

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**April 19, 2015
Third Sunday of Easter
Easter—White**

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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, prior to the pastor's message. 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

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: "Meditation on 'Now Thank We All Our God'" by Charles Callahan
Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal #98

++Invocation

O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face, so let us look to you in order to understand the things that we have done amiss. We are like a reed shaken in the wind; we are inexpressibly weak. Leave us not to ourselves, but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. 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: "In the Sanctuary" by Kurt Carr

Children's Moments

*As the children come down, the red **Money for Mission** buckets in the pews are to be passed. The noisy mission offering in April will go to **Senior Fest.***

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Christ Is Alive" arr Lois Hill

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

Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" (vs 1, 3 & 4) Hymnal #368

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: Mark 12:28-34

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Finding the Balance" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

++Commitment Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have" (vs 1, 2 & 3) Hymnal #413

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: "How Glorious Thy Name Is" (Psalm 8) by W. A. Mozart, arr Carl Simone

++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

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: "Finding the Balance" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Greeters	Olliebelle Ridley and Margie Stilley	Paul and Debbie Chapman
Liturgist	Mason Schingel	
Organist/Pianist	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
Worship Leader	Mike Dreith mikedreith@jalc.edu	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
Choir/Music Leader	Ricardo King	Angie Baughman
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
Acolytes	Ethan Finke and Wesley Graham	
Welcome Hostesses	Vern Cline and Arlene Bitner	
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Rick Pierson, Brant Wingerter and Matt Baughman
Children's Church Volunteers	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Patty Thrailkill
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Deceased Members of Helping Hands Class		

The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Sandra K. Flynt, sister of Candy Watt, who passed away on Thursday, April 9th.



Stewardship and Attendance for April 12, 2015

Offering (Combined): \$7,420.00

Traditional Service: 276; Praise Service: 49; Sunday School: 117

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!

Please join us for a spring church-wide picnic.

WHEN: NEXT WEEK, Sun., April 26th

TIME: 3:00—6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Murphysboro Lake
Concession Area Shelter

Gather at 3:00 p.m. for games, music and fellowship. We will eat at 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, buns, condiments, lemonade and water will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert.

Please check the Church Picnic box on the Registration & Attendance sheet if you plan on attending this picnic.



AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE MINISTRY TEAM:

Please join us NEXT WEEK at noon in Room 104 for a scrumptious dinner and great fellowship.



Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in the next couple of months? Do you remember seeing it listed in the *Compass* newsletter in the past? If you think we may not have your special days on file, please write them on the Attendance Sheet, and we'll get them on the newsletter calendars!!!

**Call for BIRTHDAYS
and ANNIVERSARIES**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Please mark the attendance pad if you'd like to be contacted, and include your phone number.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE MAY COMPASS IS:
TOMORROW, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**



The church schedule of activities and meetings is available on our website at www.murphysboroumc.com under "About MUMC" and on the weekly calendar sheets hung outside meeting rooms. A limited number of printed copies can be found on the table at the north end of the sanctuary.

IS ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY GRADUATING?



If a member of your family will be graduating this year, please write the graduate's name and level of graduation (8th grade, high school, college, or grad school) in the body of our *Registration and Attendance Sheet*.

Graduates and their parents, siblings, and grandparents are invited to a celebration breakfast scheduled on Sunday, May 17th, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please phone the church office (687-2317) **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 14th** with the number from your family who will be attending the breakfast.



SAVE THE DATES!

MUMC Vacation Bible School, July 12 - 16

TO ALL OF MY GREAT CHURCH FRIENDS:

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CARDS AND PRAYERS!

Peggy Schuster



DO YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHEN PEOPLE MISS YOU?



MUMC has started sending "We're missing you" cards when regular attenders miss a few Sundays. How do we know you've not been in worship? The church is too large for everyone to know everyone, so we have to rely on the attendance pads. So if you attend worship, but do not sign the pad for several Sundays, you might receive a "we're missing you" card, even though you've been here. So sign in....let us know you were in worship! And if you notice someone that is missing who you think needs a card, write a note on the bottom of the attendance pad, or call the church office. Let's work together to let people know we miss them and want to share with them in worship.

Prayer List

◇ Liz Ridgeway's daughter, Carol, requests prayers and cards for her mother, who has been experiencing health issues:

Liz Ridgeway, 1603 McCallen, Henderson, TX 75654.

- ~ 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
- ~ 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 April is the
Senior Fest.**

Please include this in your daily prayers.

The Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast

Women of Character

**Saturday, May 2nd, 9:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

Tickets on sale beginning at 10:15 a.m.
TODAY and every Sunday in APRIL
in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$7 each. Tables of 8 may be reserved. Contact Rosie Wece at (618) 559-8167 or wece@wecefarms.com if you need more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS MORNING OF INSPIRATION,
FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, MUSIC AND LIGHT BREAKFAST.**

**HISTORICALLY, THIS EVENT SELLS OUT,
SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!**

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING THE EVENT.
Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Apr. 26 NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS to enable youth and their families to attend the all-church picnic at Murphysboro Lake
May 10 MOTHER'S DAY—NO YOUTH MEETINGS!

*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