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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we move into the holiday season, I always try to spend some time reflecting on what I have to be thankful for. It never takes very long before I am overwhelmed with the sheer goodness of God in my life. Sometimes I find it helpful just to start a list of those things for which I am thankful:

- Teresa, who has shared my life for over 45 years, and in the covenant of marriage for 40
- For my children, Angie and Connie
- For my two sons-in-law, Matt and Michael
- For our three amazing grandchildren, and the one on the way
- For our beautiful home which is such a joy
- For the vocation God has given me
- For the incredible friends who share my life journey
- For the congregation I serve, so rich in gifts and talents, and full of commitment
- For the love of God which shapes and molds my life daily
- For the health I enjoy each day

In just a few minutes I have listed 10 incredible blessings which touch my life everyday and make my life abundant.

Why don't you take just a minute and make your own list. Remind yourself why your life is so good and how, even on a really bad day or in a very tough season, of life there is still so much to be thankful for.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his love endures forever.

To God be the Glory,

Larry

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



December Compass  
 Deadline is Monday,  
 November 17th.  
 THANKS!

Left & Center pictures are of the Barry Hinson Event sponsored by UMM that was held Sunday, October 19th.

Right picture is one of the over 60 dogs and a goat that were blessed on October 5th at the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals.  
 Pictures courtesy of Troy Brown Photography



- 1 6:00am Feed the Team
- 9:00am Handbell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 3 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 4 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 5 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30pm P & P Team
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 6 6:00pm Scouts Roundtable
- 6:00pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 7 6:00pm Daisy/Brownie Meetings
- 8 7:30am UMM Breakfast
- 9:00am Handbell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 9 5:00pm Youth Groups
- 10 1:00pm Nurture and Care
- 6:00pm Mom's Group
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 11 12:00pm Young at Heart
- 6:00pm Board of Trustees
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00pm Finance Committee
- 12 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 13 4:30pm Girl Scouts
- 6:00pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 14 10:00am Feeder of the Pack

- 15 9:00am Handbell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 10:30am Saturday Morning Book Club
- 17 MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 18 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 19 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 5:45pm Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Service & Missions
- AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 20 6:00pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 21 6:00pm Daisy/Brownie Meetings
- 22 9:00am Handbell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 23 3:00pm New Member Orientation
- 5:00pm All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- 24 6:00pm Mom's Group
- 7:00pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 25 6:00pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Praise Team Practice
- 26 6:00pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 29 9:00am Handbell Choir
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 30 12:00pm Our Neighbor's Table
- 7:00pm The Worthington's Program

Please remember the deadline for the December Compass is Monday, Nov. 17th



Congratulations to the FEEDER of the PACK ministry on your two-year anniversary. Thank you for helping to serve the needs of hungry dogs and cats in struggling families in Jackson County!

**NOISY Mission Offering**

in  
**November**  
is going to  
**MURPHYSBORO KEY CLUB**



In case you missed the Apple Festival Parade...this is the Giant-9 foot-Beach Ball folks from MUMC rolled down Walnut Street. Fun for everyone!



Troy Brown Photography





**Nov 9: Regular meetings**  
**Nov 15 Wesley Foundation Youth Rally**  
 See page 7 for details  
**Nov 23: All Church Thanksgiving**

\***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!**

Please remember that on November 2, we celebrate *All Saints' Day* in both of our worship services.

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

Please be sure and attend the services to remember those we have lost and to support those who are grieving for loved ones.



**NOVEMBER 11th**  
**12:00 noon**

**Fellowship Hall**  
**Menu - \$5.00 charge**

Turkey & Dressing  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Broccoli with Cheese  
 Cranberry Salad  
 Pumpkin Dessert

**Please don't forget to sign upon the attendance pad!**  
**Bring toys for the Nursery ages 0-3 yrs.**

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



*INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?*



**WE ARE THE CHURCH**

PLEASE NOTE A **DATE CHANGE** FOR PASTOR LARRY'S new member **orientation workshop** on **Sunday, November 23rd, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

You can learn more about the church, the conference, and get answers to questions you may have. Pastor Larry will receive new members into the church during worship service **Sunday, December 14th, in both the 9:00 and 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!

