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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Most weeks I try to work out at Gold's Gym in Carbondale three mornings a week. I spend about 45 minutes there doing a variety of exercises and then walk out by the front desk where a member of the Gym staff always wishes me a pleasant day. Often when I am leaving on Friday or sometimes a Saturday, I have this nagging feeling that I ought to be extending an invitation to this young staff member to attend church with me on Sunday morning. However most weeks I just offer a pleasant response and walk right on out the door.

I ask myself why do I do that and I think we all know the excuses we use. I don't know if they already go to church someplace, I don't have any information to leave them, I'm not sure how they will respond and the list of excuses goes on and on.

This month our church is focusing attention on this nagging issue in our lives - our hesitation to extend an invitation to Christ and the church. The study is called JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM, and it tries to deal in a very down-to-earth way with our personal struggles to be invitational.

I know for a fact I personally need this study, which I have already done once but I need it again. The first time through I began to see all the people I could invite that I do not, and I hope this time I will become more accountable to actually invite them. So the next time you see me, feel free to ask if I have invited anyone to church lately, and I will feel free to ask you the same. Maybe together we can support each other into becoming a little more invitational.

To God be the Glory,  
 Larry

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



JULY Compass  
 Deadline  
 is JUNE 15th  
 THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



in  
**JUNE**  
 is going  
 to the

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

*I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. I would especially like to thank Pastor Larry for visiting the hospital. I very much enjoyed the lovely get well cards from all of you. I am very grateful to be up and around again.*

**Ruth Verbal**



**Sandra & Earl Renshaw**

*thank the many persons in our congregation for their prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, visits and telephone conversations. During Sandra's hospitalization and rehab, her prayer blanket was also a significant support for her.*

- 1** 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 2** 6:00 pm Scouts Roundtable
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- Council Executive Committee
- 3** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Children & Youth Spiritual Formation
- Emergency Preparedness
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 5** 8:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation
- 6** 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 8** 1:00 pm Nurture & Care
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 9** noon Young at Heart
- 6:00 pm Board of Trustees
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee
- 10** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Publicity and Promotion
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 11** 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 6:30 pm One Call Now Steering Committee

- 12** 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack
- 13** 7:30 am United Methodist Men
- 10:00 am AA
- 14** 2:00 pm All Church Ice Cream Social
- 4:00 pm Confirmation Parents & Kids
- 5:00 pm Youth Groups
- 15** MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 16** 6:30 pm Praise Team
- 17** 9:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Emergency Preparedness
- 7:00 pm Service & Missions Meeting
- AA Meeting
- 19** 2:00 pm Small Group Ministry

- 20** 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 10:15 am Book Club
- 22** 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 23** 6:30 pm Hospitality
- Praise Team Practice
- 24** 9:00 am Holy Folders
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 25** 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 27** 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 28** noon Our Neighbor's Table
- 5:00 pm Youth Groups
- 29** 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 30** 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice



**JULY 31st & AUG 1st**  
 Start cleaning out those closets and garages now!  
 Details for drop off times coming soon!

## Congratulations!

In keeping with the new tradition of recognizing those that have celebrated church milestones, here are those that have gone through the sacrament of baptism in 2015: Emma Nehring, Jacey Nehring, Maggie Stewart and Keylin Wece received the sacrament of baptism at their confirmation. Infant baptisms are pictured below.

**Mila Jayne Thies**  
 with parents Michelle and Terrin



**Samuel Preston Sievert**  
 with parents Robin and Todd



**Bob and Tonia Purcell**



**Drew Stokes**  
 (Confirmand)



**Dennis and Kim Goforth**

**WELCOME**  
 to the  
**Newest Members of MUMC**



JUNE 9th  
12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall



**Menu - \$5.00 charge**

- Chicken 'n' Dumplings
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Lettuce Salad
- Rolls
- Strawberry Short Cake

Please don't forget to sign up on the attendance pad!  
**Guest Speaker is Jim Rasor, meteorologist for WSIL TV.**

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

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COME Cool Off and Celebrate **FLAG** Day at the **ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL** Sunday, June 14th 2-4 pm



There will be *homemade* ice cream, toppings, cookies and drinks for all. Wear red, white and blue to show your patriotic spirit. Enjoy games and music too.

