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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the joys I experienced as a child growing up was spending a part of my summers on extended visits to my grandparents. Often, shortly after school was out, we would make the drive from our home in Washington, Illinois to our grandparents, just north of Murphysboro, and I would get to spend the next couple of weeks visiting on their farm.

A family ritual I was fortunate to participate in several times during those stays was the annual Memorial Day graveyard visitation trip. My grandparents would put several bouquets of plastic flowers in the trunk of their car and off we would go to locate graves and place flowers.

One of my favorite cemeteries was the old Creek Paum north and west of Vergennes. Grandpa's father and uncle were buried there side by side. They were killed standing next to each other in a coal mine collapse when my grandfather was only a few months old. Even as a little boy, I remember the tragedy and sadness in that family story I heard each time we visited the cemetery.

Memorial Day began as a time set aside to honor the fallen of the Civil War. It has over the years expanded to include all military fallen and our loved ones in general. It is a great time to remember and share important family stories, to honor those who have served our country in military service and remember those who have touched your life.

To God be the Glory,
Larry

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



JUNE Compass
 Deadline
 is May 18th
 THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



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RELAY FOR LIFE

The Envisioning Team – 2015

During our last Leadership Retreat we formed a team to look into “where do we go from here”. This team has met and came up with some projects that they feel are vital to moving MUMC into the 21st century. All projects that are being considered are projects that will update our existing building; we will not be adding any major building additions at this time. The leadership of our church has asked that the team come up with a plan that the team then can take to the membership of the church for approval. The team is in the very early planning stages of this and we will do our best to keep the congregation informed as we move forward. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any team member. Members are: Christine Nolan, Chair, Larry Gilbert, Rob Williams, Perry Patterson, Ron Moutardier, Kristi Miller, Erin Mileur, Nancy Fager, Barbara Hughes, Brooke Guthman and Ryan Guthman.

- 2** 9:00 am Women's Prayer Breakfast
Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 4** 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 5** 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- 6** 9:00 am Worship Team
- 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting
- 7** 6:00 pm Scouts Roundtable
- 6:30 pm One Call Now Steering Comm
- 8** 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack
- 6:00 pm Daisys & Brownies
- 9** 7:30 am UMM Breakfast
- 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 10** 9:00 am Relay Dessert Auction
- 11** 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 12** noon Young at Heart
- 6:00 pm Board of Trustees
Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 pm Finance Team

- 13** 4:30 pm Nurture & Care
- 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Promotions & Publicity
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting
- 14** 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 16** 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA
- 10:15 am Book Club
- 17** 8:00 am Graduate Breakfast
- 2:00 pm Bookcase Presentation
- 6:00 pm Estate Planning
- 18** MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 19** 6:00 pm Envision Team
Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team
- 20** 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Service & Missions Meeting
Staff Parish
AA Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting
- 22** 6:00 pm Daisys & Brownies
- 23** 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting



- 24** 5 pm Youth Group Meetings
- 25** 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 26** 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Church Council
Praise Team Practice
- 27** 9:00 am Holy Folders
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting
- 28** 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 30** 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 31** noon Our Neighbor's Table



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PLUS card!
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Christine Nolan in the
church office at (618) 687-
2317 to sign-up.



May 2015						
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OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



5/31

Chicken &
Dumpling Dinner,
Dessert &
Beverage

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



May 10: Youth Meetings Canceled for Mother's Day

May 24: 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: Lacey Brown & Stephanie Finke

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



Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 pm
At Pat's BBQ off 14th Street in Murphysboro. Please sign up on the attendance pad if you plan on joining in on the fun, food and fellowship!



You are cordially invited to attend the Presentation Ceremony for the "My Own Bookcase" Project

When: Sunday, May 17, 2015
Where: Murphysboro Elks Lodge
1809 Shomaker Drive
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

May 12th
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!

Mike Jones will be Speaking about Memorial Day
We will see you all on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for a delicious meal and fun conversation.



HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING OFF YOUR ESTATE PLANNING?

A well-conceived estate plan is essential to preserving and stewarding assets you've worked hard to accumulate during your lifetime.



On Sunday, May 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rm. 104), Rev. Keith Anderson, Certified Financial Planner, UMC Illinois Great Rivers Conference, will help us navigate the ins and outs of estate planning. Mr. Dan Nolan, Investment Representative, Edward Jones, will add to discussion and answer questions. Refreshments will be served, and child care will be provided.

Please reserve your seat at our FREE church-sponsored seminar by checking the MUMC Estate Planning Seminar box on the Attendance and Registration sheet (when offered).

Annual Dessert Silent Auction **MAY 10th**
METHODIST ON A MISSION RELAY FOR LIFE

Yum, Yum!! A perfect way to support a good cause and treat the special mom in your life to a delicious homemade dessert. There will be two auctions this year. The one for the Traditional service will begin before 9:00 and continue until Sunday school dismisses at 11:00. The second auction for Praise service will continue until service dismisses at 12:15. All desserts must be paid for and picked up that day. There will be cakes, pies, and cookies available, from some of the best bakers in the church. All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society to help "Finish the Fight" against this dreaded disease that affects everyone in our congregation-be it friend or family.



