

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**May 17, 2015
Seventh 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: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Hymnal #204

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: "Simple Gifts" (A Shaker Hymn) arr Wilbur Held

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymnal #64

++Invocation

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ 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

*Please pass the red **Money for Mission** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in May will go to **Relay for Life.***

Ritual of Baptism Mila Thies

Chancel Choir: "This is My Story," Songs of Fanny Crosby, arr by John F. Wilson

Promotion Sunday Recognition

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr Dennis Johnson

++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: Luke 15:11-32

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "The Struggles of Family" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Commitment Hymn: "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" (vs 1) Hymnal # 352

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: "Postlude" by Henry Purcell, arr Lawrence Grant

++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

Promotion Sunday Recognition

Songs of Worship

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: "The Struggles of Family"

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	Marilyn and Ted Perry	Don Abbadusky and Frances Cochran
Liturgist	Emily Hargraves	
Organist/Pianist	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com
Choir/Music Leader	Ricardo King	Angie Baughman
Prayer Request Reader	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
Acolytes	Cadence Brown and Ethan Finke	
Welcome Hostesses	Sharon Graff and Pam Crews	
Ushers	Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, London Watson, Jennifer Watson, Lowell Heller, John Erbes and Shannon Green	Stephanie Finke and Emily Finke
Children's Church Volunteers	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Rick and Scarlett Pierson
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Helwig, Sr.		

Stewardship and Attendance for May 10, 2015
 Offering (Combined): \$6,759.00
 Traditional Service: 244; Praise Service: 54; Sunday School: 126

The white roses on the altar today are in memory of:
 Liz Ridgeway, long-time member of MUMC, who passed away on Friday, May 8th, and
 Sheila Bastien, mother of Amanda Bastien, who died on Tuesday, May 12th.



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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE JUNE COMPASS is Monday, May 18th!

You are cordially invited to attend the Presentation Ceremony for the
"My Own Bookcase" Project TODAY
 Where: *Murphysboro Elks Lodge*
1809 Shomaker Drive
Murphysboro, IL 62966
 Time: *2:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

Books and bookcases will be presented to 28 children, to give them a boost in becoming "a new generation of readers."

Estate planning workshop tonight
 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rm. 104),
 Led by Rev. Keith Anderson, Certified Financial Planner, UMC Illinois Great Rivers Conference.
 Mr. Dan Nolan, Investment Representative, Edward Jones, will add to the discussion and answer questions.
 Refreshments and child care will be provided.
Space still available - Please join us even if you did not reserve a seat!

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE team requests five donations of fruit cobblers (9" x 13") for the May 31st meal. So sort through your peach, apple, cherry or berry cobbler recipes, bake your favorite, and delight our guests with the fruit of your labor. Please contact Clara Kiser at 521-4299 or at pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com to donate.

For information about volunteering for Vacation Bible School (July 12-16), please check the Vacation Bible School box on the Registration and Attendance Sheet.

Thank You to all the bakers and the buyers from last week's Methodists on a Mission Dessert Auction!

The Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life team would like to thank all of our wonderful bakers for the delicious desserts they donated to our dessert auction last week, as well as the members of the congregation who bought the desserts. Due to the generosity of our church family, the team raised over \$900 in our battle against cancer. Thank you for helping us in our race to Finish the Fight.

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.

Dear Members,
 Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers and many acts of kindness.
 Carl and Gloria Stoker

Prayer List

Ruth Verbal	Marie Quigley	Gloria Stoker
Betty Ward	Chuck Higgs	

- ◇ The family of Liz Ridgeway, who passed away on Friday, May 8. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 19 from 5-8 p.m. at Crawshaw funeral home. Funeral service at MUMC on Wednesday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m.
- ~ 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 May is Relay for Life.
 Please include these in your daily prayers.

JYF Camping Trip
 Friday, May 29
 Youth should be dropped off at Murphysboro Lake camp sites #5 - #8 at 5:00 p.m., and picked up at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Dinner, snacks and breakfast provided. Youth need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Sign up by May 24, with Laurie Nehring at 618-303-2777 or Shannon Vincent at 618-525-4183. Cost is \$2.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

May 24	Movie Night for all Three Groups, 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm
May 29	JYF Camping Trip (see box above)
June 14	Youth Group Welcome Picnic, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

*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