Murphysboro, IL 62966



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WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

is

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.



MARCH Compass Deadline is FEBRUARY 15th. THANKS!

Noisy Mission Offering



in February is going to

Our Neighbors Table

From the Pastor's Desk

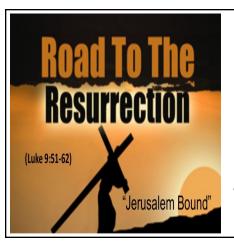
The 9th chapter in the Gospel of Luke holds many major turning points in the ministry of Jesus. Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus predicts his death not once but twice, Jesus is Transfigured on the mountain and right at the end of chapter we find these words "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem," or as some translations say "Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."

The Gospel story has just begun, it is still early and yet Luke declares Jesus is moving already with a clear understanding of the end in mind.

During the season of Lent we will be exploring this theme of what it can take to follow a call from God. The Bible is filled the stories of those who succeeded and those who faltered or failed and each Sunday we will examine one of the many ways we can struggle to follow God's call.

Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem in clear response to the call he felt upon his life. We can all find many good reasons not to do or be what God asks of us. In the weeks of Lent we will take some time to consider our own response to God's call in our lives, and if you and I have the resolution to be all God calls us to be.

To God be the Glory, Larry



Ash Wednesday
Service is
7 pm
In the Sanctuary

"He Set His Face to Jerusalem"

Jesus goes to Jerusalem

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		Mom's Group			10:15 am	Book Clu	b
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal		21	1:30 pm	Leadersh	ip Retreat
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	6:30 pm	Choir Practice		22	5:30 pm	Girl Scou	ts Jrs & Cadets
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		Board of Trustees					6pm on Ash
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Girl Scout Cookie Distribution to Troop

Meeting AΑ

Leaders

5:00 pm	Daisy's/Brownies			
7:00 pm	NA			
9:00 am	Handbell Practice			
10:00 am	AA			
Noon	Our Neighbor's Table			
3:30 pm	Confirmation Class			
5:00 pm	Youth Groups			
	Precept Bible Study			
7:00 pm	AA Big Book			
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cards so many of you have supplied in these recent

months. Appreciation also goes to Pastor Larry for the many visits and prayers of comfort he has provided. We are enjoying our new place and hope to see you at MUMC as soon as we are able. Our new address is: The Villas of Hollybrook 505 Rushing Dr. #8

Carterville, IL 62918

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Blessings to you all, Earl and Sandra Renshaw

N and BOYS! grades 5 and up)

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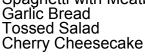
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	10	Harold Gibbs	23	Donna Lynn		
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12	Katherine & Martin Twenhafel
14	Viola & Paul Parrish
18	Mary and Bill Slider
22	Pam & Charles Crews
24	Ada & Lowell Heller

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

Menu: It's AMOIRE' Spaghetti with Meatballs

friends, fellowship, faith.



Meals are \$5 a plate. **Bob Hall from the Key Club** with 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.

Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.

Do you consider yourself a responsible ADULT? Do you have a little time you could dedicate to the youth or children at MUMC? Then please contact:

Emily Hargraves at 618-559-0329 Because Sunday School Teachers are STILL NEEDED for the 2nd - 3rd grade class room and the Senior High. Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry. You will be blessed!! Thank you!

Don't Miss Special Guest Chalk Artist Randy Davis delivering the message through art at both services on February 7th!





Last Sunday of the Month

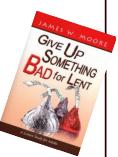
ATTENTION ALL WOMEN WILL YOU GIVE SOMETHING UP FOR LENT?

Don't miss this study based on the book by retired Methodist pastor James W. Moore

"Give Up Something Bad for Lent"

In the Faithful Friends Sunday School class starting:

February 7th in Room 204 at 10:10 a.m.



PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY **EZRA/HAGGAI** REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

First, what is a Precept study? "I love studying the bible this way." "It's a great study."

"I thought I knew this story, but I really didn't." These are some of the comments I have heard from students in the Precept bible study on Jonah. Twenty or so people have been opening their bibles, marking key words with colored pencils, looking up cross references, and learning more about who God is through studying Jonah.

I have been studying with Precept for 15 years and it is my favorite way to learn more about the bible. The studies encourage me to slow down in my reading and find significance in both familiar books as well as books that are far too easily overlooked. Precept studies have drawn me closer to God and I feel my faith has increased as I have come to know Him better through reading His Word.

