



From the Pastor's Desk

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Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

Our Church's monthly Newsletter is called *The Compass*. A compass implies direction; answering the question, "Where are we going?" In the swirling winds of turbulence and chaos around us, we need a compass. We want to be mindful of the changing winds of ministry and the new demands of our modern time. At the same time, our True North must always be following our God and Savior Jesus Christ as revealed in His Word, the Bible. The times change, but our message stays the same. What it means to be a healthy disciple of Jesus stays the same but how we reach new people with that life-changing Truth needs to adapt to fit the times.

A big part of the change we are seeing is that fewer and fewer people are interested in attending church in person. This trend was already on the rise but has been drastically accelerated by the pandemic. What is our response to these changes? Mainly, we have worked hard over the summer to create quality online worship experiences on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings which can be accessed and watched anytime. The online engagement allows congregants, friends, and visitors to participate in worship, offer prayer requests, and be a part of our church family at distance. We have also added online giving as an option so that we can all give electronically to help support the ministries of the church. This leads us to how we can be working to accomplish our mission in today's climate: making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Our new plan for online Discipleship is Wes Groups! We pray our Wes Groups will offer a clear path to connect with Jesus Christ through the life of our Church. In our time, the main excuses for not engaging in growing as a disciple are; business, inflexible schedules, and concern over the virus. Our Wes Groups will be an online platform that will offer the flexibility of participating alone or in small groups, meeting at any time on any day, engaging at any location, and being effective for adults of any age. The online platform will also allow us to reach beyond our own walls and even our region in a safe and secure way.

Please see more about our Wes Groups on the following pages!

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all,
 Pastor Danny

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



October
Compass
Deadline is
September, 14th

WES GROUPS

FOLLOWING JESUS TODAY @ MUMC



Mission Statement:

To connect with Jesus at MUMC through flexible, safe, high level discipleship.

Vision:

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What is a healthy disciple?

Someone reaching-

- Higher in praise to Jesus Christ
- Wider in outreach and mission to the lost
- Closer in fellowship with the believers
- Deeper into God's True Word, the Bible



We want to prioritize making and growing Disciples for Jesus Christ!

This is why we are launching a new church wide home group platform in **OCTOBER** that features online connectivity. The purpose will be to offer a clear connection path to MUMC that offers flexible, safe, high quality discipleship for today. Adults of any age who choose to join a WesGroup will be able to participate at home, at church, alone, or in groups as they feel most comfortable.

3 WAYS TO ENGAGE IN WESGROUPS

1. Request to join a remote location small group
2. Offer to host a remote location
3. Participate on your own or with your family



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HIGHLIGHTS of the WesGroups

Flexibility

- Participate alone or in groups
- Meet anytime that works for your schedules
- Meet anywhere that you choose
- Adults of all ages can engage

Safety

- Participate in your own home
- Gather as a group with those you see regularly
- Grow closer to Jesus in any environment where you feel safe

High Level Discipleship

- Go Higher in praise, Wider in outreach, Closer in fellowship and Deeper in God's Word!
- Lessons about faith in Jesus Christ and how to live it today
- Pray for and support each other in community
- Help keep each other accountable to growing in Jesus

Who can participate in **WES**Group?

- ✓ Families can engage in discipleship together
- ✓ College students can gather on campus
- ✓ Young adults can gather a few friends and engage over coffee
- ✓ Couples can gather in someone's home
- ✓ Singles can group together and invite friends
- ✓ Men or women could form their own groups
- ✓ Seniors can meet together
- ✓ Adults of any age

What will a normal **WES**Group look like?

Join an online session where we will:

1. Sing songs of praise to Jesus Christ
2. Join in prayer together for ourselves, families, church and country
3. Hear a lesson from Pastor Danny applying historic Methodist beliefs to our modern lives today

Pause the video to:

4. Engage with those physically present in



prepared discussion questions based on the lesson.

5. Pray for each other's walk with Jesus and for any specific requests shared in your group.

What does it cost to join in **WES**Group?

