



From the Pastor's Desk

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Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

We are now in phase 4 of Illinois' reopening plan. As you may or may not know our Church Council appointed a task force, headed by Rick Runge including Michelle Parker-Clark, Tracy Hagston, Roger Smith and Jon Lough, to work up the outline of a plan for beginning to worship indoors in groups of up to 50. They have done excellent work and our Church Council met June 25th to work with their plan. After prayer and excellent conversation, and with only a few minor alterations, Church Council approved their plan.

Here are the highlights:

For the most benefit, for the most congregants and the most safety for all, we will continue to worship outdoors for as long as the weather permits. For maximum comfort for all, we will do so moved into the pavilion and grassy area under the tree and move in person outdoor worship to 9AM when it's cooler with nursery care added for our young families. We will continue to premier live worship on our Facebook page at 10AM as we have done since March!

As the heat intensifies (likely in August and through September) we will begin indoor worship with two services. 9AM will be reserved for senior citizens and folks with underlying health conditions. 10:30AM will be open to all with nursery offered. On the following pages you'll find an exhaustive list of the sanitation and safety guidelines that will be in place. Please read them through!

How do you attend once we're inside? We will ask everyone who would like to worship in person on a regular basis to return a one-time RSVP card that you will receive in the mail soon. Your preferred service registration will remain on file unless you miss three weeks in a row. If you do, simply email or call the office anytime you plan attend again and we will re-add your name to the list.

Remember that through all of this, Jesus is still on His throne, God still loves us and has amazing plans for us to prosper and not to harm us, and by His loving grace we still have each other! May we love, care for and protect each other well as we continue to reach out to the lost and build the Kingdom of God in Jesus' name.

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all,
 Pastor Danny

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



Join us for outdoor
 worship (weather
 permitting) at 9am or
 Facebook Live at
 10:00 am.

Recommendations for Reopening from MUMC Task Force

Have 2 services

- A. 9:00AM will be for Senior Citizens and those with chronic health issues (sanctuary will be most sanitized)
- B. 10:30AM will be for anyone else
- C. Guidelines;
 - a. 9:00AM service will be 45 minutes. This allows 45 minutes, between services, for congregational exiting, fully sanitizing and entrance of 10:30 worshipers. Second service will also only last 45 minutes.
 - * Allow 10 minutes prior to service to screen and seat congregants
 - * All 15 minutes total for exiting congregants
 - * Contact-less tithing opportunity upon exit
 - b. Working off an assumption of allowing 25% capacity for Phase IV, each service will be able to host 50 congregants (this is assuming a worship staff of 4-6; the Pastor, worship leader, pianist, and Screen Person). SURVEY NOTES-32 families responded for a total of 66 people, 22 said they would remain at home and watch via Facebook even with a reopening, all said they have the capacity to continue viewing from home.
 - c. Congregants will RSVP and will otherwise be treated as first come, first serve basis. Reservation cards will be mailed out in the near future, ONLY if individuals plan to attend on a regular basis will they need to send them back-in to RSVP for 9AM or 10:30AM service. IF an individual shows up without RSVP, they will not be turned away unless we exceed our capacity. Office staff will track service registration and maintain list for Sunday morning host team.
 - d. Sanitizing/Usher teams-suggest a team of 4, per Sunday, consisting of; 1 stationed at parking lot entrance to take temperatures of those entering, 1 stationed as an elevator operator (this person will also handle the tracking info), 2 stationed in sanctuary to direct/assist with seating. The 2 team members, in the sanctuary, will be responsible for sanitizing after each service and 1 of these will be responsible for directing individuals out of the sanctuary and the location of the contactless tithing opportunity, (a "lock box" at exits), the 2 team members, at the parking lot entrance area, will be responsible for sanitizing the hand rail, elevator and sanctuary entrance area. All 4 team members will remain outside the sanctuary, once the service starts, to avoid being counted as part of the 50.
 - e. 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 from available pews.
 - f. ONLY gentle singing, 6 foot distant, with masks on will be allowed in worship

- D. Specific Guidelines for congregants– (see following pages)
- E. Stay with outside services as long as possible, weather/temperature permitting, then move inside and move back outside when weather/temperature permits.
- F. Additional items;
 - a. Signage – health and travel-related points (in lieu of questionnaire),
 - b. Letter to congregants explaining our goals, objectives, plan of action and expectations of them.
 - c. Screening/Tracking forms
 - d. Ease of RSVP so as not to place undue burden on office staff (as we expect this to be long term).
 - e. Contact-less tithing system.
 - f. List of all contact surfaces to be cleaned between services and more thoroughly on a weekly basis.

