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Noisy Mission Offering In December is going to COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER!



Reminder there is no January Compass!

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

is Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Greetings to all and Merry Christmas!

Gifts are a big part of Christmas. I think we can all agree on this point. Even folks who don't believe in the birth of Jesus will most likely be giving and receiving gifts around December 25th this year as every year.

Giving gifts is good, right and to be encouraged all year round. But gifts given at this time of year seem to have extra weight or importance, don't they? The Wisemen brought their gifts to present to our infant Savior and Jesus Himself is the greatest gift of all the ages of this world. These are some pretty significant gifts! No exchanges in the Walmart customer service line with those gifts!

There's a special gift we're asking you all to consider giving each other this year as a congregation. We're asking that our Special Christmas offering in 2019 go to paying off the last of our debt as a church. This would mean the great gift of going into the New Year debt-free! (except for the parsonage, and thank you all for that by the way!).

As we prepare to face whatever God has in store for us as a congregation in 2020, please consider what you can contribute to giving our church family the gift of facing it with no financial obligation, except for our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ!

All praise to Jesus Christ our Lord, Pastor Danny

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4	9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting		7:00 PM	Bible Journaling	21	9:00 AM	Hand Bells
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5	6:00 PM	GA		6:00 PM	Kung Fu	24	5:00 PM	Praise Band Candlelight Service
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu Testing	13	9:00 AM	Feeder of the Pack		7:00 PM	Traditional Candlelight Service
6	8:30 AM	Adult Spiritual Formation		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers		11:00 PM	Midnight Candlelight Service
	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	14	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	25		Merry Christmas
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu Testing		9:00 AM	Hand Bells	26	6:00 PM	GA
7	9:00 AM	Hand Bells		10:00 AM	AA	27	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
	10:00 AM	AA	15	3:00 PM	Parsonage Open House	28	9:00 AM	Hand Bells
8	10:15 AM	Children's Christmas Program		4:00 PM	Children & Youth Christmas Party		10:00 AM	AA
	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship	16		Meal's On Wheels Week	29	10:00 AM	Unity Service
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu	17	9:00 AM	Angie Baughman Workshop		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
9	6:30 PM	CYSF		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
10	Noon	Young at Heart	18	9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting	30		
				6:00 PM	Choir	31		Happy New Year

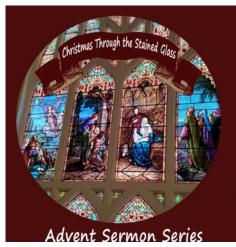




The First Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 1st.







"HOPE Through the Stained Glass"

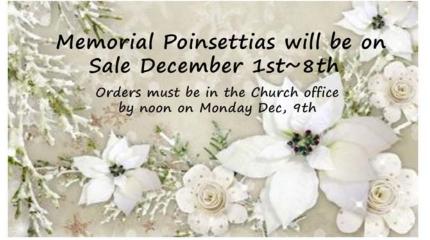
"PEACE Through the Stained Glass"

"JOY Through the Stained Glass"

"LOVE Through the Stained Glass"

"CHRISTMAS Through the Stained Glass"





Order Forms will be in the Compass, & Bulletins on 12/1 & 12/8





Live Well/Be Well

Live Well/Be Well is coming to the Sally Logan Library. It is a FREE 6 week chronic disease workshop to help people take charge of their health. It will be held at the Sally Logan Library right here in Murphysboro every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00PM to 3:30PM January 14, 2020-Febuary 18, 2020.

These classes are for anyone with a chronic disease OR anyone who is caring for someone with a chronic health problem such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, Parkinson's, heart disease, lung conditions and other problems. You will learn how to build a more effective relationship with your doctor, how to solve certain problems, how to include exercise in your life and how to talk with family and friends about your condition. Also learn how to manage your medications, how to deal with pain, frustration, isolation and eating tips to help you feel better.

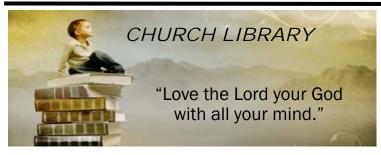
This program was developed at Stanford University. The outcomes from this evidenced-based self management program has produced the following outcomes:

Reduction in hospital days
Reduction in ER visits
Increased feeling of control of your life
Increased energy levels
Improved quality of life
Improved overall health status
Reduced healthcare costs

To register for this class call 866-744-2468 or go online @ hsidn.org/take charge. Or call the library @ 618-684-3271. Class size is limited so register early!







The Library Corner: Christmas: A Wonderful Time of Year to Read!

Here we are once again looking forward to the birth of the Christ child, and once again we are hoping to experience the love, beauty and peace of Christmas amidst the busy-ness of the season. There are many items in the library that may enhance your joy in this wonderful time of year—and here are a few of them.

