



## From the Pastor's Desk

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



APRIL *Compass*  
 Deadline is  
 MARCH 21st.  
 THANKS!

**NOISY MISSION OFFERING**  
 in March is  
 going to  
  
**Little Grassy Camp**

Dear Congregation,

In October of last year, the District Superintendent extended to our congregation a request to consider the possibility of doing ministry in DeSoto. At that time, it appeared that the DeSoto UMC would be closing in a few months, leaving this small community with no active United Methodist ministry. For the past several months, I have been working with the leadership of our congregation, the District Superintendent and Bishop, and the remaining members of the DeSoto church to discuss and explore this possibility. During this time, the ministry plan has seen many revisions, and I write you today to provide you with information on the current proposal.

The current proposal would call for the DeSoto UMC and our congregation to merge in order to facilitate a new format for ministry in DeSoto. Unlike the merger in the mid 60s with the Centenary congregation, where you had two churches of similar size, we would basically absorb the DeSoto church into our current structure. This process would require both congregations to vote and approve such a merger at a Charge Conference meeting. If successful, the assets of the DeSoto congregation would belong to MUMC and become tools for us to open a satellite ministry in DeSoto.

An equally important part of this proposal is a grant from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, which would financially support the development of the DeSoto ministry for the next three years. Funds would be provided that would assist with additional operational costs, such as utilities and insurance, and program costs, which would include additional staff and supplies.

Within the next few weeks, I will be announcing the congregational meeting to come together to present this ministry proposal, answer questions which are present, and then to vote on the question of merger and a satellite DeSoto ministry.

To help facilitate this meeting, I have put together a Q & A sheet which is included on page 4 in this newsletter.

To God be the Glory,  
 Larry

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be Easter Sunrise Services at MUMC this year. If you would like a Sunrise experience, we invite you to Bald Knob Cross in Alto Pass at 6:30 a.m., to hear our own Pastor Larry deliver the message.

- 1 6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
Mom's Group
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 2 9:00 am Holy Folders  
Worship Team
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm AA
- 3 6:00 pm Scout Roundtable
- 4 7:00 pm NA
- 5 9:00 am Handbell Practice  
10:00 am AA
- 6 12:30 pm Communion Training  
5:00 pm Precept Study  
6:00 pm UMM District Rally
- 7 7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 8 12:00 pm Young at Heart  
6:00 pm Mom's Group  
Cub Scouts  
Board of Trustees  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Finance
- 9 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions  
7:00 pm AA
- 10 5:00 pm Daisies & Brownies
- 11 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack  
7:00 pm NA
- 12 7:30 am UMM Breakfast  
9:00 am Handbell Practice  
10:00 am AA
- 13 5:00 pm Precept Study  
Youth Groups
- 14 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Jrs & Cadets  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 15 6:00 pm Mom's Group Book Study  
Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 16 9:00 am Nurture and Care  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations  
Service & Missions  
AA

- 18 6:00 pm Boy Scout Training Set-up  
7:00 pm NA
- 19 8:00 am Boy Scout Training  
9:00 am Handbell Practice  
Emmaus Formation
- 10:00 am AA
- 10:15 am Book Club
- 20 5:00 pm Precept Bible Study
- 21 Meals on Wheels Week  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 22 6:00 pm Mom's Group Book Study  
Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
Church Council
- 23 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
Youth Ministry Team  
7:00 pm AA
- 24 5:00 pm Daisies & Brownies  
6:00 pm Seder Meal


- 25 7:00 pm Good Friday Requiem Cantata  
NA
- 26 9:00 am Handbell Practice  
10:00 am AA
- 27 Noon Our Neighbor's Table
- 28 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Jrs & Cadets  
7:00 pm AA Big Book
- 29 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 30 9:00 am Holy Folders  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm AA



2	Jane Mitchell	15	Dianna Smith
	Paul Bitner	16	Patrick Yates
3	Brian Bustos	18	Caitlin Doody
	Drake Rogus		Fiona Fletcher
6	Scarlett Pierson		Kylin Kirksey
7	Brandi Bitner	19	Bill Martin
9	Gloria Likens		Corey Zimmerman
	Wilma Westerfield		Hope Panepinto
10	Aaron Erbes		Marlene Gibbs
	Bill Slider	20	Jeremiah Bradford
	Patty Thraikill	25	Jacob Presley
	Sharon Medlen	26	Ashleigh Boyle
12	Everett Blackwell		Everett Snyder
	Todd Lirely	27	Harper Ellermeyer
13	Brad Fager	25	John Carvell
	Etta Mae Imhoff		Ray Burroughs
14	Connie Boucher	31	Ada Heller
	Mary Ellen Brown		Pete Pederson



Murphysboro United Methodist Church has 6 burial plots at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park and 6 plots at Murphysboro City Cemetery. If you are interested in any of the plots, please contact Christine Nolan, Financial Secretary, at 618-687-2317 for information and locations.