**HURRY! LAST CHANCE TO TURN IN IS NOVEMBER 2ND! OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

ALL 3 youth groups are 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. Please bring and place in the tubs marked Operation Christmas Child. Items needed include:

**Toys:** dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, 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 (extra batteries), etc.

**Plastic shoeboxes:** to pack the items in.

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child!

**VETERANS DAY**

November 9th - 23rd we will honor 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.

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**



**FREE**

**Chicken & Dumplings Dinner with Dessert**

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**



## SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

November 15th at 10:15 a.m. Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com

***The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls***

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

*The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family.

The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.

*The Glass Castle* is truly astonishing--a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family.

**Saturday Morning Book Club will not meet in December.**

## THE LIBRARY CORNER

## THIS AND THAT

Two of the library's most popular fiction authors and one of the most popular inspirational authors all have new books for readers to enjoy:

**Karen Kingsbury** starts a new fiction series with *Angels Walking*. It's angels on an assignment! They are needed on this messy earth to carry out a mission that will affect the happiness and well-being of many. But these things take a great deal of effort--even for angels.

**Jan Karon**, who has long been a favorite because of her humorous and insightful stories about Father Tim and the people of Mitford, North Carolina, has written a new novel in the Mitford series. In *Somewhere Safe with Someone Good* Father Tim, a retired Episcopal priest who very much misses his pastorate, is now back in Mitford, and finds there are still plenty of things happening in Mitford to keep him occupied.

**Max Lucado** shares spiritual insights with his readers in *Grace: More than We Deserve Greater Than We Imagine*. In this short Audio Book (3 Discs), Lucado asks how much do we really understand grace? He thinks we often settle for a "tame" idea of grace when grace is so much more deep and wide than we imagine. Lucado points out that grace can truly have a radical "turn-you-upside-down" effect! He says grace can take you from "insecure to God secure." And from "afraid to die to ready to fly."

## Children's Corner

Thanksgiving and giving thanks as a family is a great concept for children to learn and enjoy. Help your younger children have fun thinking about giving thanks with a book from the library. We have *The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks* and Karma Wilson's *Give Thanks to the Lord*. Wilson's book is in rhyming verse with pictures of family Thanksgiving Day activities. Look on the library table in the upstairs hall for these and other children's books.

## Looking Toward Christmas

The library has video Advent studies! These would be good for Sunday School classes or individuals. Have a look at Mike Slaughter's *A Different Kind of Christmas: Living and Giving Like Jesus*. Also available are Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Christmas*, Kyle Idleman's *The Christmas Experience*, plus *The Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World* by Rick McKinley and others. All of these studies are on the media shelves in the library downstairs.



## Campaign 2015

*Murphysboro United Methodist Church has forever impacted my Christian faith.* My history with our church began when I was in Junior High and I started attending services with my dad. My mom was terminally ill with a lung disease and we needed a church to support our family through the very difficult times that we knew lay before us. Our church family was indeed there for us in big ways when that time came several years later. Through the eyes of a resilient but deeply hurting teenager, I remember all the acts of love. I remember Juanita Stewart's tiny stature but huge strength being present with us in the hospital during hard days, and bringing me the calm that I needed. Later on, I remember Ralph and Joan Bastien showing up at the back door with a hot dinner on an evening when my belly was growling but my dad was not yet home from work. There were countless others I remember, all examples of our church family being the hands and feet of Christ when we needed it the most. I attended MUMC up through the end of high school. My faith was still immature, but our church had helped plant seeds and set deep roots in me that God would use.

