



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**DEADLINE**  
**Wednesday**  
**10:00 a.m.**



November Compass  
 Deadline is Monday,  
 October 20th. THANKS!

Teresa and I want to thank everyone for the wonderful surprise appreciation gift we received on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are both overwhelmed by your generosity toward us.

Being appointed to Murphysboro has just been a gift to us. From day one we have loved the church, the people and the doors of ministry, which have opened to us individually and as a couple. It is difficult for us to imagine our lives without the many wonderful relationships we have formed in this congregation.

There have been challenges of course, both personal and professional, but that is true with all stages of life. The rewards however have outweighed the challenges in every way, and we both consider it an honor to be here and to serve you. This church and this congregation have been such a blessing to us.

We have had a really great year and we are getting ready to kick off a new weekly worship service, which is so exciting. God has blessed our church so much over the past few years and I look forward to all God intends to do in the future.

Thank you again for your gracious gift and your many acts of kindness and support.

To God be the Glory,  
 Larry and Teresa

Thank you very much for the expression of love you gave Sandra and me September 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was a surprise to us and we are deeply grateful. The monetary gift was symbolic of your love. We appreciate the opportunity to work with staff and friends at Murphysboro United Methodist Church.

Earl and Sandra Renshaw

**OCTOBER 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- |           |         |                            |                |         |                              |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | 5:45pm  | Choir Practice             | <b>15</b>      | 5:45pm  | Choir Practice               |
|           | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts                 |                | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts                   |
|           | 6:30pm  | CYSF                       |                | 7:00pm  | Service & Missions           |
|           | 7:00pm  | Staff/Parish               |                |         | AA Meeting                   |
|           |         | AA Meeting                 |                |         | Al-Anon Meeting              |
|           |         | Al-Anon Meeting            | <b>16</b>      | 7:30pm  | Disciple II Orientation      |
| <b>2</b>  | 6:00pm  | Scouts Roundtable          | <b>17</b>      | 6:00pm  | TENTATIVE Daisys & Brownies  |
| <b>3</b>  | 8:30am  | Adult Spiritual Formation  | <b>18</b>      | 9:00am  | HandBell Choir               |
| <b>4</b>  | 9:00am  | HandBell Choir             |                | 10:00am | AA Meeting                   |
|           | 10:00am | AA Meeting                 |                | 10:30am | Saturday Morning Book Club   |
| <b>5</b>  | 2:00pm  | Blessing of the Animals    |                | 1:30pm  | TENTATIVE Daisys & Brownies  |
| <b>6</b>  | 7:00pm  | AA Big Book Meeting        | <b>19</b>      | 6:30pm  | Coach Hinson Community Event |
| <b>7</b>  | 6:00pm  | Daisy/Brownie Parent's Mtg | <b>20</b>      |         | MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK         |
|           |         | Cub Scouts                 |                | 7:00pm  | AA Big Book Meeting          |
|           | 6:30pm  | Praise Team Practice       | <b>21</b>      | 6:00pm  | Cub Scouts                   |
| <b>8</b>  | 9:00am  | Staff Meeting              |                | 6:30pm  | Praise Team Practice         |
|           | 5:45pm  | Choir Practice             | <b>22</b>      | 5:45pm  | Choir Practice               |
|           | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts                 |                | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts                   |
|           | 6:30pm  | P & P Team                 |                | 6:30pm  | Youth Ministry Team          |
|           | 7:00pm  | AA Meeting                 |                | 7:00pm  | Charge Conference            |
|           |         | Al-Anon Meeting            |                |         | AA Meeting                   |
| <b>9</b>  | 4:30pm  | Girl Scouts                |                |         | Al-Anon Meeting              |
| <b>10</b> | 10:00am | Feeder of the Pack         | <b>23</b>      | 4:30pm  | Girl Scouts                  |
|           | 6:00pm  | Daisys and Brownies        | <b>24 - 26</b> |         | JYF-SYF RETREAT              |
| <b>11</b> | 7:30am  | UMM Breakfast              | <b>25</b>      | 9:00am  | HandBell Choir               |
|           | 9:00am  | HandBell Choir             |                | 10:00am | AA Meeting                   |
|           | 10:00am | AA Meeting                 | <b>26</b>      | 12:00pm | Our Neighbor's Table         |
| <b>12</b> | 3:00pm  | Communion Asst Training    |                | TBA     | CYF Picnic                   |
|           | 5:00pm  | Youth Groups               | <b>27</b>      | 6:00pm  | Mom's Group                  |
| <b>13</b> | 1:00pm  | Nurture and Care           |                | 7:00pm  | AA Big Book Meeting          |
|           | 5:30pm  | Van to Gum Drop Kids event | <b>28</b>      | 6:30pm  | Praise Team Practice         |
|           | 6:00pm  | Mom's Group                |                |         | Hospitality Team             |
|           | 7:00pm  | AA Big Book Meeting        | <b>29</b>      | 5:45pm  | Choir Practice               |
| <b>14</b> | 12:00pm | Young at Heart             |                | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts                   |
|           | 6:00pm  | Board of Trustees          |                | 7:00pm  | AA Meeting                   |
|           |         | Cub Scouts                 |                |         | Al-Anon Meeting              |
|           | 6:30pm  | Praise Team Practice       | <b>30</b>      | 6:00pm  | Disciple II Study            |
|           | 7:00pm  | Finance Committee          | <b>31</b>      | 5:00pm  | Trunk or Treat               |

