeting locations, we are no longer listing rooms by name. Rooms are numbered starting at the south end of the church (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall end). Upstairs, the even numbers are on the east side (on your right as you leave the Sanctuary). Downstairs the even numbers are on the west (on your left as you leave the Fellowship Hall). Rooms that begin with a 3 are in the Annex.

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

The congregation is invited to attend a memorial service for Roberta Webster, mother of Delores McNitt, scheduled for Monday, May 26th, at 11:00

Prayer List

Viola Buchholz	Myrtle McKinnie	Josh Nelson
Elene Swafford	Rick McLaskey	Ed Lirely
Dan Watson	Patsy Springs	David Hines
Rhonda Guisti	Linda Rozich	Lori Chapman
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
- ◆ Charlie Elliott, brother of Sally Moutardier, for health concerns
- ◆ Lisa Wright, daughter of Paul and Viola Parrish, related to the return of cancer
- ◆ Jack and Sandy Herring and family, on the loss of their son Tim

- ~ 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 May is the Relay for Life.

Please include this in your daily prayers.

Custodian, Pat Sullivan, thanks the congregation for the many cards and special gifts presented to him upon completion of the elevator project cleanup. His original thank you card can be found on "People In the News" bulletin board.



The deadline for the June Compass is TOMORROW, May 19

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

May 25

*Youth Promotion Party 5:00

June 8

*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

We are sorry to announce that due to some unforeseen issues, the youth will be unable to have their "work days" fundraiser for the month of May.

~ Paula Chapa