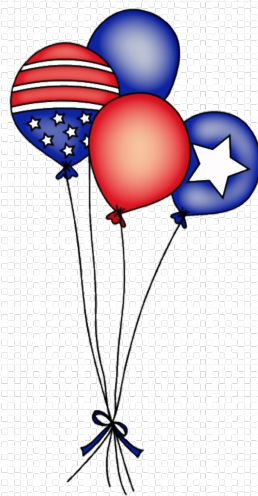
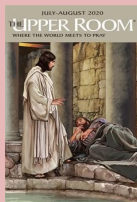
Procurement Needs

- A. (2) Point Thermometers
- B. (3) Hand Sanitizer Motion Activated Dispensers (Todd Lirerly is making 3 foot pedal operated dispensers for our current dispensers), Christine knows where to purchase and quilting committee has donated funds to help purchase.
- C. Surface Sanitizer, **peroxide based**, buy by the gallon.
- D. (4) Spray Bottles for the above surface sanitizer.
- E. Surveyor flagging tape to cordon off the pew rows
- F. 3M masking tape, to secure flagging tape.
- G. Gloves-1 box of each different size

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.

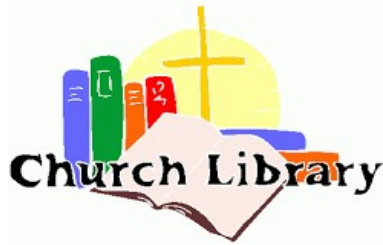


Congregation Safety Guidelines approved by Church Council

- If you or any household member are not feeling well, stay home until you are feeling well again.
- 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 and to go home and seek healthcare if the fever continues.
- If you are immune compromised or have chronic health issues, we suggest that you will be safer at home worshipping online.
- If your child is ill, especially if they are running a fever, we ask that you and the child stay home to avoid the spread of illness.
- Must wear a mask to enter and keep it on at all times while in the Church.
- Each available pew row is only for direct family, no row sharing with non-family unless directed by an usher.
- RSVP by mail-in card received in the mail, if need to make changes contact the Church Office during business hours via phone or email. Walkups will only be allowed if an RSVP didn't show up or there is available capacity.
- Entrance only via the west parking lot doors and please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Exit via the southeast door at the back of the main sanctuary unless the elevator is required. Door will be propped open during exit.
- Everyone MUST use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Avoid contact with innate objects as much as possible (you should only be touching your pew).
- Bathrooms will be closed, use by emergency only. Basement will also be closed.
- Please do socializing outside the Church and maintain social distancing.
- Nursery will be available during second service only (detailed plan coming soon).
- Elevator available, only those in the same family may ride together.
- Congregation is asked to exit promptly as directed at the conclusion of the service to allow sanitizing team plenty of time to clean and avoid crossing with 2nd service worshipers.
- Tithing stations will be available by exit doors.
- We apologize for any inconvenience these guidelines may cause, the goal is to ensure that the weakest among us stay healthy and safe and that we do no harm.

Instructions for indoor worship at MUMC approved by Church Council

- 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)
- Reservation cards will be sent out to all to be returned to the church office for either 9AM or 10:30AM and will remain on file (unless you miss three weeks in a row, then your name would be removed and can be re-added anytime).
- 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 the second service (separate plan being created).
- The elevator will be available only for those who cannot use stairs safely. Those who require the elevator are asked to stay seated at the end of service until directed and then proceed 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 worshippers.
- Pew cushions can't be used but you can bring a small cushion for personal use.
- Alternating pews are off limits, please sit where directed.
- Only very gentle, face-masked, 6 foot distanced singing will be allowed.
- Children unfortunately need to be prevented from playing with others or on the floor and need to remain in the immediate control of the parents if in worship.
- Restrooms are for emergency use only. Disinfecting wipes will be available for you to clean before 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.
- A tithing stations will be available near both doors.
- Please exit & move about only at the direction of usher.
- Please exit the sanctuary within 5 minutes of the end of service.
- Automatic no contact hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance and the rear sanctuary exit please use.



The Library Corner: What We Need Now

Has Covid-19 brought you down—maybe a little too far down? Along with concerns about the disease itself, many of us feel the negative effects of unaccustomed social isolation. And we all may feel the need to stress the positive in our lives. Below are some books that can help us to do that:

Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World by Max Lucado. In this book Lucado delves into Philippians 4:6-7: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* Lucado wrote this book before the pandemic, but its focus on not letting anxiety dominate our lives is a good message for right now.