**COMMUNION  
SUNDAY  
will be  
October 26th  
since  
All Saints Day  
is the first Sunday in**

**IMPORTANT**  
Please be aware the  
*alarm system*  
in the church is armed  
at  
**10:00pm**  
every night.  
Do not enter the church after  
that time if you do not know  
how to disarm it. Staff will  
disable the alarm in the  
morning.

  
**MONEY FOR Missions  
in October  
is going towards  
OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**  
READ STORY ABOUT  
LITTLE RED BUCKETS PAGE 6

**OCTOBER 2014**

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OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



- Oct 12: Regular meetings
- Oct 24-26: JYF/SYF Retreat
- Oct 26: CYF Picnic and outing to Bald Knob

\*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  
Bring a Friend!

Third Annual  
Blessing of the Animals



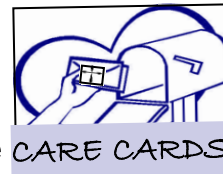
The Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Francis CARE are joining together to offer a Blessing of the Animals service open to all animals and their people.

The 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.

CARE CARDS will be in the altar area on the first Sunday of the month. During the congregational prayer, communion or after the service please pick one up. Write a quick note and mail it (the address is provided) to one of the homebound persons of our congregation. What a bright spot in a person's day, to receive a note letting them know they have been prayed for and thought about!



Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 31st.

Donations of wrapped candy or trinkets and persons willing to provide trunks are needed. Of

course costumes are encouraged! Tubs for candy are at the top of the stairs in the education building. Please contact Lacey Brown at 618-525-5106 for more



Pastor Larry will be hosting a communion assistant training on Sunday, October 12, 3:00- 4:00pm.

If you would like to occasionally assist with serving communion on Sunday mornings, in either service, please consider attending this training. Even if you have attended previous communion training sessions, it is recommended you attend again, as some procedures for serving have changed. Training will be held in the sanctuary, and is also open to children ages 7 and up (to serve as basket holders). Please watch the bulletin for when to sign up.



OCTOBER 14th  
12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall

**GHOSTLY LUNCH**

Menu - \$5.00 charge

Potato Bar  
with Fixings  
Chili and Crackers  
Chocolate Dessert  
Bring non-perishables for the Food Pantry.  
Please don't forget to sign-up on the attendance pad!

We will see you all on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for a delicious meal and fun conversation.





Gum Drop Kids is a non-profit organization that was formed in January 2008. They began by packing weekend meals for 12 children in the Carterville School District. The organization has

grown to packing about 1400 bags per week in school districts from Mt. Vernon to Cairo, IL. They have packed over 165,240 bags since they began.

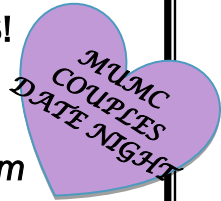
These child-friendly foods enhance the quality of life for at-risk children throughout Southern Illinois. The program helps remove barriers to academic success for these children. There are lifelong consequences to at-risk children as a result of having limited or no access to food.

