



From the Pastor's Desk

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Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

After much prayer, work, discussion, testing, purchasing, setting up, tearing down, meeting, and deliberation I am very excited to tell you all our Church Council has voted unanimously to begin indoor worship as soon as possible! The decision has not been made lightly, and we will be monitoring all best recommendations and advice (both from the denomination and the state). We will be offering an indoor service at 9AM for seniors and folks with underlying health conditions, and at 10:30AM which will include nursery care and be open to all! We will continue to stream our Sunday service at 10:30AM on Facebook Live and post it to Youtube shortly thereafter.

We do believe this is the best move for our congregation at this time. This move indoors will allow us to worship in the air conditioning during the hottest weeks of the summer, benefit from lyrics and readings on the screen while we are not able to pass common objects (like bulletins), hear our beautiful organ, hear from both our praise team and soon our choir (on screen) and of course gather in our beautiful sanctuary! If you plan to worship indoors with us, please send in the RSVP card you got in the mail as soon as you can. If you did not get a card please call or email the office at any time to sign up for 9AM or 10:30AM service!

Welcome Back! Here are the key things you need to know about worship indoors:

- Be sure to bring and wear a face mask!
- You will have your temperature taken with our brand-new touchless thermometers upon entry.
- Please use our brand-new touchless hand sanitizers upon entry and exit of the sanctuary.
- Please happily sit wherever our host team escorts you!
- Please touch nothing but the pew you're sitting in.
- We will have nursery at 10:30AM!
- The building will be completely closed from 10AM Friday through Saturday to ensure cleanliness for Sunday morning.
- The basement and education wing will be off limits on Sunday morning.
- The upstairs bathrooms will be open for emergency use only (follow the printed instructions)!
- The Church Council has parameters in place in the event we should feel compelled to cancel Sunday's service. We will mass email and call the whole congregation should that occur.

I want to thank our task force again for the work that they did to prepare for indoor worship, our Church Council for the many extra meetings they have put in, our amazing staff for their hard work and support throughout, and our parking lot host team that's come early and stayed late to help while we've been outdoors! Praise the Lord!

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (NLT) *Psalm 122:1*

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all,

Pastor Danny

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



September
 Compass
 Deadline is
 August, 17th

Indoor Worship will begin as soon as possible

When we begin we will have 2 services, as well as continue our on-line service each Sunday at 10:30AM.

- 1st Service at 9:00AM will be for Senior Citizens and those with chronic health issues (sanctuary will be the most sanitized for this service)
- 2nd Service at 10:30AM will be for anyone else

* Basic Guidelines:

- * 9:00AM service will be 45 minutes. This allows 45 minutes, between services, for congregational exiting, fully sanitizing and entrance of 10:30 worshippers. Second service will also only last 45 minutes.
- * Congregants will need to RSVP for the service they would like to attend. If you do not make a reservation you will be treated on a first come, first serve basis. Reservation cards were mailed out, if you did not receive one or want to make a reservation for a future service, please call or email the Church office before noon on Thursdays. (If an individual shows up without an RSVP, they will only be turned away if we exceed our capacity.)
- * The sanctuary will be cordoned off by every other row in each section, adjoining sections will be staggered to maintain the 6' social distancing guidelines. Pew cushions will be removed, as well as hymnals, prayer & guest cards, and tithing plates.
- * ONLY gentle singing, 6 foot distant, with masks on will be allowed in worship



Instructions for congregants who will be attending indoor worship at MUMC

- Temperatures will be taken at the door via non-contact thermometer. Anyone registering greater than 100.4 will be asked to not enter the building but go home.
- wear a mask at all times when you are in a room with other people & maintain social distancing requirements of 6 feet between family units (and those in regular contact).
- We need to refrain from sitting with people outside of our daily contact group to protect them as well as ourselves.
- Reservations will be taken to help insure we do not exceed capacity recommendations which will be 50 persons (in addition to host and upfront teams) You will remain on the reservation list unless you miss three weeks in a row, then your name would be removed and can be re-added anytime by contacting the office.
- Traffic flow. Everyone will be asked to enter through the west parking lot door only and proceed up the stairs.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at both the entrance and exit.
- During the entry time the door will be kept in the open position until the service starts.
- The basement and rooms other than the sanctuary are closed and off limits.
- Nursery will be available during second service only (see Nursery Plan on the Children & Youth page).