The Bible says the cost of Discipleship is high. In Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" The cost we ask is the commitment of your time, that you faithfully participate each week. If you miss a week, go back and watch the session you missed! There is no financial cost for Wes Groups, but we do ask that you pray about regular giving to the church.

How do I join a **WES**Group?

Contact Michelle Parker Clarke at mumc.visitationminister@gmail.com



Basic Instructions for Coming Back Inside:

1. Wear your mask! (we'll have extra if you forget)
2. Arrive at the service you RSVP'd for 5-20 minutes before service.
3. Maintain 6ft apart on your way in and out (the host team will help)
4. Use the touchless sanitizer on your way in!
5. Please remember: no congregational singing or reciting during worship (in obedience to our denominational leaders)

Additional Reminders for Indoor Worship:

- If you don't feel well stay home!
- Your temperature will be taken at the door.
- If you find that you have come in contact with someone who has tested positive, please contact the church office and stay home for 1 week.
- Restrooms will be available if necessary (upstairs only)
- Only touch the pew that you sit in!
- Please follow all host team instructions for seating and exiting.
- You may worship with your tithes and offerings in the red wall-mounted boxes, online, or through the mail.
- Exit promptly so that the host team will have time to sanitize for the next service.
- If you need to use the elevator, let a host team member know.
- The basement and education wing are closed to all on Sunday morning.
- The building will be completely closed from 10AM Friday through Saturday to ensure cleanliness for Sunday morning.

Did you know that in recent surveys, 30 % of people who don't go to church said they Probably would if they were invited by a friend? Maybe you have someone you have been thinking of inviting to church but couldn't find the right time? Maybe you got away from attending because of the pandemic and church hasn't found its way back into your schedule yet? Maybe you quit coming because someone made you mad. Whatever the reason, the day to return to church is September 20, 2020.



September 20, 2020, is the day we are inviting one and all to reconnect with us in person or online. We will be having a special open-air worship service at the pavilion on the lawn with a larger worship team. We will be able to sing and recite together in accordance with COVID distancing requirements. We will have the entire area as disinfected and prayed over as we possibly can. Some tables are available with restriction due to spacing, but bring your lawn chairs and there is plenty of room and even parking where you can stay in your vehicle and see worship as you hear it on your FM radio in your vehicle. If you do not yet feel safe in returning to live worship, then please join us on our Facebook stream at 10:30 a.m. Live or online please pray about taking this opportunity to reconnect with the God who wants nothing more than to have a relationship with you. As a special bonus & incentive, we will be serving a free box breakfast before and after the worship with more details to be announced as soon as they are finalized. Questions? Call Roger Smith Svc & Missions, 559 8389 or Cheryl Smith 559 8655. The temperature should be nice, Pastor Danny will provide the message and the music will be a mix of hymns & praise music with our awesome worship team. Please join us

ELDERS IN FULL CONNECTION

September 19th, 2020

Daniel Jeremy Motta

What does this mean? To attain Ordination here are the hoops Pastor Danny had to jump through.

- ◆ Two-thirds affirmative vote of BOM and clergy members in full connection.
- ◆ Board of Ordained Ministry Application Process for Elder Full Member
- ◆ Made written application to Clergy Services of Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM)
- ◆ Report of a satisfactory Physical Examination on BOM form
- ◆ Submission of plans and outline for teaching a book or books of the Bible
- ◆ Sermon on a text specified by the BOM
- ◆ Submission of a written response to Disciplinary Questions
- ◆ Submission of a satisfactory credit worthiness report
- ◆ Evaluative statement of “gifts and graces” submitted by District Committee on Ministry
- ◆ Supervision Observation Report submitted by the District Superintendent
- ◆ Been interviewed and recommended by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
- ◆ Election by the Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference in Executive Session
- ◆ Attend introduction at Conference Session

This was all accomplished in the year Pastor Danny has been with us...Pandemic and all!

