



From the Pastor's Desk

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The hectic season of summer activity is upon us. In the coming weeks, our worship services will see children, youth and adults coming forward to be sent out to various programs and ministries. Some will be going off to church camp, some for mission trips, some for confirmation travel; some will be the sponsors, chaperones, and volunteers who make all this travel possible. As a church, we will spend thousands of dollars to support these efforts because what we learn over and over again is how effective this type of experience is in helping to make, form, and grow us as disciples of Jesus Christ. And that, my friend, is our mission and the reason we exist, to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

July will also bring our annual Caring for Kids emphasis. Watch for information on our collection items for this year and consider financially supporting the work of our school social workers. One of our school social workers, Melinda Pierson, will be with us one Sunday to share first-hand accounts of how your generosity is impacting the lives of the children in our community. What we do makes a difference, and I hope you take this opportunity to be a part of that difference by supporting our Caring for Kids program this year.

See you in worship.

Larry

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



AUGUST *Compass*
 Deadline is
 July 18th
 THANKS!

NOISY MISSION OFFERING



In July is going to

Caring for Kids
SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Yard sale event will be Friday, July 22, 3 pm to 6 pm and Saturday, July 23, 8 am to 12 noon.
 Please bring items for the sale prior to 8 pm on Wednesday, July 20th.
Work hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am to noon 1 to 4 pm 6 to 8 pm	Thursday 9 am to noon 1 to 4 pm	Friday 9 am to noon 1 to 6:30 pm	Saturday 8 am to 2 pm (Sale ends at noon. Then clean-up & set up classrooms for Sunday School)
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- Helpers are needed for all working hours and especially Friday, July 22, 3 to 6 pm as this is the busiest time.
 - Drop-off times will be during the above-listed work times. Saturday, July 16 drop-off times can be arranged by appointment ONLY by calling 618 684-3601. Furniture items may be brought on Friday morning before the sale.
 - All items should be clean and in good working order. Please do not bring large TVs, cell phones, or outdated computer equipment/printers. Please be aware that some phones, computers and fax/printers may have stored information that should not be shared -- delete personal info.
- Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601 (cell #)

2 10:00 am AA	12 Youth Mission Trip to Belize	20 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (pavilion)
3 5:00 pm "The God I Am" study	9:00 am Precept Study	Service & Missions
4 7:00 pm AA Big Book	12:00 pm Young at Heart	6:30 pm Staff/Parrish Relations
5 9:00 am Precept Study	5:00 pm VBS	7:00 pm AA
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	13 5:00 pm VBS	Al-Anon
6 9:00 am Worship Team	6:00 pm Boy Scouts (pavilion)	22 3:00 pm Yard Sale Begins
6:00 pm Boy Scouts	7:00 pm AA	23 8:00 am Yard Sale Begins
7:00 pm AA	Al-Anon	10:00 am AA
Al-Anon	14 5:00 pm VBS	24 5:00 pm "The God I Am" study
8 10:00 am Feeder of the Pack	15 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	25 Youth Mission Peoria trip
9 7:30 am UMM Breakfast	16 see sched Yard Sale Drop-off begins	7:00 pm AA Big Book
10:00 am AA	10:00 am AA	26 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
10 2:00 pm "The God I Am" study	10:15 am Book Club	Church Council
5:00 pm VBS	17 5:00 pm Youth Meetings	27 9:00 am Holy Folders
11 5:00 pm VBS	"The God I Am" study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm AA Big Book	18 Meals on Wheels Week	6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
	7:00 pm AA Big Book	7:00 pm AA
	19 9:00 am Precept Study	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	30 10:00 am AA
		31 Noon Our Neighbor's Table
		5:00 pm "The God I Am" study



Caring for Kids: Sundays in July

During July, we ask you to show your support for the schools and organizations that assist our community children with basic needs. This year we are collecting:

- * Cash or Walmart gift cards * Backpacks * Chicken or beef ramen noodles
- * School supplies * New or gently-used children's books

Children will be collecting the items from our congregation during the Children's Moments time in worship services throughout July. Items may be donated on any Sunday in any order. Please try to bring something each week.