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June 14th Welcome Picnic  
June 28th JYF & SYF may not meet due to Camp A.I.R. (watch bulletin for more info) CYF activity to be determined

- \***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: Lacey Brown & Stephanie Finke

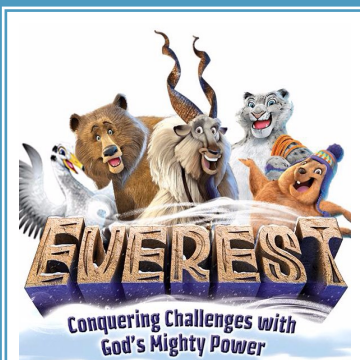
Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5-6:30pm Bring a Friend!

June 14th at 4 p.m. there will be an orientation meeting for new Confirmation Class members and their parents or guardians

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



VBS is almost here...  
July 12th -16th  
5 - 8 p.m.  
Ages 3 - 10

Children's early registration forms are available on the church website, [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com) under the Publications tab then go to Forms/VBS.

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

We are currently accepting applications for the position of nursery attendant. Hours are Sunday mornings and occasional evenings. Bridget Lewis and Tania Cruz no longer serve in this position, so if you or someone you know has a deep love for caring for children and would be interested, send a resume' and three letters of recommendation to:  
Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Murphysboro United Methodist Church  
1500 Pine Street  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN THE  
SATURDAY MORNING**

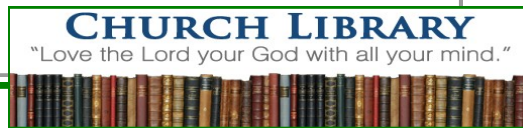


Saturday, June 20th at 10:15 a.m.  
The Book for June is *Gray Mountain*  
by John Grisham

**John Grisham has a new hero . . .  
and she's full of surprises!**

The year is 2008 and Samantha Kofer's career at a huge Wall Street law firm is on the fast track—until the recession hits and she gets downsized, furloughed, escorted out of the building. Samantha, though, is one of the “lucky” associates. She's offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for one year without pay, after which there would be a slim chance that she'd get her old job back. Her new job takes Samantha into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining, where laws are often broken, rules are ignored, regulations are flouted, communities are divided, and the land itself is under attack from Big Coal. Violence is always just around the corner, and within weeks Samantha finds herself engulfed in litigation that turns deadly.

**GET AHEAD on YOUR READING: JULY's book is “The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins A debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other peoples' lives.**



Under  
the  
pavilion  
from  
**10:00-  
10:45am**

**TUESDAYS**

**June 9th, 16th & 23rd**

Children with parent or other caregivers are invited

to come and enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and refreshments.

Questions?

See Susan Patterson, Trina Eaton, Candy Watt or Lacey Brown.

### **The Library Corner: When Bad Things Happen**

Bad things happen, and we know it. Our whole world can come crashing in on us one day. Perhaps knowing that is what makes us want to read stories about how other people have coped when they faced almost insurmountable challenges. In them we see the faces of despair and hope, fear and bravery —and often great faith. Here are a few such stories we have in the UMC library:

**The God I Love**, by Joni Earekson Tada. Joni is athletic, adventurous, the youngest of four girls in a loving and faith-filled family. Then a diving accident changes everything. Really changes everything. She can move her head and she can talk, but she is quadriplegic. Joni tells her life's story in this book. She says:

*And I wanted greater faith to believe more – the kind of faith described in Hebrews: “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” I wanted to be sure, to be hopeful. To be certain of something I could not see. I knew I needed faith that large to accept life in a wheelchair. “Dear Lord, will this wheelchair ever be a joyride? A passport to adventure? Will I ever be able to disregard the dark side? Discount the pain and the paralysis as not worth considering?” (p. 207)*

**Ghost Boy** by Martin Pistorius. One day, at the age of 12, Martin came home with a sore throat. He became helpless, a quadriplegic. Almost 4 years later, he gradually returned to consciousness—but couldn't tell anyone because he could not speak. He was a “ghost boy”— he was there, but no-one knew it. Then a caregiver begins to suspect that Martin is “in there.” Many years later Martin can write his story of coming back to life. It took courage. At an early point in his long journey he says:

*I'm only just beginning to realize that somewhere at the end of this journey there might be the kind of freedom I could never even have imagined once. I'll be able to be the person I want to be, but do I really dare to dream who he is? (p. 95)*

