

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
 METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**September 21, 2014**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Ordinary Time - Green**  
**National Back to Church 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. Traditional Service**

**Call to Worship**

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

**Congregational Chorus:** “His Name Is Wonderful” Hymnal #174

**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:** “It Is Well with My Soul” by Wilbur Held

Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** “Hymn of Promise” Hymnal #707

**Noisy Offering:** During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in September will go to **Gum Drop Kids**.

**Invocation**

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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**

**Chancel Choir:** “He Never Failed Me Yet” Robert Ray

**Children's Moments**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** “Safe in the Arms of Jesus” by Van Denman Thompson

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

**Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” (vs 1, 2, 3) Hymnal #377

**Offering of Joys and 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 26:25-29  
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.  
 P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

“Why Church?”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**++Commitment Hymn:** “Pass It On”

Hymnal #572

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** “Fanfare” by David A. deSilva

**++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

**11:15 a.m. Praise Service**

**Opening Singing**

**Greeting Each Other**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Giving Our Offerings**

**Songs of Worship**

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 26:25-29

**Sermon:** “Why Church?”

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul and Debbie Chapman	Kay Bozarth
<b>Liturgist</b>	John Erbes	
<b>Organist</b>	Luella McComb	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jennifer Watson - jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
<b>Choir/Music Leader</b>	Ricardo King	Lacey Brown
<b>Prayer Request Reader</b>	Adrienne Will	Angie Baughman
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ethan Finke and Ben Barringer	
<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>	Katherine Twenhafel and Arlene Bitner	Sharon Jones and Sally Moutardier
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Mark Twenhafel	Ron Moutardier, Matt Baughman, Ed O'Donnell
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis
<b>The Memory Book is open to the page honoring:</b> Theron and Alta Lollar		

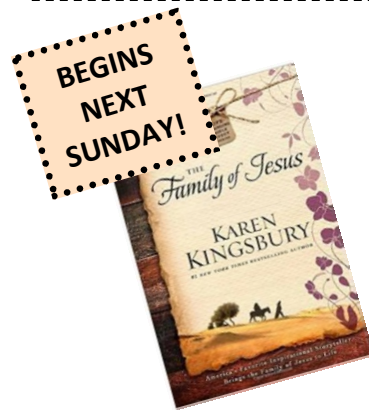
The white rose on the altar today is in memory of:  
 Elsa Garcia Chapa who passed away on September 15th.  
 Mrs. Chapa was Paula Chapa's mother-in-law.



**THE RED ROSE ON THE ALTAR TODAY . . .**

. . . celebrates the September 5th birth of  
 Olivia Rees Aradanas, daughter of Ron and Leslie Craig Aradanas, grand-  
 daughter of Linda and Jim Craig.

**Stewardship and Attendance for September 14, 2014**  
Offering: \$4,333.00; Traditional Service: 219; Sunday School: 116



**New Study Scheduled for Faithful Friends**

**Women's Sunday School Class**

**"The Family of Jesus"** by Karen Kingsbury  
This study helps us develop an emotional connection to the family members of Jesus, learning about their lives and falling in love with scripture along the way

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!



We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the 3rd -5th grade classroom. If you have an interest or would like more information, please mark the corresponding box on the attendance pad.



**ALL CHURCH TRAIL DAY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 28, 2014!!!**

1:30 p.m.: Meet at church if you want a ride in the church van to Giant City

2:00-2:30 p.m.: Gather at the trailhead (Shelter #4)

**Various Activities**

- 1:00-4:30 p.m. Rappelling
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Bingo at the Campsite & Visitor Center Tours
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Hiking
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Music provided by Praise Band
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Picnic, fellowship and campfire

Everyone should bring a potluck dish to share, along with your own drinks. Wear your Trail Day shirts, bring your lawn chairs and yard games.

**Disciple II Bible Study: "Into the Word Into the World" (Luke/Acts)**

Disciple II is a 16 week study of Luke and Acts that will take place on Thursdays beginning October 30. The class will meet from 6:00-8:30pm in Rm 204, and will be led by Pastor Larry Gilbert. There will be an orientation meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. to hand out books and class schedule and explain how weekly sessions are structured.

The cost of the study manual is \$42. If you took the first half of Disciple II last fall, you will not need to purchase another book. You do not have to have taken the first part of Disciple II to participate.