The Nursery is in need of donations of juice boxes and snacks. Please remember this is a peanut-free zone. These items may be dropped off to the Nursery attendants on Sundays, or placed in the basket outside the Nursery anytime.



1	Kellee & Steve Ticer
10	Mary Ellen & Richard Tierney
11	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
18	Lou Anne & Jon Lough
31	Caroline & Pete Pederson

MARCH 8th  
 Ready for  
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
 Wear Green  
 12:00 pm NOON  
 Fellowship Hall



Menu:

- Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy
- Peas Rolls Green Salad
- Cupcakes with green icing

Meals are \$5 a plate.

Sonja Lallemand will present  
 "Edible Arrangements"

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.*

**Christian Celebration of the Passover Seder Meal**

**The Last Supper – Matthew 26:17-19 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>18</sup> He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

In the past few years we have observed Maundy Thursday with a Service of Shadows, with the extinguishing of candles. This year we are going to take a step closer to the Passover ritual which Christ shared with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Many do not realize that the Last Supper was actually a meal. During Passover, a Jewish observance of God "passing over" the homes which displayed blood from a sacrificial lamb on the threshold, there is also a meal called the Seder Meal, which is shared with all present. This meal commemorates the exodus and flight of the Hebrews from Egypt.

At the Christian observance of the Seder Meal, a feast meal is served along with a plate of items that are symbolic of the Israelites being brought out of the land of bondage, such as bitter herbs, charoses, greens, and salt water. All of the symbolic meanings are explained during the meal.

Many of us have observed Easter all of our lives without realizing the significance of the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, for many referred to as Holy Week. From the triumphant entry to Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, agonizing in the garden, the arrest, to the trial and then the walk to Golgotha, Jesus used these events to fulfill the prophecy foretold.

As we Christians prepare our hearts for the Risen Lord, come join us to observe the Christian Seder Meal and Last Supper on Thursday, March 24. Due to lack of space, seating is limited to 60. Tickets are \$8 and on sale March 6th & 13th after each worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Seder Meal Team Member - Nancy Fager

CACHE RIVER DISTRICT UMM RALLY!  
 HOSTED BY MUMC



Men's Rally -  
 includes boys grades 5 and up  
 Sunday, March 6, 2016  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Murphysboro United Methodist Church

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THESE  
 HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

*Maundy Thursday:  
 Seder Meal*

*March 24th at 6 pm*

*Includes chicken dinner -  
 seating limited to 60*

*Tickets \$8, on sale March 6th & 13th*

*In the fellowship hall after both services.*



*Good Friday Requiem:*

*March 25th at 7 pm*

*In the Sanctuary*

*Featuring the Chancel Choir*

*with orchestra accompaniment*

*Faster:*

*March 27th at*

*9 & 11:15 am*

*Holy Communion*

*at both services*



## Q & A about DeSoto UMC Merger Proposal

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### **Why are we even considering doing this?**

I feel there are several responses to this question. It has been on my heart for some time that a future role of our church would be to partner with a smaller congregation to help offer ministry options and opportunities which they could not offer on their own. This potential merger with the DeSoto church offers us just such an opportunity. Also, it continues to provide an important United Methodist presence in a neighboring community. I believe we can be effective in fulfilling our mission in a new location, and thus reaching the people of DeSoto for Christ. But the ultimate question is: Is this a ministry God is calling us to do? Discerning that answer is the work of all of us.

### **What will the cost be to our church?**

Very little if any at the beginning. Christine Nolan, myself and few others have been working to formulate the cost of doing ministry in DeSoto. Getting the grant from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference is essential for going forward with the work. Over time, I am sure there will be some cost, but the ultimate goal is to have a new worshipping congregation of 40 to 60 people within 3 to 5 years. If that goal can be reached, the ministry will be financially self-sufficient.

### **How many people from the DeSoto church will be coming to our church?**

This congregation was only worshipping about 10 to 15 people for Sunday worship. We might pick up a family or two, but not many. One family already has one of their children participating in our Confirmation program.

### **What are the risks involved to our church if the ministry fails?**

Very little. If the ministry is not successful, we are not required to repay the grant or keep the property. We could at that point turn the property over to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, or we could sell it.