**Lessons I Learned in the Dark: Steps to Walking by Faith, Not by Sight**, by Jennifer Rothschild. When she was a sophomore in high school, Jennifer knew something was really wrong. And something really was -- she had a degenerative disease of the eye and was going blind. Jennifer is now a speaker and recording artist, and here she tells some of her story through the lens of her strong faith and with many Scriptural quotes. She talks about her falls, including some amusing moments, and then discusses spiritual falls as well:

*That's the really wonderful thing I've learned about falling; on days I can't rise, He carries me . . . If you make sure your first fall every morning is the one when you surrender yourself completely to Him, you will find strength for the journey. (p. 132)*

MAY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Worship Leaders</b>		
7	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
14	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
21	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
28	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>		
7	Marcia Butler & Barb Hughes	
14	Marcia Butler & Barb Hughes	
21	Janis Crews & Adrienne Will	
28	Janis Crews & Adrienne Will	
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Greeters</b>		
7	Kay Bozarth & Nancy Tillett	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
14	Joan & Ralph Bastien	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
21	Joan & Ralph Bastien	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
28	Mary Ellen Brown & Nancy Tillett	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Acolytes</b>		
7	Megan McNitt and Wesley Graham	
14	Ethan Finke and Conner Twenhafel	
21	Tiara Bradford and Drake Rogus	
28	Maggie Jenkins and Ben Barringer	
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Prayer Request Readers</b>		
7	Lou Ann Lough	Angie Baughman
14	Stephanie Finke	Angie Baughman
21	Nancy Fager	Angie Baughman
28	Gene Schwebel	Angie Baughman
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Children's Church Leaders</b>		
7	Tonya Walker	Theresa Mills & Mary Ann Hinchcliff
14	Jennifer O'Donnell	Katie Schwebel & Olivia Graff
21	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Katie Schwebel
28	Diane Schingel	Patty Thraikill
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Liturgists</b>		<b>Music Leaders</b>
7	Nancy McNitt	Lacey Brown
14	Richard Tierney	Dennis Goforth
21	Emma Bigham	Brian Vincent
28	Sharon Jones	Angie Baughman
<b>Ushers</b>		
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Mark Twenhafel		Please contact the church office if you are willing to usher at Praise Service
<b>Sunday Stewards</b>		
Rob Williams, Ron Moutardier and Dick Graff		



3	Briana Bean		Olivia Graff
4	Susan Patterson		William Pierson
7	Sandy Lanzi	17	Don Abbadusky
8	Tinley Rush		Todd Doody
9	Mason Schingel	20	Bonnie Pinkerton
10	Evelyn Jackson		Emma Bigham
	John Ripley	21	Maryjune Rice
	Kyle Miller		Novella Howard
11	Emily Finke		Mae Neely
12	Paula Chapa		John Hudgins
	Maggie Jenkins		Madison Ripley
13	Bob Purcell		Makayla Ripley
	Sheila Stewart	22	Jack Cochran
15	Linda Johnson	25	Carla Quigley
	Clara Kiser	26	Carmen Chapa
	Joan Reagan	28	Carl Stoker
16	Raymond Whiteside	30	Dennis Fager
	Keylin Wece		

*Best Wishes on your Anniversary*

5	Barbara and Jerry Giffin	22	Debbie and Paul Chapman
8	Sue and Jack Cochran		
10	Carolyn and Bert Ozburn		Jennifer and Rob Graeff
12	Terri and Patrick Yates		Rhonda and Glenn Shands
	LaVerne and Ken Cline		
14	Carolyn and George Sauer	23	Rosalie and Bob Winters
14	Lacey and Troy Brown	24	Rene' and Todd Doody
15	Lacey and Troy Brown	25	Pat and Arthur Porter
17	JoAnn and Russell Schirmer	27	Kathy and Everett Blackwell
18	Susan and Perry Patterson		Betty and Robert Morefield
	Amanda and John Ripley	29	Bonnie and Raymond Whiteside
			Nancy and Dennis Fager

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

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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)

**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  
Young At Heart Coordinator..... Earl Renshaw  
Discipleship Coordinator ..... Teresa Gilbert  
Interim Minister of Visitation ..... Michelle Parker-Clark  
Financial Secretary ..... Christine Nolan

Church Secretary ..... Deb Severa  
Ministry Support Assistant..... Lacey Brown  
Custodian ..... Pat Sullivan  
Organist ..... Judy Little  
Choir Director..... Ricardo King  
Nursery Attendant..... Open