



From the Pastor's Desk

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2016 a brand new year. There is always something a little redemptive about that concept. It is a time to turn the page on the book of life to a clean sheet and start anew. This reminds me of a text from Lamentations.



Lamentations 3:21-23 (NIV)

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
 Because of the Lord's great love we are
 not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The text reminds us that in the wisdom of God we do not begin anew once a year but each day. That the love and compassion of God for us rises new every day. God does not want us to carry around the burdens of the whole year, but invites us to cast them off daily and begin each day as a new fresh start. This is the cause for the writer's hope, and should be a cause for our hope as well. So maybe a good resolution for 2016 would be to take this text to heart and be prepared to begin each day as a new start, focused on the compassions of God for you and the endless hope they provide.

Happy New Year!

To God be the Glory,
 Larry

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
 is
 Wednesday at
 10:00 a.m.



February Compass Deadline
 is January 18th.
 THANKS!

NOISY MISSION OFFERING
 in January is
 going to the
Wesley
Foundation



During the Sundays in January, Pastor Larry will revisit the concept of our spiritual journey being like a walk on a trail. Where are you on the trail? Is it time to move further along? Come and hear God's calling on your life to draw closer to Him.

A COVENANT TO KEEP
January Sermon Series

- Jan. 3 - Covenant Sunday (with Holy Communion)
- Jan. 10 - Our Prayers
- Jan. 17 - Our Presence
- Jan. 24 - Our Gifts
- Jan. 31 - Our Service (with Holy Communion)

- 1 7:00 pm NA
- 2 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 4 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 5 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6 9:00 am Worship Team
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Choir
7:00 pm AA
- 7 5:00 pm Daisy's/Brownies
6:00 pm Scout Roundtable
- 8 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack
7:00 pm NA
- 9 7:30 am UMM Breakfast
9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 10 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Precept Bible Study
5:00 pm Youth Groups
- 11 5:00 pm Junior Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Cadets Girl Scouts
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 12 12:00 pm Young at Heart
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
Board of Trustees
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00 pm Finance
- 13 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Choir Practice
Publicity and Promotions
Emergency Preparedness
7:00 pm AA
- 15 7:00 pm NA
- 16 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
10:15 am Book Club
- 17 5:00 pm Precept Bible Study
- 18 Meals on Wheels Week
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 19 6:00 pm Mom's Group Book Study
Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

- 20 9:00 am Nurture and Care
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Staff Parrish Meeting
Service and Missions Meeting
AA
- 21 5:00 pm Daisy's/Brownies
- 22 7:00 pm NA
- 23 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
9:00 am Painting Palette Party & Lunch
- 24 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Youth Groups
Precept Bible Study
- 25 5:00 pm Junior Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Cadets Girl Scouts
7:00 pm AA Big Book

- 26 6:00 pm Mom's Group Book Study
Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Church Council
- 27 9:00 am Holy Folders
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Choir Practice
Youth Ministry Team
7:00 pm AA
- 29 7:00 pm NA
- 30 9:00 am Handbell Practice
10:00 am AA
- 31 12:00 pm Our Neighbor's Table
1:00 pm New Member Orientation



4	Trina & Bob Eaton
10	Tena & Allen Bigham
25	Sylvia & Robert Frank
31	Patti & Dean Shields



3	Diane Schingel	18	Richard Tierney
	Greta Snyder	19	Andrew Erbes
	Logan Ripley	20	Bonnie Whiteside
4	Frank Boucher	22	Breanna Graff
7	Susan Karnes		Teresa Gilbert
8	Cloyd Karnes	24	Marcia Butler
9	Mike Jones		Sandra Schlueter
10	Rindy Eisenhauer		Lincoln Snyder
12	LaVerne Cline	26	Larry Jacobs
15	Tyler Nimmo	27	Emily Hargraves
16	Barbara Hughes		John Erbes
	Justin Maynor	28	Barbara Woodward
17	Jackson Doerner	30	Brad Grover
	Troy Brown	31	Charlie Pierson



The purpose of the Carbondale Interfaith Council is to make God's love visible in our community by fostering interfaith cooperation, sharing religious experiences, engaging in service, discovering unity while respecting our differences, and speaking with courage and strength for justice. The Council began coordinating the Spirit of Christmas project in 1972. Our church's annual participation in this project once again has provided Christmas gifts to 75 of over 1000 less fortunate members of our community. Thank you for sharing in the Spirit of Christmas!

-- MUMC Service and Missions Team

JANUARY 12th
HAPPY NEW YEAR
12:00 pm NOON
Fellowship Hall

Menu:
Ham & Beans with onions
Cole Slaw
Spinach with vinegar
Corn Bread
Brownies (no nuts)



Meals are \$5 a plate.