Come, bid, take home a yummy dessert, and support the fight against cancer!!



The Library Corner: May Days

Mother's Day—it's a great time to celebrate mothers and all of the nurturing women in our lives. On Sunday May 10th we will be thinking of our mothers, and mothers will be thinking of their children, as mothers tend to do! Check the upstairs library table and the library downstairs for books related to moms— there are a variety of materials, including the serious and the fun, the prayers and the practical.

At the end of May, Memorial Day will turn our thoughts to all of those who have passed on before us, especially those who in some way were involved in past wars. Please check the library displays for materials related to war and its consequences. Here are some books that will be available:

Higher Call, by Adam Makos with Larry Alexander. This is a true story about an act of mercy which was long unknown. In the middle of World War II, a German pilot, Franz Stigler, does NOT shoot down a badly damaged American war plane, thus sparing those still left alive on the plane. This encounter haunts Stigler and the pilot of the American plane, Charlie Brown, for forty years, until finally they have a chance to meet each other face to face.

The Hiding Place, by Corrie Ten Boom with Elizabeth and John Sherrill. Corrie and her family were devout Christians living in Holland before World War II. Then the Germans invaded Holland. What would you do? What Corrie and her family did was to help Jews by hiding them in their home. Eventually the family was betrayed, and sent to a concentration camp. But Corrie's story does not end there, and neither does her faith.

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story, by Diane Ackerman. A zookeeper's wife—how did she become involved in war? It happened! When the Germans invaded Poland in World War II Jan Zobinski was the Director of the Warsaw Zoo. He and his wife Antonia lived on the zoo grounds. The Zobinskis loved the animals, but they also cared deeply for people who were in grave danger. They put their own lives in danger to help rescue a number of Jews, and Antonia watched over these hidden "guests" on the zoo grounds, until they could be sent on to someplace safer.

War can bring out the worst in some, and the best in others. Read about some of the best. It's fascinating, and it's awe-inspiring!

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



We will be discussing "Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius.

THEY ALL THOUGHT HE WAS GONE. BUT HE WAS ALIVE AND TRAPPED INSIDE HIS OWN BODY FOR TEN YEARS. In January 1988 Martin Pistorius, aged twelve, fell inexplicably sick. First he lost his voice and stopped eating. Then he slept constantly and shunned human contact. Doctors were mystified. Within eighteen months he was mute and wheelchair-bound. Martin's parents were told an unknown degenerative disease left him with the mind of a baby and less than two years to live. Martin was moved to care centers for severely disabled children. The stress and heartache shook his parents' marriage and their family to the core. Their boy was gone. Or so they thought.

Ghost Boy is the heart-wrenching story of one boy's return to life through the power of love and faith. In these pages, readers see a parent's resilience, the consequences of misdiagnosis, abuse at the hands of cruel caretakers, and the unthinkable duration of Martin's mental alertness betrayed by his lifeless body.

We also see a life reclaimed—a business created, a new love kindled—all from a wheelchair. Martin's emergence from his own darkness invites us to celebrate our own lives and fight for a better life for others.

The Book for June is Gray Mountain by John Grisham

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME COMING IN JUNE!

We will meet in the church pavilion from **10 to 10:45 a.m.** on three Tuesdays in **June—the 9th, 16th, and 23rd.**

Children with parent or other caregivers are invited to come and enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and refreshments.

Children and accompanying adults all will have a good time!

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



Church YARD SALE

Coming in LATE JULY

Start cleaning out those closets and garages now! More details coming soon!



American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jackson Co-Murphysboro 2015 Luminaria Order Form

Hope shines the brightest during the Relay For Life Luminaria Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on the evening of Friday, **May 29 at 9:00 p.m.** Luminaria will line the center circle at **Riverside Park**. Each light honors someone who has battled cancer. Each luminaria commemorates a treasured relationship. Please join us for this moving ceremony.

In completing this form, I am lighting the path of hope by purchasing a Luminaria in honor of the following people. **Luminaria are \$10 each.**

Please **PRINT** name **NEATLY**.

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

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Make checks payable to **Methodists on a Mission** or to **American Cancer Society**. Please place your form in the box in the **Sanctuary by Sunday, May 24th**. Forms also may be returned to the church office or to a member of Methodists on a Mission.

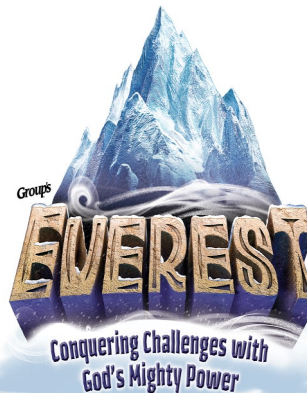


Do you like to know when people miss you?

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. 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!

Also, if you notice someone that's been missing that you think needs a card, write a note on the bottom of the attendance pad, or call the church office at 618) 687-2317. Let's work together to let people know we miss them and want to share with them in worship.



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

**Contact
Emily Hargraves at
(618)559-0329**



NEWEST MEMBERS OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...