MUMC's Service & Missions Team has been delivering bags to Murphysboro Schools since 2011. Last year over 4000 food bags were delivered. **Gum Drop Kids is offering a special packing night for MUMC on Oct 13 at 6 pm.** We will take the church van to pack as a group. **The van will leave the church parking lot at 5:30pm. Or you can meet us in Carterville at 1005 Briarwood Rd.**

What a wonderful opportunity for our church family to help this worthwhile ministry! Please sign-up on the attendance pad when available. For more information contact Trina Eaton at trina.eaton1@gmail.com.

**ATTENTION COUPLES!**

**Couples Date Night:  
October 10th  
reservation is 6:30 pm**



**Mackie's Pizza  
2704 Walton Way**

**Marion**

Sign-up on the attendance pad!

Save these dates:

Taking the Train to Centralia House  
May 22 2015

Blue Boar in Cobden

October 2, 2015

**DISCIPLE**

INTO THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD

**DISCIPLE II BIBLE STUDY  
"INTO THE WORD INTO THE  
WORLD"**

(Luke/Acts)

Disciple II is a 16-week study of Luke and Acts led by Pastor Larry. It will meet on Thursdays between October 30th, and March 5th.

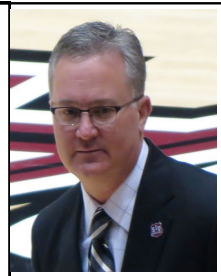
(There is no class on major holidays). The class will meet from 6:00 - 8:30pm

There will be an orientation meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 7:30pm to hand out books and the class schedule and explain the how the 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 up on the attendance pad if you are interested in participating in this study. Deadline for sign up is October 12. Contact Trina Eaton at trina.eaton1@gmail.com for more information.

**COACH HINSON AT MUMC!**

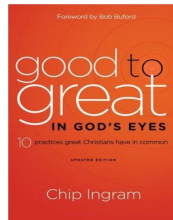
UMM is sponsoring a community-wide event with SIU Coach Barry Hinson **Sunday, October 19th at about 6:30 p.m.** Watch the bulletin for more details. Invite your friends and neighbors to this unique opportunity to hear Coach Hinson speak on family, sports, and faith.



**PATHFINDERS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**BEGINS NEW STUDY**



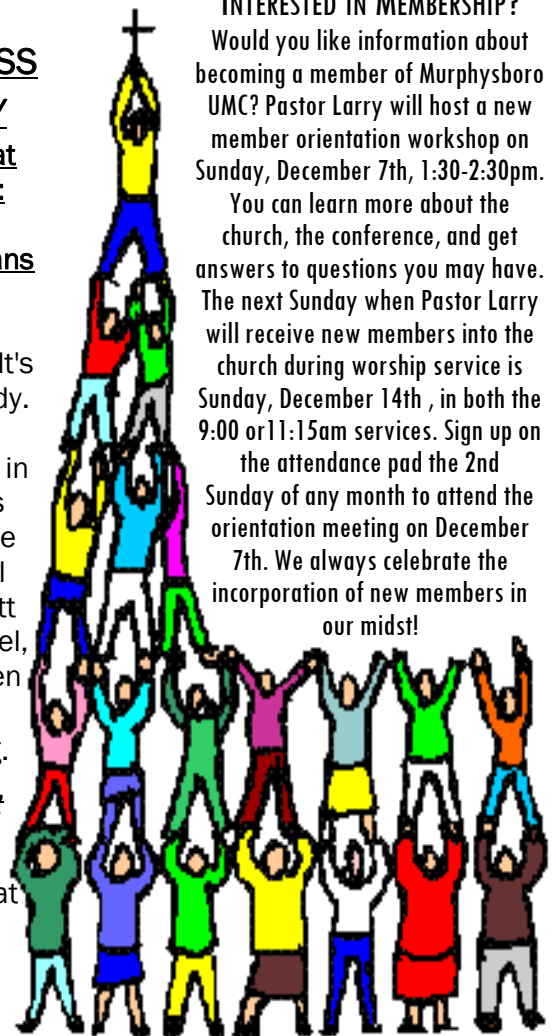
**"Good to Great In God's Eyes: 10 Practices Great Christians Have in Common,"** by Chip Ingram. It's

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 & Terri Twenhafel, and will be of interest to men and women ages 30-something to 60-something. **Begins Sunday, October 5th, and meets in Room 107.** If you've been thinking about joining a class, this is a great time to start!

