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WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



MAY Compass
 Deadline
 is April 20th
 THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering
 in
 April
 is going to

SENIOR FEST

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Sunday April 12th we will confirm our confirmation class, which has been in process for a little over two years. We have invested deeply into each of these young people to fulfill our commitment to support and nurture them in their faith. We have spent thousands of dollars and I have invested hundreds of hours attempting to teach them about faith and our church, which supports them.

On dozens of occasions I have asked them a simple question: Why do we do confirmation and each of them has learned the response: *So That Christ May Dwell In Our Hearts Through Faith*. This response comes from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and specifically from his prayer for them in chapter 3.

While much of confirmation focuses on things we learn, the real role of confirmation is not education, but experience. You see, Christ did not die on a cross to make us all smarter; he died to make us all new. When Christ dwells in our hearts through faith that re-creation, that transformation begins in us, and the fullness of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians begins to be our experience as well. It is nurturing this transformational experience and relationship with Christ, which is at the heart of confirmation.

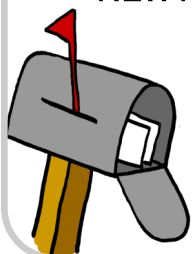
On June 14th I will hold an orientation session for the parents and students to begin our next confirmation class. All youth in our church who have completed 5th grade through those still in high school are welcome to participate. If you have a question about our confirmation program, please give the church office a call. I would love to discuss our program with you.

I invite you to join me in prayer for our youth being confirmed this year, that the good work that has begun in each of them may be fulfilled.

To God be the Glory,
 Larry

1 5:45 pm Choir Practice	11 7:30 am UMM Breakfast	21 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:00 pm Boy Scouts	9:00 am Handbell Choir	6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
6:30 pm Children Youth Spiritual Formation	10:00 am AA Meeting	22 5:45 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm AA Meeting	12 5:00 pm Youth Groups	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Al-Anon Meeting	13 1:00 pm Nurture & Care Meeting	6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
2 6:00 pm Scouts Roundtable	6:00 pm Mom's Group	7:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting	Al-Anon Meeting
3 8:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation	14 noon Young at Heart	23 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
4 9:00 am Handbell Choir	6:00 pm Board of Trustees	24 6:00 pm Daisys
10:00 am AA Meeting	Cub Scouts	7:30 pm Brownies
6 6:00 pm Mom's Group	6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	25 9:00 am Handbell Choir
7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting	7:00 pm Finance Team	10:00 am AA Meeting
7 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	15 5:45 pm Choir Practice	26 noon Our Neighbor's Table
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	6:00 pm Boy Scouts	afternoon Church-wide picnic
8 9:00 am Staff Meeting	7:00 pm Service & Missions Meeting	5:00 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Choir Practice	AA Meeting	27 6:00 pm Mom's Group
6:00 pm Boy Scouts	Al-Anon Meeting	7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
6:30 pm P & P Team	18 8:00 am CPR class	28 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Handbell Choir	6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
Al-Anon Meeting	10:00 am AA Meeting	Hospitality Team
Relay for Life	10:15 am Book Club	29 9:00 am Holy Folders
Disaster Preparedness	20 MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK	5:45 pm Choir Practice
9 4:30 pm Girl Scouts	6:00 pm Mom's Group	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
10 10:00am Feeder of the Pack	7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting	7:00 pm AA Meeting
6:00 pm Daisys & Brownies		Al-Anon Meeting

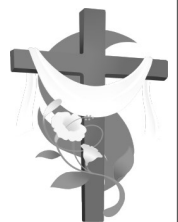
NEW ADDRESS



Earl and Sandra Renshaw
 Liberty Village Estates
 2950 Westridge, #122
 Carbondale, IL 62901
 618-457-2997

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL SERVICES AT MUMC :

4/2- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.
4/3- Good Friday Community Service Noon
4/5- Easter Services: Sunrise 7:00 a.m.
 Traditional 9:00 a.m.
 Praise 11:15 a.m.



Bring a friend, family member, or neighbor.

2015 April

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SAVE THE DATE
 For
 Adult and
 pediatric/childcare
 CPR and first aid
 on April 18th.
 Class will be all day.
 Watch the bulletin for
 more details soon!



