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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.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I want to take a moment to reflect with you on our Easter Sunday at MUMC. We had so much going on that was new, and it was truly exciting to be a part of it.

I want to begin by just saying a huge THANK YOU to the dozens of people who worked long hours, putting so many pieces of our Holy Week services together. I will not even attempt to start a list, but you all know who you are, and I thank God for your tremendous dedication and commitment.

This year a total of 470 people celebrated Easter together during 3 worship services. Of that number, somewhere around 30 to 40 worshipped in two of the services, with the largest duplication being in the late 11:15am service. Of the 115 people who did attend the late service, 75 to 80 of them attended only that service on Easter Sunday.

I would not need to convince anyone who attended the 9am service that we just did not have room for an additional 75 to 80 people in our sanctuary. Picture those people - some of them attending our church for the very first time, several who came in response to the direct invitation of members of congregation - they would not have had a seat without that additional worship service.

No one needs to tell me church is not about numbers - it is about people. Each of these numbers represents a life, a person. Our church touched more people and reached more lives this past week than we have in a long time. I just thank God for giving us the vision, and for blessing our efforts to fulfill our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. I thank the leadership who had the courage to step forward and embrace the vision of God for our church.

To God be the glory,

*Larry*

**MAY 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1	10:00am	Writing our Faith Memoirs	18		Meals on Wheels Week
	6:00pm	Scouts Round Table	19	6:00pm	Girl Scouts Troop 8189
	6:00pm	Not A Fan Study		7:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting
2	8:30am	Adult Spiritual Formation	20	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
3	9:00am	Women's Prayer Breakfast	21	5:45	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Hand Bell Choir		6:00pm	Boy Scouts
	10:00am	AA Meeting		7:00pm	AA Meeting
4	8:00am	Graduate Breakfast			Al-Anon
	11:15am	Staff Parrish	22	10:00am	Service & Missions
	12:30pm	Confirmation Class		4:30pm	Writing our Faith Memoirs
	4:00pm	Holy Land Info Meeting	23	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
5	6:00pm	Girl Scouts Troop 8189		7:30pm	Daisy Troop
	7:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting	24	9:00am	Brownies
6	5:30pm	Relay for Life		10:00am	Hand Bell Choir
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts	25	12:00pm	AA Meeting
	6:30pm	Discerning Our Direction		5:00pm	Our Neighbor's Table
7	5:45pm	Choir Practice	26	7:00pm	Youth Group
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts	27	6:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting
	7:00pm	AA Meeting	28	9:00am	Cub Scouts
		Al-Anon		6:00pm	"Holy Folders"
8	10:00am	Writing our Faith Memoirs		6:00pm	Boy Scouts
	4:30pm	Girl Scouts		6:30pm	Youth Ministry Team
9	10:00am	Feeder of the Pack		7:00am	AA Meeting
	6:00pm	Daisy Troop	29	10:00am	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	Brownies	30		Writing our Faith Memoirs
10	7:30am	United Methodist Men	31	9:00am	Hand Bell Choir
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	10:00am	AA Meeting			
		VBS Workshop			
11	8:00am	Relay for Life Dessert Auction			
	5:00am	Youth Group			
12	1:00pm	Nurture & Care			
	7:00pm	AA Big Book Meeting			
13	12:00pm	Young at Heart			
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees			
		Cub Scouts			
14	9:00am	Staff Meeting			
	5:45pm	Choir Practice			
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts			
	6:30pm	Adult Mission Trip Meeting			
	7:00pm	Publicity & Promotion			
		AA Meeting			
		Al-Anon			
15	10:00am	Writing our Faith Memoirs			
16	1:00pm	Trail Day Committee			
	5:15pm	JYF - Pirate Pete's			
17	9:00am	Hand Bell Choir			
	10:00am	AA Meeting			
	10:30am	Book Club			

**May 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	31





**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
*"Uncomplicated Life in Christ"*

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

**An inspirational time of fellowship, prayer,  
 music and a light breakfast.**

**Child care will be provided during the event.**



**Saturday Book Club Meeting**  
**May 17th at 10:30 a.m. Church Library**  
 Contact 559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com

We will be discussing:

**A Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman**

After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season and shore leaves are granted every other year at best, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.