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

Would you like information about becoming a member of Murphysboro UMC? Pastor Larry will host a new member orientation workshop on Sunday, December 7th, 1:30-2:30pm.

You can learn more about the church, the conference, and get answers to questions you may have. The next Sunday when Pastor Larry will receive new members into the church during worship service is Sunday, December 14th, in both the 9:00 or 11:15am services. Sign up on the attendance pad the 2nd Sunday of any month to attend the orientation meeting on December 7th. We always celebrate the incorporation of new members in our midst!





# CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



## SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

October 18th at 10:30 a.m. Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com

WE INVITE YOU TO READ THE BOOK AND JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION!

### MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive.

**Get started on November's book... "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls**

## THE LIBRARY CORNER

### Killing Jesus: A Reader Review by Gaye Auxier

Killing Jesus, an exploration of Jesus' life, times, and death was number one on the New York Times bestseller list for a number of weeks. Gaye Auxier reviews this book for us.

**Name of the Book:** Killing Jesus, A History

**Authors:** Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard

**What is this book about?** The life of Jesus, within the context of (then) current events.

**What makes this book interesting or meaningful?**

Reading this book was somewhat like watching the movie TITANIC. I already knew what the ending was going to be. The interest lies in reading the unfolding of the story. O'Reilly & Dugard tell the story of Jesus' life and influence within the context of what was going on in the world at the time. Many serious scholars have done this in great detail (and the "Sources" list at the end of the book is impressive), but O'Reilly & Dugard condense that body of work into a readable, interesting, chronological story. Keeping explanatory notes to a minimum, the authors create a narrative flow that one doesn't often find in scholarly material. Familiar Bible passages often are paraphrased as conversations, which also aids in creating interest and readability.

**Any other thoughts about the theme of the book or what makes this book stand out?**

I found the historic present tense annoying, and had to get used to reading it. "Mary and Joseph step through the Temple gate...Jesus clenches a coiled whip...Pontius Pilate sits tall..." etc. [*Emphasis mine.*] Also, reading the gory details about Herod's ailments and how they affected his various body parts only served to prompt me to think, "TMI," rather than to enhance my understanding of the time period.

**Would you recommend it to others?** Yes.

**Why?** If you are interested in reading a credible account of Jesus' life in the context of history, without getting bogged down in minute details and theories, I would recommend this book.

**How many stars (from 1 to 5) would you give it?** 3.5 \* \* \*

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**Library Note:** You will find this book and other books about Jesus and related topics of interest on the library table in the upstairs hall (close to the elevator), or downstairs in the library. If you haven't looked in the library downstairs yet, consider yourself invited!

THE LITTLE RED "MISSION" BUCKETS  
 Mission work is very important in the life of our church. Each month we donate money to a worthy cause through our Noisy Offering. In the past the money has been collected by a few of our children and the ushers during the Hymn of Praise.



Beginning in October we are introducing a new method for collecting this money. A little red bucket will be located at the end of every pew on Sunday morning. At an appointed time, the congregation will be prompted to pass the red "mission" bucket down the pew. We are trying to find a time to pass the buckets that is less intrusive in the service i.e., not during the hymn of praise or during our quiet, centering time. Then as the children come forward for the Children's Sermon, they will pick up the buckets at the end of each pew and bring them to the front where they will pour them (with help) into a large *Money for Missions* jar. We will leave the money in the jar each week and watch it grow until the end of the month. The kids will still get to help and be active participants in this mission, and the money in the jar will be a very visual example by watching it grow.