**The Mission Trip to
 Camp Restore**
 is postponed until a
 better date for more
 participants can be
 found. The prospective
 dates are April 26 or May 3rd.
 Please check your calendar ASAP and let
 Gene Schwebel or Barb Hughes know if you
 would be able to attend. Cost of the trip is
 \$300. Contact Gene Schwebel via e-mail:
 gene1955@mchsi.com or Barb Hughes
 email at jdbkhughes@frontier.com.



April 12: Confirmation Sunday
(both services)
Youth Meetings 5 pm
April 26: Youth Meetings 5 pm

- ***CYF:** Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
Leaders: Irma Bigam & Jennifer Watson
- ***JYF:** Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
Leaders: Laurie Nehring & Shannon Vincent
- ***SYF:** Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)
Leaders: Lacey Brown & Stephanie Finke

**Meetings are every
2nd & 4th Sunday 5-6:30pm
Bring a Friend!**



New Women's Study

FAITHFUL FRIENDS
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
GUEST LEADER: NANCY VALLINO
APRIL 12 - MAY 3
8:00 A.M. OR 10:15 A.M.
ROOM 204

We are truly amazing creations of a truly amazing creator God. Giglio takes these marvelous truths of science and ties them in with biblical lessons which should encourage and stimulate us all. This is not dry science but living lessons from both the Word of God and the world of God. The two bear witness to each other, and give us a picture of an amazing God, and of us, the crown of his creation.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME!



**ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR A
FRIED CHICKEN DINNER?
METHODIST ON A MISSION
RELAY FOR LIFE**

is sponsoring a Fried Chicken Dinner...
April 19th at the KC Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Advance tickets are \$12 adults, \$6 for children from members of the team.
\$14 adult and \$7 at the door.

Come, eat, fellowship, and help support the fight against cancer!!

**APRIL 14th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall
Wear Pastel Colors**



Menu - \$5.00 charge

**Chicken Casserole
Broccoli w/Cheese
Sunshine Salad
Rolls
Lemon Cake**

**Please don't forget to
sign up on the attendance pad!**

**Murphysboro City Council Members:
Dan Bratton, Bill Pierson & Barb Hughes
will share with the group.**

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

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Attention ALL Men of MUMC:



The Men's Conference in Nashville is June 19-20th. **Contact Rob Williams (618)713-0843 to register.** Early Bird rates are \$69.

**Sign-up NOW to get a better rate!
Early bird registration deadline
is April 27th.**



The Library Corner: Season's Readings

Easter is almost here, but there is still time to pick up a book or a DVD that can bring you closer to those events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. It is good to do so, because every one of us may tend to let Jesus' sacrifice become almost over-familiar, and that lessens our ability to understand and appreciate anew Jesus' "wondrous love."

Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton. Most of us probably remember at least some of Jesus' final words from the cross, or at the very least if we hear them read, we recognize them. What we haven't done, perhaps, is really think about them and plunge into their meaning for us. Hamilton does this in a remarkable and insightful way. Not to be missed.

Adam Hamilton also brings us another excellent book and DVD "**24 Hours that Changed the World**" which takes a close look at Jesus' last hours including the Last Supper, his time in the Garden of Gethsemane, his condemnation, crucifixion and death and then, finally, Christ the Victor.

The Passion of Christ: Fifty Reasons Why He Came to Die by John Piper. In this thought provoking book Piper devotes fifty short sections to fifty reasons for Christ's death. As Piper says:

"I have gathered from the New Testament fifty reasons why Christ suffered and died. Not fifty causes, but fifty purposes. Infinitely more important than who killed Jesus is the question: *"What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending his Son to die?"*

In Remembrance: Their Last Supper Together. This is a DVD from the Walk to Emmaus. It brings to life the Last Supper as the disciples gather around Jesus. The disciples were real human beings, not just names in a long ago story, and this DVD helps us think of and see more clearly these followers of Jesus who on this last night are still learning from him.

Killing Jesus: A History by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. In this recent best-seller, O'Reilly and Dugard take an historical point of view, using research to delve into the life and times of Jesus and the details of his crucifixion.

You will find these books and DVDs, plus other opportunities to delve more deeply into the meaning of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection downstairs in the library, or upstairs on the library table.

Preparing FOR Easter

Please come to any and all of these at MUMC:

4/2- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00pm

4-3- Good Friday Community Service Noon

4/5- EASTER

Sunrise 7:00 a.m.

Traditional 9:00 a.m.

Praise 11:15 a.m.

Bring a friend, family member or neighbor!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING



Saturday, April 18th at 10:15 am
in the church library.