Be Inspired: Adam Hamilton brings us a lovely little book about Mary's husband, in **Faithful:** Christmas Through the **Eyes of Joseph.** So little is said about Joseph in the Bible that a book about him must "read between the lines." But we know he was a righteous man and a kind one-- and once he understood the situation, he was a brave and faithful man who served as Jesus' earthly father.

Fiction can be inspiring too. Try Jennifer Chiaverini's **Christmas Bells.** The title comes from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem that we know as the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Chiaverini uses the story of Longfellow, who despaired at the beginning of the Civil War, and also the story of a modern-day teacher to tell a tale of glad tidings in the midst of strife.

Be Entertained: Check out the DVD of the Hallmark Channel's **Call Me Mrs. Miracle** for a heartwarming story. Mrs. Merkle (Mrs. Miracle) poses as an unassuming toy department clerk with the goal of creating a merry Christmas for all. Want to bet she succeeds?

In John Grisham's entertaining story of **Skipping Christmas**Luther and Nora Krank decide that this is the year they will
just avoid Christmas altogether. But it's not that easy to actually skip Christmas-- as the Kranks find out!

Young attorney Sydney may lose her job, Grandmother Callie is very frail, and cab driver Finn is managing the best that he can, but not happily. The book is **Catching Christmas** by Terri Blackstock—and there's love and redemption involved. Good themes for Christmas.

Be an inspiration for youngsters in your life: The church library has Christmas books for youngsters also—from board books for the youngest ones, to thought provoking stories for older kids. Christmas in the Big Woods portrays the joy of a family Christmas long ago—even when the presents were simple and few. The Berenstain Bears Joy of Giving is both

fun and meaningful.

Latkes and Applesauce is not a Christmas book, but it tells about the Jewish holidays of Hanukkah in a wonderful tale of faith and family. And finally, maybe the best of all is Papa Panov's Special Day, which has the feel of an old folk tale that tells an important truth. Papa Panov knows that Jesus will visit him at Christmas time. Others come to see him—but where is Jesus? This story has been told and re-told, and when you read it, you will know why. And we even have another telling of it—in The Shoemaker's Dream. Lovely books.



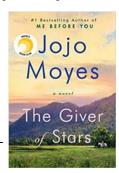


NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER

Join the Saturday Book Club
In the church library Saturday, January 18th 10:15
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Mayes

Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her over-



bearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them--and to the men they love--becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.



Jennifer O'Donnell's first volunteer calling was teaching Sunday School. Long before becoming a mother herself,



she reveals that her love of children is what brought her to it. Though it was long ago, time has not changed that love in her heart. Jennifer shares that her most rewarding volunteer role to date has been working at the Agape House in DeSoto. While not without challenges, she feels blessed and honored to watch spiritual growth in the lives of the young people at Agape. Aside to sewing, crafting and stealing away for some grandchild fun in S. Carolina, Jennifer also volunteers at the food pantry, Bald Knob Cross and with Our Neighbor's Table. She admits when the latter began about 6 years ago, it felt burdensome at times because of difficulties ensuring enough help and meal planning. They stayed the course and now, she says, it feels like a family gathering on that last Sunday of the month. Everyone comes together, supporting and praying for one another. Just how a ministry should work, in her mind.

When asked what her favorite church season is. Her answer was simple yet so passionate. She likes them all-for these reasons, "...because at Christmas Jesus came to earth. On Good Friday, he died for my sins. On Easter, he defeated death and on Pentecost, God sent His Spirit to guide me. I'd be lost without all of it". Thank you Jennifer, for your commitment to the ministries of this church and community. You live as you believe; that being part of "the Church" is volunteering. Some things may seem more rewarding than others, "but at the end of the day", she says, "it is all for God's Glory". Hallelujah! I am not sure we could say it any better!

UNITED METHODIST

Saturday, December, 14th 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.

December 10th at Noon Merry Christmas

The MENU: Ham w/Pineapple, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Ambrosia Salad, Bread. Everyone Please bring your favorite dessert to share.



<u>Program:</u> If you haven't gotten into the Christmas spirit yet, join Young at Heart on Tuesday, December 10 at noon for the musical stylings of Donnie Falknor as he shares popular and nostalgic Christmas tunes that will make everyone want to sing along.



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Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.



Ladies Bus Trip to osephine's Tea Room & Gift Shop! Friday, December 6th leaving MUMC at 8:00 am

Josephine's Tea Room & Gifts Shops located in historic Godfrey, Illinois, only 30 minutes North of St. Louis, has been in business since 1979 and offers a unique dining and shopping experience.



