



# From the Pastor's Desk

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

Join us on Facebook  
Live at 10:00 am for  
Sunday Worship  
together.



Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

We have just celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We prepared in prayer as many of us committed to praying each morning for Humility (acknowledging our need for Jesus), Hunger (for more of Jesus) and Revival (for Jesus to make souls come alive in Him). Let us continue this movement of prayer as we enter the next chapter on This Journey together and even more in light of the racism, hate, and violence we've seen across our country this week.

This new crisis is in addition to the ongoing global pandemic we are all still feeling the effects of. If you have scrolled through social media at all you've seen things like, "The church was never closed;" "We never stopped being the Church;" or "The Church hasn't been shut down, it's been deployed." All noble sentiments, with some truth to them, intended to encourage us. But if we're being practical we have been stopped from being most of what the Church is supposed to be during this shutdown. Many of our members do not have the internet or any device with which to watch our worship and many live alone. But more than that, a recent study by Barna Group shows that 48% of regular church goers have not participated in any worship over the last month and only 40% of congregants say they have watched their own church's worship online.

We're going to continue on This Journey with the Church through the book of Acts and one of the things God is showing us is what it means to be the Church and what is the Church's essential DNA. It's true the Church is not a building, and it's true that we can be the Church anywhere, but the Bible's definition of 'Church' is pretty clear and it involves the gathering of the believers.

Which brings me to some GREAT NEWS! We are now allowed to gather all together outdoors for worship! Our Bishop, Frank Beard, has given permission and our Church Council has voted to proceed with this new allowance from the Conference. I can't tell you how excited I am that we will be able to gather outdoors all together for worship! Please read the following instructions carefully so we can all fully participate!

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## Outdoor Worship instructions:

### Logistics:

- ◆ Lord willing, we will begin this Sunday June 7th at 10:00am! (and continue until we are allowed to begin to gather in groups of up to 50).
- ◆ Everyone, please bring your own lawn chairs and face masks (and umbrellas for shade if desired).
- ◆ Each Saturday (beginning June 6th) at 10AM we will send a mass email and post on Facebook if we are on or off for outdoor worship that week (Any week we have to cancel for weather we will worship from home on Facebook as we have been doing).
- ◆ We ask those coming to sit in lawn chairs to first enter from and fill the South Parking lot from Pine and then we will fill the area across 16th street.
- ◆ The two North entrances will be reserved for senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions so that they can have prime seating from the safety of their vehicles!
- ◆ Giving will continue online and we will have offering collection areas as we exit.
- ◆ We will continue our Facebook live stream so that any who choose may continue to worship from home or from within their cars in the parking lot.
- ◆ Please email any prayer requests or praises for service in to the Prayer Chain no later than 10AM on Saturday.

### Safety:

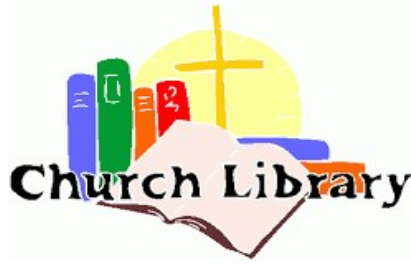
- ◆ Careful adherence will be paid to all government recommended best worship practice guidelines.
- ◆ Masks must be worn by all! (we will have spares if you forget)
- ◆ No touching common objects (only electronic bulletins, no passing plates, or prayer card).
- ◆ Only those living under one roof (or in regular daily contact) may sit together.
- ◆ All such groups/individuals will be 10 foot distant from each other (so that we may sing through our masks)
- ◆ All of our senior citizens and all with underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to worship from home (or remain in their car. See above)
- ◆ Parents: please be sure to keep your children with you at all times.
- ◆ Church restrooms will only be available on an emergency basis (do not plan to use them) Worship will be shortened to help.
- ◆ On stage participation will be limited to help prevent transmission.

Let's get back to being the Church: gathering to learn and grow together in Christ Jesus. And let us renew our commitment to prayer for our community and our nation. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all in Jesus' name,

Pastor Danny



### The Library Corner: What to Read?

Well, as of this writing, we are still not back to “normal” in our ability to attend church—or the church library. So instead of library books for this article we asked people in the church for suggestions for interesting reading during this strange time. And here they are-- a wide variety of book recommendations from people you know:

Gaye Auxier recommends **In Pursuit of Disobedient Women**, by Dionne Searcey. Searcey, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for The New York Times, documents her years as the West Africa bureau chief. Her personal story of the challenges of uprooting her family from their reasonably comfortable New York city living and dragging them along to the “wilds” of the capital city of Dakar, Senegal, is interspersed with her adventures in finding stories to report. Searcey won several journalism awards for her reporting on Boko Haram. We meet some of her sources and learn more about their stories. The book is an engaging page-turner.

