

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
Epiphany - Green

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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:** "My Tribute"

Hymnal #99

**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:** "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless" by J. S. Bach

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal #128

**++Invocation**

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair. O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate. O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness. O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

**++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting**

**Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers**

**Chancel Choir:** "God Loves" by Phillip Landgrave

**Children's Moments**

As the children come down, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in January will go to the Wesley Foundation.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** "Choral Prelude on 'St. Peter'" by Gordon Young

**++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:** Exodus 3:9-11, Jeremiah 1:4-8, Acts 9:10-16

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

P: Thanks be to God

**Sermon:** "With Our Service"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Ritual of Holy Communion**

**++Communion Hymn:** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Hymnal #402

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** "Postlude in D" by Berthold Tours

**++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**

**Children's Time**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 3:9-11, Jeremiah 1:4-8, Acts 9:10-16

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**Communion**

**Sending Forth**

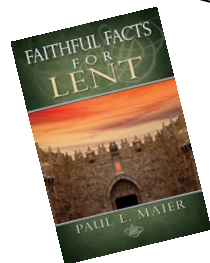
TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Laurie Nehring	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Kim Goforth
Prayer Request Reader	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller
Acolytes	Ali Bradford and Megan McNitt	
Welcome Hostesses	Carolyn Sauer and Julie Peterson	
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Ricky Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Children's Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	Katie Schwebel and Julie Wachtel
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: James L. Watkins		

Stewardship and Attendance for January 24, 2016  
Traditional Service: 175; Praise Service: 64; Sunday School: 109  
Offering: \$5,525.00

The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Dianna Pierson who passed away on January 22nd. Dianna was the sister-in-law of Bill (Thelma) and Richard (Lynn) Pierson.



**AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE MINISTRY TEAM:** Please join us **TODAY** at noon in Rm 104 for a scrumptious meal and great fellowship.



Be sure to pick up your copy of the **2016 Lent devotional booklets** (for both children and adults). Booklets will be handed out at the doors after services today and next week.



**REMINDER: NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION TODAY**  
1:00—3:00 p.m., Room 202

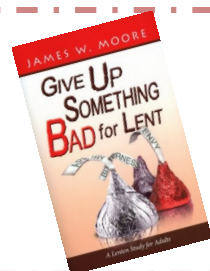


**MUMC BELIZE MISSION TRIP TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Saturday, February 6, 7-10 p.m.

Enjoy a fun night out and support our youth by attending the MUMC Belize Mission Trip Trivia Night. Event and registration details can be found on the youth bulletin board.

**GUEST CHALK ARTIST**

Next Sunday, February 7, Both Services  
Special guest, Randy Davis, will bring the message through original chalk drawings in both worship services next Sunday.  
Come and enjoy!



**NEW STUDY FOR FAITHFUL FRIENDS CLASS:**  
"Give Up Something Bad for Lent"  
*Lenten Study for Adults*—by James W. Moore  
Begins Next Sunday, February 7th, Rm 204  
Led by Teresa Gilbert  
Women of all ages are welcome!

**NEW PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays beginning Feb. 21  
Through Apr. 3 (skipping Easter), Room 202  
Cost is \$13.00. Scholarships available. All class sessions will be 5-7 pm except Apr. 3 will be 3-5 pm. Childcare will be available.  
*Please check the Ezra/Haggai Precept Study box on the Registration and Attendance Sheet if you plan on participating.*  
Deadline for registration will be Sun., Feb. 14th.



FEBRUARY 9th  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY—Wear Red!  
12:00 pm NOON—Fellowship Hall



Menu: It's AMOIRE' - Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad and Cherry Cheesecake. Meals are \$5 a plate.

*Bob Hall from the Key Club will be sharing with the group. Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you. Thanks.*



Ash Wednesday Service  
February 10th, 7 pm

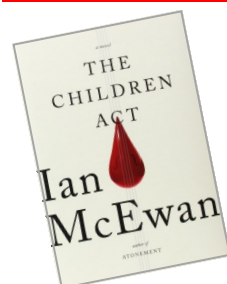


SAT., FEB. 13TH

Breakfast will be catered at \$6.00/person. There will be a quick meeting, followed by a tour of the facilities. Everyone meet at the church by 7:00 a.m.; breakfast at 7:30 a.m. *Please check the UMM Breakfast box on the Registration and Attendance sheet if you will be attending.*



BIGHAM FARMS



**Saturday Morning Book Club**

February 20th at 10:15 a.m., Rm.110

This novel about Fiona Maye, a high court judge in London, will keep readers enthralled until its last stunning page. March's book will be *The Presidents Club* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy.



Narration volunteers are needed for worship services during Lent. If you would be interested in being a reader during the worship services, *please check the box on the attendance pad today* and someone will contact you with more information.

Next Month's Worship Leaders FEBRUARY

**Traditional Service:** Rosie Wece  
**Praise Service:** Ed O'Donnell  
Items for announcement by worship leaders should be emailed to: [mumcministries@gmail.com](mailto:mumcministries@gmail.com). Those who do not use email but wish to submit an item for announcement by worship leaders during worship services may phone the church office at 687-2317.

**Prayer List**

Earl & Sandra Renshaw  
Sandy Schwebel  
Katherine & Martin Twenhafel  
Carl Stoker

- ~ 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](mailto: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 January is the Wesley Foundation.**  
**Prayer Emphasis for February is Our Neighbor's Table.**  
Please include these emphases in your daily prayers.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES  
"He Set His Face"



Ash Wednesday Feb. 10, 7pm	"He Set His Face to Decision"	Jesus Goes to Jerusalem
Sun., Feb. 14	"I Can't Because...I Don't Like It"	Jonah Disagreed with God
Sun., Feb. 21	"I Can't Because...I Don't Understand"	Sarah Doubted God's Promise
Sun., Feb. 28	"I Can't Because...It's Too Hard"	Moses Abused His Position
Sun., Mar. 6	"I Can't Because...I'm In Charge"	Saul Violated the Lord's Command
Sun., Mar. 13	"I Can't Because...I'm Not Enough"	Gideon Questioned His Abilities
Palm/Passion Sunday Sun., Mar. 20	"He Set His Face to Completion"	Jesus Goes to the Cross



**YOUTH GROUP APPAREL**

MUMC Youth Group T-shirts, hoodies and polos can be ordered through February 7th. Order forms can be found on the youth bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

- Feb. 13** Rock & Worship Roadshow, Cape Girardeau, MO  
Bus leaves at 1p. Sign up w/Shannon Vincent by 2/07-\$2
- Feb. 14** \*Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  
\*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.