The Tea room is always beautifully decorated for the holidays and the lunch menu includes a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads, and delicious desserts. No need to worry about the calories though, as you will have the opportunity to burn them off as you shop in the gift shop and specialty boutique featuring home décor, gifts, florals, clothing, jewelry and accessories.

Precept Class on Galatians



Tuesday, Jan. 7th -Tuesday, Feb. 25th 9:00 am - 10:30 am (room 202)

Led by Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com 618-201-0139

As the gospel spread across the Roman world in the first decades after Jesus' earthly ministry, conflict arose. Jews and Gentiles were believing the gospel, and a struggle over what it meant to be a Christian began.

What does it mean to live under grace? Do you have to keep the Law to be a Christian?

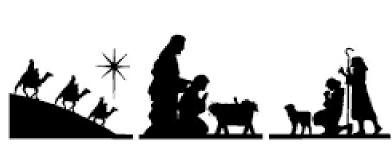
All of it or just part of it? Who is right? How will we know?

DECEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS					
	TRADITIONAL	PRAISE			
	Wors	hip Leader			
Dec	Barb Hughes	Kristi Miller			
	Choir/Music Leader				
	Brianna Sitton	Praise Band			
Dec	Prayer Request Reader & Liturgist				
1	Erin Mileur	Kristi Miller			
<u>8</u>	Wilma Westerfield	Ed O'Donnell			
<u>15</u>	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller			
<u>22</u>	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller			
<u>29</u>	Brooke Guthman	Kristi Miller			
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	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Jay Graff	JW Huppert & Don Abbadusky			

DECEMBER TRADITIONAL SERVICE					
<u>Dec</u>	Welcome Hostesses & Greeter	<u>Acolytes</u>	Children's Church Leaders		
1	Patti Mills	Charlie Pierson Maya Jenkins	No Children's Church Today		
<u>8</u>	Kathy Bratton Cliff Buchholz	Jayla Maynor Harper Geis	Chery Smith		
<u>15</u>	Kathy Bratton Cliff Buchholz	Andrew Graham Charlie Pierson	Lacey Brown/ Rene Doody		
<u>22</u>	Arlene Bitner Marlene Gibbs	Mara Motta Landrie Green	Diane Schingel		
<u>29</u>	Arlene Bitner Marlene Gibbs	Eli Guthman Liam Guthman	Diane Schingel / Sage Lintner		
<u>STEWARDS:</u> Bob Eaton & Jay Graff					



1	Janis Crews	14	John Vallino
1	Cheryl Smith	15	Cindy Presley
2	Charlie McNitt	17	Terri Yates
3	Kaitlyn Bitner	19	Madison Jacobs
4	Rene' Doody	20	Mark Twenhafel
4	Rosalie Winters	21	Sylvia Carvell
6	Jerry Crews	21	Carol Dreith
7	Kellie Ellis	22	Todd Sievert
7	Mary Slider	24	Bob Hall
8	Elisabeth Stewart	24	Jon Lough
8	Nancy Tillett	24	Carrie Schwoerer
11	Myrrl Burroughs	25	Virginia Bowers
11	Derrick Hamilton	25	Travis Shands
12	Brandon Graeff	25	Samuel Sievert
12	Connor Graeff	25	Terrin Thies
12	Lee Sullivan	27	George Dietz
12	Rosie Wece	27	Lisa Huppert
13	Holly Fletcher	27	Aiden Jacobs
13	Kathy Ripley	27	Nancy McNitt
14	Gloria Barker	29	John Mills
14	Mike Clark	30	Trina Eaton
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All children (K-5th) must be accompanied by an adult /parent.

We will have a Dirty Santa Gift exchange, so please have each child bring a gift for the gift exchange.

We also ask that parents/youth bring a small snack/food item for the evening.

YOUTH GROUPS

Questions? Contact a leader for your group:

JYF: Junior Youth

Fellowship (6th-8th grade)

* SYF:Senior High Youth

Fellowship (9th-12th grade)

Leaders: Diane Schingel
618-303-3757 & Sage
Lintner 618-687-2317.

Meets every Sunday

from 4-6pm in Room 100.

ECK-IN

Boys Lock In!

Fun, fellowship and great memories!









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
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Sunday Dec 8th During Both Services

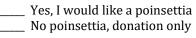
White Christmas Poinsettia and Christmas Memorial

If you wish to order a White Poinsettia for our church sanctuary, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or mail it to the church. Orders must be received by noon on Monday, December 9. Please enclose payment with your order. Please make checks payable to MUMC.