Daring to Hope by Katie Davis Majors. Since her very young womanhood, Majors lived in Uganda, Africa, where she became the adoptive mother of 13 Ugandan girls, and also became involved in schooling and food programs before marrying and bearing another child. But there are many hard challenges and many sorrows in her life of service, and a tragedy tests Katie’s faith. It is then she finds God still there in the hardest time—and helping her to hold on to hope.

The **#1 Ladies Detective Agency** series by Alexander McCall Smith is also set in Africa --in Botswana-- but it is fiction. In these books the “#1 lady detective”, Mma Ramatswe, solves a variety of small mysteries --often mysteries of the human heart. What makes this series stand out is its understanding of human foibles, love for the simple pleasures of life, and the beauty and peace of the country. Read slowly, savor the wonderful writing and the spirit of Mma Ramatswe, and finish feeling calm and uplifted.

And finally, following up from last month, we have two more books recommended by people you know:

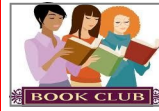
Mary Ann Chambers Hinchcliff highly recommends **The Girl You Left Behind** by Jojo Moyes. It weaves two stories together, one from WW1 and the other from the present day. They are connected by a disputed painting. It is very riveting!

Gaye Auxier praises **The Anne of Green Gables** series (8 books) by Lucy Maude Montgomery, plus a more recently-released collection of short stories and poetry (2009), **The Blythes are Quoted**. Gaye says: When I returned from a just-before-quarantine jaunt to Canada (including Prince Edward Island), I decided to read this series of books. They are considered classic children's novels, but I found the themes, dilemmas, decisions, misunderstandings, arguments, and outcomes are almost never trivial or juvenile. No magic, internet, or cell phones (and no land lines until the last book or two!) does NOT translate to boring reading. Montgomery's writing is delightful, with some scenes causing me to laugh out loud. I read a couple of episodes to my spouse and he declared, "That's something Mark Twain could have written." High praise indeed.

Final Note: The first three books listed above are in the church library. Unfortunately, the library is currently not open! But those books and the ones recommended by Mary Ann and Gaye are available in other places. Whether you read one of them, or something else entirely, enjoy your reading life and let it uplift you, entertain you, make you think—whatever you need right now. Blessings.



Pastor Donald Batz has been appointed to the Braceville-Mazon charge in the Vermillion River District. Some of you may remember him from when he served our congregation in the early 1970's.



We are sorry to say that the Saturday Book Club is not meeting at this time. Stay tuned for updates as we can't wait to get back together soon.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As a United Methodist Church, under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, the MUMC office keeps track of various statistics as they pertain to its ministries. These statistics, including attendance, small group numbers, and outreach data, are reported to the conference on a weekly basis. Due to the closure of church facilities and the stay-at-home precautions over the last few months, collection of some of this data has been difficult. But as many of you know, the closure of a building does not stop a community of faith from worshipping and connecting

in other ways. We have been blessed by Pastor Danny and family providing online worship services from the parsonage basement, as well as, the introduction of the drive-up church option and the church staff and volunteers have been working on how best to count worship "Attendance" during this time. But, besides tracking attendance, we also track our small groups and outreach opportunities.

Here is where we need your help. Whether it has been through the use of the internet or through outdoor social distancing, various small groups (like Sunday school classes and study groups) have still managed to meet for learning and fellowship. If your group has met in some way since March 15, please let the church office know. The information we need includes name of group, dates the group meet/have met, and how many have attended. A representative from the group is asked to send this info to the church office via email, if possible. Also, if anyone has participated in community outreach, we would like to know about that, as well. Some of the community outreach opportunities our church members have participated in the past included volunteering at the Murphysboro Food Pantry, Feeder of the Pack, Our Neighbor's Table, Meals-On-Wheels, and Relay for Life, among many others. If you have helped any of these groups since the Covid-19 pandemic, please let us know. We also realize outreach has had to take on new forms recently, including mask making, so let us know what other ways you have found to participate in community outreach.

It has been teased that many churches seem to operate within the "That's not how we do it..." or "We've never done it that way..." mentality. As the last few months have proven, our church may not be as tied to that mentality as was once thought. Many blessings as you seek the best way for you and your family to continue to walk by faith.



Bible journaling

Will resume Wed., July 8th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Rosie know if you will be attending to ensure there is adequate spacing available. (Mask must be worn at all times)

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.



