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WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



March Compass Deadline is February 16th. THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



in February is going to

DISCIPLE BUILDERS.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Wednesday, February 18th, Christians around the world will begin the season of Lent. This tradition, in one form or another, has existed almost from the beginning of the Christian church. For thousands of years, the followers of Jesus have used the days before the celebration of Easter to prepare our hearts and lives for the joy of our risen Lord.

Today the season of Lent consists of the 40 days before Easter, not counting the Sundays, which means it always begins on a Wednesday. This Wednesday is called Ash Wednesday, because for over 1,000 years Christians have used the symbol of ashes on this day to remember the practice of penance which is central in the Lenten season.

The practice of fasting for Lent goes back to the earliest times and has been observed in many ways and forms over the years. Today this spiritual discipline is still widely practiced, and many members of our congregation will observe some form of Lenten fast.

Lent is just a wonderful opportunity to spend a little extra time turning our hearts and minds toward God. On the first Sunday of this year, I challenged each of us to do something in 2015 to draw ourselves closer to God. Lent offers many great opportunities to expand your spiritual practices for a brief time. You may want to add a Lenten fast for the first time, or attend one of several special Lent services. I encourage each of us to take a step toward God in this Lent season.

To God be the Glory,

Larry

WEEK

2	6:00 pm	Mom's Group	16		MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
	7:00 pm	AA Big Book Meeting		6:00 pm	Mom's Group
3	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	AA Big Book Meeting
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice	17	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
4	5:45 pm	Choir Practice		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts	18	5:45 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		Al-Anon Meeting		7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
5	6:00 pm	Scouts Roundtable			Service & Missions
		Disciple II Bible Study			AA Meeting
6	8:30 am	Adult Spiritual Formation			Al-Anon Meeting
7	9:00 am	Handbell Choir	19	6:00 pm	Disciple II Bible Study
	10:00 am	AA Meeting	21	9:00 am	Handbell Choir
8	3:30 pm	Confirmation Class		10:00 am	AA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Groups		10:30 am	Book Club
9	1:00 pm	Nurture and Care	22	noon	Our Neighbor's Table
	6:00 pm	Mom's Group		3:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	AA Big Book Meeting		5:00 pm	Youth Groups
10	noon	Young at Heart	23	6:00 pm	Mom's Group
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	AA Big Book Meeting
	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees	24	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice		6:30 pm	Hospitality Team
	7:00 pm	Finance Team			Praise Team Practice
11	9:00 am	Staff Meeting	25	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	5:45 pm	Choir Practice		5:45 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts		6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30 pm	P & P Team		6:30 pm	Youth Ministry Team
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting		7:00 pm	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting			Al-Anon Meeting
12	4:30 pm	Girl Scouts	26	4:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:00 pm	Disciple II Bible Study		6:00 pm	Disciple II Bible Study
13	10:00am	Feeder of the Pack	2 7	6:00 pm	Daisys/Brownies
	6:00 pm	Daisys & Brownies	28	9:00 am	Handbell Choir
14	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		10:00 am	AA Meeting
	9:00 am	Handbell Choir)		Sunday
	10:00 am	AA Meeting			

{thank you}

Thank you for the prayers, cards, vísits, food, phone calls and concerns while I've been recovering from my fall and other health issues. Also, thanks to the church for the Christmas gift bag.

JoAnn Schirmer

Editors Note: This was accidently left out of the January issue of the Compass. We apologize for the omission.

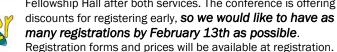
NOTICE

Please note that Peg Schuster has moved to an assisted living facility near her daughter's home in central Illinois. Her new address is:

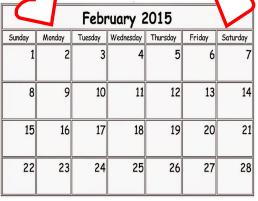
Peg Schuster 1709 S Division St #14 Mahomet, IL 61853

Please remember the deadline for the March Compass is Monday, February 16th

Registration for LITTLE GRASSY CAMP will be held this Sunday, February 1, in the Fellowship Hall after both services. The conference is offering



Registration forms and prices will be available at registration. Please remember, if you go to IGRC.org/camping and register online you will need to contact Christine Nolan, the church financial secretary so she can pay MUMC's part of the registration fees.





Feb 1: Youth Sunday BOTH Services

Feb 8: Youth Meetings 5 pm Feb 22: Youth Meetings 5 pm

*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!

TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR

Is coming to MUMC

Teen Challenge International of Mid-America

The Faith Based Solution for the Drug Epidemic Teen Challenge International of Mid-America in Cape Girardeau, MO is a long-term, residential, faith-based program that ministers to men with drug, alcohol and other addictions, as well as life controlling issues.

