



From the Pastor's Desk

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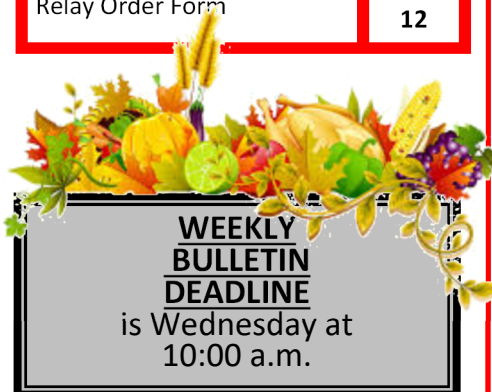
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Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

Disciple is an old-fashioned word. Yet this is the mission that Jesus set for us in Matthew 28 before He ascended into heaven, "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations..." At our recent Church Council Leadership retreat in September, we talked about our congregational need to have a laser focus on the mission: making disciples of Jesus Christ. It is an old-fashioned word, but one we need to reclaim!

What is a Disciple of Jesus Christ? To help us get our minds around that question, here's the simplest answer I know of: a disciple is someone who follows Jesus. At Murphysboro United Methodist, and in other Christian churches, we go a little deeper with these four words: Higher, Wider, Closer, Deeper. A healthy disciple is one who is reaching Higher in worship of Jesus, and Wider in inviting others while drawing Closer in Christian fellowship and digging Deeper into God's True Word. This is what we simply must be all about.

Some of the main ways we'll be focusing on making disciples is through Sunday morning worship, our WESGroups, and our Youth and Children's programming. Sunday morning is where the body of Christ must gather together each and every week (whether in person or online) to worship God, draw closer together, and receive and be transformed by God's Word. Our Children's program (BLAST) is where our K-5th grade will be growing as disciples and inviting friends to join them and our youth program (6-12th) is the same for our teens. The virus has hit both Sunday morning and weekday activities hard, but I'm excited to say that by the grace of God (and lots of hard work from both staff and volunteers) all are meeting again and the Spirit is on the move!

Our new plan for adult Discipleship is WESGroups! We pray our WESGroups 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 busyness, inflexible schedules, and concern over the virus. Our WESGroups will be an online discipleship program (utilizing the Facebook 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 WESGroups below!

Let's work together to make disciples, reclaiming that important word and mission in our Church for the Glory of God! Invite people to worship!! Invite people to our youth program! Invite parents to register their kids for BLAST! Sign up for WESGroups and invite others to do the same! From there we can get folks engaged in our missions and outreach, and the Kingdom of God will grow!

Two more things:

First, our stewardship campaign is coming up in November. How we use our finances for the Lord is also a big part of being a faithful disciple. As you can imagine, the ramifications of the virus and the economic shut down mean we'll all need to work together to make it through 2021. More information to come in November!

Second, our Charge Conference will be October 20th, 100% online through Zoom. If you would like to participate, please email the church office and as the date draws closer we will send you the link to log into the Conference.

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all,
 Pastor Danny

WES GROUPS

FOLLOWING JESUS TODAY@MUMC



Mission Statement:

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

Vision:

We pray our WesGroups will offer a clear path to connect with Jesus Christ through the life of our Church.

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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.

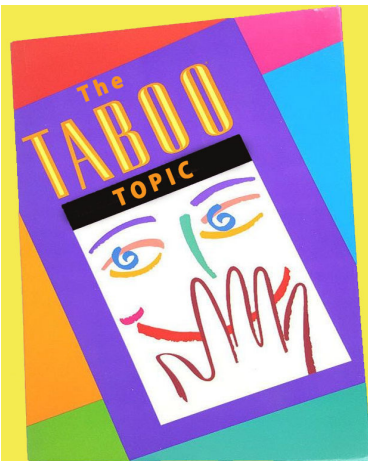
What does it cost to join in **WES**Group?

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



November Sermon Series Stewardship!

Bible Topic - Money

A Root of Evil

Running Over

An Alternate Lord

Forfeit unto the Lord



Back to church Sunday



Cards for a Cure

COVID-19 has impacted all of our lives this year, but it hasn't slowed down cancer. The Methodists on a Mission team is still working hard to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Cancer doesn't stop, cancer doesn't sleep. What has slowed down is our mobility. We aren't getting out to shop or dine like we used to, but we still need to remember family and friends with cards and gifts. Now is the perfect time to load up on gift cards for the upcoming holiday season.