At the end of the month, we will empty the jar and start all over again. There may be a few bugs in this system, but we will work those out as needed. After all, we are Methodists, so we can always find the right method of achieving our end result. The Worship Team

**Stewardship Campaign 2015**  
*a way of life*

*HOW MY CHURCH INVOLVEMENT HAS CHANGED ME...*

Yes, about this time of year we begin our stewardship campaign by asking for volunteers to write or speak about what the church means to them and how it has changed them in their spiritual journey. Susan and I were married in this church some 48 years ago. Even though we left Murphysboro for a number of years to seek our fame and fortune and begin a family, we returned in 1976 and have been very closely associated with the church ever since.

But this message is supposed to convey "what my church means to me and how, if any, has it changed me." I feel I have grown closer to our Lord by all my involvement in committees and programs to which I have committed so much time. I know many may think that being on a committee or filling a leadership role on church council, finance, and staff/pastor parish relations could be described as a need for a different kind of commitment process— like therapy or short term placement in a protected environment. However, I may have been called to get deeply involved in a way that matched my abilities. I think it took the hand of God to get me active in the church's mission. This is the best way I can explain it.

You all know how Pastor Larry has guided our church to become a leader in the community as we fill our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." To continue supporting that effort is my goal and I pray it is yours.  
 Perry H. Patterson

August 20, 2014  
 The United Methodist Church  
 1500 Pine Street  
 Murphysboro, IL 62966



Dear Congregants,

On behalf of the students, staff, families and faculty of Carruthers Elementary School and General John A. Logan Attendance Center, let me tell you we are moved, overwhelmed, and humbled by your incredible generosity. Every day we work with students and families that have needs that we simply *can't* meet. Your gifts of over \$2000 in gift cards, money and clothing will not only make our jobs easier, but will help our students have the clothing, school supplies, housing, heat, food, eyeglasses and so much more they need in order to be successful in school.

As school social workers, we get to see the happiness these gifts bring to children and the relief they bring to families. We get to see the girls and boys walking proud in their new clothes, the relief on parents' faces when we can help them buy groceries or pay for heat in the winter, or the impact a pair of glasses has on a student's ability to succeed in the classroom. Thank you for giving us the personal blessing of reaping the benefits of giving your gifts away. Your gifts are even more valuable in that you give them knowing you'll not experience these rewards.

We are also humbled and honored that you trust us to identify the families and students that can most benefit from your generosity. We take that honor very seriously and work very hard to be wise stewards of what we know are YOUR sacrifices.

We are truly blessed to be in a community that so cares about our kids. I will be reminded of those blessings every time I am fortunate enough to fill a child's needs through your kindnesses.

Thank you again so much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Melinda Pierson  
 School Social Worker  
 Carruthers Elementary  
 School

Kate Winzenburger  
 School Social Worker  
 General John A. Logan  
 Attendance Center

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
OCT	<b>Worship Leaders</b>	
5	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
12	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
19	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
26	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.co
OCT	<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>	
5	Marcia Butler & Caroline Pederson	TBA -to serve contact Patti Shields or Carolyn Sauer
12	Sharon Graff & Pam Crews	TBA -to serve contact Patti Shields or Carolyn Sauer
19	Sharon Graff & Pam Crews	TBA -to serve contact Patti Shields or Carolyn Sauer
26	Rindy Eisenhauer & TBA -to serve contact the office	TBA -to serve contact Patti Shields or Carolyn Sauer
OCT	<b>Greeters</b>	
5	Tonya Walker & Mary Ann Hinchcliff	Tonya Walker & Candy Watt
12	Tonya Walker & Jennifer O'Donnell	Tonya Walker & Marcia Butler
19	Rob Williams & Jordon Williams	Rosie Wece & Emily Hargraves
26	Rob Williams & Jordon Williams	Kathy Bratton & Maggie Stewart
OCT	<b>Acolytes</b>	
5	Megan McNitt & Drake Rogus	NA
12	Tyler Doody & Cadence Brown	NA
19	Alex Baughman & Maggie Jenkins	NA
26	Ben Barringer & Conner Twenhafel	NA
OCT	<b>Prayer Request Readers</b>	
5	Mary Jane Williams	NA
12	Kristi Miller	NA
19	Emily Hargraves	NA
26	Adrienne Will	NA
OCT	<b>Liturgists</b>	<b>Music Leaders</b>
5	Mason Schingel	Angie Baughman
12	Allie Brown	Brian Vincent
19	Mike Dreith	Lacey Brown
26	Scarlett Pierson	Angie Baughman