3	Clara & Ron Kiser
8	Amanda & Brant Wingerter
11	Carol & Mike Dreith
12	Gaye & Randy Auxier
14	Sharon & Richard Graff
16	Donna Lynn & Dan Horniacek
17	Ruth & Loyd Ebersohl
21	Rosie & Gary Wece
26	Deana & Mark Twenhafel
27	Gloria & Carl Stoker

2	Kendra Rushing	13	Sharon Jones	22	Lillie Schaldemose
3	Bill Martin	14	JT Jenkins	23	Laurie Nehring
	Loyd Ebersohl	15	Brittni Heilig	24	Jennifer O'Donnell
	Tassie Lirely		Pam Crews	25	Ron Moutardier
4	Ruth Ebersohl	16	Olliebelle Ridley	27	Irma Bigham
6	Viola Parrish	17	Rhiannon Gally	28	Paul Champan
7	Mickey Jackson	18	Jacob Stewart	29	Brianna Carnes
8	Asia Watson		Olivia Schaldemose		Dacoda Twenhafel
	Jacob Heilig	19	Bert Ozburn		Kendall Ellermeyer
	Richard Graff	20	Willa Addison	30	Francis Addison
11	Geraldine Horner	21	Barbara Giffin	31	Alberta Sullivan
12	Gene Schwebel		Harry Wirth		Debbie Chapman
			Jim Hughes		Tage Green

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in any of the following opportunities to serve:

Transportation Ministry: 6-7 volunteers are needed to provide transportation to and from church for those who otherwise would not be able to attend. Drive either the blue church van or your personal vehicle. No special training or license is required to drive the blue van.

Traditional Service Children's Church: A second adult is needed to help with Children's Church. Once a month commitment. No teaching/leading or preparation required.

Sunday School Teachers: Teaching opportunities are available beginning late summer/early fall 2016 for:

- Preschool (Co-Teacher) and
- 2nd/3rd grade (Co-Teachers).

Funeral Ministry: Cooks willing to prepare either a vegetable (covered dish), salad, or dessert. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

July 12th
Independence Day
12:00 pm NOON
Fellowship Hall



friends, fellowship, faith.

Menu:
Barbeque sandwiches
Chips
Cole slaw
Red, White and Blue cake w/blueberries
Meals are \$5 a plate.

Come and enjoy the toe-tapping sound of the Sleepy Hollow String Band, playing traditional and patriotic music.

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.

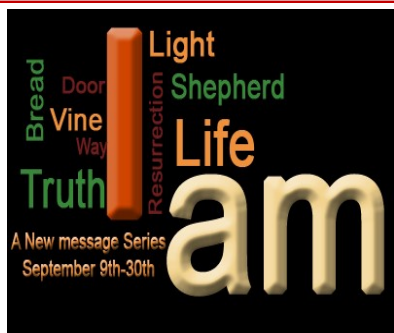


The next monthly breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, July 9th, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am.

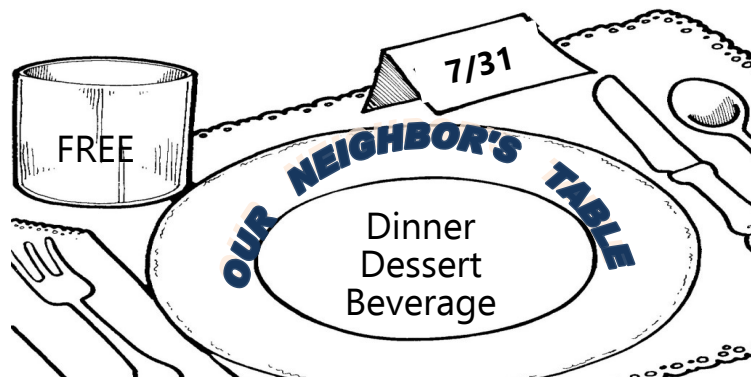
Please contact Jay Graff at 618-967-9848 if you have any questions.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

THE GOD I AM



- July 10th I AM the Bread of Life
- July 17th I AM the Light of the World
- July 24th I AM the Good Shepherd
- July 31st I AM the True Vine
- Aug 7th I AM the Way, Truth and Life
- Aug 14th I AM the Resurrection and the Life



Last Sunday of the Month

What has happened since we voted to merge with DeSoto UMC?