For every gift card you purchase from our team, a percentage will be donated to our local ACS Relay For Life. You don't have to pay any extra for this because the merchants will kick-in the percentage to be donated. It's a Win-Win for everyone.

Just fill out the order form (at end of newsletter) with your payment. There are several ways to submit your form: 1. Give it to one of our team members: Nancy Fager, Sharon Graff, Sharon Jones, Kathy Ripley, Gene Schwebel, Lela Sternberg, Nicci Steele, Jennifer Watson, Wilma Westerfield

2. Mail the completed form and payment to Wilma Westerfield, 303 S. Pecan, DeSoto, IL 62924

by **November 2nd**.

We will place only one order this year, and this date will allow us to have the gift cards by Thanksgiving. The cards will be picked up at the Church Office.

We really appreciate all of the orders we get from our church family to help us in our fight against cancer.



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. Everyone in the church is invited to attend. Once we receive the Zoom information we will get the information out to the congregation.

Join in with the Saturday Book Club

Now meeting via Zoom

Each of us in our own living space, but meeting in a common space to talk about books

Saturday, October 17th at 10:30

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

susan.patterson37@yahoo.com or laverne_cline@yahoo.com

We will discuss **A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor**, by Joe Starita

The poignant and moving biography of Susan La Flesche Picotte, the first Native American doctor in U.S. history. On March 14, 1889, she received her medical degree—becoming the first Native American doctor in U.S. history. She earned her degree thirty-one years before women could vote and thirty-five years before Indians could become citizens in their own country.

By age twenty-six, this fragile but indomitable Native woman became the doctor to her tribe. Overnight, she acquired 1,244 patients scattered across 1,350 square miles of rolling countryside with few roads. Her patients often were desperately poor and desperately sick—tuberculosis, small pox, measles, influenza—families scattered miles apart, whose last hope was a young woman who spoke their language and knew their customs.

This is the story of an Indian woman who effectively became the chief of an entrenched patriarchal tribe, the story of a woman who crashed through thick walls of ethnic, racial and gender prejudice, then spent the rest of her life using a unique bicultural identity to improve the lot of her people—physically, emotionally, politically, and spiritually.



We are taking a break

for this month. We will be back next month !

See you then!



All Saints' Sunday
November 1st
During both worship services

We will honor loved ones who have passed on between November 2019 and now. If you would like to have your loved one added to the list please contact Melba in the Church Office no later than October 22nd.



Bible Journaling Class will be changing the time and day for their class to the second Monday of

each month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall beginning on October 12th. Please wear a mask; there will be a maximum of 10 people for this class with one person to a table.

You may be wondering if you need a Journaling Bible for this class. The purpose for this monthly class is two-fold. The first important part is to get deeper into the Word so whether you create in your Bible, in a journal, a planner, on a card or a plain piece of paper, the key is that you are learning Scripture or reminding yourself of Scripture you already know.

Secondly, you will learn how to create beautiful Bible/journal pages documenting your faith! We use colored pencils, gelatos, acrylic paint, traceables, napkin art and much more.

If you would like to see what Bible Journaling is all about, come to a class and see for yourself. You can also join our group on Facebook, "Journaling Your Faith", where photos from previous classes are posted.

You may also contact Rosie Wece or Patti Mills for information about the Bible Journaling Class.

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.



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



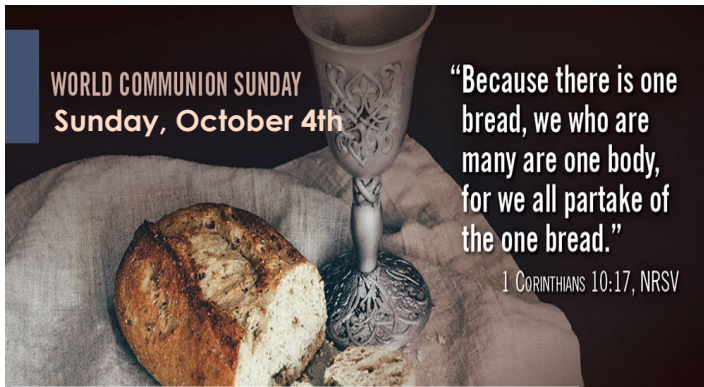
7 PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH



