



From the Pastor's Desk

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Happy New Year to all in Christ Jesus!

Christmas Eve worship was a beautiful joy to be a part of and to experience with you all! I offer heartfelt thanks to all who served to help make worship happen both online and in-person, and to every one of you who came out to worship or joined us online! What a beautiful time celebrating our Savior's birth! As we begin the New Year together, we will do so in worship both in-person and online. We are very thankful to the Lord that the numbers we are watching for Jackson County are doing so much better, and to our MUMC Council for prayerfully voting to let us gather!

We will continue to prayerfully evaluate as we move into the New Year but for January, plan on in-person worship at 9AM and 10:30AM (with all of our previous safe practices in place), and streaming online continuing at 9AM. We will also offer nursery at 10:30AM! We hope to recommence other ministries as well, so please be in prayer for our Church Council as we will revisit our building usage when we meet this month! Everyone is welcome! We are offering the two services to ensure that we have plenty of room!

Our New Year's sermon series is called "Turning the Page." We began the discussion together Dec 27th, and I believe this is a conversation it's important for us to have together. We're all ready for '2020' to be over, but how is God calling us to turn the page? There are many directions that we will be tempted to take and may even be encouraged to take. Some voices will tell us to simply forget 2020 and put it out of our minds. Some may basically encourage us to bubble wrap our lives and never leave home again. Others may feel the need, out of frustration and fear, to protest some cause and find a channel for their anger.

I don't believe any of the above responses will honor and bring the most glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ. In our "Turning the Page" series, we'll remember and honor the story that has already been, learning from the pages we've already read, but we will encourage each other as we turn the page to 2021 not to despair, but to press on with courage in the Name of Jesus, by His grace alone and together as the Church! Again, whatever 2021 brings, we'll face it together. When the going gets tough, God's people lean on Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church!

"Best of all, God is with us!"

Blessings to all,
Pastor Danny

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



February
Compass
Deadline is
January, 18th

GOT YOU COVERED DIAPER MINISTRY

There are several government and private programs to help low-income families access healthy foods, but it can be harder for families with babies to get diapers and related supplies.

The pandemic, it seems, has made it even more challenging for young families to afford diapers, disposable training pants, wipes, and ointment – all necessary for healthy children.

Got You Covered (GYC) diaper program was officially incorporated as a nonprofit organization in November 2018. In 2019, the organization gave away 17,000 diapers in Williamson and Jackson counties, and a few outlying areas.

This year, the organization has helped even more families as 21,600 diapers have been distributed during 2020, an increase of almost 30% above last year.

The shortage of diaper assistance for low-income families is a common problem nationally. According to the National Diaper Bank Network, one in three families struggle to buy diapers for their babies. The network, a nonprofit that raises awareness about the need for diapers and diaper banks across the U.S., estimates that it costs \$80 monthly on average to keep one baby in diapers.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is the only federal assistance program that can be used to buy diapers, but most families also use those funds to supplement other basic living expenses, including heat, utility bills, rent, clothing and transportation. Neither the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program cover diapers and wipes.

GYC tries to make it as convenient as possible to help families get diapers. The nonprofit relies on a number of volunteers who act as “runners” and take diapers to established drop-off points, such as city offices or businesses that have agreed to help. Parents can then pick them up at a location and time convenient for them.

Diapers are available to families in sizes premature through 7; GYC also offers swim diapers. Pull-Ups training pants are available in sizes 2T to 5T, and adult diaper sizes for older children with special needs are made available upon request.

On behalf of my close friend and co-founder, Evelyn Fuqua, our Board of Directors, and myself, I would like to thank the congregation of the Murphysboro United Methodist Church for supporting Got You Covered with the 2020 Christmas offering. Your generosity will help us continue to fulfill our mission statement to “provide diapers, wipes, and diaper cream to children in need.” May God bless you in 2021!

Michelle Parker-Clark, President

Got You Covered Diaper Ministry

The Saturday Book Club

Now meeting via Zoom. Each of us in our own living space, but all meeting in a common space to talk about books.