- The elevator will be available only for those who cannot use stairs safely. Those who require the elevator are asked to stay seated at end of service until directed and then proceed directly to the elevator.
*1 household unit on the elevator at a time. (if you don't live together please don't ride together)
- Those coming to worship are asked not to enter the building until 10 minutes before the start of service.
- Please try to arrive at the church no more than 15 minutes before the service in order to avoid contact with earlier/other worshippers
- Pew cushions can't be used but you can bring a small cushion of your own for personal use.
- Please sit where directed by ushers.
- Restrooms are for emergency use only. Disinfecting supplies will be available for you to clean before your use and after yourself. Parents will need to accompany small children. Restrooms upstairs are the only ones to be used. The basement is entirely off limits.
- After services all are asked to exit via the southeast door at the back of the main sanctuary unless the elevator is required. The doors will be propped open during exiting.
- Please exit & move about only at the direction of usher.
- There will be a Red non-contact offering drop box on the wall at the entrance and exit of the Sanctuary, we will also continue with on-line and mailing in tithing.
- Please exit the sanctuary within 5 minutes of the end of service.

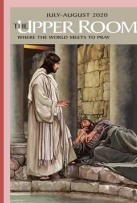
Please if you or your family are not feeling well stay home and worship with us on-line for the safety of all of our members.

We look forward to worshipping with you inside our Sanctuary again!



Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room Devotionals for July & August have arrived 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.



We would love to have pictures of you worshipping with us. Send us a picture of your family worshipping with us. We don't care if it is at home or here with us. We want to see you!



Elaina Crenshaw is honored to be joining the MUMC family as the new choir director. Elaina is currently enrolled in her second year at Southern Illinois University (SIU), earning a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting. At SIU, she has the privilege of being an assistant conductor for the Concert Choir and Choral Union. She also assists with the choral festivals and educational programs held by the choral department at SIU. Previously, she had the opportunity to be a rehearsal conductor at her undergraduate school, Northwest Nazarene University (NNU). Elaina holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with an emphasis in Vocal Performance and a Minor in Music Industry from NNU.

Elaina grew up in a Christian home and has attended church regularly from birth. She started singing in the children's choir at her church when she was just three years old and has been involved in choirs ever since. Elaina would like to ask your forgiveness in advance. For many years, she has attended a Presbyterian church that uses slightly different wording in The Lord's Prayer. Instead of *trespasses*, the Presbyterians say *debts*. So, if she slips and says the wrong verbiage, please forgive her trespasses!

A native of Southern California, Elaina's travels to different regions of the country have enabled her to see the array of beauty God created. Some of Elaina's favorite things include exploring nature, visiting small town coffee and pastry shops, her dog Charlie, and making beautiful music! Though things may look slightly different, Elaina is working hard finding ways to bring the choir back in a safe and God-honoring way. If anyone is interested in joining the choir for this coming year, please reach out to Elaina. Her email is crenshawes@gmail.com. For those of you wondering, Elaina is pronounced ee-lay-na (like Elaine, but with an A at the end). Elaina would like to thank you all for being so welcoming in her first couple of weeks at MUMC! She is working on learning new names every day!



Hello, Goodbye



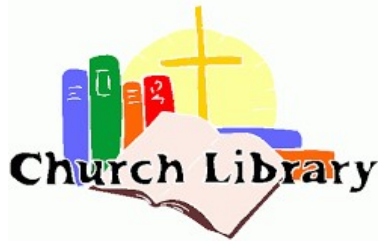
LACEY BROWN: *A Woman of Faith*

Five plus years ago Lacey Brown accepted a part-time position at MUMC. The position she accepted, Ministry Support Assistant, was brand new. To quote a preface in a "Specific Task Examples" addendum to her original position description: "Since this is a new position, there is no precedence, so this list is not exhaustive in nature, nor does it reflect perfect accuracy in what will be needed."

Lacey stepped into an imperfectly defined job because *she has faith in a perfect God*. These past five years she met the ever-evolving needs of pastors, administrative bodies and ministries with both grace and competency. With grateful hearts we thank you, Lacey, for your flexibility, dedication and hard work as a MUMC staff member.

We are very thankful that you will continue to be a part of our worship team, Lacey. As you step into your new job with the Murphysboro School District we pray that your light will shine brightly on the new path you have chosen. We're confident that your faith will sustain you and that you will be a blessing to the school district as you are to us!





The Library Corner: Important Reading

As I write this article, we as a society are wrestling with the difficult topics of race and racism. The problems are long-standing, deeply rooted, and difficult. It comes in waves—just as one thinks that progress has been made, then comes the realization that we have further to go. The hardest part is probably that so many of us, if we are not people of color, can't really "walk in their shoes." We truly do have trouble picturing, understanding, or even believing the day to day reality of African-Americans.