### **What are the additional staff positions needed?**

The ministry focus in DeSoto will be children and youth for the first several months. Our current Children and Youth Coordinator position will be increased from 10 to 25 hours per week (the person hired was aware of this when they were hired and is agreeable to the additional hours). We will need an additional custodian, some additional office administrative hours, and one additional part-time program person. Some current staff will just have a few hours increased and some additional persons will be hired.

### **Who will care for the property and facilities in DeSoto?**

Our Trustees will have the oversight of this property, but we will need to hire some additional staff to help clean and maintain the property.

### **What assets does the DeSoto church have?**

The church building is small but in very good condition. It is all one level and handicapped accessible. This building is located on highway 149, just across from the police and fire station. Next to the church is a fairly new parsonage, which is also not large, but is a well-maintained brick three bedroom home. Possibly \$3,000 in financial assets and they have no debt.

### **What happened to the DeSoto church?**

Approximately three years ago, the pastor of the church at that time, working with other members of the congregation, organized a church split of the DeSoto church and the other two churches on the charge, which were Vergennes Wesley and Hallidayboro. Since that time the Hallidayboro church has closed. The members who left have since formed a new church which meets in the DeSoto Grade School.





### The Library Corner: Going Deeper

Lent is the season of personal reflection as we think of Jesus' journey to the cross, and of his resurrection. These events changed our world! We also think of our own journey of faith, and how we too may need to change, or at least to understand

**Nothing can keep you  
Apart from God's love  
No, nothing on earth,  
Or in heaven above.**  
(From *Why is There a Cross*,  
by Kathleen Bostrom)

more deeply what Jesus did for us. Here are some resources that provide food for thought, and companionship for your Lenten journey. These and other resources are in the library or on the library table in the upstairs hall.

**And the Angels were Silent** and **6 Hours One Friday** by Max Lucado. Lucado has a direct style of writing, and also tells many stories about ordinary- and extraordinary- people. Those things, combined with his passion for telling the larger story of God's love, make his books very vivid and very popular. He has written these and other books, many of which are in our church library.

**Knowing that Jesus will have the final word gives us courage when we face the problems of our time. That knowledge does not tell us to hide in a room. It does not lead us to bury our heads and say we do not care about the problems we face. Of course we care about what is happening in our world and because of the Resurrection we are able to face those things with hope and great courage.**

(From *24 Hours that Changed the World*, p. 131.)

**24 Hours that Changed the World, Final Words, and The Way** by Adam Hamilton. All three of these books have accompanying DVDs. Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land, which helps make the life and death of Jesus more real, and Hamilton's depth of knowledge and spiritual insight are illuminating.

WE HAVE SOME GREAT KID'S RESOURCES FOR EASTER AS WELL! HERE ARE SOME OF THEM:

**Veggie Tales "An Easter Carol"**

**Breakfast with Jesus**

**The Miracle of Easter**

**The Beginner's Bible: The Very First Easter**

**Why is There a Cross?**

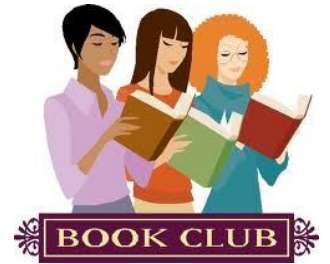
**New Stuff!** RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

**Birthered in Prayer: Pregnancy as a Spiritual Journey**

**Louie Giglio's Passion Talk Series (DVD): Indescribable;**

**How Great is Our God; Symphony; Moved by Mercy**

**MUMC**  
**Saturday**  
**Morning**



You are invited to join us on  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 in the Church Library**  
as we discuss *The Guernsey Literary and  
Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann  
Shaffer and Annie Barrows

"I wonder how the book got to Guernsey? Perhaps there is some sort of secret homing instinct in books that brings them to their perfect readers." January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb....

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

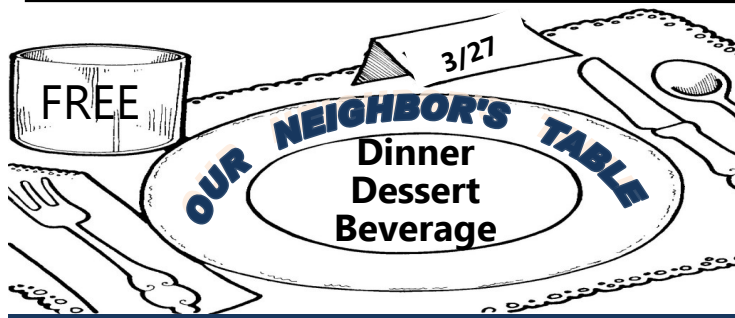
Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

**Read ahead the book for April :**

*The Presidents Club:*

*Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity*

By Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy



Last Sunday of the Month

Drop by and say HELLO to our  
NURSERY ATTENDANTS  
Caitlyn Boyd (left) and Megan Gale (right)...