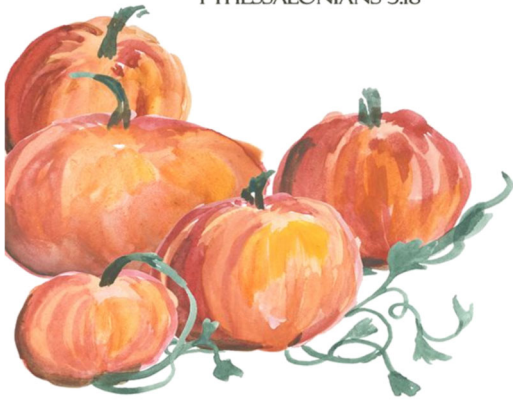
Any group of 10 or less who would like to meet inside the church building must contact the church office before doing so. Most importantly so we can ensure the space being used is cleaned before and after meeting for everyone's safety, and to ensure we are following all guidelines in place for number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

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





In all things,
GIVE THANKS.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



We will have our monthly meetings Saturday, October 10th, 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 .



Join us for worship, games, and fellowship at this beautiful Southern Illinois location . If we have your email you will be receiving an email invite the first week of October. If you don't receive it you may call or email the church office to let us know if you will be attending. Please let us know one way or another by October 7th to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Mask will be required if you choose to enter Welcome Center.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We are still waiting on the final decision from the City of Murphysboro on what we will allowed to do for Trunk or Treat! As soon as we find out we will let you all know.



**prayer
& praise
SERVICE**

**FACEBOOK LIVE
THURSDAY AT 5:15PM**

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.



We have a lot of careful, safe, socially distant fun planned as well as opportunities to grow in our faith and love for Jesus Christ together!



Our plan is to have Bible Study and worship every other Wednesday night, and a variety of carefully selected, safe fun activities once or twice a month on Sundays!

Safety Precautions:

Please know that CDC guidelines will be carefully followed during each activity. Including:

- Masks will be worn
- 6ft distancing at all times
- Temp checks at check in (when indoors)
- No common objects will be shared
- Only professionally prepared or factory pre-wrapped food will be eaten
- There will be no singing indoors
- We will postpone activities and communicate with everyone if someone should test positive

Here is the SCHEDULE FALL 2020!

(For Sunday activities, just text Diane (618-303-3757) and please invite friends!!)

October:

Wednesday the 7th Youth Worship and Bible Study 6:7:30PM

Sunday the 11th: All Church Trail Day 3-6PM

Sunday the 18th StL ZOO Trip 1-7PM

Wednesday the 21st Youth Worship and Bible Study 6:7:30PM

November:

Wednesday the 4th Youth Worship and Bible Study 6:7:30PM

Sunday the 8th: Bon-Fire Wiener Roast 5-7PM (Location TBD)