April's Book is
"The Invention of Wings"
by Sue Monk Kid

From the celebrated author of *The Secret Life of Bees*, a *New York Times* bestselling novel about two unforgettable American women.

Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world.

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women.

Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

Get a Jump on May's reading:
"Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius

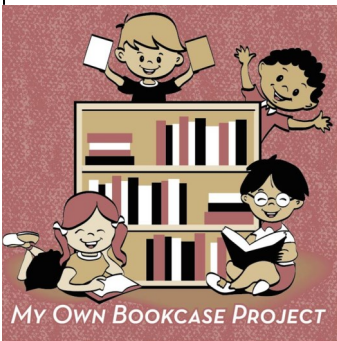
MY OWN BOOKCASE

Because we believe that reading is a fundamental part of a child's ability to learn, we are excited to announce the "My Own Bookcase" project. This project is co-sponsored by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis Club, and our goal is to improve literacy in children in our community.

This project will provide 30 children in the Murphysboro Head Start program who will be entering Kindergarten this fall with their very own bookcase and a starter set of books. Each bookcase will be handmade by volunteers in our community and will be given to the children in a special Presentation Ceremony in May.

To quote author Emilie Buchwald, "Children become readers on the laps of their parents." When children have their own books in the home and their families have easy access to books, parents are more likely to read to their children. Our mission is to encourage parents to read to their children by providing them with the opportunity to do so.

Please help us achieve our goal of presenting each of these 30 children with their very own bookcase and books by becoming a "My Own Bookcase" Project sponsor. The cost of sponsorship is \$50, and will cover the cost of materials for a bookcase and a starter set of books. If you cannot sponsor a bookcase at this time, any monetary donation you can make would be appreciated. Your generous support will make a positive and everlasting difference in the life of a child.



Children become readers on the laps of their parents.

Yes, I would like to support this project and make a difference in the life of a child in our community.

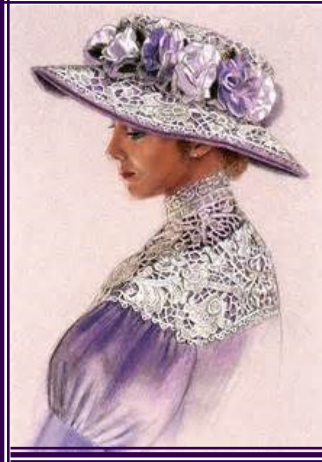
Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to the Murphysboro United Methodist Church. Note "My Own Bookcase" on the memo line and drop in the offering plate or mail to 1500 Pine St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

CHILDREN BECOME READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS.

Sincerely,

Trina Eaton, Service and Missions Co Chair
Murphysboro United Methodist Church
and
Vanessa Lirely, President
Murphysboro Kiwanis



The Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast
WOMEN OF CHARACTER
Saturday, May 2nd in the Fellowship Hall

Tickets on Sale NOW 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 gweece@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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**VBS is coming...
...to a MOUNTAIN TOP near you...
July 12th - 16th**

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF MUMC...



Katrina Carnes

Michelle and Terrin Theis
with Mila Jayne

Stephanie Hill

Beginning this year, as we receive new members we will publish their pictures (with their permission) in the Compass. Please, take note of the newest members of the congregation and welcome them to MUMC when you see them.

A Leadership Moment

A group from MUMC recently attended the Navigating Change Leadership Conference at Christ Church, a large Methodist church in Fairview Heights, IL. We left for the conference as acquaintances and came home as friends. That was just one of the many gifts I received from attending the two day conference.

Things are constantly changing in our lives. Some change can be exciting and we welcome it, other times we are comfortable with things just the way they are and don't see a reason to change. You will notice the title of the conference was Navigating Change, so I knew there were going to be some "different" ideas discussed. I was not disappointed. The church where the conference was held has grown in attendance from 200 to over 2,000. There is a main campus and several satellite locations with a number of different services. Dress is casual and coffee and snacks are permitted throughout the church. Small groups have replaced Sunday School for the adults.

There were many wonderful speakers at the conference, each with their own unique gift to pass on to us. There were speakers from England, middle class suburbs, and low income poverty neighborhoods. However, the one message that was repeated over and over was that the number of people attending church is declining and the old ways are not bringing people to church. The churches that are growing are changing to meet the needs of the people they are currently serving and whose they wish attract. I think we are attempting to do this at MUMC thanks to the time and talents freely given by so many. I believe we are headed in the right direction as disciples of Christ. We are learning and changing with God's guidance.