Pastor Danny will be Ordained on
Saturday, September 19th, 2020
(service type to be determined)

Congratulations Pastor Danny!

from Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee & Members of Murphysboro United Methodist Church

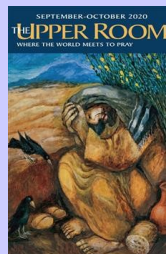


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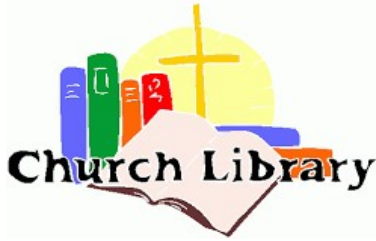
Psalms 17:8

New Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room Devotionals for September & October have arrived and can be found on either the front porch of the Church Office or at the back of the sanctuary!



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.



The Library Corner: Challenging Times

The library remains closed – disappointing, but necessary right now while we as a church try

to be sure that people within our walls remain as safe as possible. When guidelines can be eased, we will rejoice! But meanwhile there are books to read! Here are a few suggestions:

The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor by Justin LaRosa. LaRosa says “Following Jesus is hard.” But this book is good—follow his directions for “methodical prayer” – then read the 3 chapters in this 3-week study: *Loving God, Loving Neighbor, and Loving Your Enemy*. This book will reward you with enhanced faith.

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times by Adam Hamilton. This is one of a number of books about dealing with our fears, which is a good topic for these uncertain times. This book is meant to help us truly embrace Jesus’ recurring words of “do not be afraid.”

Or how about some absorbing fiction? Lynn Austin’s “Refiner’s Fire” series can take your mind off the “now” and take you back to another challenging time—the Civil War. In **A Candle in the Darkness, Fire by Night, and A Light to My Path**, Austin tells the stories of three different women—Southern, Northern, and slave—each of whom faces tough challenges in following her beliefs.

And here are two interesting books for the 4-8-year-old age group: First, **Maybe God is Like This Too** by Jennifer Grant. A young boy asks his grandmother where God is in their city. She tells him to pay attention to where he sees the Fruits of the Spirit, and through his day he sees examples of love, kindness, patience, etc. In the **Good Good Father** Chris Tomlin and Pat Barrett weave a tale of little Tucker the bear who needs help. By the book’s end he finds out that God truly is the Good Good Father, who loves him -- and everyone.

Saturday Book Club

In keeping with these very different times our **August** book club meeting was also different. For one thing we met by Zoom. *Each of us in our own living space, but meeting in a common space to talk about books.* This month our Book Club readers reported to the group about interesting books they have recently read. And here’s our report to you!

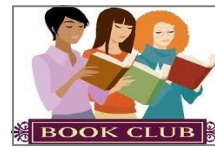
Vern Cline talked about **The Hate You Give** by Angie Thomas, and **Becoming** by Michelle Obama.

Mary Ann Hinchcliff discussed **The Girl You Left Behind** by Jojo Moyes, plus **A Warrior of the People: How Susan LaFleche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America’s First Indian Doctor** by Joe Starita.

Susan Patterson told the group about **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout.

Deb Severa discussed **I Never Had it Made: An Autobiography of Jackie Robinson** by Jackie Robinson and Alfred Duckett, and **Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague** by Maggie O’Farrell. Here’s a hint about this book—Hamnet’s father was a playwright, who wrote a famous play with a very similar name. :)

Thelma Pierson (in a later phone call) recommended **The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women** by Kate Moore and **The Child Finder** by Rene Denfeld.



Join in with the Saturday Book Club
Saturday, September 19th at 10:15

If you are not on the Zoom invitation list you can join by contacting:

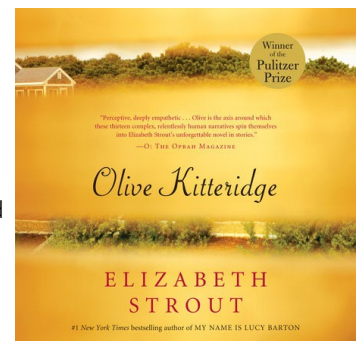
susan.patterson37@yahoo.com

We will discuss **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout.

