

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**May 25, 2014
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Easter—White**

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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

“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

“Trust and Obey” (vs 1, 3, 4) Hymnal #467

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in May will go to the **Relay for Life**.

Invocation

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my Life, and revive me from death. Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds. Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of thy love. Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there. For thou alone art my King and my Lord. 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

“Remember Me” by Lodge and Hayward sung by Dennis Goforth

Children's Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

++Doxology

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

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” Hymnal #451

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

Acts 11: 19-26 *Holy Bible* (in pew) New Testament p. 130
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Growing” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

++Commitment Hymn

“We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder” Hymnal #418

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

TODAY'S WORSHIP	
Greeters	Marilyn & Ted Perry
Liturgist	Erin Mileur
Organist	Micah Mayes
Worship Leader	Ed O'Donnell, eod@edodonnell.com
Prayer Request Reader	Mary Jane Williams
Acolytes	Alex Baughman & Ben Barringer
Welcome Hostesses	Rindy Eisenhauer & Patti Shields
Ushers	James Bean, Todd Doody, Jay Graff, Kyle Hargraves, London Watson and Jennifer Watson
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Nena Heape	



The red roses on the altar today celebrate the births of two baby boys:

William Joseph Meetze, son of Reagan and Josh Meetze, grandson of Ed and Jennifer O'Donnell and great-grandson of Rita O'Donnell; and
Hudson Paul Twenhafel, son of Nick and April Twenhafel, grandson of Roger and Terri Twenhafel and great-grandson of Martin and Katherine Twenhafel

Stewardship & Attendance for May 18, 2014

Offering-\$6576.00; Worship: Early 207, Late 85; Sunday School-123



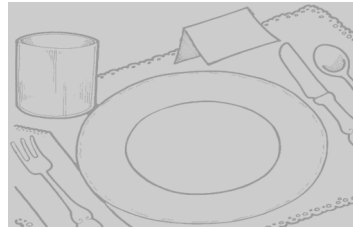
New Ministry Opportunity

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. Informational meeting will be **TODAY** at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel (Rm 202), or contact Dan Bratton for more information: 618-687-2460.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

An invitation from Our Neighbor's Table ministry team - **Let us do the cooking!** Please join us for a scrumptious chicken and dumplings dinner **today at noon**. Come and enjoy both the meal and the fellowship.



SAVE THE DATE!

2014 Trail Day at Giant City Park
Sunday, September 28, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning Book Club

Saturday, June 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library Room 109
"Tortilla Curtain" by T. C. Boyle

Topanga Canyon is home to two couples on a collision course. Los Angeles liberals Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher lead an ordered sushi-and-recycling existence in a newly gated hilltop community: he is a sensitive nature writer, she an obsessive realtor. Mexican illegals Candido and America Rincon desperately cling to their vision of the American Dream as they fight off starvation in a makeshift camp deep in the ravine. And from the moment a freak accident brings Candido and Delaney into intimate contact, these four and their opposing worlds gradually intersect in what becomes a tragicomedy of error and misunderstanding.

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If perhaps you do not read a book a month, but would still like to join in on the fun of Saturday Morning Book Club, the book for July is: "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

11:15 a.m. Disciple Builders Informational Meeting in Rm 202
Noon Our Neighbor's Table in Rm 104
4:00 p.m. Youth Promotion Party in Rm 104 (note early start time)

Monday, May 26, 2014

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Roberta Webster
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Rm 104

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Rm 104
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Rm 104
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Rm 110
7:00 p.m. AA/AL in Rm 108

Thursday, May 29, 2014

10:00 a.m. Writing Our Faith Memoirs in Rm 204

Saturday, May 31, 2014

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Rm 108

Sunday, June 1, 2014

11:15 a.m. Hospitality Team in Rm 202

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**

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Early Service: Jennifer Watson, jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com

Late Service (6/15): Angie Baughman,
angie_baughman@hotmail.com

Those who do not use email but wish to submit an item for announcement by worship leaders during worship services may phone the church office at 687-2317.



COMING SOON: Children's Summer Story Time!

Story Time will take place in the pavilion on June 10, 17, and 24, starting at 10 a.m. and lasting about 45 minutes. There will be a Bible story, songs, crafts and refreshments. Kids and their parents or caregivers are invited to come and have a fun time! If you have questions, talk with Susan Patterson, Trina Eaton, Candy Watt or Amanda Wingerter.



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
- ◆ Nancy McNitt related to hip surgery
- ◆ Margaret Ann Wolfe, sister of Marty McNitt, related to her broken ankle and health concerns for her husband

~ 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.

Jack and I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy, love, and support we have received from our church family in the recent loss of our son, Tim. Knowing we were in your thoughts and prayers gave us great comfort and we thank God for each one of you. We ask for your continued prayers, as well as prayers for Amy, Olivia, and Sam, as we seek God's peace during difficult times yet to come.

Jack and Sandy Herring

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

May 25

***Youth Group Promotion Party!!**

4:00 — 6:30 p.m. (note early start time!)

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