Another study will be starting soon and I hope you will consider joining us. Beginning on February 21, we will be studying the books of Ezra and Haggai - two books I have never deeply studied. I would love to study them with you. Angie Baughman, Precept Instructor

Ezra /Haggai-Rebuilding the Temple

You can trust God. Experience what it's like when God places His hand on the lives of His people in Ezra and Haggai to prove He is the promise-keeping God.

Sunday February 21st-April 3rd (except Easter) from 5-7 pm Childcare provided

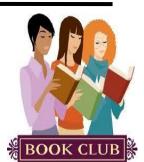
Register on the attendance pads or call the church office at 618-687-2317 by Sunday, February 14th. Cost for materials is \$13, scholarships are available.



Saturday

HAVE YOU READ ANY OF THESE BOOKS?

The Saturday Morning Book Club did something new for our last meeting. Each member brought a book that he or she had read, and discussed what was interesting about it. Each book was rated on a scale from 1 - 5. Some chose old favorites and some chose to read books that were new to them. You might want to add some of these to your reading repertoire. It was a great discussion!



Still Alice by Lisa Genova

Alice Howland is a psychology professor at Harvard and an expert in linguistics. She begins to experience cognitive difficulties that appear suddenly and progress rapidly. A diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's Disease is something that she and her husband and three grown children must learn to

Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham

cope with.

This book is different than Grisham's typical book because it contains 4 separate stories but one overall theme. It centers around Sebastian Rudd, the lawyer who fights against strongarming policy and child slavery. The unique formatting made it interesting.

Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

Station Eleven portrays a pandemic that kills off most of the world's population. It's a page-turner that explores the aftermath through the lives of interesting characters, but also makes us appreciate what we have now and what is lost. How would it be to not have our civilization as we know it?

The Girl in the Spider's Web by David Lagercrantz

This is a continuation of the Millennium Series books written by Stieg Larsson - do not read unless you have read the first 3 in the series. Although the book lacks the edginess of the others and has a very technical storyline, it is a continuation of the much loved mystery. Every one of the titles is a clue and some characters will come back into play.

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

Set in the twelfth century, this book follows a master builder, Tom, throughout his difficult life. Loss and how it is handled is a large theme.

The World Until Yesterday by Jared Diamond

From the author who is most known for *Guns, Germs & Steel*. This book compares traditional societies: how they raise children, how they treat the elderly, their religious beliefs, etc.

Simple Abundance by Sarah Ban Breathnach

This book is a daily meditation. She writes about the five things you need to go through: gratitude, simplicity, order, harmony, and then joy. Although the author doesn't specifically mention God, spirituality plays a big role. Helps you to appreciate the small things of life.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitszgerald

The language in the book is beautiful and the interconnections wonderful. Hard to explain why it is loved so much.

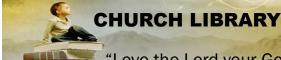


For a little added fun...those in attendance at January's meeting were: Emily Hargraves, Thelma Pierson, Vern Cline, Ken Cline, Lee Rendleman, Mary Ellen Brown, Susan Patterson and Mary Ann Hinchcliff. Now which one read which book? Guess!

January's meeting was fun. In fact all our meetings are fun!

You are invited to join us on February 20th at 10:15 in the Church Library as we discuss **The Children Act** by Ian McEwen.

Read ahead the book for March19th: The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity
By Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy



"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."

The Library Corner: Good Things in Small Books

Small books can still be big enough to enlarge our thinking, impact our life, and inspire our hearts. For proof of that, look at some of the littlest books in our Church library. First, if you have not read it, look at **Three Simple Rules: a Wesleyan Way of Living.** It's simple, but it can lead to a radical change in perspective.

Next try a series of little books, each of which is organized around a significant theme, **HOPE, ANGER, COMPASSION,** and

FORGIVENESS. Each book offers short articles by thoughtful writers, organized around the theme of the book.

Check out the library table this month for these books and others that are the Church Library's "small treasures."



routes, two people per route. It takes about 1 to 1-1/2 hours to deliver the meals to approximately 20 to 25 people.

If you wish to be on the substitute list to deliver meals, please call Joan Bastien at 684-6005.

The MUMC MOW teams are:

Kathy & Everett Blackwell and Mondays:

Sharon Jones & Nancy Fager

Paul & Debbie Chapman and Tuesdays:

Ralph & Joan Bastien

Wednesdays: Candy & David Watt and

Lela Sternberg & Sharon Graff

Thursdays: Lynn Pierson & Thelma Pierson and

Pete & Caroline Pederson

Jack & Sandy Herring and Bill Pierson & Rick Pierson Fridays:

Thanks to all who deliver – you do a great job!





MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Meals-on-Wheels is a worthwhile and needed ministry in our community that our church is very much involved in.

Our church is responsible for the delivery of meals the third week of every month.

The meals are prepared in Carbondale by the Senior Center. Then they are packed in carryout containers, and delivered to the Senior Citizen Center here in Murphysboro. The volunteers are to pick the meals up about 10:30. There are two



FREE Lenten Devotion Booklets

Adult and children personal Lenten devotional booklets will be available after the January 31st and February 7th worship services. Please be sure and pick up your





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SAT., FEB. 13TH

BREAKFAST AT 7:30 AM BIGHAM FARMS

Breakfast will be catered at \$6.00/person and will include: eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, potatoes, coffee, juice and milk. There will be a quick meeting, followed by a tour of the facilities. Everyone meet at the church by 7:00 a.m. Watch future bulletins for opportunities to sign up.



Technology Coordinator—

8 hours per week
Responsibilities: Coordinate
and provide assistance and
support in the areas of
technology ministries for
worship services, small group
activities and special events.

For complete position descriptions and qualifications, visit www.murphysboroumc.com or call the church office at 618-687-2317.

To apply, send a resume to: Staff Parish Relations Committee 1500 Pine Street Murphysboro, IL 62966. Invite a friend or family member to Pastor Larry's Lenten Sermon Series:

"He Set His Face"

During Lent, we will consider Jesus' commitment to obedience as we examine our own obstacles to such determination.

Ash Wednesday, February 10th
"He Set His Face to Decision"

⇒ Jesus goes to Jerusalem

Sunday, February 14th "I Can't Because...I Don't Like It" ⇒ Jonah Disagreed with God

Sunday, February 28th
"I Can't Because...It's Too Hard"

Moses Abused His Position

Sunday, March 6th
"I Can't Because...I'm In Charge"

⇒ Saul Violated the Lord's Command

Sunday, March 13th
"I Can't Because...I'm Not Enough"
⇒ Gideon Questioned His Abilities

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
"He Set His Face to Completion"

⇒ Jesus Goes to the Cross

FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS					
	TRADITIONAL	PRAISE			
	Worship Leaders				
	mumcministries@gmail.com				
	Rosie Wece	Ed O'Donnell			
<u>FEB</u>	Welcome	<u>Hostesses</u>			
7	Patti Shields and				
	Thelma Pierson				
14	Patti Shields and				
	Thelma Pierson				
21	Kathy Blackwell and				
	Marilyn Perry				
28	Kathy Blackwell and				
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FEB	Acc	<u>lytes</u>			
7	Ben Barringer and				
	Ethan Finke				
14	Tiara Bradford and				
	Maggie Jenkins				
21	Caroline Guthman and				
	Megan McNitt				
28	Conner Twenhafel and				
	Wesley Graham				
<u>FEB</u>	Prayer Request Reader				
7	Nancy Fager	Ed O'Donnell			
14	Gene Schwebel	Ed O'Donnell			
21	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell			
28	Lou Anne Lough	Ed O'Donnell			
<u>FEB</u>	Children's C	hurch Leaders			
7	Jennifer O'Donnell	Ben & Jennie Snyder			
14	Jennifer O'Donnell	Rick & Scarlett Pierson			
21	Lacey Brown &	Patty Thrailkill &			
	Rene' Doody	Theresa Mills			
28	Diane Schingel	Katie Stewart &			
		Julie Wachtel			
<u>FEB</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	Music Leaders			
7	Richard Tierney	Lacey Brown			
14	Rob Williams	Brian Vincent			
21	Nancy Vallino	Angie Baughman			
28	Nancy McNitt	Kim Goforth			
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Francis Addison, Everett Blackwell and Jerry Giffin					

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Feb. 14 *Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. **Feb. 28** *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 September Through April with monthly events in the summer months.

BRING A FRIFNDI

MUMC YOUTH GROUP T-shirts, hoodies

and polos can be ordered through Feb 7th.

Order forms are on the Youth bulletin board at the top of the stairs in the education wing, just outside of the sanctuary.





Enjoy a fun night out and support our youth by attending the

MUMC Belize Mission Trip Trivia Night. Saturday, February 6th from 7-10p.m.