At times stern, at other times patient, at times perceptive, at other times in sad denial, Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large, but she doesn’t always recognize the changes in those around her: a lounge musician haunted by a past romance; a former student who has lost the will to live; Olive’s own adult child, who feels tyrannized by her irrational sensitivities; and her husband, Henry, who finds his loyalty to his marriage both a blessing and a curse.

As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life – sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Olive Kitteridge offers profound insights into the human condition – its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires.



MUMC
Saturday
Morning

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.

Mark your calendars. Our Charge Conference has been set for October 20th at 5:30 pm. This years conference will be done as a zoom meeting. Look for more information in the October Compass.

Choir Practice has resumed if you are interested in joining the choir. Join us every Wednesday at 6pm in the Sanctuary!



Did you know ?

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. **Create a digital account.** A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
2. **Link your Card to an organization.** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
 - a. Sign in to your digital account.
 - b. Click on Community Rewards, under Community at the bottom of the page.
 - c. Search for your organization. (Murphysboro United Methodist Church is listed)

3. **Your organization earns.** Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.



Wed., Sept 9th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Rosie know if you will be attending to ensure there is adequate spacing available.

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
Fridays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



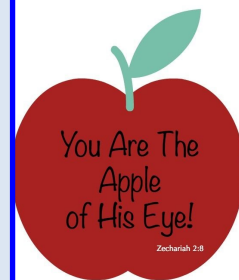


The Church Office is currently accepting monetary donations through September 11th for Robert Green who lost his mobile home to a fire last week. Robert is the gentleman who mows the Murphysboro church property. He also helps with lawn maintenance for several of our church members so you may know him. You can send your donation to the office by way of putting it in your offering envelope, or by mailing check or gift card to the office with a memo for Robert Green. These gifts will be given to him by Rob Williams Board of Trustees Chair on behalf of MUMC congregation.

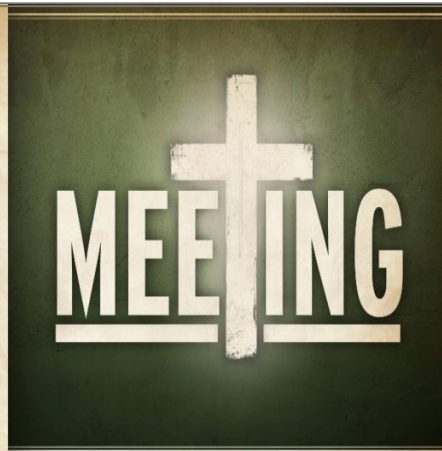


Keep
Checking
back!

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



CHURCH COUNCIL



Reminder to our Church Council members. Our Leadership retreat will be held on Sunday, September 13th. Look for more emails on time, location, and/or zoom access.



We will have our monthly meetings Saturday, September 12th, 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 .



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.



Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child has participated in the children and youth ministries of Murphysboro United Methodist Church and/or Agape House within the last year or so. At Murphysboro UMC and Agape House we love to see children and teens grow in their faith and in their relationship with the Lord. So you can imagine how very sad we were when we had to stop all children and youth ministries during the spring/summer due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Now that restrictions are lifting and we have put safety measures in place, we are eager to get back to offering children and youth programs for your family.

Unfortunately, the Agape House facility is too small to continue Wednesday night programming with social distancing safe practices. After much prayer, we have decided to combine Murphysboro UMC's Wednesday night children's program, **BLAST** (K-5th) with **Agape House** (K-12th) at Murphysboro UMC for the time being. Murphysboro UMC's **Youth Ministry** (6th-12th) will also be joining Wednesday evenings for worship and Bible study with the Agape House youth.

So, what does all this mean for your children/youth?