Wednesday the 18th Youth Worship and Bible Study 6:7:30PM

Sunday the 22nd Movie Night at Church 5-7PM

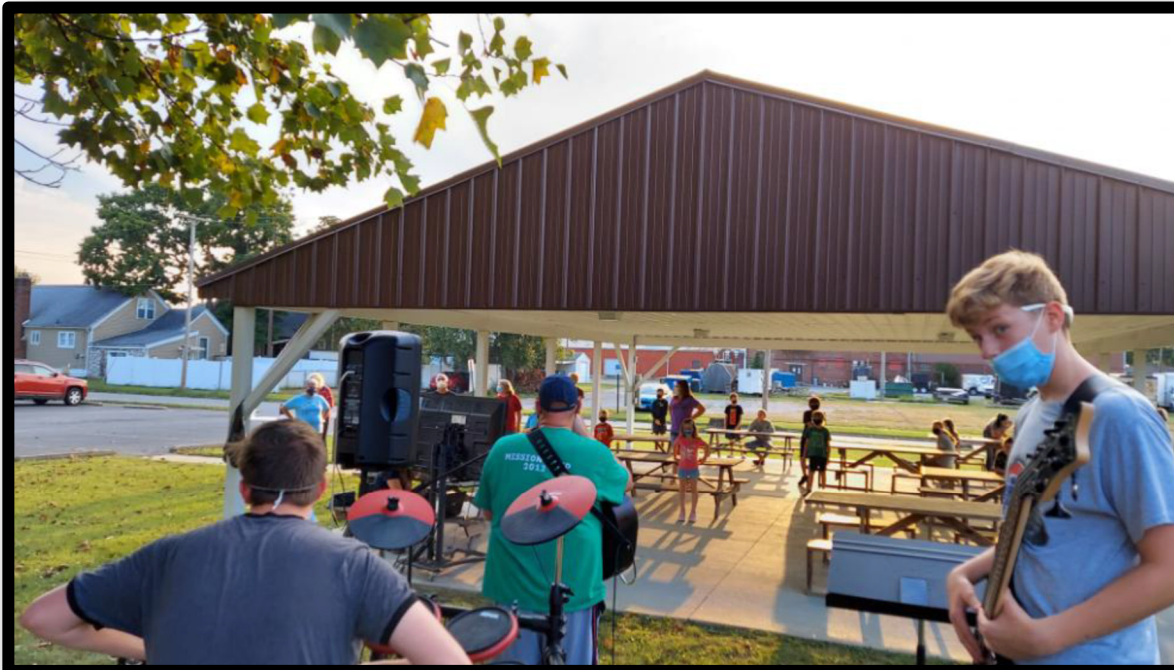


We are excited to announce that the church Trustees have given the green light to the MUMC Children's Ministry to create a dedicated Children's area with a fresh look! The purpose of this exciting change is to create a Children's Ministry space that is **safe**, **inviting** and **functional**. Some of the improvements include moving all children's rooms to one floor of the education wing, a family check-in area, a dedicated children's worship space, fresh paint and new signage. We want to give a special thank you to the family of Rev. Earl and Sandra Renshaw. It is with their blessing we will use the Renshaw Memorial Fund to make these improvements.

Our first BLAST in months felt like a small family reunion! I have missed the kiddos that are a part of the family of God here at Murphysboro UMC so much that when I saw some of them for the first time in months I couldn't stop smiling. Of course, that smile was under a mask but nevertheless, it was so good to see many of them and I could tell they were smiling under their masks too! The biggest praise of the night was how many kiddos and adults attended! We had 19 children/youth and 14 adults attend. Once again, the Lord proved Himself faithful!

Truth be told, I had doubted, agonized and argued with God for the past several months about the Back to BLAST event. *"What if only 2 kids show up?"*, *"Why are we having a children's event right NOW?"*, *"I've never planned a Children's event that requires social distancing--I just can't!!"* About a week before the event the Lord gently reminded me that I was not trusting Him enough. I was letting fear rule the day. When I asked Danny to do a devotional on fear, he chose Deut 31:8, **"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."** How appropriate! I needed to hear that verse. The Lord himself went before me, He went before the volunteers, He went before the children and He was with us! God showed up and because of Him I was able to trust and obey rather than be afraid and discouraged. Thank you, LORD! And thank you parents for trusting us with your precious kiddos!

Karen Motta





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. Octobers walk will be on Sunday the 11th.

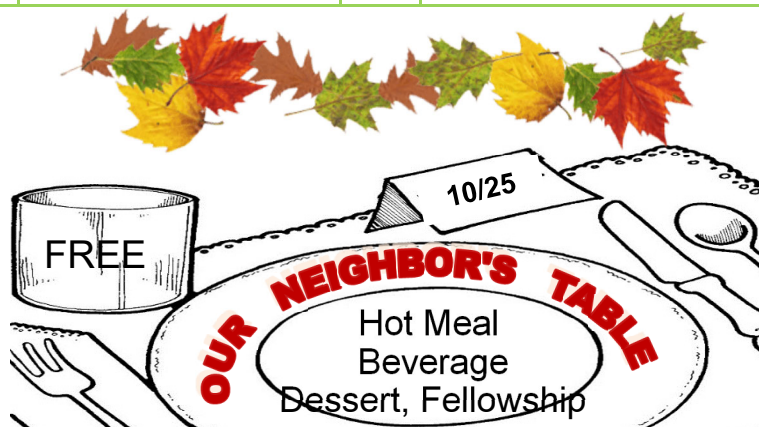
Please meet outside under the pavilion.