January 16th at 10:30 ~ The Woman in the Moonlight ~ By Patricia Morrisroe ~ A stirring and romantic historical novel about nineteenth-century Vienna and the tragedy and dynamic passion that inspired Ludwig van Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

Vienna, 1800. Countess Julie Guicciardi's life is about to change forever. The spirited eighteen-year-old is taking piano lessons with Ludwig van Beethoven, the most talented piano virtuoso in the musical capital of Europe. She is captivated by his volatile genius, while he is drawn to her curiosity and disarming candor. Between them, a unique romance. But Beethoven has a secret he's yet to share, and Julie is harboring a secret of her own, one so scandalous it could destroy their perfect love story.

When Beethoven discovers the truth, he sets his emotions to music, composing a mournful opus that will become the Moonlight Sonata. The haunting refrain will follow Julie for the rest of her life. Set against the rich backdrop of nineteenth-century Vienna, The Woman in the Moonlight is an epic tale of love, loss, rivalry, and political intrigue.

Read Ahead Book for February: The Secret to Hummingbird Cake by Celeste Fletcher McHale

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

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

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2021
THE UPPER ROOM
WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

New Upper Room Devotionals



The Upper Room Devotionals for November & December 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.

Turning the Page!

January 2021 Sermon Series



February thru March Sermon Series

THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:1-14

Jesus in the Gospel of John

A New Year
IS GOD'S GIFT

In the joyful moments—
thank Him.

In the busy moments—
bless Him.

In the trying moments—
trust Him.

In the quiet moments—
praise Him.

—ROY LESSIN

Please note there will NOT be a Prayer & Praise on January 7th, 2021

prayer & praise

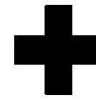
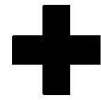
SERVICE

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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.



Happy New Year, families!
 We pray you and your family had a wonderful and sweet time together celebrating the birth of our Savior.

We just finished celebrating the Word of God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. So to live into that truth, we invite you and your family into a renewed (or even new) commitment to being in God's Word daily. There is no better foundation we can give our children than that of the solid, unchanging, perfect Word of God. Because we want the Bible to become part of your everyday family life, we will be using Vanessa Myer's *12 Month Family Scripture Challenge*. It's a simple but great way to get busy families reading and discussing God's Word together.

How it works: Each month you will be given 30 Scriptures (*through Email, Facebook Group and the Compass*) that relate to the theme for the month. Each Scripture is usually 1-2 verses. Your family can do this together at breakfast, in the car, at dinner, or wherever you are together the most. There is no right or wrong place to be when reading the Bible together as a family. So find the time and place that is most convenient for you.

We pray this challenge will create a love of diving into God's Word for each member of your family.

Our January theme is **TRUST!**

God Bless,
 MUMC Children's Ministry

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Greetings Youth and Parents!

As we begin the New Year there is a lot to think about, communicate and discuss and of course, the virus makes everything more complicated and by nature somewhat uncertain. It's all the more difficult because we cannot all gather in person to meet and have these discussions. Here I have broken down what I know so far in the main categories we need on our radar...

Youth Group gatherings:

We hope to begin back in February with the pattern we got going last fall ☐ Youth Bible Study at 6pm on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, along with a slate of fun activities on select Sunday afternoons! We'll hope to have that schedule out soon! We can't wait to start meeting again!

Confirmation Class:

This will be open to any of your youth who have not yet been confirmed in the 6th-9th grade range. More information will be sent directly to those involved, but just in case we've missed anyone, here are the details: virus permitting we hoped to begin in February and run through April, but if we feel it is necessary we must we may delay a month. We plan to meet on Sundays after second service (11:30AM), with a short retreat and group project planned as part of the fun!

Mission Trip:

Because we have not been able to meet, it's been difficult to have discussions and make decisions about our mission trip for summer 2021. As it stands, we have our whole deposit and first payment still on record with Group Missions for us to use this Summer. The best dates I'm looking at are June 27th-July 3rd to Michigan! It's of course difficult to make firm plans with the virus, but if you are interested in coming to serve (or chaperone) PLEASE contact me asap so I can begin to submit our numbers and get our preparations underway.