- ALL Agape House **children (K-5th)** and **youth (6th-12th)** are invited to attend Murphysboro UMC's Wednesday night children and youth programs.
 - ◊ Transportation will be available for those who need a ride from DeSoto, pick up will be at Agape House at 5:40PM
- MUMC children and youth can be dropped off at 6PM and picked up at 7:35PM at MUMC.

What will Wednesday nights look like?

- We will provide an individually packaged meal outside
- We will all worship together outside (with masks on!)
- The youth will go inside for (socially distant) Bible study and fellowship
- The children will have an engaging lesson outside(25 minutes), then proceed inside for small group time (25 minutes) for a socially distant activity.

What safety precautions will be taken?

All CDC recommended guidelines will be followed at all times including:

- Masks will be worn by children and adults at all times, except for 20 minutes during dinner outside.
- We will maintain 6ft distancing at all times, this includes while outside too.

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- Everyone's temperature will be checked at check-in. If the temp is over 101.4, the child/youth/adult will not be able to stay. (Agape House children & youth will have their temps checked before leaving Desoto)
- No common objects will be shared. i.e. Any craft supplies and materials will be individually packaged for each child.
- No singing indoors. When singing outdoors masks will be required as well as 6ft distancing.
- We will postpone all activities and communicate with everyone if someone should test positive

When will our programming take place?

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday starting **September 16th** from **6-7:30pm** (bonus Wednesday, September 30th)

Sept 16th Back to Church BLAST!!

Sept 30th BLAST & Youth Group

Oct 7th & Oct 21st BLAST & Youth Group

Nov 4th & Nov 18th BLAST & Youth Group

For safety reasons your child will need to be registered prior to attending.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THIS LINK!!

<https://blastregistration.typeform.com/to/FGjRck>





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. Septembers walk will be on Sunday the 13th.
Please meet outside under the pavilion.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2	Rob & MaryJane Williams	14	Mike & Sharon Jones
3	Morgan & Nikki Krummrich	17	Ben & Jennie Snyder
4	Mike & Michelle Clark	22	Marty & Jill Rogers
9	Jake & Amanda Ashworth	26	Katie & Lee Stewart
10	Jim & Barb Hughes	28	Dan & Beverley Jarrett
13	John & Julie Erbes		



1	Nancy Vallino	16	Stephanie Finke
2	James Bean	16	Jesse Miller
4	Erin Mileur	19	Roger Smith
6	Andrew Graham	20	Dan Jarrett
6	George Sauer	20	Betty Kiel
7	Amanda Ripley	21	Megan Blackwell Brown
9	Todsheon Cole	22	Oma Lee Jacobs
9	James Heilig	22	James Stewart
9	Taylor Moutardier	26	Robert Kinslow
10	Malcom Johnstone	26	Brenda O'Connor
10	Cole McNitt	27	Maurice Valliant
11	Tena Bigham	28	Rob Graeff
11	Ron Kiser	28	Julia Huppert
11	Robin Sievert	28	Conner Twenhafel
11	Kelle Ticer	29	Curt Presley
11	Amanda Wingerter	30	Ryan Guthman
14	Matthew Polk	30	Ashley Runge
16	Bill Crawshaw		



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Thank you for the generous donation of school supplies and gift cards for the 20-21 school year. We are very grateful for the help. Your kindness is appreciated.
Kate + Carruthers Staff

A Thank you received from one of the Schools that the donations were taken to after our Backpack Attack Sunday!

Patriot Day



September 11th

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"A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace."

James 3:18 ESV



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Labor Day WORD SEARCH



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- LABORDAY
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- POLICEOFFICER
- SANITATIONENGINEER
- TEACHER
- WAITRESS

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Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604

E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com

Website: www.crossandflameministries.com



**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

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Danny Motta
Minister of Visitation Michelle Parker-Clark
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Custodian Pat Sullivan

MUMC Site Staff

Ministry Director Michelle Parker-Clark
Church Secretary Melba Ziegler
Pianist/Organist Rotating
Choir Director Elaina Crenshaw
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Children/Youth Ministry Vacant
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