



From the Pastor's Desk

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In the ten years, I have served as your Pastor I have learned a great deal about the disciple formation process. Maybe my most important understanding has been the critical role intensive spiritual experiences play in our overall development as a disciple. These experiences what I call “intensives” often serve as a catalyst in our spiritual growth allowing us to accelerate our understanding of God and the relationship we share.

Intensives come in many different formats, for our children and youth it might be a week of VBS, summer camp, confirmation, or a mission trip experience. For Adults, it could be an intensive study program, a spiritual retreat, mission trip, volunteering at summer camp, or even a new leadership role in the church. For youth and adults, the Walk to Emmaus or a Chrysalis weekend are examples of what might encourage a sudden growth in faith.

Regardless of the method the outcome is often the same; people young and older experience and understands the presence of God in their lives differently. They are often moments remembered for years and shared with others because they typically have a dramatic impact on our lives. These experiences are often moments of “Epiphany” when important new awareness comes upon us and our faith is renewed and deepened.

This summer we will send over 40 children and youth to summer camp, mission trips, and dozens more to VBS. Several adults will volunteer at camps and chaperone trips. Other youth will begin or continue their growth through confirmation. I want to thank you for the tremendous difference you are making in the lives of so many as you support these vital ministries that will impact lives for years to come. Thank You!

Your Servant in Christ,

Larry

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



July *Compass*
 Deadline is June 18th
 THANKS

NOISY MISSION OFFERING



**In June is
 going to
 Little Free
 Library**

1	8:30 am	Adult Spiritual Formation Team	12	9:00 AM	Precept Class	20	9:30 AM	Nurture & Care
2	10:00 AM	AA		12:00 PM	Young at Heart		6:00 PM	Boy Scout
3	2:00 PM	Ice Cream Social		6:00 PM	BOT		7:00 PM	AA
4	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study		6:30 PM	Precept Class		7:00 PM	Al Anon
		AA Big Book		6:30 PM	Praise Team		7:00 PM	Staff Parish
5	9:00 AM	Precept Class		7:00 PM	Finance Committee	21	7:00 PM	GA
	11:30 AM	A Team	13	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	22		
	6:30 PM	Praise Team		7:00 PM	AA	23	10:00 AM	AA
	6:30 PM	Precept Class		7:00 PM	AL Anon	24	NOON	Our Neighbor's Table
6	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts		7:00 PM	Bible Journaling		3:30 PM	Prayer Workshop
	7:00 PM	AA	14	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries		6:30 PM	Executive Council
		Al Anon		6:00 PM	GA	25	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study
7	6:00 PM	GA	15					AA Big Book
		Scouts Roundtable	16	10:00 AM	AA	26	9:00 AM	Precept Class
8	9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack		10:15 AM	Book Club		6:30 PM	Precept Class
9	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	17					Praise Team
	10:00 AM	AA	18		Meal's On Wheels Week	27	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
10				7:00 PM	Men's Book Study		6:00 PM	Boy Scouts
11	6:30 PM	Children & Youth Spiritual Formation Team		7:00 PM	AA		7:00 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Men's Book Study	19	9:00 AM	Precept Class			Al Anon
		AA Big Book		6:30 PM	Praise Team	28	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries
				6:30 PM	Precept Class		6:00 PM	GA
						29		
						30	10:00 AM	AA



5	Barbara & Jerry Giffen
10	Carolyn & Bert Ozburn
	Julie & Greg Wachtel
12	LaVernne & Ken Cline
	Terri & Patrick Yates
14	Carolyn & George Sauer
15	Lacey & Troy Brown
17	JoAnn & Russell Schirmer
18	Susan & Perry Patterson
	Amanda & John Ripley
22	Debbie & Paul Chapman
	Jennifer & Rob Graeff
23	Rosalie & Bob Winters
24	Rene` & Todd Doody
25	Pat & Arthur Porter
27	Kathy & Everett Blackwell
	Betty & Robert Morefield
29	Nancy & Dennis Fager
	Bonnie & Raymond Whiteside



3	Briana Bean	13	Bob Purcell	20	Emma Bigham
	Mike Johnstone		Sheila Stewart		Steve Ticer
4	Susan Patterson	15	Linda Johnson	21	Novella Howard
	Mason Thies		Clara Kiser		John Hudgins
7	Sandy Lanzi		Joan Reagan		Maryjune Rice
8	Tracy Hagston	16	Cody Ellermeyer		Madison Ripley
9	Mason Schingel		Olivia Graff		Makayla Ripley
10	Evelyn Jackson	16	William Pierson	22	James Pugh
	Kyle Miller		Keylin Wece	25	Carla Quigley
	John Ripley		Raymond Whiteside	26	Carmen Chapa
11	Emily Finke	17	Don Abbadusky		Julie Wachtel
12	Paula Chapa		Todd Doody	30	Dennis Fager
	Maggie Jenkins	18	Jennifer Ellermeyer		