5	Kyle & Emily Hargraves	12	JT & Bethany Jenkins
5	Richard & Lynn Pierson	15	Bill & Carla Quigley
5	James & Shelia Stewart	16	Harold & Marlene Gibbs
9	Ryan & Brooke Guthman	26	Roger & Sharon Medlen
11	Todd & Robin Sievert		

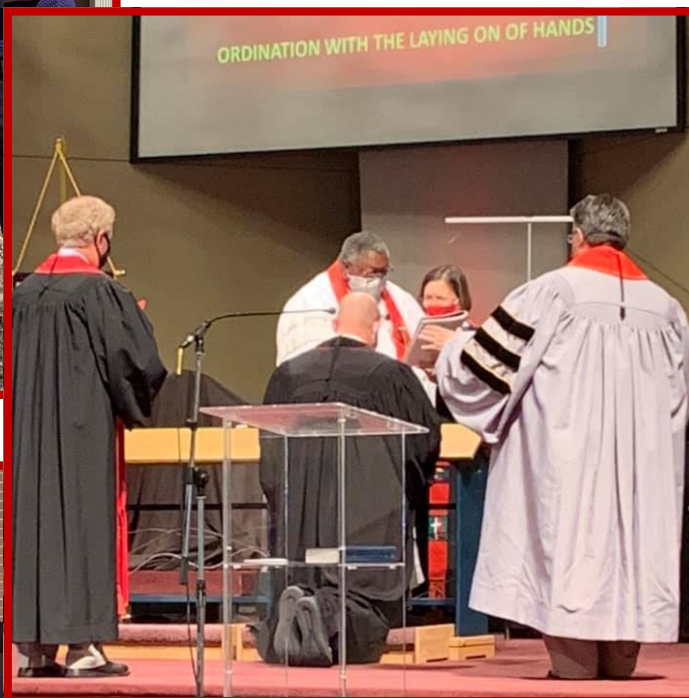


1	Jaylah Maynor	15	MaryJane Williams
2	Rosella Young	16	Asa Motta
5	Ken Cline	18	Andy McNitt
5	Jamie Stuck	19	Adam Barringer
7	Jennifer Watson	21	Larry Gilbert
8	Allison Vandenberg	21	Jennie Snyder
8	Ellen McNitt	22	Gary Wece
9	Lora Bitner	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
9	Carolyn Ozburn	25	Julie Peterson
9	Hanna Wece	26	Cheri Grover
9	Susan Wirth	26	Nicci Steele
11	Amber Smith	28	Brandon Miller
12	Elizabeth Lovell	28	Ben Snyder
12	Rick Runge	28	Margie Stilley
13	Braden Miller	28	Barbara Zimmerman
14	Blake Niesporek	30	Kyle Quigley
15	Maya Jenkins	30	London Watson



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH





— Blessings on Your Ordination! —

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."
~ John 15:16



Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life Team

Mail form & payment to: Wilma Westerfield, 303 S. Pecan St, Desoto, IL 62924, or give it to a team member: Sharon Graff, Sharon Jones, Nancy Fager, Kathy Ripley, Nicci Steele, Lela Sternberg, Gene Schwebel, Jennifer Watson, or Wilma by 11/02/2020