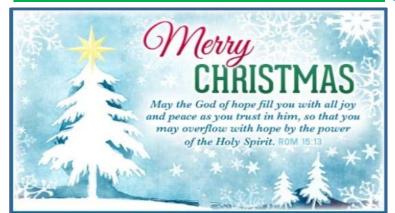
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The Compass Staff would like to wish you and yours a very

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



The family of Sandra and the Rev. Earl Renshaw want to thank you once more for showering us with your love and prayers at the recent passing of Sandra. Our hearts feel broken at times saying good-bye to her so soon after our dad's earthly life ended in July. Yet our joy surpasses those moments of sorrow because we know they now rest with their Lord and Savior, who purchased their eternal home on the cross. The cards, the visits, the hugs, the tears, and – yes, in

that MUMC tradition, the food!!—offered comfort to our family during this difficult time. We especially want to thank your dear pastor and the outstanding church staff for coordinating the services in such a professional, touching way. On a personal note, both of Earl and Sandra's girls were married at the foot of that same sanctuary cross that presided at their funerals – such is the beautiful life cycle of Christ's church here on earth. Thank you for your dedication to making the church's mission continue for many generations to come.

The family of Earl and Sandra Renshaw





Congregation of MUMC,

Thank you so much for the kind & generous donation made to the School Social workers of #186! I cannot explain how helpful the money & gift cards are to our students. The love & compassion that comes from this congregation does not go unnoticed!

Andrea Geis - MHS School Social Worker

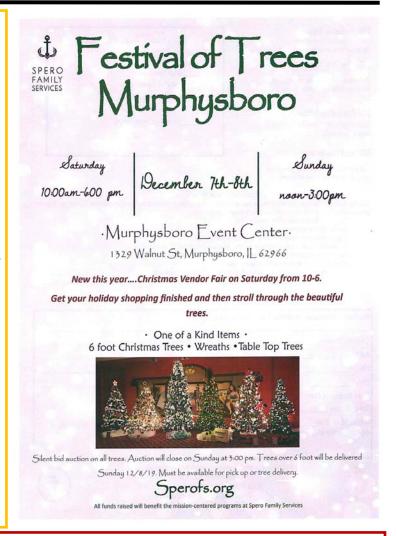


Looking for a way to start giving more of yourself to your church? Here are a just a few of the current places we are looking for new volunteers in:

- * Become a Communion Steward
- * Help count the offering on Monday evenings at 7pm
- * Answer the phones & the door in the office on random

 Fridays throughout the year
 - * Help run the Soundboard during church.

Most of these ways to volunteer vary from 1 time a month to only a couple of times a year. Contact the Church Office for more information and to sign-up.





WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

<u>Faithful Friends</u> and <u>Pathfinders</u> will be joining together during the Advent season for Lee Strobel's DVD study - *A Case for Christmas*. Who was in the manger that first Christmas morning? Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, Author Lee Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. Join him as he asks the tough, pointed questions you'd expect from an award-winning legal journalist.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. For Winter 2019 -2020 the lessons support the theme of "Promise." The five lessons in the first unit (Hope) center on one of the things promise gives us: hope. Hope -- the expectation that, regardless of what is happening in the pre-

sent, God has a future for us. The four lessons in the second unit (Covenants: The Basis for Committed Relationships) focus on covenants and the promises they include. In the third unit (Holiness Expressed) the four lessons call us to live into the promise God gives us to be holy people.

<u>Passages</u>, led by Randy Auxier, will be continuing with the book/study *Stop Asking for Stones and Serpents*: How the Way We Pray Can Block God's Blessings, by Janice Staab, Ph.D. Dr. Staab shines a light on some ways of praying that block God's blessings and love from being fully active in our lives. She examines in detail how the things we pray for (stones) and the methods we pray with (serpents) can distract us from God's will for our lives and keep us from receiving all God wants to share. Jan is a writer, teacher, philosophical counselor, and life coach. After 15+ years as an academic philosopher and an elder in her church, she's committed to having the conversations that matter with ourselves, others, and God.

<u>Seekers</u>, during the month of December, will be studying *The Wonder of Christmas* by Ed Robb and Rob Renfroe. During this four week Advent study, the class will look for the true wonder of Christmas through four elements: a star, a name, a manger, and a promise.

<u>Trailblazers</u>, a class for young adults, has some exciting changes coming in the near future. Stay tuned for more information!

Help the shepherds find the path to Jesus.



Christmas

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Christ	Child	Baby	Born	Wisemen
Shepherds	Angels	Sing	Hallelujah	Savior
King	Prince	Peace	Love	Joy
Manger	Нау	Swaddling	Mary	Joseph





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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.

Desoto:

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

Cross and Flame Staff

MUMC Site Staff

Ministry Director..... Michelle Parker-Clark

Church Secretary....... Melba Ziegler
Ministry Support Asst..... Lacey Brown
Children/Youth Coord..... Sage Lintner
Pianist/Organist...... Rotating
Choir Director...... Brianna Sitton
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders

Agape House Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Sage Lintner Caretakers......Mike & Casey Johnstone

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