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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hopefully by now you are aware that September is Back to Church month. This is a national movement that has been around for several years, but this is our first time to participate. As the nation starts back to school in the fall, this movement is about inviting people who have drifted away over the summer or have never been involved in a church to give church a try.

The first three weeks of September, our worship services will focus on this back to church theme. This will be a great time for you to extend to someone an invitation to attend worship with you. All the information we have tells us that most people would appreciate being invited to attend church and that most people who start attending church do so based on the invitation of a friend. So if you have just been waiting for the right time to invite someone to church, well that right time just arrived.

One more really big item in September will be the weekly start of our Praise Service at 11:15am. Our weekly kick off will be September 21st, which is also the official Back to Church Sunday. The success of our Back to Church emphasis truly depends on the willingness of you and others like you to extend an invitation to folks to worship with you this September.

I also want to say a quick thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's congregation devotional book. Your work has been a big blessing to our congregation. Thanks.

To God be the Glory,

Larry

**Wednesday
Prayer Group**
 Begins at 9:30 a.m.
 Church Prayer Room
 Come and Pray
 With Us!
Everyone Welcome!

Praying Through
God's Word

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



October Compass
Deadline is Monday,
September 15

NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY

INVITE SOMEONE . . .
 FAMILY, FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, CO-WORKER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Traditional Service 9:00 am or Praise Service 11:15 am
 Sunday School for ALL ages at 10:10 am

SEPTEMBER 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1** 6:00pm Mom's Group
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 2** 5:00pm Girl Scout Registration
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal
- 3** 9:30am Worship Planning Team
- 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30pm Welcome Hostess Training
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 4** 6:00pm Scouts Roundtable
- 5** 8:30am Adult Spiritual Formation
- 3:00pm Feed the Team
- 6** 7:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- 9:00am HandBell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 7** 11:15am Staff/Parish
- 8** 1:00pm Nurture and Care Team
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 9** 12:00pm Young at Heart
- 6:00pm Board of Trustees
- Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Newcomers Planners
- Praise Team Practice
- 7:00pm Finance Committee
- 10** 9:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30pm Publicity and Promotion Team
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 11** 4:30pm Girl Scouts
- 12** 10:00am Feeder of the Pack
- 13** 7:30am Apple Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00am HandBell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 14** 5:00pm Youth Group

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.

- 15** MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
- 6:00pm Mom's Group
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 16** 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 17** 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Service & Missions
- AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 20** 9:00am HandBell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 10:30am Saturday Morning Book Club
- 22** 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 23** 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 6:30pm Church Council
- 24** 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 25** 4:30pm Girl Scouts
- 27** 9:00am HandBell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 28** 12:00pm Our Neighbor's Table
- 29** 6:00pm Mom's Group
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 30** 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Service Rehearsal



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28	29	30				

ALL CHURCH TRAIL DAY - GIANT CITY PARK- SEPTEMBER 28TH 2PM

- ◇ 1:30 Meet at Church to ride in the church van
- ◇ 2-2:30 Gather at Trailhead—Shelter #4
- ◇ 1-4:30 Rappelling
- ◇ 3-5:00 Hiking
- ◇ 3-4:30 Bingo at Shelter & Visitor Center Tours
- ◇ 4:30-5:00 Music by Praise Band
- ◇ 5-7:00 Picnic, Fellowship, Games & Campfire



Fried Chicken, plates, utensils, cups and ice will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to share along with your own drinks. Bring your lawn chairs and yard games. Don't forget to wear your TRAIL DAY t-shirts.

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Sunday School
for ALL ages at 10:10 am

**SEPTEMBER 9th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall
APPLE FEST**

*Young
at
Heart*
friends.fellowship.faith.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

9/28

Chicken & Dumplings
Dinner with Dessert
& Beverage

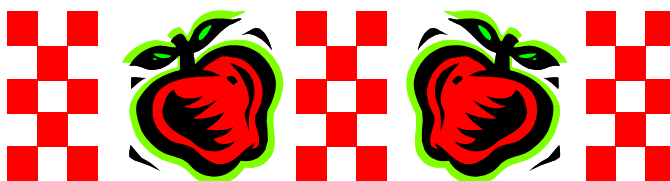
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Menu - \$5.00 charge

- Meat Loaf**
- Scalloped Potatoes**
- Green Beans**
- Waldorf Salad**
- Apple Dessert**

**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.



Youth Group

September 14: Regular meetings

**September 28: No Youth Group
Trail Day ALL Church event**

*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**

CHURCH LIBRARY

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



THE LIBRARY CORNER: FOUR!