Please sign the attendance pad if you are interested in participating in this study. Deadline for signup is October 12. Contact Trina Eaton at [trina.eaton1@gmail.com](mailto:trina.eaton1@gmail.com) for more information.

**Volunteers are needed for Praise Service Children's Church. Team and/or group teaching is welcome.** For more information, please mark the Children's Church box on the attendance pad.



**Additional volunteers are needed to help with the nursery during both Traditional and/or Praise Services.** Doesn't need to be every week. For more information, contact Brooke Guthman at 534-1615 or [bguthman@hotmail.com](mailto:bguthman@hotmail.com).

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book in Rm 104

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Rm 104N, 107, 108 & 109

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal in Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Church Council in Rm 104S

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

5:45 p.m. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Rm 104N

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry in Rm 202

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Rm 107

7:00 p.m. AA/AL in Rm 109

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts in Rm 104N

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

9:00 a.m. Hand Bell Practice

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Rm 107

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

Noon Our Neighbor's Table in Rm 104N

See Promo All Church Trail Day at Giant City Park

**We keep an updated CHURCH CALENDAR on our website at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)**



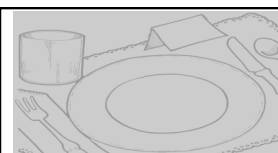
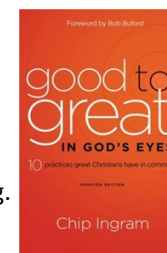
The Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Francis CARE are joining together to offer a Blessing of the Animals service open to all animals and their people. This service will take place under the Murphysboro United Methodist Church pavilion on October 5, 2014 at 4p.m. The short service will be conducted by Pastor Larry Gilbert.

There will be treats for animals and their humans, a free handmade information bag and all animals will receive an individual blessing. Please bring all animals in carriers or on a leash.

MUMC and St. Francis CARE invite everyone to come out and join us for an afternoon of fun! For more information call the church office at 687-2317.

**PATHFINDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY**

**"Good to Great In God's Eyes: 10 Practices Great Christians Have in Common"** by Chip Ingram. It's a 10 week video-based study. The book is optional. The class will be conversational in nature based on the week's lesson as taught through the video and the supplemental reading. Class is led by Matt Baughman and Terri Twenhafel, and will be of interest to men and women ages 30-something to 60-something. **Begins Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and meets in Room 107.** If you've been thinking about joining a class, this is a great time to start!



**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**

An invitation from Our Neighbor's Table ministry team: Please join us for a scrumptious chicken and dumplings dinner and great fellowship **NEXT SUNDAY AT NOON.**

**Prayer List**

Paula Chapa  
Dan Horniacek  
Lori Chapman

Betty Ward  
Dick Keil  
Ruth Tindall

Russell & JoAnn Schirmer  
Tom Vestal

~ 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](mailto:murphysboroumc@frontier.com)

~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please contact the office if you want a name to run longer.

~ 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.

**Prayer Emphasis for September is Gum Drop Kids**

Please include this in your daily prayers.

**MUMC OFFICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**MINISTRY SUPPORT ASSISTANT (Approx. 20 hrs./wk.)**

*Primary Qualifications:*

- A deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ, and a desire to serve others.
- Prefer at least Associate's Degree and 5 years' experience working in a faith-based organization.
- Prefer basic knowledge of the United Methodist denomination and structure.
- Good communication and people skills.
- Basic computer skills, including Internet, email, Facebook, Excel, Word and Publisher

Letter of interest and resume should be submitted to Rindy Eisenhauer, SPRC Chair, Murphysboro United Methodist Church, 1500 Pine St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

**SAVE THESE DATES !**



**ANNUAL DINNER**

Sunday, October 19th

Featured Speaker: Barry Hinson

SIU Men's Basketball Coach

MORE DETAILS SOON!

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE WORTHING10s!**

**Nov. 30th**

**A fun-filled, music-filled evening!**

*The Worthing 10s Family Bluegrass Band*



**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

**Sept. 28** Youth Meetings cancelled so youth can attend the all church Trail Day!

**Oct. 12** \*Youth Group Meetings

**Oct. 24-26** JYF and SYF Fall Retreat. Watch for additional information soon!

**Oct. 26** CYF Picnic at Bald Knob. Watch for additional information soon!

\*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 Sundays every month