We all enjoy different things in our lives and in our church. This conference opened my eyes to the fact that there are so many different ways to worship. We, as disciples, hope to touch as many lives as possible. My prayer is that all will feel welcome here and they will find comfort, acceptance, strength, love and fellowship with Christ. I know they will leave with the gift that God loves them just the way they are.
Patti Shields



FYI...IT IS A SHRED DAY AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

At Egyptian Electric-10169 Old HWY 13 in Murphysboro



Check the Bulletin Board
in the Education wing or
www.recyclejacksoncounty.org
For more information

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
APR	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	
5	Mike Dreith mikedreith@jalc.edu	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
12	Mike Dreith mikedreith@jalc.edu	Ed O'Donnell & Brittany Nolan eod@edodonnell.com
19	Mike Dreith mikedreith@jalc.edu	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
26	Mike Dreith mikedreith@jalc.edu	Ed O'Donnell & Brittany Nolan eod@edodonnell.com
APR	<u>Welcome Hostesses</u>	
5	Laurie Nehring and Patti Shields	
12	Patti Shields and Arlene Bitner	
19	Vern Cline and Arlene Bitner	
26	Caroline Pederson and Mimi Rice	
APR	<u>Greeters</u>	
5	Arlene Bitner and Katherine Twenhafel	Teresa Gilbert and Candy Watt
12	Arlene Bitner and Katherine Twenhafel	Teresa Gilbert and Candy Watt
19	Olliebelle Ridley and Margie Stillely	Teresa Gilbert and Candy Watt
26	Olliebelle Ridley and Margie Stillely	Teresa Gilbert and Candy Watt
APR	<u>Acolytes</u>	
5	Conner Twenhafel and Maggie Jenkins	
12	Megan McNitt and Cadence Brown	
19	Ethan Finke and Wesley Graham	
26	Tyler Doody and Ben Barringer	
APR	<u>Prayer Request Readers</u>	
5	Gene Schwebel	Ed O'Donnell
12	Earl Renshaw	Ed O'Donnell
19	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
26	Lou Anne Lough	Ed O'Donnell
APR	<u>Children's Church Leaders</u>	
5	Tonya Walker	Shannon Vincent
12	Jennifer O'Donnell	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
19	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Patty Thrailkill
26	Diane Schingel	Katie Schwebel & Olivia Graff

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
APR	<u>Liturgists</u>	
5	Rick Runge	Lacey Brown
12	Lou Anne Lough	Dennis Goforth
19	Mason Schingel	Angie Baughman
26	Jon Lough	Brian Vincent
<u>Ushers</u>		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff, Vanessa Lirely		Rick Pierson, Brant Wingerter, Matt Baughman
<u>Sunday Stewards</u>		
Bob Eaton and Ralph Bastien		



1	Prince Alexander	20	Nancy Fager
3	Clifton Buchholz		Thelma Pierson
4	Gloria Stoker		Ed O'Donnell
	Perry Patterson		Cadence Brown
5	Lou Anne Lough	21	Angie Baughman
	Caroline Guthman		Megan Mileur
	Mikaila Panepinto		William Mileur
6	Geraldine McConnell		Heather Bean
9	Katherine Yearian		Lacey Brown
10	Angela Keener	22	Sylvia Frank
	Aiden McNitt	24	Jay Graff
13	Durice Runge		Bob Winters
15	Katlyn Abbadusky	27	Mildred Ward
	Kay Bozarth	28	Michael Dreith
16	Sam Chapa	29	Megan McNitt
18	Rosemary Cornell	30	Brittany Nolan

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



3	Janis and Jerry Crews
	Sylvia and John Carvell
8	Myrri and Ray Burroughs
20	Vanessa and Todd Lirely

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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: 11:15 a.m.

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| Ministers | The Congregation |
| Pastor | Larry A. Gilbert |
| Discipleship Coordinator | Teresa Gilbert |
| Financial Secretary | Christine Nolan |
| Church Secretary | Deb Severa |
| Ministry Support Assistant..... | Lacey Brown |
| Custodian..... | Pat Sullivan |
| Organist | Judy Little |
| Pianist..... | Micah Mayes |
| Choir Director..... | Ricardo King |
| Nursery Attendant..... | Tania Cruz |
| Nursery Attendant..... | Bridgett Lewis |