**Writing Our Faith Memoirs**

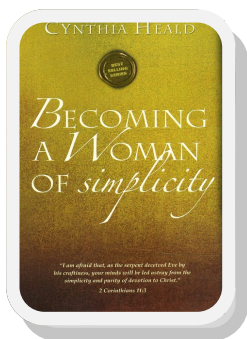
Mini-workshop led by Judy Little  
 Each Thursday in May at 10:00am  
 Faithful Friends Class Room

The purpose of the workshop is to encourage listening to the spiritual movement of our lives (decisions, actions, prayers, influences, blessings). Anyone interested in keeping a journal may enjoy this workshop along with those who have considered writing their personal faith story for themselves, their children or their grandchildren. Our class time will usually include mental exercises or meditations that will help us retrieve some special moment. Each person is invited to share their memoir with the group. Each person should bring their bible, pen and a notebook. If you missed the first Thursday come and join us on May 8th!



**Church Yard Sale**

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 Service & Missions Committee. Storage can be made available by calling:  
 Rob Williams or Lynn Pierson



**New Study Scheduled for Faithful Friends**  
**Women's Sunday School Class**

***"Becoming a Woman of Simplicity"***  
 by Cynthia Heald  
 begins May 18th

**8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.; Room 204**

Teresa Gilbert, Class Leader

[Teresa@teresagilbert.com](mailto:Teresa@teresagilbert.com)

Women of all ages welcome!

Purchase of book is optional

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**



**Chicken & Dumplings  
 Dinner with Dessert  
 & Beverage**

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

# CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



## **The Library Corner:**

### **Drama, Dreams, and Devotions**

**The Kitchen House**, reviewed by Trina Eaton.

“Dramatic” and “absorbing” are two words to describe this book. The book is set in the pre-civil war South, where violence underlies much of the social order.

Orphaned while onboard a ship from Ireland, seven-year-old Lavinia arrives on the steps of a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house. Under the care of Belle, the master's illegitimate daughter, Lavinia becomes deeply bonded to her adopted family, though she is set apart from them by her white skin.

Eventually, Lavinia is accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction. Lavinia attempts to straddle both the worlds of the kitchen house and the big house but when she is forced to make a choice, loyalties are questioned, dangerous truths are made known, and lives are put at risk.

I liked how the story was told through the viewpoints of the two main characters, Lavinia and Belle. The story reminds us of those who have suffered the indignities of both race and class slavery.

I highly recommend this book!

*Have you read a book in the church library that you liked and would like to share with others? Let Trina Eaton, Candy Watt, or Susan Patterson know. We love to have book reviews!*

## **Celebrating Mothers and All Women!**

Here are some books by and for women for you to enjoy.

**Her Mother's Hope** and **Her Daughter's Dream** by Francine Rivers is a fictional family saga spanning generations of mothers and daughters. The story begins in Europe at the turn of the century and ends in the U. S. in our own time. Based partly on details of Rivers' own family, these two books are fascinating reading.

**Always There: Reflections for Moms on God's Presence**, edited by Susan Besze Wallace, and written by various writers, including Ann Voskamp and Renee Swope. Striking the theme of “God is with us” these women explore the ups and downs of motherhood, the good times and the hard times, the humor and the frustrations—and how they have drawn strength from realizing that God is present, in both the best and worst of times.

**Faith for a Lifetime: Daily Inspiration for Women of Faith** by various writers, including Sheila Walsh, Luci Swindoll, and Patsy Clairmont. These brief devotions give a Bible verse and some food for thought on a daily basis, all meant to inspire and enrich life from day to day.

Find these and other books about women's lives, both upstairs on the library table and downstairs in the library.



Save the Date!