Mary Ellen Brown enjoyed **The Woman in the Water**, by Charles Finch. It is set in 1850s London where the young Charles Lennox tries to establish a career as a detective. Scotland Yard doesn't take him seriously and his friends deride him for even trying. But then an anonymous writer sends a letter to the paper claiming to have committed the perfect crime--and Lennox decides that this is his chance to prove himself.

Vern Cline recommends: **The Hate You Give** by Angie Thomas. This is a work of fiction about a 16-year-old black girl. She and her family live in a poor neighborhood while she and her brothers attend a private suburban prep school on scholarship. The book discusses poverty, gangs, racism, community, faith and police shootings. This book made me uncomfortable, sad, angry and hopeful. My 13-year-old granddaughter said it was the best book she ever read and thought I needed to read it.

Trina Eaton liked **Flight of the Sparrow** by Amy Belding Brown. Set in 1676, this is a story based on a true narrative of Mary Rowlandson, a Puritan woman who was captured by Indians during a savage attack. During her captivity she witnessed brutality but also unexpected kindness. All her life Mary has been taught to fear God, submit to her husband and hate Indians. Now, having lived with the Indians, she begins to question the rules that have guided her. I really enjoyed this story and how Mary's heart changed as the story progressed. (this book will be in the church library soon!)

Katy Patterson recommends **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles, an engrossing tale that immerses the reader in the only world main character Count Alexander Rostov is allowed to circulate in: the rooms and halls (and roof) of the grand hotel Metropol located in Moscow. Beginning in 1922 and spanning over 30 years, the reader is entertained by the myriad of relationships the Count has with employees inside the hotel and with visitors from without. The book is both a series of entertaining escapades and a serious story of what ultimately gives the Count's life meaning and shape.

**Little Grassy Camp in a Box are now available.**



We all know this is not a replacement for camp by any means. This is a new way for families to connect their children and youth with Christ. So what does this box look like?

Like other subscription boxes, it would be a monthly package full of goodies- each month having a different theme. It will be possible to buy boxes individually, or as a membership where you sign up for several months at a time. Each box will cost \$35, with a \$5 sibling add on (so there's enough supplies for additional children). Each box will have crafts (with supplies and instructions), games based on the amount of people in the household (it's hard to play some games if you're an only child...), age appropriate lessons that match the theme of the box, a DVD or USB with videos on it, and a week's worth of daily devotional materials.

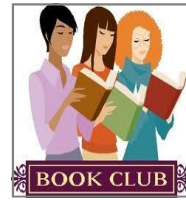
Is this just another thing to lead my kids in? We just got done with packets...

Our goal is for campers to be able to lead themselves in most activities. There will be times that they will need help reading or using scissors, but we know that you all are busy and want to respect that in all we do.

June's box is Animal themed! Watch our page for more info as it comes! **. If you sign your child/ children up please contact the church office for a reimbursement of your fee.**



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

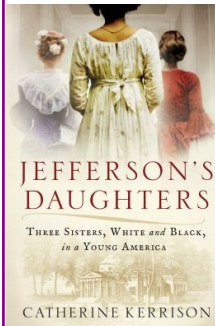


**Join the Saturday Book Club In the church library**

The Saturday Book Club is supposed to meet in the library on the third Saturday each month. As soon as we are given the go ahead to meet together we will meet to discuss our current book that is listed below. Meanwhile keep reading, and come to the next meeting with ideas for the next good book for the group to read!

**Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America by Catherine Kerrison**

Thomas Jefferson had three daughters: Martha and Maria by his wife, Martha Wayles Jefferson, and Harriet by his slave Sally Hemings. In *Jefferson's Daughters*, Catherine Kerrison, a scholar of early American and women's history, recounts the remarkable journey of these three women - and how their struggle to define themselves reflects both the possibilities and the limitations that resulted from the American Revolution.