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE	
<b>Ushers</b>		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Dick Graff, Vanessa Lirely, & Ralph Bastien		TBA- to serve contact Ron Moutardier
<b>Sunday Stewards</b>		
Rob Williams, Rick Runge, Ron Moutardier, & Dick Graff		



5	Ken Cline	16	Tonya Walker
6	Liz Ridgeway	18	Andy McNitt
7	Jennifer Watson	19	Adam Barringer
8	Allison Barringer	21	Larry Gilbert
	Ellen McNitt	22	Gary Wece
9	Lora Maye Bitner	23	Emma Nehring
	Susan Wirth	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
	Carolyn Ozburn	25	Julie Peterson
10	Robert Morefield	26	Haley Howard
11	Amber Smith	28	Margie Stilley
12	Elizabeth Lovell		Barbara Zimmerman
	Rick Runge	30	Kyle Quigley
13	Braden Miller		London Watson
14	Blake Niesporek		
15	Maya Jenkins		
	Mary Jane Williams		
	JoAnn Schirmer		



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

5	Lynn & Richard Pierson
	Sheila & Jim Stewart
	Emily & Kyle Hargraves
12	Bethany & JT Jenkins
15	Carla & Bill Quigley
	Tonya & Scott Walker
16	Marlene & Harold Gibbs
25	Sandra & Earl Renshaw
26	Sharon & Roger Medlen
29	Brooke & Ryan Guthman
	Elene & Clifton Swafford



The Illinois Great Rivers Conference is going on a mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras next June. The trip is limited to 15 people. The cost is \$2500. However,

there are scholarships available for anyone who has never been on a foreign mission trip before. **The deadline for scholarship application is October 15th.** Please Contact Gene Schwebel at (618)521-0879 with questions or more for information.

Saturday, November 15th is  
**FAITH DAY** at SIU vs Northern Iowa  
**SALUKIS**

**MUMC is involved in TWO SEPARATE EVENTS:**

**FOR YOUTH**

Youth Rally with Wesley Foundation includes:

- Tailgate Party
  - T-Shirt
  - Admission to the football game
- RSVP to your youth leader. Invite a friend!

**FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES:**

- Game ticket with endzone seating
- Saluki Football t-shirt
- Food and Drink voucher  
(one drink & choice of hotdog, nachos or pretzel)
- Group Recognition

Tickets are \$26 per adult & \$19 for children 18 years & younger. For ticket request forms contact the church office. Deadline to pay for tickets is noon on Tuesday, November 4th.



**MUMC now has Two SUNDAY Worship Services**  
**Traditional 9:00 am or Praise 11:15 am**  
**Invite a friend!**



Worship One Serve One refers to the opportunity we have, as a congregation with two services, to worship at one service and serve at the other. If this is a step on the trail that you would like to take, below is a list of the areas of need in which you may like to serve and the contact for more information in that area:

- ♦ **Welcome Host/Hostess** - Carolyn Sauer 684-2060/ 618-303-5548, geosauer1@aol.com or Patti Shields, 618-684-5515, deanshields@aol.com
- ♦ **Video Crew** -Troy Brown, 618-713-3447, laceywasright@gmail.com
- ♦ **Sound Technician** - Bill Quigley, 618-521-1259
- ♦ **Children's Church** - Emily Hargraves, 618-559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- ♦ **Nursery** - Brooke Guthman, 618-534-1615, bguthman@hotmail.com
- ♦ **Usher** - Ron Moutardier, 618-893-4059/ 618-303-0697, gronnmg@gmail.com
- ♦ **Technology** -Troy Brown, 618-713-3447, laceywasright@gmail.com

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

MUMC Church Office  
**Ministry Support Assistant**

MUMC has an opening for a new staff position of Ministry Support Assistant, approximately 20 hours/week

**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, Publisher
- Able to lift 10 pounds, navigate stairs, and travel between church and annex

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Provide administrative, clerical and coordinating support for Pastor and staff, as well as current and future ministry teams
- Coordinate periodic and ongoing large administrative projects such as Nominations process and maintenance, Youth Ministry Team data/security/emergency contact upkeep, assist with Charge Conference requirements, etc
- Learn church data base and communication systems for regular report/communication upkeep and retrieval
- Provide backup office coverage in absence of Church Secretary or Office Volunteer
- Other projects as identified

Submit resume and letter of interest to:  
 Rindy Eisenhower, SPRC Chair  
 Murphysboro United Methodist Church  
 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966



**CALL FOR PHOTOS**

Both the Traditional & Praise services will feature a "Year in Review" worship experience on the last Sunday of 2014 (December 28). As part of this service, there will be a slide show of activities and events of 2014.