The Teen Challenge student choir visits churches sharing songs and giving testimonies of how God has changed their lives and broken addictions.

Come and hear the songs and stories of this group on **Sunday**, **February 15th** at the Traditional and Praise Services.

Bring a Friend!



Health Ministry Team

After a couple years' hiatus, there is work going

on to restart a Health Ministry in our church.
Hopes are that it will consist of areas of spiritual
and physical well being. A medical background is
not necessary. If this is an area of ministry that
you feel called to serve in, please call Willa
Addison at 319-3444, Nancy McNitt at 201-1533
or Vern Cline at 303-2336.

FEBRUARY 10th 12:00 noon Fellowship Hall Happy Valentine's Day



WEAR SOMETHING RED

friends, fellowship, faith.

Menu - \$5.00 charge

Spaghetti with meatballs Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Cherry Cheesecake

Please don't forget to sign upon the attendance pad!

Come Hear Guest Speaker Jane Williams, President of the Murphysboro Food Pantry Board of Directors

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



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP ON THE TRAIL OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY? Consider participating in the next adult mission trip.

We are planning a return trip to Camp Restore in New Orleans. The tentative date is the *week of April 12th*. The team would leave on Sunday, April 12th and return on Saturday, April 18th. Cost is \$300, and we need to know if you are going by the *end of February*.

If you are interested in this, please let Gene Schwebel, Trina Eaton, or Erin Miluer know as soon as possible. It is a blessing to serve others, and in the process you yourself will be blessed!



OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

FREE

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Chicken & Dumplings
Dinner with Dessert
& Beverage

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



THE LIBRARY CORNER: Do You Know an Author?

The answer to that question is probably yes! The library has several books that were written by church members or their friends or relatives, plus other books about southern Illinois history and families.

The latest author to be added to this local collection is Martin Twenhafel. He has written a book titled **A Long Way from the Farm** that recounts his memories about his time in the service during World War II. Martin's Army experience would take him from the farm to Chicago, then on to Fort Knox for training, and overseas to Germany and France right at the time the war with Germany ended. Martin shares stories and pictures with his readers in this short and interesting book. He writes:

"Serving in the United States Army from August 1944 to August 1946 was a transformational experience in my life.
Undoubtedly it changed me as a person as much as it changed nations. The memories of this experience remain very real."

Judy Little, our organist and retired English professor and author, has presented the library with samples of her poetry, including two small books, **Homewords** and **Prayers and Other Edges**. Read the poem "Homewords: Thanksgiving Day" (p. 4) about the child Judy sitting on the floor reading a book to her little sister, while at the same time listening to the adult conversation around her, soaking up words, learning, already starting on her vocation. Or in **Prayers**, read "Gifts" (p. 29) her imagining of Jesus, saying farewell to his old life and his vocation of carpenter as he prepares to go see his cousin John the Baptist and enter his own ministry. In the poem, Jesus completes one last carpentry job: "His hands enjoying for the last time a skill / They would not use again."

Other local books in the library include personal journeys:

Kalyn's Secret: Every Parent's Battle to Save Their Children by Lisa Renshaw Cherry and her daughter Kalyn, on the topic of a perilous time in Kalyn's life.

Confessions of a Prairie Pilgrim by Woodie White, a former UMC Bishop in Illinois. He writes eloquently about faith, everyday life, and spiritual truths he has learned.

David Valentine's Day by Dave Auxier and edited by Randy Auxier. Dave, who was named after his relative David Valentine Auxier, did extensive research and wrote a "biographical novella" about David, who served and died in the Civil War.

Although the UMC library does not have any of his books, Randy Auxier has either written or edited a number of books on philosophers and philosophy, at least one of which is offered at our local Barnes and Noble store. It is titled **The Wizard of Oz and Philosophy: Wicked Wisdom of the West.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING

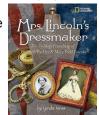


Saturday, February 21st at 10:15 am in the church library.

To discuss "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini.

In Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, novelist Jennifer Chiaverini presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city's elite. Keckley made history by

sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history.



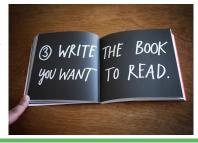
The book for **MARCH** is The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kid.

Do You Know an Author? (cont).

Finally, we have books centered on southern Illinois history and growing up in southern Illinois. We have the recently published America's Deadliest Twister, the Tri-State Tornado by Geoff Partlow. Other local books include Foothold on a Hillside: Memories of a Southern Illinoisan by Charles Caraway; Remembering Kincaid Creek by Ruby A. (Cochran) Buchholz-Epplin; How I Became Whatever It Is I Am by Ruth Brown Shafer, and a well-written book by Edgar Allen Imhoff, Always of Home, a southern Illinois childhood.