Irma Bigham and Allen Bigham recently transferred their membership to MUMC. Please be sure and welcome them into our church family.

Below is a picture of the 2015 Confirmation Class. The journey to confirmation is important in the life of these young people and their faith walk. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment and welcome them as young adults into MUMC and the Body of Christ.

Front from left to right: Lucas Bigham, Aiden McNitt, Allison Brown, Adam Barringer, Nick Stokes, Maggie Stewart
Top from left to right Emma Nehring, Olivia Schaldemose, Jacey Nehring, Keylin Wece, Back Row Left to right
Larry Gilbert, Lillie Schaldemose, Caitlin Doody



Irma Bigham

Allen Bigham

Confirmation Class of 2015



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Lacey Brown is making an impact in the church office in her role as Ministry Support Assistant. Among other duties, Lacey provides administrative clerical support for Pastor Larry Gilbert; Discipleship Coordinator, Teresa Gilbert; Financial Secretary, Christine Nolan; and numerous ministry areas across the church body. Lacey earned her Bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois University. She is a busy disciple of Christ and serves in many volunteer capacities. Lacey is married to Troy Brown, and they are blessed with two daughters, Allison and Cadence.

Michelle L. Parker-Clark has been hired as Interim Visitation Minister. Among other duties, Michelle will share hospital visitation and be the primary contact for home and shut-in visitation. She possesses a Bachelor's degree from Murray State University, and a Master's degree from SIU Carbondale. Michelle has been a member of the Creal Springs UMC for 22 yrs. She has answered a call to ministry through completion of Lay Speaking courses, Certified Lay Ministry Training, preaching at Pleasant Grove UMC in Paulton, IL, serving as a volunteer chaplain at Herrin Hospital, and conducting a monthly worship service for acute rehab patients. Michelle and her husband Michael reside in Marion.

New Part-Time Staff



Lacey Brown

Michelle L. Parker-Clark

MAY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
MAY	Worship Leaders	
3	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
10	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com
17	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com
24	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com
31	Rick Runge rrunge@frontier.com	Kristi Miller kbramm68@gmail.com
MAY	Welcome Hostesses	
3	Caroline Pederson & Mimi Rice	
10	Sharon Graff & Pam Crews	
17	Sharon Graff & Pam Crews	
24	Kay Bozarth & Kathy Bratton	
31	Kay Bozarth & Kathy Bratton	
MAY	Greeters	
3	Asia Watson & Mimi Rice	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
10	Terri and Roger Twenhafel	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
17	Marilyn and Ted Perry	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
24	Marilyn and Ted Perry	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
31	Asia Watson & Rob Williams	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
MAY	Acolytes	
3	Drake Rogus and Maggie Jenkins	
10	Megan McNitt and Wesley Graham	
17	Cadence Brown and Ethan Finke	
24	Conner Twenhafel and Ben Barringer	
31	Tyler Doody and Drake Rogus	
MAY	Prayer Request Readers	
3	Stephanie Finke	Ed O'Donnell
10	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
17	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
24	Earl Renshaw	Kristi Miller
31	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
MAY	Children's Church Leaders	
3	Jennifer O'Donnell	Theresa Mills and Mary Ann Hinchcliff
10	Tonya Walker	Shannon Vincent
17	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
24	Diane Schingel	Patty Thrailkill
31	Diane Schingel	Rick & Scarlett Pierson

MAY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
MAY	Liturgists	
3	Trina Eaton	
10	Allison Barringer	
17	Laurie Nehring	
24	Rob Williams	
31	Paula Chapa	
Ushers		
Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, London Watson, Jennifer Watson, Lowell Heller, John Erbes and Jamie Green		Stephanie Finke and Emily Finke
Sunday Stewards		
Todd Lirely, Francis Addison, Rick Pierson and Ricky Pierson		



2	Terri Twenhafel	15	Jordan Williams
3	Allen Bigham	17	Kristi Miller
4	Peggy Schuster	18	Alex Baughman
7	Cheyenne Abbadusky	21	Bethany Jenkins
8	Ryan Finke	23	Kristal Bell
9	Tyler Doerner		Carol Wehmeyer
	Madison Runge	24	Delores McNitt
	Candy Watt	26	Carolyn Sauer
12	Belinda Nation	27	Roger Medlen
13	Landess Mills	29	Richard Pierson
14	Vanessa Lirely	31	Debbie Korando
	Hallee Ticer		



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

2	Durice and Rick Runge
8	Holly and Chad Fletcher
18	Sid and Frank Boucher
19	Jennifer and Ed O'Donnell
	Thelma and William Pierson
	Nancy and John Vallino
20	Lisa and John Bustos
24	Hillary and John Brooks
25	Kasey and Chris Doerner
26	Allison and Josh Barringer
27	Kathy and Dan Bratton
	Nancy and Andy McNitt
31	Cindy and Curt Presley

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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.

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Larry A. Gilbert
Senior Ministries 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
Pianist Micah Mayes
Choir Director Ricardo King
Nursery Attendant Tania Cruz
Nursery Attendant Bridgett Lewis