The United Methodist Men will be taking a group again this year to the LifeWay Men's Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, called The Main Event. Former President George W. Bush will be the guest speaker. Contact

Jay Graff at 967-9848 (jgraff4@yahoo.com) or Perry Patterson at 519-0916 (perry0441@aol.com)

if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 13th-17th

If you are interested in helping, contact:

Emily Hargraves

ehargraves88@gmail.com

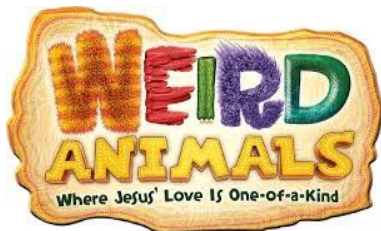
618-559-0329

VBS Craft Day/Workshop

Saturday, May 10th at 10:00am

In the Fellowship Hall

Please come if you can & help us prepare decorations for this year's VBS.



Do we have your current email address on file in the church office?

If you are not sure and you don't mind sharing it, please PRINT IT on the attendance pad. Also, if you would like to receive the Compass Newsletter via email, check the appropriate box on the attendance pad.

Thank you for your help!

Please be reminded that the deadline for the June Compass is the 19th of May.



May 13th  
Mother's Day Celebration  
12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall

Mom's Comfort Food  
Chicken and Dumplings  
Mashed potatoes  
Green Beans  
Lettuce Salad  
Strawberry Short Cake  
\$5.00 charge

PROGRAM  
Helen Dennison  
Southern Illinoisan Historian  
Speaking on the History of  
Woodlawn Cemetery in  
Carbondale

Food Identification Needed



Leftover food is often left in the church refrigerators. It's difficult to know whether it can be used by others, and food often spoils. If you leave food, please use the stickers available to you in the drawer next to the refrigerator.

Item \_\_\_\_\_  
Date In \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Out \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!



Mother's Day Dessert Auction

Methodists on a Mission  
Relay For Life Team

Annual Dessert Silent Auction

Mother's Day, May 11th  
in Fellowship Hall.

Auction will start at 8:30 and end at 10:15  
(before Sunday School).

Bid early and often.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.



May Noisy Offering is going to  
the Relay for Life

**February 24th – March 5th, 2015 Holy Lands Trip**

**Informational Meeting: Sunday, May 4th, 4:00pm, in Faithful Friends classroom**

Why not experience the season of Lent as never before with a trip to the Holy Lands, February 24 – March 5, 2015? We'll travel to Israel to see where Jesus was born, where His ministry took place, and to celebrate His resurrection. For more information, please contact:

**Kathy Blackwell at [kathyb@siu.edu](mailto:kathyb@siu.edu)**

or

**Trina Eaton at [trina.eaton1@gmail.com](mailto:trina.eaton1@gmail.com).**



**Ways to Sponsor our High School Youth for their Mission Trip to Gatlinburg Tennessee in July, 2014:**

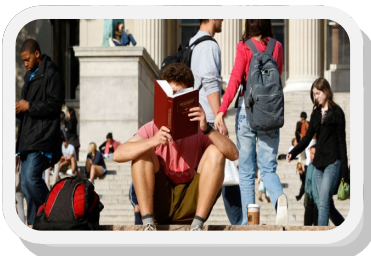
- ◇ Support the Youth Mission Trip by donating an amount on the "Post-It-Board" in the lower level hallway.
- ◇ **May** - Sign up for the Youth Spring Work days. Get your spring cleaning, inside and out, done by our youth. Sign up in the lower level hallway.
- ◇ **June** - T-Shirt Business Sponsor - Sponsor the Youth Mission Trip with your Business. We will be purchasing t-shirts for the youth to wear and also to sell to our congregation. If you would like your business to be included on this shirt please see Paula Chapa. [chapa@siu.edu](mailto:chapa@siu.edu) or 967-2689.

- May 11th** - No youth Group - Happy Mother's Day!
- May 16th** - JYF - Pirate Pete's Laser Tag - 5:15-8:45
- May 25th** - Youth Group 5-6:30 - Promotion Party!!!