Six years later, although I was living in Champaign at the time, Brant and I were married at MUMC. Fast forward about four more years, and we found ourselves back in Murphysboro and back in the welcoming family of this congregation. We had wrapped up our adventure living in Boston and were now parents to our son Logan. I thought we'd attend church with my dad and step-mom Clara just until we found a church "of our own." I think back on that and smile, because God obviously had other plans for us. We welcomed our daughter Abigail into the world, and both our children were baptized in our church. Within our first year back, the Trail series kicked off, and I finally understood how faith was much more than salvation and belief; it was also very much about growing — growing deeper in my faith, and growing in my relationship with Jesus. Little by little, I took part in Bible studies, joined a Sunday School class and the young moms group, developed new Christian friendships, became involved in the life of our church, and quietly watched and witnessed the examples of the true disciples we have in our congregation. I had a new and deeper desire to read my Bible, spend time in prayer, and read Christian devotionals and books so I could spend time with God every day. Before long, I found myself transformed. My faith was much stronger, and God knew I needed that strength and that relationship with Him. We suffered through the loss of two pregnancies — two precious children — within one year's time. Our church family stepped up and poured out love through prayers, meals, cards and words of strength and hope that will always be remembered. Each act of love was a drop in my bucket that God used in time to fill me back up with His joy. I continue to walk confidently ahead in my faith, knowing that my church will always be there for my family.

God has used MUMC to be a bridge to lead me closer to Him. I have found an extended family that daily demonstrates God's love and serves as the hands and feet of Christ in this world. In our church, I have found accountability in my faith. I have found a safe and loving place for my children to not only learn about Jesus, but form Godly relationships outside of their family, with both mentors and peers — people who care and pray for them and guide and encourage them. I myself have found peers to grow alongside and mentors to look up to and learn from their example. I have found countless special friendships that God uses to bless me and bring me joy. I have truly found the beginnings of the rich abundance that God wants me to walk in for all the years ahead.

*Amanda Wingerter*

### *Tis' the Stewardship Season*

At a recent finance committee meeting we discussed the program requests of all the ministries the church has. You know what many of those ministries are and probably have participated in several. You've seen the church advance in many ways over the past 6 years. All you have to do is observe what is happening. Case in point, the elevator makes the church accessible to all...what a blessing!

But the bottom line, no matter which way one looks at it, to continue the church's mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" is how well our giving will support that mission. Recent giving statistics show, **at a minimum, 92-93% of the church budget needs to come from our annual stewardship campaign.** A tentative budget of about \$437,000 for 2015 was reviewed on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Ninety-two percent (92%) of giving to support this level of spending equals \$402,040 and ninety-three percent (93%) equals \$406,410 to support the 2015 tentative budget. Assuming this example is reliable, we will need to **increase our 2015 giving by \$26,400-\$30,770 for a percentage increase of 7-7.3%.**

Pray over your stewardship decision as we approach Consecration Sunday on November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
The Stewardship Committee

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
NOV	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	
2	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
9	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
16	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Larry Gilbert pastor.larry@frontier.com
23	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
30	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
NOV	<u>Welcome Hostesses</u>	
2	Thelma Pierson & Nancy Tillett	Clara Kiser
9	Kay Bozarth & Kathy Bratton	Jennifer O'Donnell
16	Kay Bozarth & Kathy Bratton	Laurie Nehring
23	Rosalie Winters & Barb Hughes	Vern Cline
30	Rosalie Winters & Barb Hughes	TBA—to serve contact Carolyn Sauer
NOV	<u>Greeters</u>	
2	Ken & Vern Cline	Tonya Walker & Candy Watt
9	Katherine Twenhafel & Jack Cochran	Tonya Walker & Lee Rendleman
16	Ken & Vern Cline	Rosie Wece & Emily Hargraves
23	Katherine Twenhafel & Jack Cochran	Trina & Bob Eaton
30	Barbara & Jerry Giffin	Susie Karnes & Teresa Gilbert
NOV	<u>Acolytes</u>	
2	Tyler Doody & Drake Rogus	NA
9	Madison Ripley & Makayla Ripley	NA
16	Ethan Finke & Megan McNitt	NA
23	Cadence Brown & Maggie Jenkins	NA
30	Ben Barringer & Conner Twenhafel	NA
NOV	<u>Prayer Request Readers</u>	
2	Wilma Westerfield	Angie Baughman
9	Kristi Miller	Ed O'Donnell
16	Mary Jane Williams	Larry Gilbert
23	Emily Hargraves	Ed O'Donnell
30	Adrienne Will	Angie Baughman