Our attendants provide care for infants and toddlers (suggested ages infant to 3 years) during both worship services, Sunday school and at other events at church. When you stop by you will also be able to check out the updated furnishings in the nursery. They will also appreciate you taking notice of the needs of the month posted right outside the nursery door.

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

# Welcome

Sometimes there are points on our Christian walks when needs are met so fully, even wondrously, that we have no choice but to marvel at God's goodness. Such is the case with the recent hire of Jennifer O'Donnell as MUMC's Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Church leadership had identified the youth and children ministry as one of two top staffing priorities for 2016. With only ten hours of salary approved for this position, finding a qualified candidate could have presented a real challenge. Jennifer O'Donnell's personal philosophy is that God pushes her toward new challenges to grow her as a Christian.

Our Neighbor's Table, Children's Church, Sunday School, VBS, *Compass* newsletter, and endless other MUMC ministries and programs benefit from Jennifer's talents and gifts. She shares her time and talents with the community as well...serving on the Board of the Food Pantry and as organizer of the Community Christmas Dinner for the last two years.

Jennifer's formal education more than qualifies her for our Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator position. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in Business from the University of North Texas and later became certified in Elementary Education at Arizona State University. She began teaching in 1999 and continued through 2012 when service to her church and community became her life's calling.

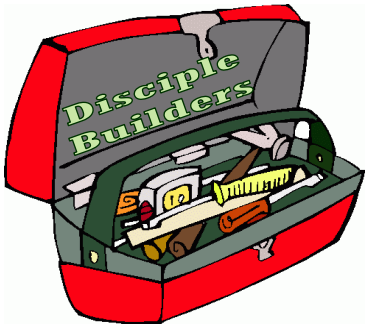
Please join us in welcoming Jennifer O'Donnell to the staff of Murphysboro United Methodist Church.

~ Your MUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee



**Jennifer O'Donnell**  
Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator





## DISCIPLE BUILDERS

A few years ago a group from Murphysboro United Methodist Church began going on Adult Mission Trips. As a church, we have four out-of-state adult mission trips under our belt. What you may not know is that we have a group of men and women within our church that try to do several mission projects right in Murphysboro each year. This group, called Disciple Builders, was the “Brainchild” of Dan Bratton who had participated in several out of state mission trips. Dan is a retired contractor, and saw a need in our own community. To date, the Disciple Builders have done several painting projects and some small construction projects. They would like to be able to take on more building projects, but they need more help to complete those type of jobs. If you are looking for a Mission Project, but are unable to travel far away or be out of town for periods of time, we would be thrilled to have you join the Disciple Builders. Just contact the Church office 618-687-2317 and they can help you with contact info.

The most recent Disciple Builders project was a painting project for 7:24 Ministries at the home of Ed and Jennifer O’Donnell. What great fellowship we had! And a few sore knees, I might add, but the project ended with a great results. See the pictures of before, during and after below.

I can personally attest that I got the same “Feel Good” feeling of accomplishment as I did after finishing a job on the New Orleans Mission Trip. Please pray for this group, and join us if you can. It is a great way to continue on the Discipleship Trail.

Disciple Builders Team Member Barb Hughes



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 3rd at 5pm

ALL CHURCH

Authentic Mexican Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at MUMC.

Prepared by members of

Jesus es el Señor United Methodist Church.

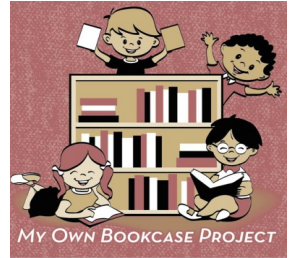
Watch for sign-up on attendance pad in March.



Second Annual

MY OWN BOOKCASE

Because we believe that reading is a fundamental part of a child's ability to learn, we are excited to announce the "My Own Bookcase" project. This project is co-sponsored by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and the Murphysboro Kiwanis Club, and our goal is to improve literacy in children in our community.



Children become readers on the laps of their parents.

This project will provide 34 children in the Murphysboro Head Start program who will be entering Kindergarten this fall with their very own bookcase and a starter set of books. Each bookcase will be handmade by volunteers in our community and will be given to the children in a special Presentation Ceremony in May.