- A team of six (L. Gilbert, N. Vallino, J. O'Donnell, K. Miller, C. Nolan, A. Baughman) traveled to Minnesota in April for a Church-Start Boot Camp as required by the grant funding.
- Following the conference, first year benchmarks (now through May 2017) were established and approved by the Conference Office and grant money was released.
- The MUMC staff, with dedicated hours from the grant, meet weekly; the Core Team, made up of staff, and volunteers meets monthly. Both groups work together to make decisions and further efforts.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

Building:

- We are working with a Caretaker who will move into the parsonage mid-August.
- The pews have been removed and we are looking for someone to purchase them. If interested, contact Chris Nolan.
- The church and parsonage are receiving deep cleaning and we are making decisions about church contents.

Youth & Children:

- We are discussing logistics on offering weekly programming for families. This would include dinner and break-out teaching for all ages.

Worship:

- Discussion continues on how best to handle music and worship-leading as well as best solutions for a pastoral presence for the DeSoto congregation.
- We are considering an 11:15 am worship time. The service will have a similar format to our Praise Service at MUMC. The sermon would



most often be live-streamed from the Murphysboro site.

Question of Name:

- We are considering developing an umbrella/ family name. For media sources like Facebook and our website, people would be led to a family name (something like www.thetrail.org). Under that heading, there would be information on DeSoto site and Murphysboro site.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, July 3 at 5:00 pm
The God "I AM" study begins
- Friday, July 8 at 6:30 pm
Movie Night: The Peanut's Movie
- Friday, July 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm
Food & Face Painting at Dollar General
- Sunday, August 7 from 2:00-4:00 pm
Back-to-School Bash
- Launch Team Meetings begin October 2016
- Preview Services begin January 2017
- Weekly worship launches April 2017



The Library Corner:

Options for Those Hot July Days

The hot days of summer do not lend themselves to vigorous all day activity, especially outside! So when you have an opportunity, how about a rest in the shade (or maybe indoors with the air conditioner) a cooling drink, and a good book? There are lots of fiction options in the Church library. Or how about a good movie? We have DVDs to lend out also, including some entertaining DVDs for kids— fun, lively, and maybe with a little extra point to think about, too. Here are a few of them:

Family Movies

The Prince of Egypt: This is the very first DreamWorks production and it tells the story of Moses—growing up in a royal family, yet destined to be the leader of his people. This story is always fascinating, and it is depicted here in a wonderful animated version.

Angels in the Outfield: Yep, the same comic, touching movie you remember, and it comes with a second movie “**Angels in the Infield.**”

Because of Winn-Dixie: A little girl, a dog, a southern town in the summer, and some good acting. A good story to watch!

The Lost Medallion: Two young teens take a fantastical journey in time, and find an important mission, and a lot of adventure!

DVDs For Kids

The Lion King 1 ½ : Fans of the Lion King will like this funny tale of events from the point of view of two of the animated animal characters in the original movie.

Veggie Tales Galore: The library has many Veggie Tale titles. And who can resist titles like **Madame Blueberry, Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler, The Wonderful Wizard of Ha’s, The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything, and Are You My Neighbor?**

Movies for Adults

The Secret Life of Bees: Starring Queen Latifah, Dakota Fanning and others. This is a story of a young girl living in cruel circumstances who leaves home in search of her identity and that of her mother. She doesn’t find it right away, but she does find where she needs to be – in a place with unexpected and unique people, who give her the love and grace she needs.