Look who got to be back in the Sanctuary on May 31st with proper social distancing and wearing their Red



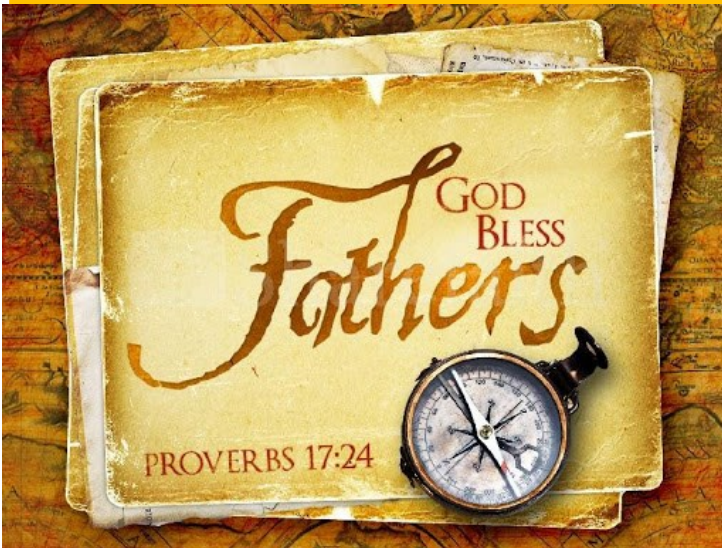
for Pentecost last Sunday. Looking forward to the Sunday we can all be together again.



At this time per State and Local guidelines we will continue with not have Children's ministry at the church.



THIS *Journey* WITH THE CHURCH



Don't get rid of your stuff! We will have a Church Yard Sale as soon as we are able to do so.



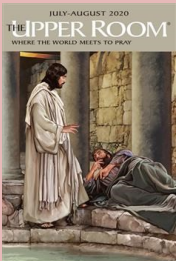
New All Church Family  
**PRAYER**  
Service  
Every Thursday  
5:15 pm Facebook Live

Please join us on Facebook Live during the current shelter in place as we continue our weekly Prayer Service. We will be praying for Our Church, Church Family, Family, Friends, Community, Government, Our current state with the Corona Virus and any Special needs. Join us to help lift these up to the Lord.

# Upper Room Devotionals



The Upper Room Devotionals for May & June, & when July & August arrive can/will be found on the front porch of the Church Office.



If you would like to make a donation for yours you can mail it to the church or select Upper Room Devotionals on the online giving link on our website.



5	Jerry & Barbara Giffin	22	Paul & Debbie Chapman
8	Danny & Karen Motta	22	Rob & Jennifer Graeff
10	Bert & Carolyn Ozburn	23	Bob & Rosalie Winters
10	Greg & Julie Wachtel	24	Todd & Rene` Doody
12	Ken & Vern Cline	25	Jason & Michelle Bennett
12	Patrick & Terri Yates	25	Arthur & Pat Porter
14	George & Carolyn Sauer	27	Everett & Kathy Blackwell
15	Troy & Lacey Brown	29	Dennis & Nancy Fager
18	Perry & Susan Patterson	29	Raymond & Bonnie Whiteside
18	John & Amanda Ripley		

3	Briana Bean	16	Keylin Wece
3	Mike Johnstone	16	Raymond Whiteside
4	Susan Patterson	17	Don Abbadusky
4	Mason Thies	17	Todd Doody
8	Tracy Hagston	18	Jennifer Ellermeyer
9	Mason Schingel	20	Emma Bigham
10	Evelyn Jackson	20	Steve Ticer
10	Kyle Miller	21	Novella Howard
10	John Ripley	21	John Hudgins
11	Emily Finke	21	Maryjune Rice
12	Paula Chapa	21	Madison Ripley
12	Maggie Jenkins	21	Makayla Ripley
13	Bob Purcell	22	Ezra Dillow
13	Shelia Stewart	22	James Pugh
15	Linda Johnson	25	Carla Quigley
15	Joan Reagan	26	Carmen Chapa
16	Cody Ellermeyer	26	Merrill Thies
16	Olivia Graff	26	Julie Wachtel
16	William Pierson	28	Danny Motta
		30	Dennis Fager