Registration Information is on the youth bulletin board at the top of the stairs in the education wing.

Camp registration is just around the corner!! Watch for more updates and registration weekends in March. There are new camps for Junior High. Check it all out at: www.igrc.org/camping.

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Start thinking about who you want to invite to go with you to camp!

ATTENTION!

Sunday School Teachers are needed for the 2nd - 3rd grade class room and the Senior High.



Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry.
Contact Emily Hargraves at 618-559-0329 OR the Church office and ask for Lacey.

Stewardship Report by the Numbers
January – December 2015

74 Number of Giving Units – PLEDGED \$291,522 AMOUNT GIVEN \$3,939 Average per Pledged Giver 86 Number of Giving Units – NON-PLEDGED \$103,782 AMOUNT GIVEN \$1,207 Average per Non-Pledged Giver

Top 10 Service & Missions Supported

Methodists on a Mission	\$ 13,091
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 6,622
Feeder of the Pack	\$ 4,019
Comm. Christmas Dinner	\$ 2,967
My Own Bookcase	\$ 2,932
Adult Mission Trip	\$ 2,550
Teen Challenge	\$ 1,076
Caring for Kids	\$ 1,020
Our Neighbors Table	\$ 975
Food Pantry	\$ 938

Other important numbers the congregation should know:

\$14,327 of the Church's Investments was used to PAY OFF the Renovation Loan in 2015. The Church's remaining investments are valued at \$96,333.25.

The total owed on the Elevator Loan is \$50,182, and after a look at what is remaining on the Elevator Campaign Pledges we are directly on track to pay off the Elevator Loan at the end of 2016.

The approved 2016 operating budget is \$439,531.

The Finance Committee

<u>United Methodist Men</u> <u>2015 Annual Report</u>

The United Methodist Men (UMM) is the official organization for men at the MUMC. We meet every second Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Yearly dues are \$10. Volunteer breakfast "chefs" provide an assortment of delicious breakfasts. Our elected officers are Jay Graff, President; Rob Williams, Treasurer; and Perry Patterson, Secretary. The following are some of the activities we participated in 2015.

- ♦ In January, we met at the corporate complex of Bigham Farms. Allen Bigham graciously opened up the complex for the monthly meeting followed by a tour. Nineteen men attended. The main building includes office space, recreational area, apartment, kitchen, banquet/meeting area and a large storage area. He explained the operation of the grain storage bins which have approximately 1.7 million bushels of capacity.
- Several men have provided a devotional during the year.
 The invitation is always out there for volunteers to either give a devotional or to present a special interest/hobby to the group.
- Forty-four of the Murphysboro football team attended the "Feed the Team" meal on September 25th. Wilma
 Westerfield took the lead in preparation of a delicious
 mostaccioli meal. She had help from Sharon Graff, Lila
 Sternberg, and Joan Bastien.
- The 5th Annual Apple Pancake breakfast was held in September. Many men including the Hospitality Committee helped with decorating and serving. One-half of the profits has gone to the youth group for their Belize mission trip and the other portion, some \$860, will be reserved for other "church missions" which to date are unnamed.
- Several UMM were the "head" waiters for the annual MUMC Women's program. We prepare a meal and serve the SIU students at the Wesley Foundation every year.
- The annual Men's Banquet was held on December 6th. Thirty-one attended the banquet. After a fine introduction by Rick Pierson, Mike Rude gave an interesting overview of his coaching philosophy and career interspersed with a number of humorous coaching experiences. Sandy Herring, Sharon Graff, Joan Bastien, and Lynn Pierson assisted with serving and cleanup. Much thanks to them! A variety of desserts were also provided by the women's group. \$310 was collected from ticket sales.
- Hold annual graduates breakfast for all graduates, elementary school through college.
- ◆ A survey has been circulated asking for program ideas and activities. Results of the survey will be used to decide our direction in the coming year and beyond.

Perry H. Patterson, Secretary

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MUMC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604

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	Custodian	Pat Sullivan
Pastor	Larry A. Gilbert	Child/Youth Ministry Coord	Jennifer O'Donnell
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Pianist/Organist	Jenny Choo
Minister of Visitation	Michelle Parker-Clark	Choir Director	Joseph Ryker
Financial Secretary	Christine Nolan	Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd
Church Secretary	Deb Severa	Nursery Attendant	Megan Gale
Ministry Support Assistant	Lacey Brown		

Ash Wednesday Service February 10th at 7 pm In the Sanctuary

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