Stretching with Rosie will start Friday, July 10th at 9am. Will meet in the Fellowship Hall.



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

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary!

On behalf of myself and the Finance committee I would like to THANK YOU all and Congratulate everyone for their continued giving and tithing during this strange time we find ourselves in.

A shout-out to those who have started to utilize our on-line giving option, we reached a milestone of over \$20,000 in giving on-line since we started in March.



New All Church Family

PRAYER
Service

Every Thursday

5:15 pm Facebook Live

Please join us on Facebook Live 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.



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!

Who would have thought that something as tiny as a virus could be so disruptive? The service & missions committee is hopeful that your prayer life was not as disrupted as the rest of our society. Even if it was though we have great

news!! The community prayer walking ministry has been given permission to resume!! Praise God!! If you have been with us before we pray that you will consider joining us again. Especially if you have not participated before we invite you to join us. We will typically walk eight to ten blocks in groups of 3-4 maintaining required distance praying for God to work in the lives of those in the area and looking for places where God wants to meet with us to further His kingdom. It is hot outside so you will want to wear cool clothing and comfortable shoes. A hat is a good idea for protection as well as sunscreen. Our walks usually last less than 40 minutes or so. We will meet under the pavilion 15 minutes after worship. We will close our walk again at the pavilion with group prayer. Please consider joining us.



8	Brant & Amanda Wingerter	21	Gary & Rosie Wece
12	Randy & Gaye Auxier	24	Mike & Casey Johnstone
14	Richard & Sharon Graff	26	Marty & Delores McNitt
16	Dan & Donna Lynn Horniacek	26	Mark & Deana Twenhafel
17	Loyd & Ruth Ebersohl		