# Murphysboro High School Graduates



Adam Barringer



Aiden McNitt



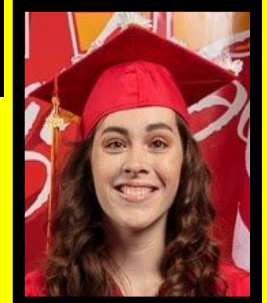
John Wachtel



Caitlin Doody



Lillie Scalde-mose



Gabby Watson



## College Graduate



Braden Miller

## 8th Grade



Megan McNitt

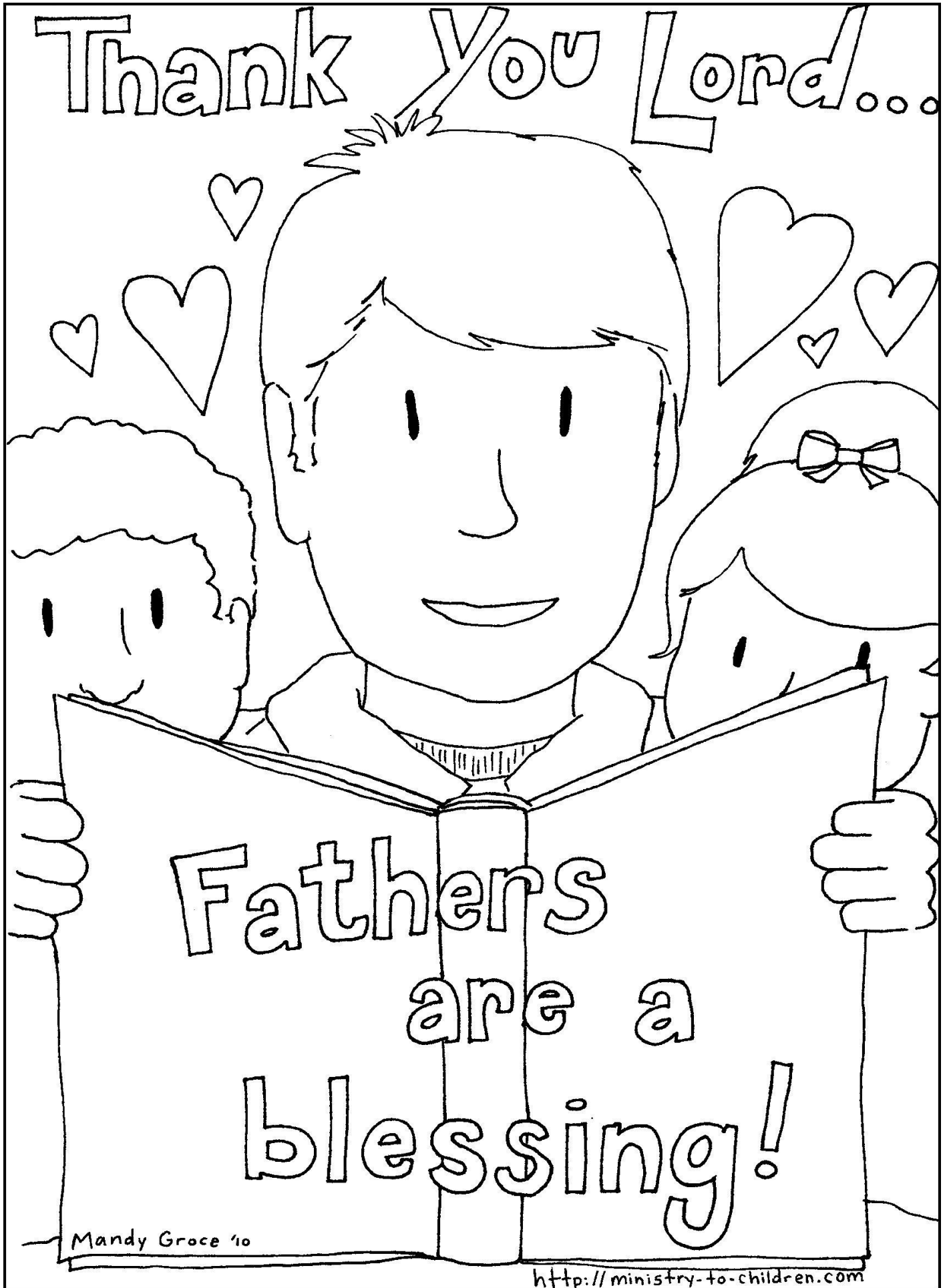
## Graduates



Maggie Jenkins







Mandy Groce '10

<http://ministry-to-children.com>

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
MUMC:**

Sunday Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Sunday Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.  
Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.

**Desoto:**

Wednesday Agape House: 5:30 p.m.

**Cross and Flame Staff**

Ministers ..... The Congregation  
Pastor ..... Danny Motta  
Minister of Visitation ..... Michelle Parker-Clark  
Financial Secretary ..... Christine Nolan  
Custodian ..... Pat Sullivan

**MUMC Site Staff**

Ministry Director ..... Michelle Parker-Clark  
Church Secretary ..... Melba Ziegler  
Ministry Support Asst ..... Lacey Brown  
Pianist/Organist ..... Rotating  
Choir Director ..... Pending  
Nursery Attendant ..... Ashlee Sanders/Leah Wachtel  
Technology ..... John Wachtel

**Agape House Staff:**

Children/Youth Ministry ..... Vacant  
Caretakers ..... Mike & Casey Johnstone

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