Saving Sarah Cain: Life changes totally for city girl Sarah when the unexpected death of her sister calls her into Amish country and she discovers she is now the legal guardian of five nieces and nephews!

Heaven is For Real: The movie adaptation of the book about the little boy Colton, who became severely ill, and after recovery tells his astonished parents about his experiences in heaven.

These are just some of the titles available in the library. Have a look downstairs in the library, and keep an eye on the upstairs library table for a variety of movies and books through the month of July.

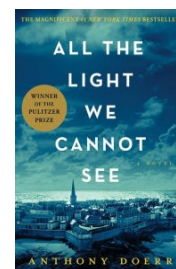


Please come and join in the discussion
**July 16th at 10:15 in the
 Church Library Room 110**
 as we talk about:

All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE
 From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.



Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure’s reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum’s most valuable and dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure’s converge.

Read Ahead -
 the book for AUGUST is:
A Beautiful Blue Death
 by Charles Finch



SURF'S UP!
JULY 10-14, 5:00-8:00 PM
FOR AGES 3 - 10

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR HOME PAGE
 WWW.MURPHYSBOROUMC.COM

- Come and join us at the Surf Shack and
- ◆ experience God's amazing love
 - ◆ explore God's mission for your life
 - ◆ encounter powerful water stories from the Bible
 - ◆ discover ways to live out God's amazing love

Each evening begins with a light supper.
 Closing program in the sanctuary at
 7:30 pm on Thursday. Everyone invited!

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

July 17th: Youth that signed-up in advance will attend *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at McLeod Theater at SIU. Please meet at church at 1pm.

- *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.

FOOD FUN and GAMES!!
BRING A FRIEND!!

We, the Belize mission committee, would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to you, our church family, for the love, prayers, and generosity during the last year. For months we have prayed for God's will in bringing our youths' desire to serve Him in an intense environment to fruition. Through His love and yours, the Belize mission committee has raised over \$16,500.

This funding is giving the gift of a once-in-a-lifetime act of worship that includes a \$2,500 donation towards the blocks needed to complete a church for



the Belize congregation we'll serve. To say "thank you" doesn't adequately express how appreciative we are of this opportunity and how humbled we are to serve our Lord in this capacity.

Please continue to pray for us as we finalize our plans, departing on July 12. We're eager to spread the word of Jesus in Belize, while changing our own hearts. Upon return, we will hold a reception, to which you are invited, where we will provide an overview of the work accomplished. Again, our hearts are full from the support you have shown; thank you. With love, Scott Ballard, Emma Bigham, Allison Brown, Emily Finke, Stephanie Finke, Emma Nehring, Jacey Nehring, Laurie Nehring, Diane Schingel, and Mason Schingel.



JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS			JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (CONTINUED)		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE	TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com			Prayer Request Reader		
Jennifer Watson except 7/3: Ed O'Donnell and 7/10 Rick Runge		Kristi Miller	JULY		
WELCOME HOSTESSES			3	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
JULY			10	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller
3	Janice Crews and Sally Moutardier		17	Lou Anne Lough	Kristi Miller
10	Candy Watt and Rindy Eisenhauer		24	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller
17	Candy Watt and Rindy Eisenhauer		31	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
24	Susan Patterson and Nancy Tillett		CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS		
31	Susan Patterson and Nancy Tillett		3	Tonya Walker	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
ACOLYTES			10	Jennifer O'Donnell	Patty Thraikill & Theresa Mills
JULY			17	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Katie Stewart & Julie Wachtel
3	Ben Barringer and Wesley Graham		24	Diane Schingel	Jennie & Ben Snyder
10	Brandon Ottwell and Conner Twenhafel		31	Diane Schingel	Scarlett & Rick Pierson
17	Brianna Carnes and Maggie Jenkins		LITURGISTS		
24	Megan McNitt and Caroline Guthman		3	Vanessa Lirely	Angie Baughman
31	Tiara Bradford and Wesley Graham		10	Erin Mileur	Angie Baughman
			17	Sharon Jones	Dennis Goforth
			24	Nancy Fager	Brian Vincent
			31	Candy Watt	Lacey Brown
			USHERS		
			Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely		Ricky Pierson & Brant Wingenter
			STEWARDS		
			Dick Graff, Todd Lirely, Rick Pierson and Gene Schwebel		