All ministry chairs, event coordinators and those who take pictures are encouraged to share any digital pictures you may have with Troy Brown (laceywasright@gmail.com).

We appreciate your participation to make this worship service a great time of celebration.

If you have questions, you may contact Angie Baughman at [angie\\_baughman@hotmail.com](mailto:angie_baughman@hotmail.com). Thank you!

On November 2, we will celebrate All Saints' Day in our worship services.

We want to honor those loved ones who departed between November 2013 and now. We traditionally celebrate that life with a lighted candle and the ringing of a bell.

If you have a friend or family member whose name you would like included, please contact the church office by email: [murphysboroumc@frontier.com](mailto:murphysboroumc@frontier.com) or call 687-2317 by Monday, October 20 with that name and the date of death.



**The Worthing10s Family Bluegrass Band**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Sunday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., we will have "Celebrate Christmas with the Worthing10s" – a fun-filled, music-filled evening. The Worthingtons are a family gospel/bluegrass band – parents and their children who will all play a special part in helping us to kickoff the Christmas

**WHY CHURCH?**

A Synopsis

Why do people go to church? The church may seem outdated and not relevant to social issues of today. Some think the church is stuck in the past, or with their hectic lives they are just too busy to attend church. Some people may have had a bad experience with a church in the past and don't wish to repeat that. "Churches today are as varied – and as flawed - as the people who inhabit them. But believe it or not, every one of them has value. Every Christ-centered church has a role to play and a divine purpose to fulfill." A little book by Outreach, Inc. offers 5 life-changing benefits why church is a good place to be.

Church can help one **explore**. Church is a place where we can explore God, Jesus, and the Bible without being judged or made to feel stupid. Church is a place where you can discover God, God's Word, and discover yourself.

Church is a place to **belong**. The church family is an open and ever-expanding circle receiving, accepting and growing with Jesus at the center. It is a place where people of all generations love each other and work together with unity and respect.

Church can help one make an **impact**. In the church, we can grow spiritually, find a place for meaningful service, and discern and enlist in what God is doing in the world. Through the church we can make a difference.

Church can be a place to **refresh**. From time to time, we all need to take a break from stress, fear, worry and sadness. At church, through study of the Bible, we can learn God's hopes and dreams for us, the peace of God's love, and his hope, glory and overwhelming love for us. The church can be a place where one can recoup and restore the rhythm to one's life. The church offers silent retreats, spiritual direction, spaces of silence in worship, classes on prayer, discernment, and even meditation. It can help people recover from addictions, and abuse. Church is a place of refuge where it is okay to turn off the cell phone.

Church is a place to **express** oneself. Humans can express themselves in music, dancing, writing, painting, building, cooking, gardening – in any number of ways. Members can express themselves artistically through Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Lifted Hands, and drama groups. One can share one's life by mentoring children or young mothers, by tutoring a student struggling in school, by sharing some business expertise, by helping in a Habitat For Humanity project, by helping with Our Neighbors Table, or leading a boy scout troop. There are no limits to how people can express themselves. The church can give you a way to say it, sing it, to share it.

So if someone asks you, "Why Church?" you can tell them just what church has to offer. Invite them to walk with members of the Murphysboro United Methodist Church on this spiritual journey we call The Trail. Be sure to share our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. And be sure to tell them why church is important to you – invite them to join you; and offer to sit with them and show them around!

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**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)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Praise Service every 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

**IMPORTANT**  
Please be aware the alarm system  
in the church will be armed at  
**10:00pm** every night beginning **September 1st.**  
Do not enter the church after that time if you do not know  
how to disarm it. Staff will disable the alarm in the morning.