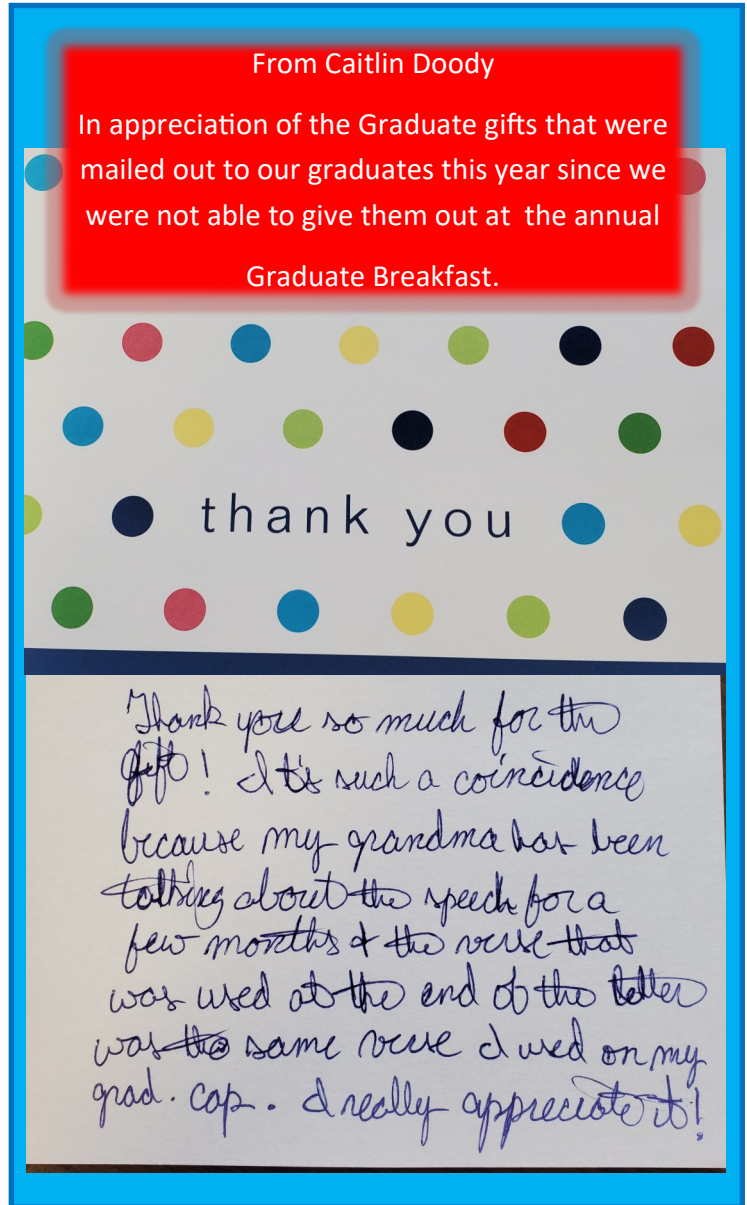


1	Katie Chambers	17	Eugene Stewart
2	Kendra Rushing	18	Brody Geis
3	Tassie Doellman	18	Nikki Krummrich
3	Loyd Ebersohl	18	Olivia Schaldemose
3	Bill Martin	18	Jacob Steward
3	Martell Wright-Brown	19	Bert Ozburn
4	Ruth Ebersohl	20	Willa Addison
6	Viola Parrish	21	Barbara Giffin
6	Marqueece Wright-Brown	21	Jim Hughes
7	Isabella Krummrich	21	Harry Wirth
8	Richard Graff	22	Lillie Schaldemose
8	Jacob Heilig	22	Judith Williams
8	Asia Watson	23	John Imhoff
9	Harper Geis	24	Jennifer O'Donnell
10	Brianna Sitton	25	Ron Moutardier
11	Geraldine Horner	27	Irma Bigham
12	Gene Schwebel	28	Paul Chapman
13	Sharon Jones	29	Brianna Carnes
14	JT Jenkins	29	Kendall Ellermeyer
15	Ashlyn Buck	29	Dacoda Twenhafel
15	Pam Crews	30	Francis Addison
15	Brittni Heilig	31	Debbie Chapman
16	Olliebelle Ridley	31	Tage Green
17	Rhiannon Gally		



I would like to thank everyone who has continued to reach out to me and thank you for all the cards you have sent it is appreciated!

Cliff Buchholz

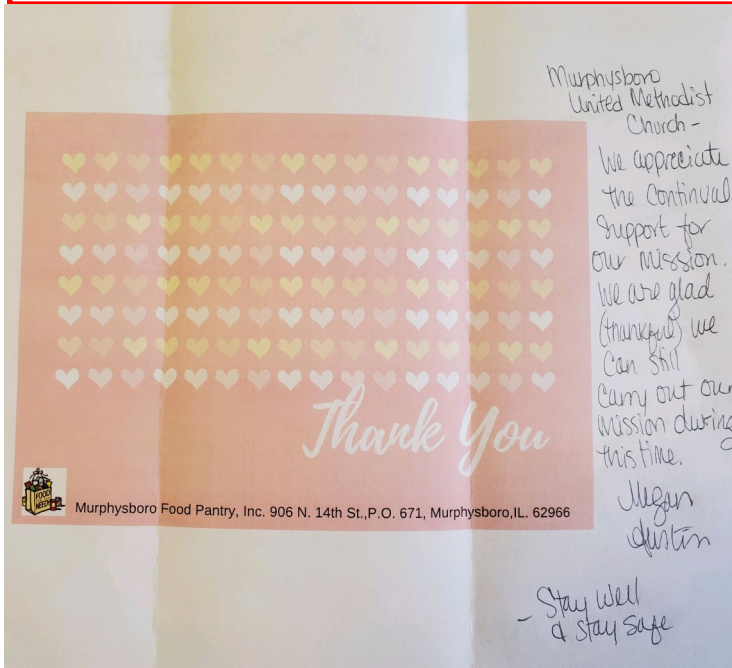


From Caitlin Doody

In appreciation of the Graduate gifts that were mailed out to our graduates this year since we were not able to give them out at the annual Graduate Breakfast.

thank you

Thank you so much for the gift! It's such a coincidence because my grandma has been talking about the speech for a few months & the verse that was used at the end of the letter was the same verse I used on my grad. cap. I really appreciate it!



Murphysboro United Methodist Church - We appreciate the continual support for our mission. We are glad (thankful) we can still carry out our mission during this time. Megan Austin

Stay well & stay safe

"It doesn't seem adequate just to say thank you. But thanks to our church family and friends. A BIG thank you all for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, visit's, and concerns. Blessings to all who provided the delivered meals. It was a great help and blessing. We appreciate all of you. It meant so much knowing others care. A special thanks to Michelle and Mike for the many visits to the hospital, home and for all they do.

Our love to you and God's Blessings. Ralph & Joan Bastien.