Dr. Juliane Wallace, SIUC Assoc. Prof. of Kinesiology, who teaches Physical Activity and Exercise for Older Adults, and serves as the chairperson for the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Advisory Board, will speak about Senior Health & Wellness in the New Year.

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.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

Faithful Friends Sunday School class is starting a new study: **Powerhouse: The Work of the Holy Spirit**



A five week series by Francis Chan teaches on the nature and work of the Holy Spirit and how He convicts, leads and empowers our lives.

Facilitated by Nancy Vallino

Begins January 3rd in Room 204 at 10:10 a.m.

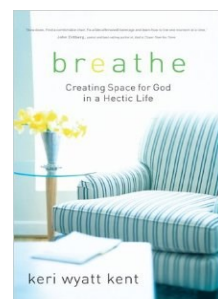
MOM'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

Tuesday evenings beginning January 19th, from 6-8 pm Room 204.

ALL MOMS WELCOME!

Breathe:
Creating Space for God
in a Hectic Life

By Keri Wyatt Kent
Led by Jamie Green
Child Care Provided



Palette Party and Luncheon

January 23rd, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$45 covers the cost of the canvas, all supplies, instructor & luncheon. Choose from a lighthouse or hummingbird themed painting.

To register contact Laurie Nehring in person or email her at nehdingsfarm@hotmail.com.



PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be on January 31st instead of February 7th due to a special guest performance during both worship services.



NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION



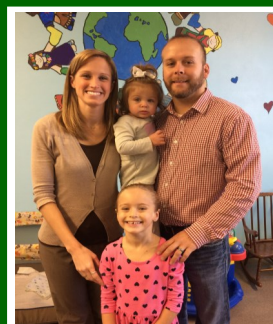
WE ARE THE CHURCH

Do you have questions about Murphysboro United Methodist Church? Do you wonder what Methodist means? Do you have an interest in joining MUMC? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this orientation is for you!

Sunday, January 31st from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Room 202 of the Education Wing.

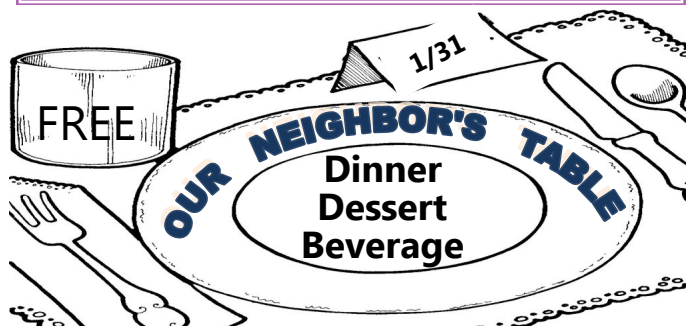
Watch for an opportunity to sign-up on the attendance pad or call the Church office 618-687-2317 and ask for Lacey.

Special Guest Chalk Artist Randy Davis will be at both services February 7th.



OOPS!

Please note that in the November Compass we mislabeled the names of the Ellermeyer children. Pictured are Jennifer and Cody Ellermeyer and children Harper and Kendall. Peyton is not pictured. We apologize for the error.



Last Sunday of the Month

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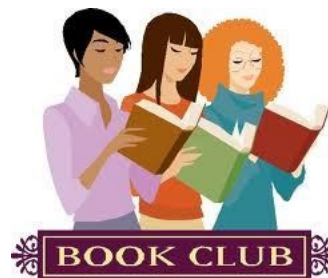
The MUMC Saturday Morning Book Club's January meeting is
Saturday, January 16th at 10:15 a.m.
in the Church Library.

Saturday

Each member is to have read a book of their own choosing
 and share about it with the group.

Morning

READ AHEAD: February's Book is *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan



The Library Corner: 28 Days of Prayer

Life challenges: sometimes they seem to come from nowhere; sometimes they build up gradually into a crisis we either did not anticipate, or hoped would never happen. Many times our emotions run high,

and solutions are elusive. What do we need? Clear thinking? Good counsel and expert help? The support of family and friends? Perhaps all of the above, and definitely one more essential thing: prayer.

Upper Room Books has developed **28 Days of Prayer**, a series of booklets which offers help in facing some of these hard challenges of life. Using prayer, Scripture, meditation and suggestions for deeper reflections or personal application, these books can be a helpful companion and an aid to prayer when even prayer seems elusive.

