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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A long time goal and priority set by our church leadership is finally becoming a reality. This week the preliminary work was completed to order a new 14-passenger-plus-driver church bus (15 people but with a bus they just list it this way) to replace our aging 15-passenger white van.

This was a priority set at the fall leadership retreat in 2014 and then was soon after affirmed by the church council as a 2015 church goal. Later, as we began the work of the Envisioning Team which came out of our spring retreat this year, a new church bus was in that list of priorities as well.

As a part of the Envisioning process and getting cost estimates on the various projects listed, we discovered a bus-sales company which offered a price considerably below anything we had found to this point. In conversations with various leadership, we began to consider the option of moving forward with this purchase as an early step in our overall updating work.

Due to safety concerns, we have removed the rear seat of our current white van and limited seating to no more than 10 or 11 persons. The new bus will fulfill our goal of hauling up to 14 adults in much greater comfort and safety, and will require the same level of driver license as the current 15-passenger van.

Last month at our Trustee and Finance committee meetings, the bus concept was discussed and approved. A significant lead gift has already been given which will more than cover the 10% down payment required.

Sometime in the next few weeks a video presentation on the bus will be shared with the congregation during our regular announcement time, with exact information on cost and features. The following week we will be asking for a one-time offering to help cover some of the cost and reduce the amount of funds we will need to borrow. The exact cost is not known at this time but an estimate is in the \$57,000 range, which will be reduced by a \$4000 trade-in allowance for our white van.

Those of us who have been involved in the various trip ministries of our church have dreamed of this day for a long time. This ministry tool will open up a whole new world of transportation ministry options for children, youth and adults.

To God be the Glory,
 Larry

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



AUGUST Compass
 Deadline
 is JULY 20th
 THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



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JULY
 is going
 towards

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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| 1 | 9:00 am | Worship Team | 16 | 5:00 pm | VBS | 23 | 4:30 pm | Girl Scouts |
| | 6:00 pm | Boy Scouts | 17 | 6:30 pm | Praise Team Practice | 25 | 10:00 am | AA Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | Emergency Preparedness | 18 | 10:00 am | AA Meeting | 26 | noon | Our Neighbor's Table |
| | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting | | 10:15 am | Book Club | | 5:00 pm | Youth Groups |
| 2 | 6:00 pm | Scouts Round table | 20 | | MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK | 27 | | Yard Sale Drop-off |
| 4 | 10:00am | AA Meeting | | | Youth Mission Trip | | 7:00 pm | AA Big Book Meeting |
| | Noon | AA picnic | | 6:30 am | Mom's Group | 28 | | Confirmation Trip |
| 6 | 7:00 pm | AA Big Book Meeting | | 7:00 pm | AA Big Book Meeting | | 6:30 pm | Praise Team Practice |
| 7 | 6:30 pm | Praise Team Practice | 21 | 6:30 pm | Church Council | 29 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| 8 | 6:00 pm | Boy Scouts | | | Praise Team | 31 | | Yard Sale |
| | 6:30 pm | Publicity and Promotion | 22 | 4:30 pm | Nurture and Care | | | |
| | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting | | 6:00 pm | Boy Scouts | | | |
| 9 | 4:30 pm | Girl Scouts | | 6:30 pm | Emergency Preparedness | | | |
| 10 | 10:00 am | Feeder of the Pack | | 6:30 pm | Youth Ministry Team | | | |
| 11 | 7:30 am | United Methodist Men | | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting | | | |
| | 10:00 am | AA Meeting | | | | | | |
| 12 | 5:00 pm | VBS | | | | | | |
| 13 | 5:00 pm | VBS | | | | | | |
| | 7:00pm | AA Big Book Meeting | | | | | | |
| 14 | Noon | Young at Heart | | | | | | |
| | 5:00 pm | VBS | | | | | | |
| 15 | 5:00 pm | VBS | | | | | | |
| | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting | | | | | | |
| | | Staff Parish Meeting | | | | | | |



July 2015

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	



JULY 31st—AUGUST 1st

Please bring items for the sale **AFTER** the "Our Neighbor's Table" dinner on Sunday, July 26 between 2-6 pm and on Monday through Wednesday, July 27 - 29 between the hours 9 am-Noon and 1-4 pm or 6-8 pm.

Volunteers are needed for the above listed days/ hours and during/after the sale. Packing and disbursing the remains will be Monday, August 3 beginning at 9 am.

Please suggest prices for antique or unusual/ valuable items.

Clear personal data from: All computers, fax/ copy machines, phones, etc.

Items should be clean and in working order.

- * NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS * NO CHEMICALS *
- * NO CELL PHONES * NO LARGE/HEAVY OR CONSOLE TVs *

**If unable to bring items during the above-listed times, please call Lynn Pierson @ 684-3601 to arrange a delivery time. Furniture/large items are best delivered on Friday morning, July 31 -- please call if assistance is needed

THE METHODISTS ON A MISSION

Relay For Life Team would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of our efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For every major breakthrough in the fight against cancer, the American Cancer Society has donated money for the research and development against this horrible disease. The ACS has also been strong advocates in congress on both the state and federal level and with insurance companies to strengthen the laws fighting for the rights of cancer patients. This year our team raised over \$7,000 for the Murphysboro Relay For Life event and lit over 90 luminaria from our church members. Even though we got rained out around 10 p.m., we really appreciate those who came down to Riverside Park to walk with us. Thanks again for another successful year.



Please bring the following items on the dates listed to support children of our community during the **Caring for Kids** campaign.

- July 5: Wal-Mart gift cards
- July 12: Backpacks
- July 19: New or gently used children’s books
- July 26: School supplies

If you forget on any given date, no worries, bring it any time! If you prefer to make a financial contribution instead, you may place it in the offering plate and mark it “Caring for Kids.”

For additional information, please contact Trina Eaton at 618-713-6041.

Jesus said, “Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me.”

Mark 9:37 from The Message

Kroger Community Rewards
Re-enrollment for
2015–2016!!!

Re-enrollment will be August 1–August 31, 2015. If you have previously enrolled in the Community Rewards program you will need to re-enroll during the month of August for MUMC to continue to receive the benefits. We will be having a re-enrollment Sunday on August 23rd after both services. Christine will be on hand to help you with the process. If you would like to re-enroll before the 23rd, please feel free to call Christine at the church office anytime in August to re-enroll or if you have not yet signed up to enroll. Remember this is “FREE” money we receive from just shopping at Kroger, the more people we have signed up the more money we can receive.



JULY 12th –16th **EVEREST VBS**
5 p.m.–8 p.m.

We are preparing for the climb!! Everest VBS is coming soon! The VBS crew would like to borrow your hiking and camping supplies. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be placed in the offering plate with a notation of “VBS.”



For more information, please contact Emily Hargraves at 618-559-0329 or ehargraves88@gmail.com.

The **Sermon Series for July** is titled “*Taking Care of Others.*” based on scripture from Ezekiel 34:4. Pastor Larry will lead us through exploring our role as spiritual leaders in our communities. We will explore *Caring for Kids, Strengthening the Weak, Binding the Injured, and Bringing Back the Strayed.* Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to come along and learn how we all can take part in caring for each other.

4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. Ezekiel 34:(NIV)

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP ON THE TRAIL OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?
Consider participating in the next adult mission trip.

We are planning a return trip to Camp Restore in New Orleans. The dates are the **week of September 27th**. The team would leave on Sunday, September 27th and return on Saturday, October 3rd. Pastor Larry is going so join him and others on this mission. Cost is \$300 total. \$150 is due by July 30th and the remaining \$150 is due by September 1st. Please let us know if you are going by the **end of July**.



If you are interested in this, please let Gene Schwebel, Trina Eaton, or Erin Mileur know as soon as possible. It is a blessing to serve others, and in the process you yourself will be blessed!

JULY 14th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Menu - \$5.00 charge

Chef Salad with crackers
Mac and Cheese
Red, White & Blue Cake with Blue Berries

Wear Red, White and Blue
Please don't forget to sign up on the attendance pad!
Fun Games, Bingo

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



DISCIPLE BUILDERS...

...is looking for persons willing to participate in this team. They have assignments lined up and need manual labor workers. If you are willing to help, please

CONTACT DAN BRATTON AT 687-2460 TO SIGN UP OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



Special Summer Schedule for Youth Meetings

July 26 Youth Groups, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
August 9 Bigham Lake Outing

- ***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

In September, Youth Groups will return to meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

NEW PROCEDURE FOR WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From your Worship Committee - effective immediately, all requests for worship service announcements should be sent to the Ministry Support Assistant, Lacey Brown, instead of to individual worship leaders. We believe this will improve communication between congregation members and worship leaders as well as ensure that announcements are made in both Traditional and Praise services. If you would like an announcement shared during the worship services, please send it to Lacey Brown at mumcministries@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

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



Saturday, July 18th at 10:15 a.m.
The Book for July is *The Girl on the Train*
by Paula Hawkins

A debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other people's lives.

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. "Jess and Jason," she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.

And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel offers what she knows to the police, and becomes inextricably entwined in what happens next, as well as in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

A compulsively readable, emotionally immersive, Hitchcockian thriller that draws comparisons to *Gone Girl*, *The Silent Wife*, or *Before I Go to Sleep*, this is an electrifying debut embraced by readers across markets and categories.

