



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

God is on the move! Do you feel it?

I am so grateful that we are experiencing more and more freedom in worship and in all the other ministries of our church now that mask mandates and numbers restrictions are being lifted. I am also grateful for our attempts to exercise the freedom Christ has given us respectfully and in proper submission...

“16 Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules.

17 Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family.

Revere God. Respect the government.” 2 Peter 2:16-17

By the grace of God we have been obedient and respectful towards our authorities and we are beginning to see signs of life! God will continue to bless our efforts as we are respectful of each other and our differences of opinion on non-essential matters in the love of Christ Jesus.

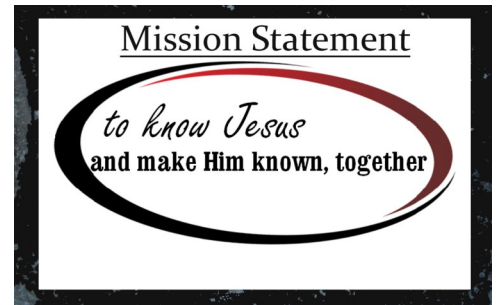
God is on the move on many fronts and in many of our ministries and missions but not least of all in our children's and youth ministries! Sunday, we announced the hiring of our new Family Ministries Director, Aaron Hisey! He'll be providing direction and leadership for all of our K-5th and 6th-12th grade ministries here at MUMC. We are trusting our Lord Jesus Christ for an exciting future for our Children's and Youth programming and we need you to pray about how you can help out! For starters, please consider volunteering to help with VBS this summer, July 18-22 (and send any kids you know our way!). Also, pray about joining our teams for BLAST Kids (K-5th) or Youth Group (6th-12th) when we relaunch in the fall! In the meantime, be sure to make Aaron and his fiancé, Katie, feel welcome and loved!

The messages from God's Word in June will be a sermon Medley. We will not be following a specific theme but each message will be filled with Truth from God's Word. Memorial Day weekend, May 30th, we'll learn more about the great cloud of witnesses, the saints who've gone before. June 6th we'll celebrate a special baptism and partake of Holy Communion, as we look at the sacraments of the Church. June 13th will follow Annual Conference, so we will debrief on some of the highlights from the messages and seek guidance from the Word of God. June 20th is Father's Day and we'll meditate on our Good Father, God. And June 27th will be a special message on how sometimes we need to get out of God's way so that He can do great things!

Let's recommit to gathering together as often as we can to worship and break bread together! Remember, our church exists “to know Jesus and make Him known, together.”
And “Best of all, God is with us!”

Blessings to all,
Pastor Danny

1	6:00 PM	Cubs Scouts	15	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu		6:00 PM	Kung-Fu
2	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting	16	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:00 PM	Choir		1:30 PM	Nurture & Care
	6:00 PM	Youth Fellowship		6:00 PM	Choir
	6:00 PM	BLAST	17	7:00 PM	GA
3	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	18	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
	7:00 PM	GA	19	10:00 AM	AA
4	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		10:30 AM	Book Club
5	10:00 AM	AA	20		
6	3:00 PM	Ice Cream Social	21		Meals on Wheels Week
7				9:30 AM	Quilters
8	11:00 AM	YAH on the Road	22	6:00 PM	Cubs
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		6:00 PM	Kung-Fu
	6:00 PM	Kung-Fu	23	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	6:00 PM	BOT		6:00 PM	Choir
	7:00 PM	Finance	24	7:00 PM	GA
9	6:00 PM	Choir	25	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
10	7:00 PM	GA	26	10:00 AM	AA
11	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie			Youth Mission Trip Depart
12	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	27	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	10:00 AM	AA	28	7:00 PM	SPRC
13	8:00 AM	Graduate Breakfast	29	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
		Promotion Sunday	30	6:00 Pm	Choir
	12:30 PM	Prayer Walking			
14	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling			



UNITED METHODIST MEN Saturday, June 12th at 7:30 a.m.

The men will gather for breakfast, and a devotional. **All men of the church are invited to attend.**



Reminder the July compass deadline is June 14th!

Murphysboro United Methodist Church



A Nursery Attendant for our 1st Service & Sunday School (9:00am - 11:00am) plus the occasional special event

For more information on requirements please contact Jamie Green at (Jamie.green@countryfinancial.com) or Katie Stewart at (KTbug793@hotmail.com)

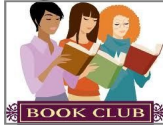
MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COVID UPDATE

With the new guidance from the CDC as well as adjusted instruction from our IGRC leadership, our Church Council here at MUMC has voted to give the following instructions for our mask-wearing policy:

- Masks will now be welcome but optional in all MUMC worship services and special events (with the exception of indoor K-5th grade ministries where masks will continue to be encouraged until phase 5).
- We will continue to encourage social distancing in worship and respect for each other's personal space during all activities.
- We will not ask for any individual's vaccine status as a requirement to participate in any ministry.
- We will resolve to respect everyone's decisions to either mask or not mask and refrain from unkind words about each other in the love of Jesus Christ!