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

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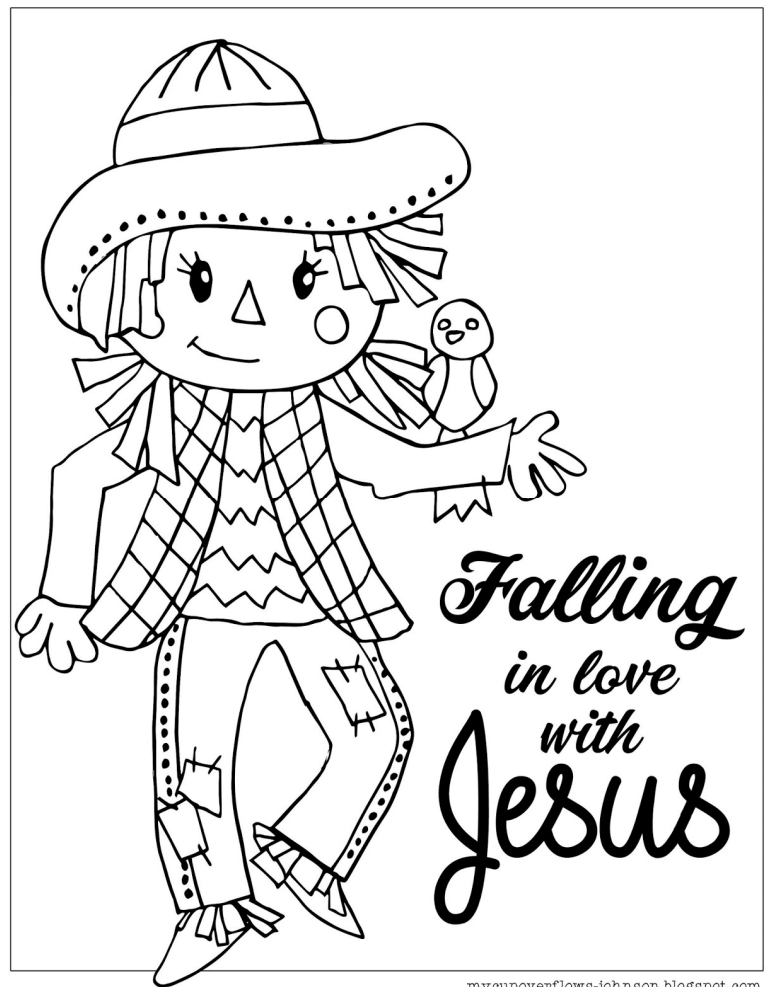
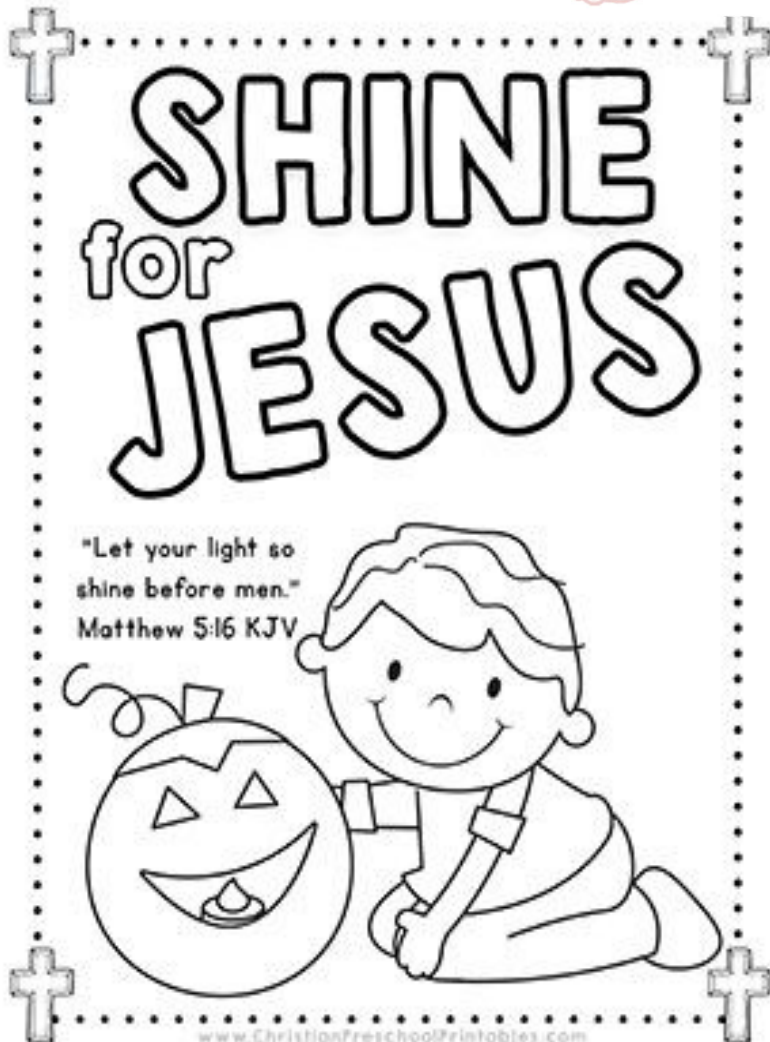
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Methodists on a Mission, Relay for Life Team

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**Jesus said to his disciples,
"Do this in remembrance of me."**



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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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
Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
Custodian Pat Sullivan

MUMC Site Staff

Ministry Director Michelle Parker-Clark
Church Secretary Melba Ziegler
Pianist/Organist Rotating
Choir Director Elaina Crenshaw
Nursery Attendant Ashlee Sanders/Leah Wachtel

Agape House Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Vacant
Caretakers Mike & Casey Johnstone

Return Service Requested

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