What to do? One thing we can do is find reading materials that help us understand these long-term issues more deeply. This article is devoted to views and recommendations on racial issues from the United Methodist Church.

From the July issue of **The Current**, the newsletter of our Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) we have some important and challenging articles. If you do not receive a paper copy, look online at <https://www.igrc.org/current> (click on the July issue). In this issue are articles on communicating cross-culturally to create change: police reform and reconciliation by a pastor who was once a police officer; and an article on "The Wesleyan witness on race".

The most interesting articles in the **Current** are by our Conference Bishop, Frank J. Beard. He is African-American, and has long served in the UMC. His three articles should be read in their entirety, but here are quotes from two of them:

As a black man serving in a majority -based denomination I've seen the underbelly of the church and have experienced institutional racism for over 40 years of ministry. God has not given up on the church and I believe and trust that God can and will turn things around and the church will be the instrument used to accomplish the world that we seek. ("Tears from a Bedside Lament", p. 5)

And in another article, "An antidote for racism: look and act like Jesus", p. 2, Bishop Beard states: *How do we eliminate racism in the church? First and foremost, by allowing Jesus Christ to be the standard of the church. **Christlikeness must become the pursuit of every Christian and of every congregation.** Our goal, according to Ephesians 6:11-13 is to become mature representatives of Jesus Christ. . . . Racism will be abolished in the church when Christians look like, act like, smell like, and behave like Jesus Christ!*

The third article from Bishop Beard has 10 action steps Christians can take. Look it up!

There are many more books and resources than can be listed here, but here are a few more:

Pastor Danny Motta shares that he is currently reading "One Race, One Blood: A Biblical Answer to Racism" by Ken Ham and A. Charles Ware.

The national UMC website has material related to racial justice issues, including recommendations for reading resources, at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/books-about-race-a-place-to-start>. Books listed there include, among others:

"Black & White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time," by John Hambrick and Teesha Hadra;

"White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo;

"Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by Will Willamon

Also, you could check out Cokesbury.com, and upperroom.org

Reading is a good resource for thinking things out. What makes us think and search our hearts? Perhaps something listed here will do that for you.

In an effort to make sure our Sanctuary is as clean and safe as possible for our members who choose to attend Indoor worship. We will be closing the Church Building at 10:00am on Friday Morning to all individuals, until Sunday morning at 8:45am for worship. Please ensure to conduct any and all business that you might need to during the week. If you have any questions please call the church office.

Thank you for helping us ensure we can provide a safe place for all of us to worship.

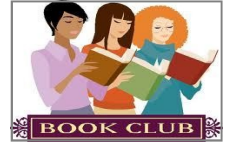


JOIN THE SATURDAY BOOK CLUB BY ZOOM!

SAT, AUGUST 15TH @ 10:15

FOR THIS MEETING EACH PERSON WILL CHOOSE A BOOK TO DISCUSS

IF YOU RECEIVED A NOTICE OF THE JULY MEETING YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM INVITATION FOR AUGUST. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THIS GROUP AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND LET SUSAN PATTERSON KNOW AT



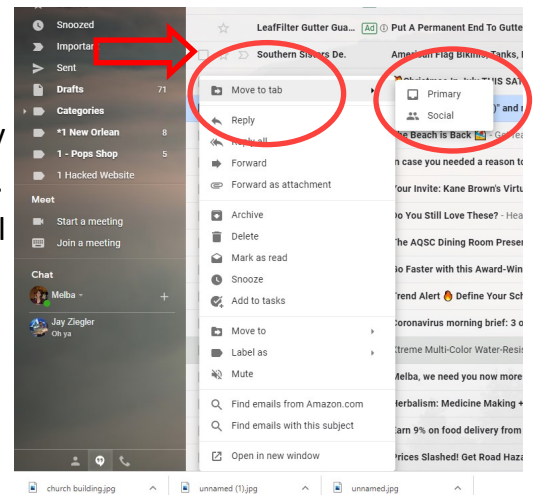
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Are you getting your emails from the Church?

If you are using Google email there is a chance that you may not be receiving all

the emails from the church that you should be. Google automatically sorts your email and will send mass emails to your promotion folder. To fix this you need to first make sure that you have added our email address to your contacts murphysboroumc@gmail.com. Second you need to go to your promotions folder find one of our emails then right click on the box beside the email then click on the words "move to tab" and then "primary". You should then start receiving our emails to your primary inbox.