- \*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)  
Leaders: Irma Bigham & Jennifer Watson
  - \*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)  
Leaders: Laurie Nehring & Shannon Vincent
  - \*SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)  
Leaders: Paula Chapa & Stephanie Finke
- Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5-6:30pm



Thank you to all who contributed to the "Night In Italy" fundraiser. The youth made \$1,200 and even though it was a lot of work it was also a lot of fun! Your travel agent will be in contact to let you know where our next destination will take you!



**College Student Sponsors**

**If you agreed to sponsor a college student, now is a good time to let them know you are thinking of them during their finals week. Let them know by praying for them, send them a card or care package. Remind them that their church family is thinking of them.**

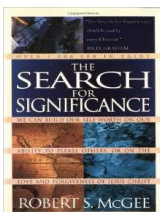
**MUMC Mom's Group**

6-8pm every other Monday starting July 7th

Studying **The Search for Significance**

by Robert S. Mcgee.

Child  
Care  
Provided



THE UNITED METHODIST MEN  
CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
GRADUATES WITH A BREAKFAST ON  
MAY 4TH.



**Worship Leader**

**Early Service** - Ed O'Donnell - eod@edodonnell.com

**Late Service** - Angie Baughman -  
angie\_baughman@hotmail.com

**Acolytes**

**May 4** - Tyler Doody & Ethan Finke

**May 11** - Maddie Bean & Caitlin Doody

**May 18** - Drake Rogus & Conner Twenhafel

**May 25** - Ben Barringer & Alex Baughman

**Sunday Stewards**

Francis Addison, Ken Cline, Todd Lirely,  
Rick & Ricky Pierson

**Welcome Hostesses**

**May 4** - Debbie Chapman & Caroline Pederson

**May 11 & 18** - Pam Crews & Sharon Graff

**May 25** - Rindy Eisenhauer & Patti Shields

**Prayer Request Readers**

**May 4** - Adrienne Will

**May 11** - Kristi Miller

**May 18** - Wilma Westerfield

**May 25** - Mary Jane Williams

**Greeters**

**May 4 & 11** - Pam Crews & Patti Shields

**May 18 - Early Service** - Ted & Marilyn Perry

**Late Service** - Marcia Butler & Kelly Ellis

**May 25** - Ted & Marilyn Perry

**Liturgists**

**May 4** - Carrie Schwebel

**May 11** - Allison Barringer

**May 18** - Adrienne Will

**May 25** - Erin Mileur

**Ushers**

James Bean, Todd Doody, Jay Graff, Kyle Hargraves,  
London Watson & Jennifer Watson



2 - Terri Twenhafel

4 - Allen Bigham  
Peggy Schuster

8 - Ryan Finke

9 - Madison Runge  
Candace Watt

12 - Belinda Nation

13 - Landess Mills

14 - Vanessa Lirely  
Hallee Ticer

15 - Jordan Williams

17 - Kristi Miller

18 - Alex Baughman

21 - Bethany Jenkins

23 - Kristal Bell  
Carol Wehmeyer

24 - Delores McNitt

26 - Carolyn Sauer

27 - Roger Medlen

29 - Richard Pierson

2 - Rick & Durice Runge  
Dan & Jennifer Watson

8 - Chad & Holly Fletcher

18 - Frank & Sid Boucher

19 - Ed & Jennifer O'Donnell  
William & Thelma Pierson  
John & Nancy Vallino

20 - Brian & Lisa Bustos

26 - Joshua & Allison Barringer

27 - Dan & Kathy Bratton  
Andy & Nancy McNitt

31 - Curt & Cindy Presley

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

***Just A Reminder.....***

***Late Service***

***May 18th at 11:15***

***We had 115 people attend the kickoff service on  
Easter Sunday.***

***Come and check it out and Invite your friends!***



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

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***Return Service Requested***

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**Murphysboro United Methodist Church**  
**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**

Early Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Late Service every 3rd Sunday: 11:15 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