

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
 METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

October 26, 2014

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
 Ordinary Time - Green

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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 (suggested 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 (suggested), will be dismissed for CHILDREN'S CHURCH in Room 205, following the Pastoral Prayer. Also see our "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:** "Seek Ye First" Hymnal #405

**The Greeting**

**Sharing of Parish Opportunities and Attendance Ritual**

*Noisy Mission Offering: During worship leader announcements, the red buckets in the pews are to be passed. The noisy mission offering in October will go to **Our Neighbor's Table**.*

*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:** "Intermezzo" from "Suite on The Church's One Foundation" by Robert Hobby

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymnal #158

**Invocation**

**O gracious God, we pray for your holy church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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**

**Chancel Choir:** "Like a River Glorious" by David Schoebel

**Children's Moments**

**Stewardship Moment:** Cliff Buchholz

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** "Meditation on 'Let Us Break Bread Together'" by John Barr

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

**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**

Proverbs 6:16-19 and I Corinthians 3:1-3  
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.  
 P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "It's Not Helpful: Stirring the Pot"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**++Communion Hymn:** "Take Our Bread"

Hymnal #640

**Ritual of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

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

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr by Dennis Johnson

**++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**

**Stewardship Moment:** Kristi Miller

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 6:16-19 and I Corinthians 3:1-3

**Sermon:** "It's Not Helpful: Stirring the Pot" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Sending Forth**

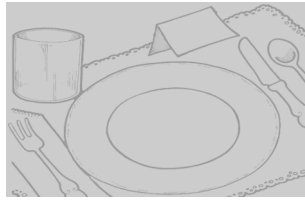
TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Greeters	Sheila and Jim Stewart	Kathy Bratton and Maggie Stewart
Liturgist	Scarlett Pierson	
Organist	Judy Little	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
Choir/Music Leader	Ricardo King	Angie Baughman
Prayer Request Reader	Adrienne Will	Angie Baughman
Acolytes	Ben Barringer and Maggie Jenkins	
Welcome Hostesses	Carolyn Sauer and Janis Crews	Laurie Nehring
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Rick Pierson, Brant Wingerter and Braden Miller
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mrs. Emma McDaniel Morris		

**Stewardship and Attendance for October 19**

Offering (Combined): \$8,330.50

Traditional Service: 207; Praise Service: 46; Sunday School: 117

## OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



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

### JOIN THE FUN AT TRUNK OR TREAT!

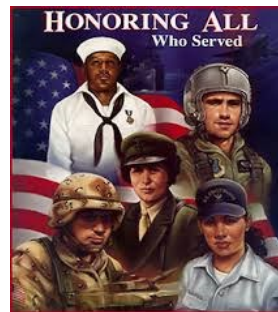
Friday, October 31st  
5:00—8:00 p.m.  
Church Parking Lot



**SALUKI FOOTBALL FAITH DAY**  
**Saturday, November 15, 2014**  
**Saluki Football vs. Northern Iowa**  
**Kickoff at 2:00 p.m.**

Touchdown packages include: game ticket, food and drink voucher (drink and hot dog, nachos or pretzel) and a Saluki football t-shirt. Adult packages are \$26; youth are \$19. Any questions can be directed to and reservations forms can be picked up at the church office (phone: 687-2317; email: [murphysboroumc@frontier.com](mailto:murphysboroumc@frontier.com)). Reservations must be returned **NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd!**

November 9th through the 23rd we will be honoring our veterans with a Wall of Honor. If you have not already shared your service photo, please either bring a copy to the office or drop it off with Allison or Josh Barringer. Please include your name, branch of service and the years you served. Our veterans will be recognized during both services on November 16th.

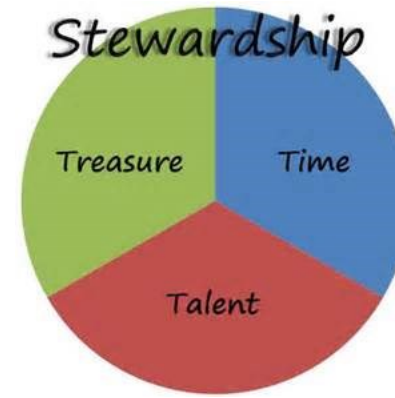


## SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

November book club info: Saturday, November 15th at 10:15 a.m. in the church library (Rm 110). Book to be discussed is *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. This book is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. *The Glass Castle* is truly astonishing—a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family.

There will NOT be a book club meeting in December.

In the *Bible* story of the feeding of the multitude found in John, Chapter 6, as mealtime approached disciple Philip discounted the disciples' treasury as a possible source for feeding the crowd, on the basis the funds were vastly inadequate. Likewise, disciple Andrew judged five loaves and two fishes belonging to a boy in the crowd to fall very, very short of what was needed. We know from scripture that Jesus received the boy's bread and fishes, thanked His Father for them, and the meager meal was sent out into the crowd. After the multitude had eaten, 12 baskets were filled with the remainder of the barley loaves.



One sad take-away from this story is that neither Philip nor Andrew looked to Jesus for a miracle. Philip, especially, had witnessed Jesus performing great miracles, including changing water into wine. Still, both men overlooked Jesus as their source. Sometimes as Christians we, too, spend much of our lives relying upon "our" resources and abilities. There is far greater peace to be gained by placing our faith not in our ordinary selves but in the extraordinary God who fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes.

For me, tithes and offerings are grateful, continual affirmations that He is my source; I am but a steward.  
~ Nancy Vallino

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



All three youth groups will be collecting items for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child this year. Operation Christmas Child is a simple shoebox, filled with simple items, that can teach a child about the love of God. Shoeboxes are delivered to needy children all over the world by the Samaritan's Purse ministry.

**Through November 2nd**, youth groups will be collecting items for the shoeboxes. Items needed include small toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories, and plastic shoeboxes to pack items in. Some ideas include:

- **Toys:** include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- **Accessories:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.
- **Plastic Shoe Boxes** (for packing items within)
- **Do Not Include:** used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child!

## Prayer List

Paula Chapa  
Lillian McKinney  
~ 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 October is Our Neighbor's Table**  
Please include this in your daily prayers.

## CACHE RIVER UNITED METHODIST SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RALLY

The United Methodists of the Cache River District are joining together on Sunday, November 2nd at 6 PM at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion, IL for their Annual Spiritual Renewal Rally. This year Rev. Sylvester Weatherall, District Superintendent of the Spoon River District, will be preaching. Rev. Weatherall is a dynamic preacher with a passion for reaching the world for Jesus and inspiring the church to obediently follow Christ.

Worship leaders for this rally are Greg and Rebecca Sparks from Pittsburg, PA. The Sparks are Christian artists that have made frequent appearances to the Southern Illinois area. Their music is a beautiful blend of hymns and praise that is upbeat, heartfelt and uplifting.

The Cache River District of the United Methodist Church covers the area from Benton to Cairo, IL and from River to River. This event is open to all the public.

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR



- Oct. 26** CYF Picnic at Bald Knob. Van leaves at 1:00 p.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9** \*Youth Group Meetings at 5:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15** \*United Methodist Wesley Foundation Youth Rally and SIU football game. MUMC vans depart parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Rally includes: lunch, a look at the Wesley Foundation from students' perspectives, songs, games, 2:00 p.m. Saluki Football game ticket, SIU Wesley Foundation t-shirt. Register with your youth group leader by Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Bring a friend! (Permission slip will be required.) Cost is \$2.00.

\*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