Many blessing to you all in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Danny



How can we pray for Agape House?

Please keep praying for the Agape House youth and children. Unfortunately, we have not been able to use the Agape House building for ministry since March due to Covid restrictions.

We also want to continue praying for the Lord to lead us to a director for that ministry.

When will BLAST return?

Our hope and prayer was to begin BLAST in February. Please pray for our Children's Ministry leaders as they discern the best way to move forward. Keep an eye out for any news regarding BLAST on our MUMC Children's Ministry Facebook Group.



Greetings potential confirmands and parents,

I pray this letter finds you all well! We all know how difficult 2020 was, but I pray that God gives us the grace to hold our confirmation classes this Spring as normally as possible! As I'm sure you know

this is a very important time in the life of our young people when assure that they learn the essential truths of the faith together and are given the opportunity to affirm their personal commitment to Jesus Christ in front of the congregation!

There will be four essential components: The parent meetings, the classroom discussions, a retreat and a project. The first and last sessions will require parental participation and will cover your role in the process and beyond as well as logistical planning both for the course itself and Confirmation Sunday. The classroom work I hope to do after second services on Sundays; this will be the main body of the class. The retreat will be an exciting time away together to grow closer to the Lord and each other (virus permitting of course). The project, we'll discuss more in person, but the hope is to shoot a short movie for fun and to mark our time together!

Lord willing, we will have our first meeting (a parents required session) Sunday February 7th, 11:30AM at church. Of course, we will keep our eyes on the numbers and the virus. It's possible we may decide to delay a month or so. Also, my fervent hope will be to meet exclusively in person and of course actually go on our retreat, but again, we'll watch the numbers and discuss our options.

PLEASE text (618-604-8123) or message me to SIGN UP for Confirmation Class, so that I know for certain who all hopes to participate.

I look forward to walking this journey with you all!

Many blessings in Jesus' name,

Pastor Danny





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. January's walk will be on Sunday the 10th.

Please meet outside under the pavilion.



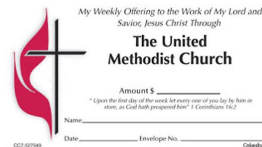
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7	Susan Karnes	19	Josiah Motta
7	Melba Ziegler	20	Bonnie Whiteside
8	Phyllis Barnes	22	Breanna Graff
8	Cloyd Karnes	24	Marcia Butler
9	Mike Jones	24	Lincoln Snyder
10	Rindy Eisenhauer	26	Larry Jacobs
10	Addison Johnstone	27	John Erbes
10	Gregory Nimmo	27	Emily Hargraves
12	LaVerne Cline	28	Barbara Woodard
15	Tyler Nimmo	31	Charlie Pierson
16	Barbara Hughes		



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Your 2021

Offering

Envelopes are

available for pick up. They have been placed on the Office porch so that you may stop by at your convenience to pick them up.

