

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**March 20, 2016**  
**Palm Passion Sunday**  
**Lent - Purple**

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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!

**Interested in Membership?**

Approximately once per quarter, Pastor Larry offers an informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the ministries of our church, and about the process to become a member of MUMC. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.



**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.

**Triumphant Entry**

Luke 19:29-40

**Choral Anthem:** "A Celebration of Palms" by Joseph M. Martin

**Processional of Palms**

**Light of Christ Enters**

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

**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.

**Lenten Reading**

**++Hymn of Praise:** "Lift High the Cross" Hymnal #159

**++Invocation**

**Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

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

**Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers**

**Children's Moments**

As the children come down, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in March will go to the **Little Grassy Camp**.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** "Fughetta on All Glory, Laud, and Honor" by M. Teschner, arr. by A. Lovelace

**++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**

**Chancel Choir:** "Blessed Are They" by Joel Raney

**Scripture:** Luke 9:51, Mark 8:34-38

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "Follow Me"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Stripping of the Sanctuary**

**Bell Choir:** "Prayer" by Jeanne C. Warzyn and "Kyrie" by Cathy Moklebus

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

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** "Antiphonen on Palm Sunday" by F. Schubert

**++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**

**Lenten Reading**

**Songs of Worship**

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**Stripping the Sanctuary**

**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Asia Watson	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson mumcministries@gmail.com	Emily Finke mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Kim Goforth
Prayer Request Reader	Gene Schwebel	Emily Finke
Acolytes	Ben Barringer and Wesley Graham	
Welcome Hostesses	Vern Cline and Sandy Herring	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Patty Thrailkill and Theresa Mills
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
<b>The Memory Book is open to the page honoring:</b> Deceased Members, Helping Hands Class		

Stewardship and Attendance for March 13, 2016  
Traditional Service: 125; Praise Service: 68; Sunday School: 99  
Offering: \$4,889.00



The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Jerrald Warren Chandler who passed away on Monday, March 14th. Jerrald was the father of Gaye (Randy) Auxier.



**EXPERIENCE A CHRISTIAN SEDER MEAL on Thurs., March 24th, 6 p.m., Rm 104.** We will be guided through the process of a Passover Seder meal by United Methodist Pastor Ed Hoke. Seating is limited to the first 60 tickets. Tickets will be sold in the Fellowship Hall after each worship service **TODAY**.



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



**MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thurs., Mar. 24, 6p**  
Seder Meal Led by Rev. Ed Hoke  
(Seating limited - **Tickets on sale TODAY**)

**GOOD FRIDAY - Fri., Mar. 25, 7p**  
Requiem Featuring the Chancel Choir  
with Orchestra Accompaniment

**EASTER - Traditional Service at 9a**  
Praise Service at 11:15a  
Holy Communion at Both Services  
- No Sunrise Service -

**ALL CHURCH EVENT COMING UP ON APRIL 3rd!!**

**AUTHENTIC MEXICAN DINNER**

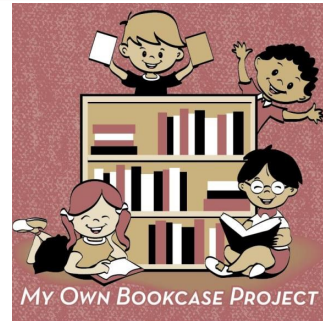
Prepared by members of Cobden UMC, Jesus es el Señor United Methodist Church

Festive decorations, favors, entertainment!  
Love donations to go to the Cobden Church.  
MUMC Fellowship Hall, 5:00 p.m.

Please check the Mexican Dinner box on the Registration and Attendance sheet if you plan on attending.



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE APRIL COMPASS IS: TOMORROW, March 21st!**



The Service and Missions team is excited to announce the second year of our **MY OWN BOOKCASE PROJECT**.

This project, co-sponsored by our church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis, will provide 34 children in the Murphysboro Head Start program with their very own handmade bookcase and a starter set of books.

The goal of this project is to encourage parents to read to their children, and to improve literacy in the children in our community.

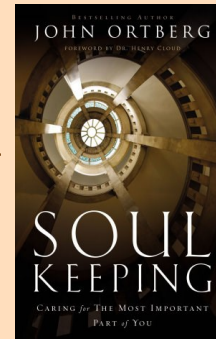
Last year we provided 30 Head Start children with a bookcase and books, and the look on the children's faces when they were presented their bag of books was priceless!!!

If you would like to help support this ministry, please pick up one of the flyers that are located either at the back of the sanctuary or by the doors to the education wing. Your generous support will make a positive and everlasting difference in the life of a child.

**New Study Begins Sunday, April 3rd**  
in Faithful Friends Class:  
**SOUL KEEPING, by John Ortberg**

The health of your soul isn't just a matter of saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith.

**WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.**  
This study will be led by Teresa Gilbert in Rm. 204.



**CHURCH GREETERS NEEDED**



**"For ... I was a stranger and you invited me in,"**

Matthew 25:35

Opportunities to live out this scripture await you! If you are interested in information on becoming a greeter, please check the greeter box on the Registration and Attendance sheet. Also indicate your preference of services in the event you become a greeter.

**Please Help Us Shower Prince Alexander with Birthday Wishes!**

Prince is a long-time member of our MUMC family. He will turn 90 years old on April 1. He is currently in poor health, so we want to lift his spirits! Send cards to:

Prince Alexander  
405 Orchard Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901



**Prayer List**

Earl & Sandra Renshaw	Katherine & Martin Twenhafel
Sandie Schwebel	Russell & JoAnn Schirmer
Bob Winters	Prince Alexander

- ◆ Hardin Davis, friend of Katherine Twenhafel, who is beginning treatment for cancer.
- ~ 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 March is Little Grassy Camp.**  
Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.



**REGISTRATION DAYS TODAY** and April 3rd after each service

Camp brochures and pricing/registration Information are on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Questions? Call Christine Nolan, Fin. Sec., 687-2317.

**Substitute Teachers Needed**



Substitute teachers are needed for our Senior High Sunday School Class. To learn more, please mark the attendance pad or contact Emily Hargraves or Diane Schingel.

Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in the next months? Do you remember seeing your date/s listed in the *Compass* newsletter in the past? If you think we may not have your special dates on file, please write them on the *Attendance Sheet*, and we'll get them on the newsletter calendars!!!



**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

**MAR. 27** Youth Groups Meetings Cancelled for Easter  
**APR. 10** Youth Groups Meetings, 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.