So, do you know an author? Probably so! You

will find these books on the library table in the upstairs hall, and downstairs in the library.



DISCIPLE BUILDERS

Now is the time to sign-up for those spring and summer projects you would like the Disciple



Builders to complete. Small repairs, painting, or building projects; let us know how we can help you! Applications are available in the church office.

CONTACT DAN BRATTON AT 687-2460 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Baby Shower...
for the
Church Nursery! March 1st & 8th

The congregation is invited to shower the Nursery with supplies and snacks.

Gift ideas include: Nursery water, baby wipes, coloring books, crayons, Clorox wipes, size AA & AAA batteries, 100% juice boxes (no Capri

Sun), original flavor goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, and GIFT CARDS to Wal-Mart to purchase specific larger items. For more information, contact Brooke at bguthman28@gmail.com or Jamie at jaybegirl02@yahoo.com and see the list posted outside the nursery!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE **MARCH COMPASS** IS FEBRUARY 16TH. THANKS



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.

At this time there are strong needs to serve the Praise service in the areas of Ushers and Welcome Hostesses. If you are able to help in any of these areas even on a part-time or substitute basis please contact the people below.

Ushers: Jay Graff: 618-967-9848 **Welcome Hostess: Teresa Gilbert**

618-521-1917

IS OUR CHURCH READY FOR THE **NEXT EMERGENCY?**

Could Murphysboro United Methodist Church help its congregation if an emergency hit? What do we need to do to be better equipped in the next emergency?

MUMC is building a team of persons interested in emergency management planning. This team will work with the Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship through FEMA. If you think you would be interested in working with this team please contact Barb Hughes at 618-687-2175 or email her at idbkhughes@frontier.com.

Let's get prepared!!













LOUISVILLE, KY AUGUST 14-15, 2015

FRIDAY 7-10PM | SATURDAY 9AM-5PM KFC YUM! CENTER

Contact Debbie Chapman at 687-1887 for more information

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JYF AND SYF ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ROCK AND WORSHIP ROADSHOW AT THE SIU ARENA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1

http://theroadshowtour.com/show/carbondale-il/

Schedule:

4:00 Church vans departs 4:30 Dinner at Italian Village 5:15 Leave for arena 6:00 Show starts featuring

MercyMe, Crowder, Matt Maher, Jamie Grace, Tedashii, Group 1 Crew, guest speaker Shaun Groves, and introducing I Am.

Sign-up with Laurie Nehring by Sunday Feb. 21. Sign up cost is \$2. **BRING A FRIEND!**



Have you or a loved one battled cancer?

cancer!

The Methodists on a Mission Team is looking for additional members to help them win the fight against cancer. If cancer has touched you or someone vou love, vou know what a huge battle that is. To join this team contact Wilma Westerfield at 618-867-2038 or Nancy Fager at nancy.fager56@gmail.com. With your help we will win the fight against

CALLING ALL MEN

Come to worship, to learn, and to leave with a renewed urgency to make your life count for the kingdom of God.



The Men's Conference in Nashville is June 19-20th. All the speakers are listed. **Contact Rob Williams** (618)713-0843 to register. Early Bird rates are in effect (\$59 by 2/23 or \$69 by 4/27) so sign-up early to get the best rate! Deadline for all early bird registration is April 27th.

Tony Evans,
Mike Huckabee,
Jim Kelly,
David Akers,
Jefferson Bethke,
Mike Hamilton,
Derwin Gray,
Stephen Kendrick,
Jonnie W., John Croyle,
Brodie Croyle &
Reagan Croyle Phillips,
Bryan Carter,
Big Daddy Weave

UMM 2014 Annual Report

The United Methodist Men (UMM) is the official organization for men at the MUMC, the Annual Conference, and denominational levels. We meet the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. Yearly dues are \$10. Volunteer breakfast "chefs" provide an assortment of delicious breakfasts including freshly baked casseroles, biscuit and gravy and eggs, pancakes, and other creative entrees. Those who volunteer to cook arrive about an hour before the 7:30 starting time. We have wanted to start off each meeting with a devotional but haven't succeeded to do so every month...but we will keep trying. This year our attendance averaged 11 per month. Some of the 2014 highlights were:

- Attended Berean Christian Church men's breakfast meeting and were shown pictures of a cruise to Italy. It was an excellent chance to socialize.
- + Helped a fellow UMM member to paint inside his home in preparation for sale.
- Donated \$150 to Coach Kill's Cancer Fund.
- The Main Event held in Nashville and sponsored by LifeWay was attended by 15 UMM. We were entertained by an interesting interview with former President George W. Bush. He responded to questions about his time in office and his faith. The conference was well attended and included music, interviews with former sport coaches, comedian, authors, pastors and others for whom their faith and relationships have defined their life. Next year the sites are Nashville, Kansas City, and Portland, Oregon.
- Provided two "feed the team" meals to Murphysboro football team. The second one, prior to a
 playoff game, included a spaghetti dinner put on with assistance provided by Wilma Westerfield,
 Sharon Graff, Lela Sternberg, and Joan Bastien.
- → Held the 4th Annual Apple Pancake breakfast. Hospitality Committee and others helped with decorating and serving. After expenses, the Murphysboro Food Pantry and Camp Scholarship fund each received \$691.04.
- Supported Cub Scout Pack 112 with \$200 for official scout shirts and supplies.
- Arranged for Barry Hinson, men's Saluki Basketball coach, to come to MUMC to speak to the community about challenges for young people playing sports. Fellowship of Christian Athletes received \$100 in Hinson's honor.
- Several UMM helped serve at the Women's Prayer Breakfast in May.
- There were several clean-up and fix-up projects around the church and the annex.
- Set up the Nativity Scene that Bob and Mimi Rice graciously donated to the church.

Not only did the UMM get involved as outlined above, but they also enjoyed fellowship with each other. President Jay Graff has asked for creative ideas for trips, projects, and any other meaningful community endeavors we determine helpful and needed.

As Pastor Larry mentioned in a recent church message, it would be great if every one of our church members would commit to just one (1) new ministry in 2015. For the men of our church, committing to joining the UMM is something you may consider!

	FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS			
	TRADITIONAL	Praise		
FEB	B Worship Leaders			
1	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com		
8	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com		
15	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com		
22	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com		
FEB	Welcome I	Hostesses		
1	Youth	Youth		
8	Thelma Pierson & Carolyn Sauer	To Be Named Please contact the office to volunteer		
15	Jennifer O'Donnell & Terri Yates	Please contact the office to volunteer		
22	Jennifer O'Donnell & Terri Yates	Please contact the office to volunteer		
FEB	<u>Greeters</u>			
1	Sheila & Jim Stewart	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt		
8	Sheila & Jim Stewart	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt		
15	Marlene & Harold Gibbs	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt		
22	Marlene & Harold Gibbs	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt		
FEB	<u>Acol</u>	<u>ytes</u>		
1	Madison Ripley & Makalay Ripley			
8	Drake Rogus & Cadence Brown			
15	Megan McNitt & Maggie Jenkins			
22	Ben Barringer & Conner Twenhafel			
FEB	Prayer Requ	est Readers		
1	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller		
8	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller		
15	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller		
22	Gene Scwebel	Kristi Miller		
FEB	<u>Children's Ch</u>	urch Leaders		
1	Tonya Walker	Scarlett & Rick Pierson		
8	Jennifer O'Donnell	Patty Thrailkill		
15	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Katie Schwebel & Olivia Graff		
22	Diane Schingel	Theresa Mills & Mary Ann Hinchcliff		

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS			
TRADITIONAL PRAISE			
FEB	<u>Liturgists</u>	Music Leaders	
1	Youth	Youth	
8	Wilma Westerfield	Lacey Brown	
15	Mary Ann Hinchcliff	Dennis Goforth	
22	Julie Peterson	Angie Baughman	
	<u>Ushers</u>		
Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, Lowell Heller, London Watson and John Erbes Stephanie Finke & Emily Finke More needed please contact Jay Graff to volunteer			
Sunday Stewards			
Rob Williams, Dick Graeff			



	MANUSCH MANUSCH WAS	16-16-6	
1	Roger Twenhafel	15	Lynn Pierson
3	Tyler Doody	16	Julie Schaldemose
4	Joan Bastien		Frank Stewart
5	Ed Thrailkill	18	Ralph Bastien
6	Rhonda Shands	19	Marie Quigley
7	Lola Pierson	20	Chris Finke
8	Kyle Hargraves	22	Imogene Tedrow
10	Harold Gibbs		Paul Parrish
11	Theresa Mills	23	Donna Horniacek
	Doug Bitner	24	Judy Little
12	Patti Shields		Adrienne Will
14	Betty Morefield	27	Eileen Auxier
		29	Josh Barringer

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



12	Katherine & Martin Twenhafel
14	Viola & Paul Parrish
18	Mary & Bill Slider
22	Pam & Charles Crews
24	Ada & Lowell Heller

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Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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

We're On The Web! www.MurphysboroUMC.com



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:10:10 a.m. Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

Don't miss the

Opportunities for Service and Growth

on Page 5 this month!