Nope, we're not misspelling terminology from the game of golf--we're celebrating the fourth year of the MUMC library! Thank you to the church and to church members for so generously supporting the library. We are continuing to make changes, acquire new materials and work to keep the library interesting and relevant to the life of the church. See below a list of FOUR of the most recent library acquisitions, plus some library facts by the numbers.

Heaven is For Real, DVD. The book has been among our most popular books, and now we have the movie.

Bridge to Heaven. This is the newest book by one of the most popular fiction authors, Francine Rivers.

The Duggars: 20 and Counting! Raising one of America's largest families—how they do it. How DO they do it? Find out in this book by Michelle and Jim Bob Duggar.

The Five Love Languages of Children. This book by Gary Chapman is an addition to our collection of books on marriage, parenting, and family.

Library by the Numbers

- 1,607** Current number of books for adults and children in the library
- 107** Number of DVDs
- 39** Number of musical CDs and audio books
- 9** The number of times the two most popular fiction books have been checked out. Those books are "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon, and "The Help" by Kathleen Stockett

- 8** The number of times the two most popular non-fiction books, "Same Kind of Different As Me" by Ron Hall, and "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand, have been checked out
- 5** The number of times the most popular books for children have been checked out. Those books are "The Brick Bible", both old and new Testaments, with amazing Lego brick illustrations
- 129** Number of people who have checked out books or other items from the library
- 1** That's the one and only you. We love new patrons! Everyone is welcome to check out a book, and there's something in the library for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest. Here's a picture of one of our newest patrons, Colette Schuh. She's obviously very happy she has one of the MUMC library books!



SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

September 20th 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!

"The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd

Set in South Carolina in 1964, this is the tale of Lily Owens, a 14 year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping. This is a remarkable novel about divine female power, a story women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come.

Get started on October's book... "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs

**4th Annual
Murphysboro United
Methodist Church**



Apple Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 13, 2014

7—10:30 am Fellowship Hall

Tickets sold in advance.

**Available NOW in the church office
or see Bob Eaton**

Proceeds used to support the
Murphysboro Food Pantry, Church Camp &
other Missions of the MUMC.



**Weekly Praise Service begins
September 21st at 11:15am
Let's pack the sanctuary! Invite a friend!
Remember it is also
National Back to Church Sunday.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER COMPASS
IS SEPTEMBER 15TH . THANKS**

HOMEBOUND CARDS GET A FACELIFT

Our homebound cards ministry will look a little different starting in September. Newly renamed "Care Cards," they will now be prayed over during the Pastoral Prayer on the first Sunday of the month. Pastor Larry will leave the cards on the altar and they will be available to be picked up after the service by anyone who would like to send a card.



You will no longer need to return the index card with the address as before. The address will now be on a small piece of paper which can be discarded.

Please take the opportunity to be a part of this powerful and important ministry. These Care Cards are a way for us to let others in our church family know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Yard Sale to benefit
Mission Projects held in late
July was a HUGE success.*



Thanks to those of you donated items for the sale. Workers were busy all week with sorting, placement of items, and pricing. The weather was wonderful and the line of shoppers at 3:00 pm on Friday reached to the street! Many were delighted to use the elevator and expressed their appreciation.

On Saturday morning we initiated a "\$1 bag" sale for clothing and 1/2 price of most other items, much to the delight of our shoppers. We were able to empty the classrooms quickly.

More volunteers arrived around noon on Saturday to prepare the Fellowship Hall for "Our Neighbor's Table" dinner. Guests at the dinner were invited to take items with them when they left. This was the first part of the mission distribution. On Monday, volunteers sorted and boxed items for further distribution. Age and laundry appropriate clothing and shoes were taken to a local nursing and rehab facility. Clothing was taken to an agency that distributes to those who have experienced destruction or abandonment of their homes. SPIN asked for anything except clothing.

All the wonderful donations and volunteer hours made this sale a tremendous success. The Service and Missions Committee will determine which mission projects will share the \$3000 raised.

The fun and fellowship shared during this event was a wonderful blessing! Lynn Pierson

CARING FOR KIDS CHALLENGE...

In the month of July our congregation was challenged to participate each week in a different opportunity to help "care for" our local school children. The first week we were challenged to bring back packs and socks. The second week it was Walmart gift cards/cash to be used by the school social workers to help with unexpected necessities throughout the year. The third week was new or gently used children's books to be used in our Little Free Library. The fourth week we were asked to bring school supplies.