**Bus Trip to New Harmony, IN
Annual Golden Raintree
Antique Show & Sale
Saturday, June 9, 2018
New Harmony, IN**



Join us on a trip to historic New Harmony, IN. 50+ booths of quality dealers from 7 states come to New Harmony to show and sell antiques and vintage items. Browse the furniture, primitives, country store, advertising, textiles, paper, books, estate jewelry, farmhouse, Americana, and smalls. We will leave the church at 7:00 am, enjoy a delicious lunch at the award winning Red Geranium Restaurant located within the New Harmony Inn Resort and Conference Center and return home late afternoon. Sign up on the attendance pad or contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information.



**Announcing! Men's Trip
October 15-17**

To Branson with a stop at Bass Pro in Springfield, MO to tour the Johnny Morris-Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium then on to the College of the Ozarks in Branson.

For more information, contact Rob Williams at 618-713-0843 or duckhookwille@gmail.com.

**Christian Meditation: An Introduction
Sunday, June 24, 2018, 4:00-5:30 pm
Room 110 (Church Library)**

This class, offered by Judy Little, is open to men and women, alumnae, and new folks.

In this traditional form of Christian meditation, the focus is not so much on words (spoken prayer), as on visualizing a Scriptural passage. The praying person quietly listens, observes, and enters the visualized scene. Praying this way allows a "listening" space, and it is very helpful for "insight," also for discerning" God's call or His nudge into commitment and decision. This class is open to all, but is recommended for anyone interested in being part of a prayer team.

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark, 618-922-3587, mpclark@siu.edu for more information.



**June 12th 12:00 - NOON
Fellowship Hall**



friends, fellowship, faith.

**Celebrating Brides -
Wear White**

MENU:

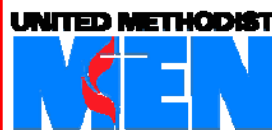
Chef Salad w/Crackers, Mac and Cheese, and Bread Pudding w/Lemon Sauce

PROGRAM:

Megan Austin, new Director of the Murphysboro Food Pantry, will be sharing her goals for the food pantry for the remainder of the year, plus donation and volunteer opportunities. In addition, she will be leading some interactive games to test the knowledge of the Young at Heart attendees about the food pantry's role in the community.

Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change & 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.



Saturday, June 9th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, men of the church will gather for breakfast, devotional, and maybe a work project.

All men of the church are invited to attend.



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jackson Co- Murphysboro 2018 Luminaria Orders

On Friday, June 08, at 6:00 pm Opening Ceremonies will begin for Relay For Life at Riverside Park. Luminaria candles in white paper bags) will line the track.

The luminaria will be lit in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives to cancer. The Lighting Ceremony will begin at 9 pm and the community is invited to attend.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the names of individuals you designate will be printed on luminaria bags.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting and provide support for the research, education, advocacy and services of the American Cancer Society, fill out the forms in Sunday's bulletin. The more we fight this disease, the more lives we save.

Enclose a minimum of \$10 for each luminaria via a check payable to Methodists on a Mission. Place form and payment in the offering plate, give to a team member, or mail to Wilma Westerfield, 303 S. Pecan St., Desoto, IL 62924



Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 3, 2-4 pm Fellowship Hall

Calling all homemade ice cream makers — we need your expertise. Please join us from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If the old ice cream machine is broken, or packed away in the attic, pick up a gallon of your favorite ice cream flavor or bring cookies, brownies, or other treats to share. And, be looking forward to a fun skit courtesy of our own MUMC Youth. Hope to see you there!

Welcome Alayna Marie!

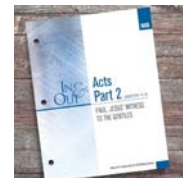
Baptized April 22, 2018.

Parents: Morgan & Patricia Krummrich



Precept Study on Acts

Acts parts 1 & 2 are different studies, so it is not necessary for you to take part 1 in order to take part 2. **These studies will be similar to the traditional method, but will only have about one-third of the homework.** In & Out is a streamlined approach that covers the same material but with fewer hours of study time.



Part 2

**Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 am
June 5 - July 31, 2018**

The Tuesday morning Precept class will be trying something new this summer and we would love for you to join us. We will be studying Acts Part 2 (ch 13-28) using the In & Out Precept method. Acts part 2 focuses on Paul and his witness to the Gentiles. If you've ever considered taking a Precept class, this would be a great one to try.