I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and concerns while Martin and I were at Manor Court. Without the prayers, and my Lord, I do not think I would have made it through all of this, and everyone needs to know how much I appreciated everything that was done for us, especially the prayers and visits. You all mean so much to me.

*With a grateful and loving heart,
Katherine Twenhafel*



*Anniversary
Celebration Sunday
2016
Traditional left and bottom
picture. Praise on right.*



The **Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life** team has just completed another successful year of raising money for the American Cancer Society. By raising over \$5,000 this year, we were awarded Gold Team status and placed Second overall in team rankings. Our team was one of the smallest we have had in recent years, yet despite only two fundraisers, with the hard work and dedication of our members we were able to surpass our goal. Our gift card sales in the fall netted us \$420, the chicken dinner in the spring netted \$1484, and our team members individually raised and donated \$4749 for a grand total of \$6653. Team members this year were Emma Bigham, Nancy Fager, Sharon Graff, Sharon Jones, Kathy Ripley, Lela Sternberg, Jennifer Watson, and Team Captain Wilma Westerfield. In fact our team captain, Wilma, was the top money earner for the entire Murphysboro event.

All of our team members have been impacted by cancer in their lives. Our team is comprised of cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and friends of cancer patients. The Murphysboro Methodist Church relay team was started about 20 years ago by Kathy Manfredi and our MUMC youth group, over at the Carbondale event. The Carbondale Relay was the only one in Jackson County at the time. At the urging of Earl Renshaw, some of the adult members of the congregation joined with the youth group. Kathy then passed the team captain position over to Lori Chapman, Paul and Debbie Chapman's daughter-in-law who recently lost her battle with cancer. Lori was still a student at S.I.U. at the time and served as captain for several years. Then Nancy Fager and Sharon Jones took over as co-captains for several years. It was during this time that Murphysboro established its own Relay For Life event. The past four years, Wilma Westerfield has led our team at the Murphysboro event.

Almost every Sunday, someone battling cancer is lifted up in prayer during our Joys and Concerns. We have lost so many dear members of our church family to this horrible disease. As we walk the relay track on the night of the event and read the names on the luminaria bags of so many dear friends, it is very sobering, but it also gives us hope. The luminaria bags are given in memory of those who have passed away, but are also honoring cancer survivors who have won the battle. Great strides are being made every year in cancer research and treatment. We have all had people ask us why we relay. It is really very simple – we walk to finish the fight.

We sincerely hope that many members of our congregation will feel the call to service for this great cause and join our team. It's a little bit of work and **WHOLE LOT OF FUN!!!!**



Dessert table at our fried chicken dinner fundraiser. All desserts prepared by team members and friends.



Nancy Fager, Kathy Ripley, and Sharon Jones man the Relay merchandise table



Wilma Westerfield and Sharon Graff stand next to our silent auction items, an Adirondack chair and Saluki gift basket



Emma Bigham & Emily Nehring help out at Relay for Life Event

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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	Merger Project Coordinator	Angie Baughman
Minister of Visitation.....	Michelle Parker-Clark	Child/Youth Ministry Coord	Jennifer O'Donnell
Discipleship Coordinator	Teresa Gilbert	Technology Coord	Anne Miller Johnson
Financial Secretary	Christine Nolan	Pianist/Organist	Jenny Kirby
Church Secretary	Deb Severa	Choir Director	Joseph Ryker
Custodian	Pat Sullivan	Nursery Attendants.....	Caitlyn Boyd & Megan Gale

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