Any group of 10 or less who would like to meet inside the church building must contact the church office before doing so. Most importantly so we can ensure the space being used is cleaned before and after meeting for everyone's safety, and to ensure we are following all guidelines in place for number of occupants in the building at the same time.

Wed., Aug 12th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Rosie know if you will be attending to ensure there is adequate spacing available.

Stretching with Rosie
Fridays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE

- 1 PRAY FOR THE SICK 
- 2 PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS 
- 3 PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE 
- 4 PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED 
- 5 PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS 
- 6 PRAY FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS 
- 7 PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH 

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



Keep Checking back!
We will have a Church Yard Sale as soon as we are able to do so.



NewAll Church Family
PRAYER Service
Every Thursday

5:15 pm Facebook Live

Please join us on Facebook Live every Thursday at 5:15pm 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 other Special needs. Join us to help lift these up to the Lord.



The church nursery is now available!

We have begun offering the nursery to families with small children once again. As we start to transition back to in-person worship it is so important that we do our best to keep everyone safe. This includes keeping our youngest and tiniest church goers safe and healthy. We have carefully thought out ways to make the process of families returning to in-person worship safe and as smooth of a transition as possible. This includes making some necessary changes to the nursery.

- The nursery will be available to families for the 10:30 am service only.
- The max age for our nursery is 4 years old.
- Due to breathing and CDC recommendations, children 4 years and younger will not be required to wear a mask. The nursery attendants will be wearing a mask.
- Extra cleaning measures will be in place before, throughout, and after the nursery hour.
- Certain toys will be removed and stored at this time to allow for better cleaning and sanitizing practices.
- The use of plastic reusable drink cups and bowls for snacks will not be used. We will have one time use juice boxes or paper cups and individual snack packs offered.

In addition to these changes we have put into place a new **Drop Off and Pick Up** process. It will be as follows:

Drop-Off

- 10 minutes prior service a member of the MUMC host team will be at the main entrance of the church to take temperatures of everyone entering.
- Anyone with a fever above 100.4 degrees, symptoms of respiratory infection like a cough, or has come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past two weeks will be asked to worship from home.
- Once parent and child have had their temperatures taken, they may enter the building and proceed straight to the nursery door.
- Parents will drop their child and belongings off at the door of the nursery. **We are asking that no other adult than the nursery attendants be in the nursery at this time.**
- The nursery attendant will sign in the child and ask for the name of the parent/guardian who will be picking the child up.
- A sanitized pager will be given to the parent/guardian in case they need to be contacted during the worship service.
- Children will wash their hands upon entering the nursery.

Pick-Up

- Immediately after service the parent/guardian will come to the nursery door (without entering) to pick up their child.
- The nursery attendant will ask the name of who is picking up the child and then sign the child out.
- At this time the parent/guardian will return the pager which will be wiped down for later use.

Our youth are the future of our church and we feel if properly done we can have a safe environment for our nursery children and our nursery attendants. We love our little ones and their families and that is why we are putting these measures in to place. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we do the best we can to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Jamie Green (Nursery Committee Chair)
Ashlee Sanders (Nursery Attendant)
Leah Wachtel (Nursery Attendant)



August is here! Summer is beginning to wind down and the thoughts of our fall schedules are about to become reality. And the reality for many of us is that our fall schedule is going to look very different than usual. The same can be said for the ministries of the church.

The MUMC Children's Ministry leaders have met to discern and plan for how and when we will transition into regular weekly Children's Ministry programming. As of right now we can say with some certainty that BLAST will return in September! Yay!

The MUMC Youth Ministry (6-12th grade) will be adding Wednesday night meetings this fall as well while still scheduling fun events at their regular time on Sundays. August 2nd all youth (6-12th grade) are invited to the parsonage for an afternoon of outdoor fun and brainstorming for the fall. This will be from 2-4pm.

The Agape House leaders have also met to pray and discern for how to move forward in the fall. It has been discerned that the facility at Agape House would be too challenging for the ministry to function during phase 4. As a way to maintain social distancing and safe practices while still remaining in relationship with many of the Agape House children and youth, we will be temporarily combining forces on Wednesday nights here in Murphysboro.

Many of the details for how this will look like are still a work in progress. What we do know is that Children and Youth ministry is vitally important and we are determined to make it happen in the safest way possible this fall. So as these ministry leaders continue to discern and fine tune those details, please pray for them.