And you responded! Our congregation donated the following:

- 322 pairs of socks
- 80 backpacks
- \$2020 in cash & Walmart gift cards (no that is NOT a typo)
- Hundreds of children's books for our Little Free Library
- Numerous school supplies to be distributed among three local schools

Thanks to everyone who helped support this ministry. We are truly making Disciples for Jesus Christ!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
SEPT	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	
7	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	No Service
14	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	No Service
21	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
28	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	TBA-to serve contact the office
SEPT	<u>Welcome Hostesses</u>	
7	Carolyn Ozburn & Patti Shields	No Service
14	Arlene Bitner & Katherine Twenhafel	No Service
21	Arlene Bitner & Katherine Twenhafel	Sally Moutardier & Sharon Jones
28	Debbie Chapman & Caroline Pederson	TBA -to serve contact the office
SEPT	<u>Greeter</u>	
7	Peggy Schuster & Donna Horniacek	No Service
14	Peggy Schuster & Donna Horniacek	No Service
21	Paul & Debbie Chapman	Laurie Nehring & Emma Nehring
28	Paul & Debbie Chapman	TBA -to serve contact the office
SEPT	<u>Acolytes</u>	
7	Cadence Brown & Alex Baughman	NA
14	Madison Ripley & Makayla Ripley	NA
21	Ben Barringer & Ethan Finke	NA
28	Conner Twenhafel & Maggie Jenkins	NA
SEPT	<u>Prayer Request Readers</u>	
7	Mary Jane Williams	NA
14	Emily Hargraves	NA
21	Adrienne Will	NA
28	Wilma Westerfield	NA

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
SEPT	<u>Liturgists</u>	
7	Mary Jane Williams	NA
14	Asia Watson	NA
21	John Erbes	NA
28	Scarlett Pierson	NA
<u>Ushers</u>		
Rick Runge, Bob Eaton, Jim Hughes, Mark Twenhafel, Kyle Quigley, & Trina Eaton		
<u>Sunday Stewards</u>		
Todd Lirely, Ken Cline, Rick Pierson, Francis Addison & Ricky Pierson		



1	Nancy Vallino	20	Dan Jarrett
	Hal Zimmerman		Sid Boucher
2	James Bean		Betty Kiel
6	George Sauer	21	Megan Blackwell
7	Amanda Ripley	22	Jim Stewart
9	Taylor Moutardier		Oma Lee Jacobs
10	Cole McNitt	25	David Martin
11	Robin Jones	26	Robert Kinslow
	Ron Kiser	27	Lowell Heller
	Tena Bigham	28	Rob Graeff
	Kellee Ticer		Conner Twenhafel
16	Bill Crawshaw	29	Curt Presley
	Stephanie Finke	30	Ashley Runge
19	Betty Heape		Sandra Renshaw
			Ryan Guthman

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



2	Mary Jane & Rob Williams
10	Barbara & Jim Hughes
13	Julie & John Erbes
14	Sharon & Mike Jones
28	Beverly & Dan Jarrett

CALL FOR PHOTOS

Both the Traditional and 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. Thank you!

Third Annual Blessing of the Animals



The Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Frances 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.

SAVE the DATE: Saturday, November 15th
FAITH DAY at SIU Football game.



Details to follow soon.



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.

WHAT IS BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY?

National Back to Church Sunday is a movement to invite everyone in America back to church.

How?

By empowering and motivating church members to invite their family and friends to come with them to a special service hosted by the local church. (Special invitation postcards will be available if you'd like to use them)

Why?

Staggering statistics:

82% of the unchurched say they are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited
—Dr. Thom Rainer, *The Unchurched Next Door*

Yet only 2% of Christians EVER invite someone to church!

Who?

Who can you invite? (A special service is a perfect time to invite someone when it feels awkward on just "normal" Sundays)

- A family member who doesn't regularly attend
- An acquaintance you have met through your kids' school or activities
- A friend of your child or grandchild (and their family)
- One of your friends that doesn't regularly attend
- Someone you talk with regularly at the gym
- A colleague from work
- Someone you've become acquainted with through a business you patronize
- Someone you'd like to get to know better — invite them for lunch also
- There are more options than you might think! And remember that 82% of anyone you invite say they are at least likely to attend if you invite them, and especially if you meet them and sit with them

When is MUMC Special Service for Back to Church Sunday?

September 21
9:00am Traditional Service OR 11:15 am Praise Service
WHO WILL YOU INVITE??



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.



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www.MurphysboroUMC.com



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.
Praise Service every Sunday: 11:15 a.m.
beginning September 21st.

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

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