Start with worry itself—the chronic worry that never leaves us in peace. In the booklet **Freedom from Worry**, author Patricia Wilson notes we can be on a “worrying treadmill” and states that “God calls you to leave your worrying behind.” There follows 28 days of specific steps toward easing the load of worry, and attaining peace of mind.

But here is an important thing about any of these books. Do NOT get it, read through it in a day, and decide it doesn't help. To learn to trust God more, or to change a mind or a way of being takes time and some work. Read it thoughtfully, day by day. Use the prayers and Bible verses as suggested. Write down in a notebook the answers to questions asked.

Other books in this series:

Healing from Divorce

The Struggles of Caregiving

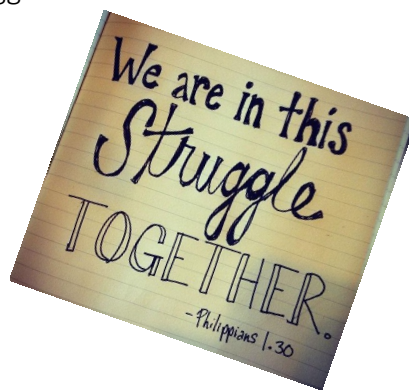
Facing Financial Struggle

Praying Through a Child's Illness

Aging Faithfully

Perhaps you are not facing any of these issues, but have a friend or family member who is. Feel free to check a book out, read it yourself, and if it seems right, pass it along to someone who could use its help. Although please ask them return it when through!

God is our
 refuge and strength,
 a very present help
 in times of
 trouble.
 Psalm 46:1



FIVE AND A HALF YEARS ANNIVERSARY!

We failed to celebrate a significant event last summer: the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Church Library. So in January we have decided to celebrate five and ½ years of operation! We will hold drawings for books every Sunday from January 10th through January 31st. Each Sunday there will be different books on display on the library table in the upstairs hall. Sign up for the drawings, and win a brand new or very gently used book. Something you will want to read may be waiting for you!

JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Rick Runge	Kristi Miller
JAN	Welcome Hostesses	
3	Patti Shields and Barb Hughes	
10	Terri Yates and Vanessa Lirely	
17	Terri Yates and Vanessa Lirely	
24	TBA	
31	TBA	
JAN	Acolytes	
3	Tiara Bradford and Wesley Graham	
10	Ben Barringer and Megan McNitt	
17	Maggie Jenkins and Caroline Guthman	
24	Ethan Finke and Conner Twenhafel	
31	Ali Bradford and Megan McNitt	
JAN	Prayer Request Reader	
3	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
10	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
17	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
24	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller
31	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller
JAN	Children's Church Leaders	
3	Tonya Walker	Katie Schwebel & Katrina Carnes
10	Tonya Walker	Ben & Jennie Snyder
17	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
24	Diane Schingel	Patty Thraikill & Theresa Mills
31	Diane Schingel	Katie Schwebel & Katrina Carnes
JAN	Liturgists	Music Leaders
3	Trina Eaton	Dennis Goforth
10	Wilma Westerfield	Lacey Brown
17	Mary Slider	Brian Vincent
24	Bill Slider	Angie Baughman
31	Laurie Nehring	Dennis Goforth
Ushers		
Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely		Ricky Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Stewards		
Todd Lirely, Rick Pierson and Ricky Pierson		

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Jan. 10 *Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Jan. 24 *Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

*CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

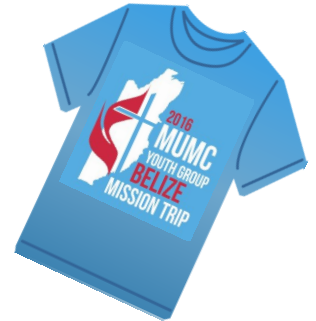
*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

*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 FRIEND!!

Anyone with questions about the Belize mission trip or fundraisers, please contact Laurie Nehring at nehdingsfarm@hotmail.com or (618)303-2777 or you can talk to Scott Ballard, Stephanie Finke or Diane Schingel.
Thank you for your support!



Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator

10 hours per week
Coordinate and assist with discipleship ministries for children and youth of all ages. Visit the website at www.murphysboroumc.com for details.
To apply send a resume' to:
Staff Parish Relations Committee
1500 Pine St
Murphysboro, IL 62966

ATTENTION!

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

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry.

Contact Emily Hargraves at 618-559-0329 OR the Church office and ask for Lacey.

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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
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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	Ministry Support Assistant.....	Lacey Brown
Pastor	Larry A. Gilbert	Custodian.....	Pat Sullivan
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Pianist/Organist.....	Jenny Choo
Interim 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

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