Children's Sunday School and Children's Church will return at a later date. Our goal right now is to focus our volunteer power on the Children and Youth ministries happening during the week.

We appreciate your prayers and patience as we transition into the fall schedule. We love and pray for our families and their children and youth!

Grace+Peace
Karen Motta

Important Dates to remember:

August 2- Youth gathering @ Parsonage 2-4pm

August 9- Back to School Prayer & Blessing. Pastor Danny will be praying for all the children, teachers and school staff returning to school.

September 16- Back to BLAST event!



DRIVE-THRU DONATION EVENT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
10AM-NOON**

Help kids in need by donating school supplies at
Murphysboro United Methodist Church

Murphysboro UMC will be hosting Backpack Attack, a school supplies drive-thru donation event. Please consider donating backpacks and school supplies from the list below for Murphysboro elementary, middle, and high school students. Never has the need been greater than during this pandemic. Bring your donations to the

Murphysboro United Methodist Church

on **Sunday, August 2** from 10am-12pm.

If you have questions, please email Karen Motta at karenmotta80@gmail.com

Supplies that are needed:

Backpacks ~ Pencils & pens ~ Erasers ~ Crayons ~ Coloring Pencils

Markers ~ Highlighters ~ Dry Erase Markers ~ Scissors ~ Spiral Notebooks

Composition Notebooks ~ Pocket folders ~ Notebook Paper ~ Index cards

Rulers ~ Glue sticks ~ 1-inch binders ~ Protractor & compass ~ Disinfectant wipes* ~ Hand sanitizer* ~ Kleenex*

Wal-Mart Gift Cards (for the school's social worker to use for more specific needs)

* While disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex may be hard to find, please consider donating these items, if you find them, to help keep students, teachers, and staff safe.



We will resume our monthly meetings starting Saturday, August, 8th at 7:30 a.m. We

will meet under the Pavilion. This is will be a

BYOB event (Bring Your Own Breakfast). The men

will gather for breakfast, and a devotional.

All men of the church are invited to attend .



prayer walking

The Second Sunday of each month
after 2nd Service approximately 12:30pm
a light lunch will be served then
we will have a short walk in our community.
Prayer begins at home and in our neighborhoods!

Please note there will not be a lunch at this time but we will continue you do this ministry the second Sunday of each month. Please meet outside under the pavilion.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3	Francis & Willa Addison	13	Ralph & Joan Bastien
6	Bill & Cecelia Crawshaw	15	Matt & Angie Baughman
11	Shannon & Jamie Green	16	Kathy & Gerald Ripley
12	Ron & Sally Moutardier		



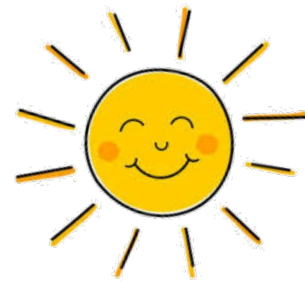
1	Toddy Cole	17	Grant Ticer
1	Sally Moutardier	18	Allison Brown
2	Gaye Auxier	18	Marty McNitt
2	Logan Wingerter	20	Abigail Wingerter
3	Bob Eaton	21	Charles Crews
3	William Thomas	21	Jerry Miller
5	Daxton Barringer	22	Erin Niesporek
5	Elias Guthman	22	Tonia Purcell
5	Rick Pierson	25	Joshua Boyle
7	Randy Auxier	25	Lance Carnes
8	Preston Fletcher	28	Brooke Guthman
10	Matt Baughman	28	Marty Rogers
11	Katrina Carnes	29	Maggie Stewart
11	John Wachtel	30	Hillary Brooks
14	Gary Likins	30	Wesley Graham
16	Kim Goforth	30	Wes Will
16	Wade Poole	30	Deana Twenhafel
17	Carmilee Donahue		



OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE
Hot Meal
Beverage
Dessert, Fellowship

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH





Little Free Library



Is Open and has been restocked. Come check out what we have to offer and spread the word.

WELCOME BACK!



I can do
all things
through
Christ who
strengthens me

- *Philippians 4:13* -



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
MUMC:**

Sunday 1st Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 2nd Service: 10:30 a.m.
On-Line Service: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.

Cross and Flame Staff

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Custodian Pat Sullivan

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Church Secretary Melba Ziegler
Pianist/Organist Rotating
Choir Director Elaina Crenshaw
Nursery Attendant Ashlee Sanders/Leah Wachtel
Technology John Wachtel

Agape House Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Vacant
Caretakers Mike & Casey Johnstone

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