Sign up on the attendance pads at church or contact Angie at 618-201-0139 or angie@livesteadyon.com. All sessions taught by Angie Baughman



The annual YARD SALE for MISSIONS is July 20th & 21st!

Please bring any items you have for the sale starting Friday, July 13 during office

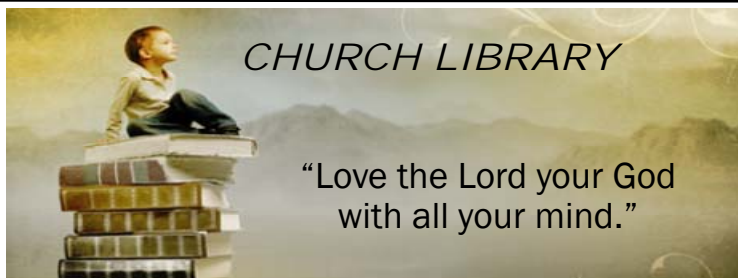
hours and on Sunday, July 15, after church as well as during the days prior to the sale.

We ask that items be clean and in good working order.

Please do not bring cell phones, computers or printers that could contain personal data or large tv's. Winter items should be kept until a fall sale.

Please consider volunteering to work in preparing for the sale and during the sale hours. The proceeds from the yard sale will be used to fund various mission projects and we try to have a good time. Please call Lynn Pierson at 618 684 3601 if you need more information.

No winter clothes.



The Library Corner:

Checking Out and Checking In

(Church Library Books and DVDS, that is!)

You see an interesting book or a movie in the library or on one of the library tables, and you'd like to take it home. Or perhaps your child sees a picture book that catches his or her imagination. Your child would REALLY like to take it home. But – what do you do? It's the church library— perhaps just take it with you, planning to bring it back sometime later? Well, no, please don't! But checking library materials out is almost that simple. It's as easy as 1, 2, and 3!

- 1: Put your name and the day's date on the item's library card. The card is almost always inside the front cover of a book, and on the back of a DVD or CD.
 - 2: Leave the card in the box or basket provided. There is a small basket on the library tables upstairs and downstairs. In the library there is a little wooden box for cards on the library cart.
 - 3: Items are due one month after you check them out. Sticky notes are provided so you can note the due date if you choose. Then just stick it on your book or DVD. That's all! NOW you can walk out with the item!
- To return items: There are large baskets for returned items in the library and in the upstairs hall next to the library table. Just put the item one of the baskets, and consider it returned!

But what if the item is overdue? Or WAY overdue? There are no fines—but please return the item as soon as possible! It's simple—just put it in one of the return baskets. So if you find an overdue item tucked away somewhere in your house—just bring it in!

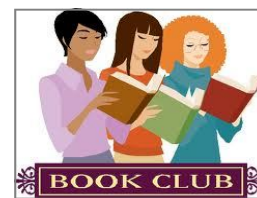
Now that you know all there is to know about checking items out of the library, here are two new books to try:

Many people really enjoy Francine Rivers, author of the popular Mark of the Lion series. She has written a new book, *The Masterpiece*, about a successful LA artist, and his newly hired personal assistant. They have more in common than at first appears—ghosts and failures of the past, and struggles in the present. How it all develops makes this an interesting book.

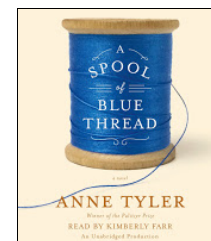
If you are familiar with Bart Millard, the Christian band Mercy Me, and the song (and now the movie) "I Can Only Imagine" here is Millard's book—named, of course, *I Can Only Imagine*. This is the highly personal story behind the song that has touched so many. Millard says:

"I pray you enjoy reading about the roller coaster ride of my life. But more than anything, I pray that through this book you will come to know, or know more intimately, the God who offers us a life that is more than we could ever ask for or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)" (p. xii)

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the discussion on
A Spool of Blue Thread
by Anne Tyler
Saturday, June 16th
10:15am in the church library



"It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon." This is how Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness: an indefinable, enviable kind of specialness. But they are also like all families, in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets. From Red's father and mother, newly-arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s, to Abby and Red's grandchildren carrying the family legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century, here are four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their anchor.

YOUTH GROUPS

Questions? Contact a leader for your group:

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

Leaders: Diane Schingel 618-303-3757

Meets every Sunday from 4-6pm in Room 100.

SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

Leaders: Stephanie Finke 618-713-4059

Meets every Sunday from 4-6pm in Room 100.

Vacation Bible School Ship Wrecked!

July 8-12, 5-8pm (Meal 5-5:30)

Ages-Kindergarten-4th grade

Sign up online, using forms on the Youth bulletin board or at the door.