To quote author Emilie Buchwald, "Children become readers on the laps of their parents." When children have their own books in the home and their families have easy access to books, parents are more likely to read to their children. Our mission is to encourage parents to read to their children by providing them with the opportunity to do so.

Please help us achieve our goal of presenting each of these 34 children with their very own bookcase and books by becoming a "My Own Bookcase" Project sponsor. The cost of sponsorship is \$50, and will cover the cost of materials for a bookcase and a starter set of books. If you cannot sponsor a bookcase at this time, any monetary donation you can make would be appreciated. Your generous support will make a positive and everlasting difference in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

Trina Eaton, Coordinator, My Own Bookcase Murphysboro United Methodist Church and Vanessa Lirely, President Murphysboro Kiwanis



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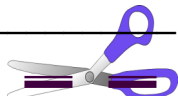
Yes, I would like to support this project and make a difference in the life of a child in our community.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to the Murphysboro United Methodist Church.

Note "My Own Bookcase" on the memo line and drop in the offering plate or mail to 1500 Pine St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

CHILDREN BECOME READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS.



Technology Coordinator—

8 hours per week

Responsibilities: Coordinate and provide assistance and support in the area of technology ministries for worship services, small group activities and special events.

For complete position description 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.

JOB OPENING

Lily & Easter Memorial



If you would like to order a lily to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, please fill out this form and place it with your payment in the offering or return it to the church office. Please make checks payable to MUMC. The last day to order a lily is Monday, March 14th. You may take your lily with you after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Easter.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lily

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Contribution

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_



MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS	
TRADITIONAL	PRAISE
<b>Worship Leaders</b> mumcministries@gmail.com	
Jennifer Watson	Emily Finke
<b>MAR Welcome Hostesses</b>	
6	Carolyn Ozburn and Sharon Graff
13	Carolyn Ozburn and Sharon Graff
20	Vern Cline and Sandy Herring
27	Vern Cline and Sandy Herring
<b>MAR Acolytes</b>	
6	Ethan Finke and Ali Bradford
13	Caroline Guthman and Maggie Jenkins
20	Ben Barringer and Wesley Graham
27	Megan McNitt and Conner Twenhafel
<b>MAR Prayer Request Reader</b>	
6	Stephanie Finke Emily Finke
13	Nancy Fager Emily Finke
20	Gene Schwebel Emily Finke
27	Gaye Auxier Emily Finke
<b>MAR Children's Church Leaders</b>	
6	Tonya Walker Ben & Jennie Snyder
13	Jennifer O'Donnell Rick & Scarlett Pierson
20	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody Patty Thrailkill & Theresa Mills
27	Diane Schingel Katie Stewart & Julie Wachtel
<b>MAR Liturgists Music Leaders</b>	
6	Mary Ellen Brown Lacey Brown
13	Emily Hargraves Brian Vincent
20	Asia Watson Kim Goforth
27	Rick Runge Angie Baughman
<b>Ushers</b>	
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Dan Abbadusky
<b>Stewards</b>	
Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, and Ron Moutardier	

### YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- Mar. 12** \*CYF to Light Kids Conference (see below)
- Mar. 13** \*Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 27** \*No Youth Groups—Easter

\*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!!



#### Belize Mission Trip Update:

The Youth have been doing an outstanding job working towards their goal of \$15,000 for the Belize Mission Trip. So far they have raised over \$8500 and have received \$3500 in mission offerings and funds. So they are very close to their goal! If you would like to help them out it is not too late. There are still some amounts left on the Sticky Board for donations. Deposits are being sent in and reservations are being made. It is an exciting time! We should all be very proud of their hard work and determination!

### Light Kids Conference

The CYF youth group will attend the Light Kids Conference in Marion, IL on March 12th. The Light Kids Conference is a one day event designed for children. The purpose of the Light Kids Conference is to get kids excited about the faith and the walk with Jesus.

If you are interested, please fill out a registration form and pay your \$2. A recent youth group permission slip is required to attend. If you have questions please call the church office and speak to Lacey or Jennifer, or you may contact Irma Bigham or Jennifer Watson.



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or  
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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.

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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		

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***HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES***

*March 24th-Maundy Thursday Seder Meal. Tickets required in advance...details inside.*  
*March 25th-Holy Friday Requiem featuring the Chancel Choir w/orchestra accompaniment.*  
*7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*  
*March 27th-Sunrise Service at Bald Knob Cross 6:30 a.m. Pastor Larry sharing the message.*  
*March 27th-Easter Services: Traditional at 9:00 a.m. Praise at 11:15 a.m.*

*Return Service Requested*

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