GET AHEAD on YOUR READING: August's book is "*The Hangman's Daughter*" by Oliver Pötzsch. Germany, 1660: When a dying boy is pulled from the river with a mark crudely tattooed on his shoulder, hangman Jakob Kuisl is called upon to investigate whether witchcraft is at play. So begins *The Hangman's Daughter*—the chillingly detailed, fast-paced historical thriller from German television screenwriter, Oliver Pötzsch—a descendent of the Kuisls, a famous Bavarian executioner clan.

For September's Reading : **A Flaw in the Blood** by Stephanie Barron



The Library Corner:

Children's Story Time

On three Tuesday mornings in June, the Church Pavilion swirled with activity and resounded with the excited voices of children. Story Time was in progress. The number of children attending increased each week—20 the first Tuesday, 29 the next, and a record 34 on the third Tuesday. With children, parents, caregivers, and volunteers adding to the mix, we livened up the atmosphere of the neighborhood! We acted out Bible stories, sang songs, colored pictures, worked on great crafts and ate snacks. The volunteers got really good at leading a lively version of "Jesus Loves Me" complete with motions and hand clapping! (You had to be there).

Thanks to all who participated—the great group of volunteers, the parents and caregivers who brought the kids, and once again thank you to the United Methodist Men who built the pavilion that creates such a welcoming atmosphere for this event.





JULY WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
JULY	Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com	
5	Jennifer Watson	Ed O'Donnell
12	Jennifer Watson	Ed O'Donnell
19	Jennifer Watson	Ed O'Donnell
26	Jennifer Watson	Ed O'Donnell
JULY	Welcome Hostesses	
5	Rindy Eisenhauer & Candy Watt	
12	Rindy Eisenhauer & Candy Watt	
19	Julie Peterson & Marilyn Perry	
26	Julie Peterson & Marilyn Perry	
JULY	Greeters	
5	Imogene & Jim Tedrow	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
12	Imogene & Jim Tedrow	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
19	Marcia Butler & Gene Schwebel	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
26	Marcia Butler & Gene Schwebel	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
JULY	Acolytes	
5	Ali Bradford & Drake Rogus	
12	Ben Barringer & Conner Twenhafel	
19	Ethan Finke & Wesley Graham	
26	Maggie Jenkins & Tiara Bradford	
JULY	Prayer Request Readers	
5	Earl Renshaw	Ed O'Donnell
12	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
19	Lou Ann Lough	Ed O'Donnell
26	Stephanie Finke	Ed O'Donnell
JULY	Children's Church Leaders	
5	Tonya Walker	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
12	Jennifer O'Donnell	Katie Schwebel
19	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Patty Thrailkill & Theresa Mills
26	Diane Schingel	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
JULY	Liturgists	Music Leaders
5	Nancy Fager	Dennis Goforth
12	Barb Hughes	Lacey Brown
19	Mike Dreith	Brian Vincent
26	Candy Watt	Angie Baughman
Ushers		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring & Vanessa Lirely		Please contact the church office if you are willing to usher at Praise Service
Sunday Stewards		
Gene Schwebel, Troy Brown & Everett Blackwell		

1	Katie Chambers	18	Olivia Schaldemose
3	William Martin		Jacob Stewart
	Loyd Ebersohl	19	Bert Ozburn
	Tassie Lirely	20	Willa Addison
4	Ruth Ebersohl	21	Barbara Giffin
6	Viola Parrish		Jim Hughes
7	Mickey Jackson		Harry Wirth
8	Richard Graff	22	Lillie Schaldemose
	Asia Watson	24	Jennifer O'Donnell
11	Garaldine Horner	25	Ron Moutardier
12	June Black		Lee Rendleman
	Gene Schwebel	28	Paul Chapman
13	Sharon Jones	29	Briana Carnes
14	JT Jenkins		Dacoda Twenhafel
15	Pam Crews	30	Francis Addison
	Brittni Heilig	31	Debbie Chapman
16	Olliebelle Ridley		Alberta Sullivan
17	Rhiannon Gally		Tage Green

*Best Wishes
on your Anniversary*

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

1	Stephanie and Chris Finke
3	Clara and Ron Kiser
8	Amanda and Brant Wingerter
11	Carol and Michael Dreith
12	Gaye and Randy Auxier
14	Sharon and Richard Graff
16	Donna Lynn and Dan Horniacek
17	Ruth & Loyd Ebersohl
21	Rosie and Gary Wece
25	Lee and Jim Rendleman
26	Deana and Mark Twenhafel
27	Gloria and Carl Stoker

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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
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