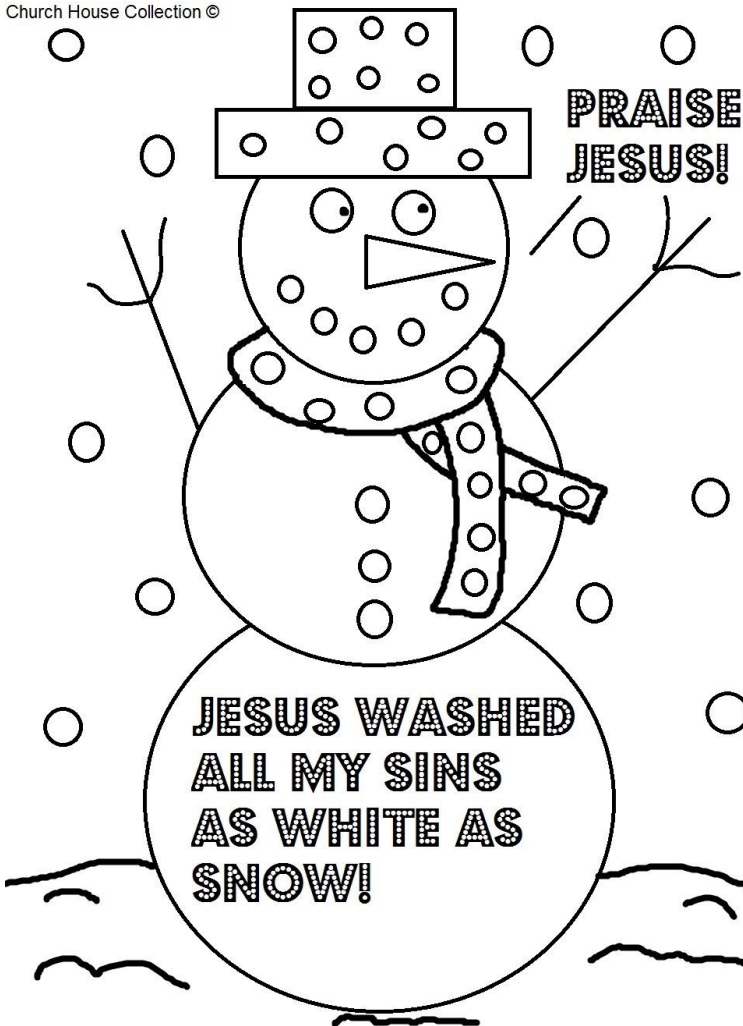
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Illustrations of party poppers, a clock, balloons, and fireworks.

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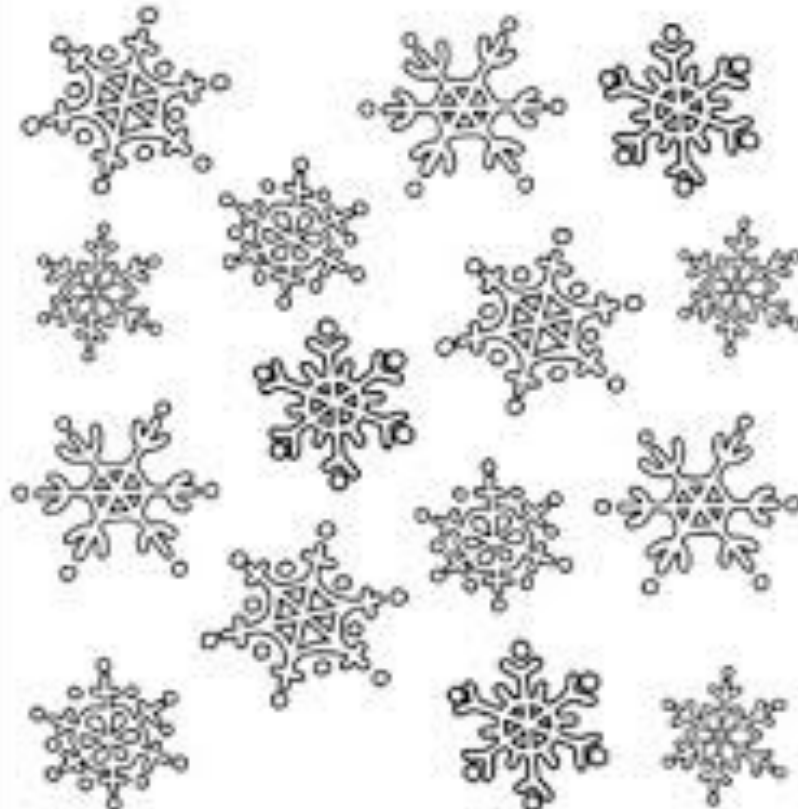


- Countdown
- Confetti
- Midnight
- Balloons
- Celebration
- Fireworks
- January
- Happy
- New Year
- Clock
- Cheers
- Goals
- Party Poppers
- Noisemaker
- Resolution
- Sparklers



Matching Snowflakes

Color the matching snowflakes the same color.



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
MUMC:**

Sunday 1st Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 2nd Service: 10:30 a.m.

On-Line Service: 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.



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