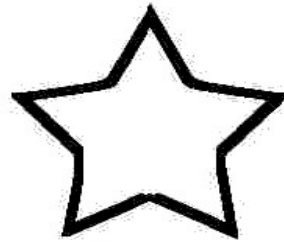
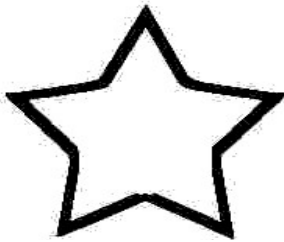


As we continue outdoor worship, each Saturday morning you will receive an email, call, or text plus we will post on Facebook if we will be having in person worship or if we will only have Facebook Live due to the weather forecast for the following day. Please make sure and look for these messages.



God Bless the

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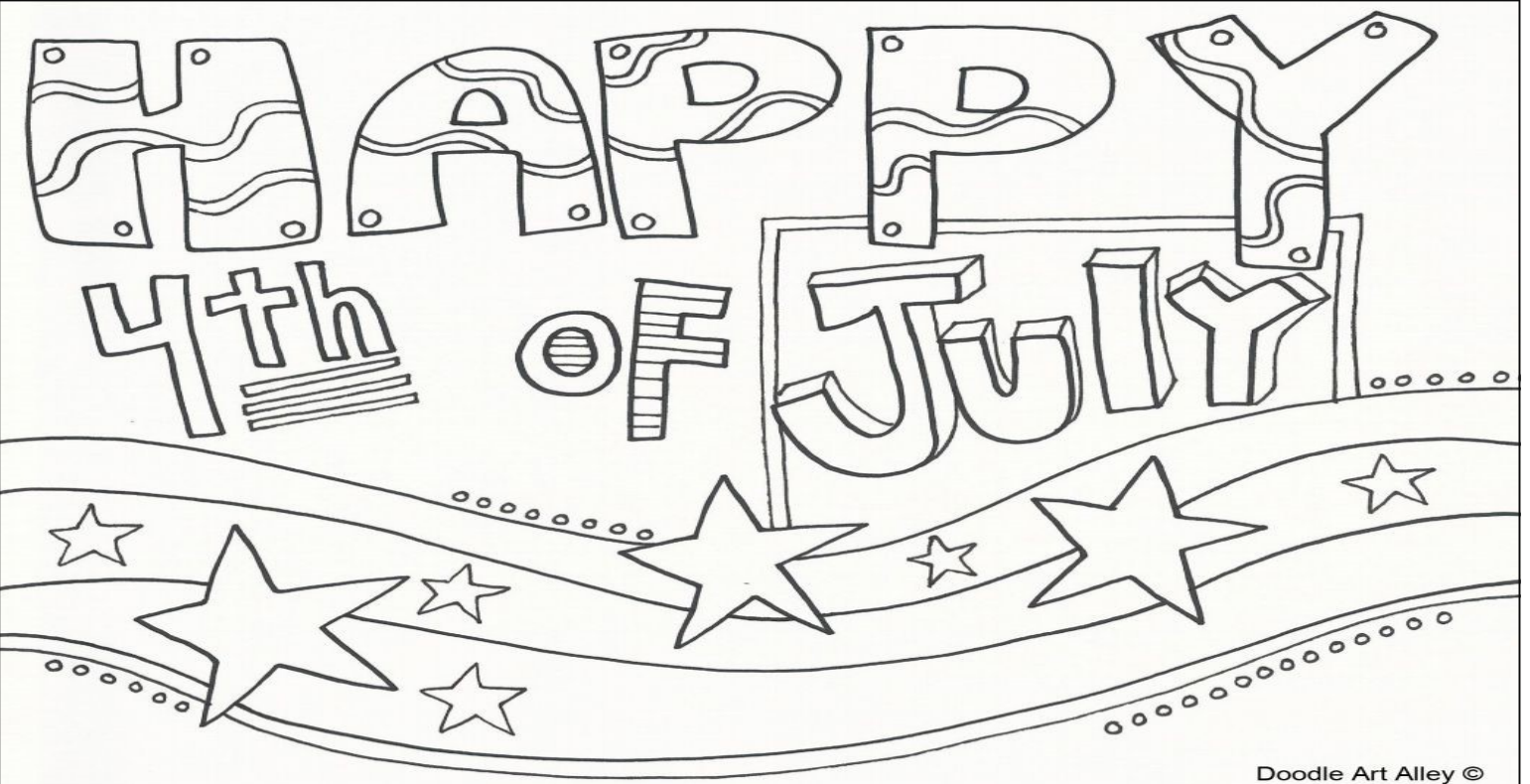


4th of July



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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
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Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
Custodian Pat Sullivan

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

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Caretakers Mike & Casey Johnstone

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