For more information, contact Sage Litner.

If you are interested in being a VBS volunteer, please sign up on the attendance pad.

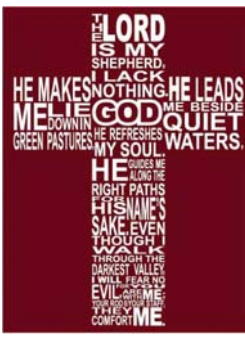


Youth T-Shirt Fundraiser

The youth are selling T-shirts as a fundraiser! Shirts are \$15.

Order forms are located on the youth bulletin board.

Last day to order is June 10



The long awaited Disney/Pixar *Incredibles 2!*

Friday, June 15

3rd grade - Sr High.

Sign up using sheets on the youth bulletin board.

\$2 holding fee to pre-order tickets. Time to be determined.

For more information, contact Sage Litner, 618-889-7320

mumchil-drenyouth@gmail.com



Agape House welcomes youth for fellowship, study, and a light meal every Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Agape House is a ministry of DeSoto United Methodist Church.



MY OWN BOOKCASE

The Fourth Annual Presentation Ceremony for the My Own Bookcase Project was held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall. Over a hundred people gathered as twenty-eight children from the Murphysboro Head Start Program were presented with a personalized, hand-made bookcase and a starter set of books. Thanks to the diligence of the Head Start staff

and their encouragement of the families to attend, this was the most successful ceremony to date. Working to help the children of our community to have a brighter future gives us all a sense of purpose, and we thank everyone who supported this project! THANK YOU!!!



MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
Worship Leaders mumcministries@gmail.com		
	Vanessa Lirely	Allison Vandenberg
JUNE	Welcome Hostesses	
3	Terri Yates	
10	Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt	
17	Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt	
24	Pattie Shields Barb Hughes	
JUNE	Acolytes	
3	Leeland Ashworth Phoebe Heller	
10	Justin Maynor Nathan Ashworth	
17	Eli Guthman Briana Carnes	
24	Maya Jenkins Harper Geis	
Stewards		
Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, Ron Moutardier		

MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
JUNE	Prayer Request Reader	
3	Wilma Westerfield	Allison Vandenberg
10	Gaye Auxier	Allison Vandenberg
17	Lou Ann Lough	Allison Vandenberg
24	Nancy Fager	Allison Vandenberg
JUNE	Children's Church Leaders	
3	Sage Litner	Ben Snyder
10	Cheryl Smith	Patti Thrailkill
17	Lacey Brown/Rene' Doody	Julie Wachtel
24	Diane Schingel	Scarlett Pierson
JUNE	Liturgists	Music Leaders
3	Nancy Fager	Lacey Brown
10	Gene Schwebel	Lacey Brown
17	TBD	Lacey Brown
24	TBD	Lacey Brown
Ushers		
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Jay Graff		Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky



WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

Faithful Friends, a class for women of all ages with rotating leaders, will be starting a 12-session video based study, *Twelve Women of the Bible*, featuring life changing stories for women today by Lisa TerKeurst, Elisa Morgan, Amena Brown, Jonalyn Grace Fincher, Jeanne Stevens, and Naomi Zacharias.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. The Summer 2018 theme is *Justice in the New Testament* covering three (3) units: *God is Just and Merciful*, *Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy*, and *Paul Teaches About New Life in Christ*.

Pathfinders, led by Terri Twenhafel, is beginning a 3-session video Bible Study, *The Story of Heaven*, by bestselling authors and pastors Max Lucado and Randy Frazee who offer a hope-filled, biblical perspective of heaven.

Seekers, led by Susan Patterson, is studying the Letter of James using a Study Guide by N. T. Wright. The study will continue through mid-June.

Trailblazers, Ignorance is bliss--except in self-awareness. What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships--and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts? Join the Trailblazers, led by Rick and Scarlett Pierson, as they study the book, *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

MUMC:

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.
Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

DeUMC:

Agape House: 5:30 p.m. Each Wednesday

Cross and Flame Staff

Ministers..... The Congregations
Pastor..... Larry A. Gilbert
Minister of Visitation..... Michelle Parker-Clark
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Technology Coord..... Anne Johnson
Webmaster..... Amanda Wingerter
Custodian..... Pat Sullivan

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Church Secretary..... Melba Ziegler
Ministry Support Asst..... Lacey Brown
Children/Youth Coord..... Sage Lintner
Pianist/Organist..... Jenny Kirby
Choir Director..... Joel Kirby
Nursery Attendant..... Caitlyn Boyd, Megan Gale

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Children/Youth Ministry..... Jennifer O'Donnell
Nursery Attendant..... Tara Taborn
Mike & Casey Johnstone..... Caretakers

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