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
NOV	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Music Leaders</u>
2	Nancy Vallino	Dennis Goforth
9	Mary Jane Williams	Brian Vincent/Kristi Miller
16	Stephanie Finke	Lacey Brown
23	Vanessa Llirely	Angie Baughman
30	Trina Eaton	Dennis Goforth
<u>Ushers</u>		
Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, Lowell Heller, London Watson, John Erbes, Jennifer Watson		Jay Graff, Olivia Graff, & Nicci Steele
<u>Sunday Stewards</u>		
Gene Schwebel, Troy Brown, Everett Blackwell		



2	Josh Baughman	18	Katie Schwebel
	Kathy Blackwell	19	Greg Schuh
	Cole Fletcher	22	Pam Graham
4	Lucas Bigham		Pat Porter
	Chris Finke	25	James Nimmo
	Ethan Finke		Earl Renshaw
	Kay Lirely	26	Tabitha Lirely
	Caroline Pederson		Russell Schirmer
	Clifton Swafford		Katherine Twenhafel
5	Robert Frank	29	Beverly Jarrett
8	Jude Siulua	30	Ben Barringer
10	Arthur Porter		Jerry Giffin

11	Liam Guthman
	Robert Williams
12	Dave Auxier
	Julie Erbes
	Bill Quigley
13	Jonas Schaldemose
15	Cindy Johnson
16	Arlene Bitner
	Cecela Crawshaw
	Sharon Graff



1	Teresa & Larry Gilbert
4	Terri & Roger Twenhafel
15	Susan & Harry Wirth
17	Arlene & Paul Bitner
	Kristi & Jerry Miller
18	Barbara & Hal Zimmerman
21	Julie & Jim Peterson
25	Adrienne & Wes Will
27	Gloria & Gary Likins

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



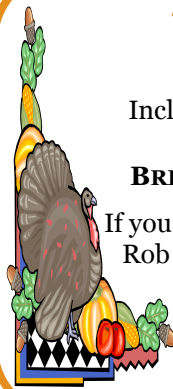
The Worthing10s Family Bluegrass Band



**KICK OFF CHRISTMAS WITH BANJOS!**

**Sunday Evening  
November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.,  
"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 season. Dessert and drinks are being served after the performance in the fellowship hall. Bring your family and friends for this festive holiday event!



**ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 5:00 P.M.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Includes entertainment - you won't want to miss this event!  
Church provides meat and drinks.

**BRING A SIDE DISH OF VEGETABLES, SALAD OR DESSERT.**

If you would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast or ham, call Rob Williams at 713-0843 or the church office at 687-2317.

Please contact Rosie Wece at 559-8167 if you would like to help with the dinner.

**PLEASE COME AND ENJOY  
THIS WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!**



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

**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.**

**Cards for a Cure**

- ◆ Do you ever dine out at Panera's, Steak & Shake, or Applebee's?
- ◆ Do you ever buy a book at Barnes & Noble?
- ◆ Do you ever buy gifts for a friend at Bath & Body?
- ◆ Do you shop for your kids at Old Navy?
- ◆ Do you purchase home repair items at Lowe's, Sears, or Home Depot?
- ◆ Do you ever put gift certificates in a Christmas or birthday card?



If you answered "YES" to any of the questions, you can help raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life team is selling gift cards to over 50 businesses. For every gift card that we sell, the companies will give us a percentage of the sale. For example, if you give us \$10, we will give you a gift card for \$10. Then the business will donate a percentage back to our team.

Purchasing gift cards is an easy way to get a jump-start on your Christmas shopping and at the same time help raise money for the battle against cancer. You may contact any Relay member for information or mail your order to Wilma Westerfield at 303 S Pecan, DeSoto, IL, 62924. We have two order dates, and cards will be in plenty of time before Christmas. Order forms will be inserted in the Sunday bulletin.

**Make checks payable to Methodists on a Mission.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Order Date: turn in by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> .**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Order date: turn in by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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**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**

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Praise Service: 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.....Judy Little  
Pianist.....Micah Mayes  
Choir Director.....Ricardo King  
Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz  
Nursery Attendant.....Bridget Lewis

**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.