We encourage all individuals to use their best judgment in protecting their health and the health of others.

The Saturday Book Club
Room 202—
June 19th, 10:30



The Book of Lost Friends
By Lisa Wingate

Bestselling author Lisa Wingate brings to life startling stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away.

Louisiana, 1875: In the tumultuous era of Reconstruction, three young women set off as unwilling companions on a perilous quest: Hannie, a freed slave; Lavinia, the pampered heir to a now destitute plantation; and Juneau Jane, Lavinia's Creole half sister. Each carries private wounds and powerful secrets as they head for Texas, following roads rife with vigilantes and soldiers still fighting a war lost a decade before. For Lavinia and Juneau Jane, the journey is one of stolen inheritance and financial desperation, but for Hannie, the pilgrimage west reignites an agonizing question: Could her long-lost family still be out there? Beyond the swamps lie the limitless frontiers of Texas and, improbably, hope.

Louisiana, 1987: For first-year teacher Benedetta Silva, a subsidized job at a poor rural school seems like the ticket to canceling her hefty student debt—until she lands in a tiny, out-of-step Mississippi River town. Augustine, Louisiana, is suspicious of new ideas and new people, and Benny can scarcely comprehend the lives of her poverty-stricken students. But amid the gnarled live oaks and run-down plantation homes lie the century-old history of three young women, a long-ago journey, and a hidden book that could change everything.



After 1 1/2 years without a church yard sale -- we did have one and WHAT A SALE IT WAS!! Donations of items to sell were wonderful and profitable as well.

For Service and Missions of MUMC we were extremely blessed to make over \$6,000 on this sale. It was a wonderful time of fellowship in preparing for this sale and it was a lot of work!

Some of our volunteers took items to Plaza Records in Carbondale, Asburys Jewelry in Herrin and Muddy Monster Comics in Murphysboro. George's Resale provided valuable assessments for items and generously bought several items that we would not have been able to sell at his offered prices. It took extra effort but very worthwhile and we appreciate these businesses.

Francis and Willa Addison parked their motorhome next to the carport on Thursday and Friday nights as a security measure as we filled the carport space also. Big Thank You for doing this. Since we were limited on occupancy to 40 shoppers inside, the weather cooperated and we had our check-out lanes under their canopy on Friday.

On Sunday after the Our Neighbor's Table dinner those in attendance were able to choose items they desired. We are so happy to offer this to our community.

Sunday afternoon boxes were packed and loaded for delivery on Monday. Renew in Marion graciously accepted the entire load of boxes. We have since stored all the winter items for a sale in October. Please consider offering your assistance before, during, and/or after the next sale.

My heartfelt thanks to all who worked to make this sale a success. God is so good and again He exceeded all my expectations!

Thanks be to God! ~ Lynn Pierson



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



The Library Corner: Library Awakening

It feels like the Church Library has been in hibernation! Due to Covid circumstances the library team has been unable to do very much for the past year. And in the months ahead we will be working on clearing out, organizing, and re-vitalizing the library. But you can visit the library now—you don't have to wait till that work is done. Come on in and check out books and DVDs as you have in the past—it will be a welcome return to normalcy!

Here are some things to be looking for:

New books! They'll be on display when we are able to get them processed, so be on the lookout for new items to appear.

A display space in the new children's section in the upstairs hall. There will be plenty of books for kids, and also a few books of interest for parents.

A new adult books display table in the welcome center by the Sanctuary.

As Mother's Day approaches look for books of interest by or about women and their roles. As always, we celebrate mothers, but we also celebrate the accomplishments of women in general.

May also brings us Memorial Day, and we think of all of those who have passed on before us, especially those who were involved in past wars. Southern Illinois has a special relationship to Memorial Day through the Civil War General John A. Logan, who helped start the practice of honoring those who died in the war.

General Logan, called "Black Jack" by the men he led into battle, was also important in influencing southern Illinois to support the Union, and he did so as he changed his own mind about the issues involved. This was such an interesting time in the history of Murphysboro and southern Illinois. Read about it in the book **Black Jack: John A. Logan and Southern Illinois in the Civil War Era**, which will be on display along with other books related to war or to southern Illinois.

And a final note: Don't forget the Little Free Library! The Little Free Library (LFL) is the colorful little box by the sidewalk near the pavilion. It is a book exchange box, and everyone in the community can participate—it's simple! Just bring an interesting book or two and place them in the box. If you see a book in the LFL that you are interested in, take it with you.

We try to keep some religious books in the box, but there will be books of many types in it. Many different people bring books or take books from it. And—we are especially interested in having good children's books in the box. Those are the books that go the fastest! So, participate if you can—it's like being part of a treasure hunt. Bring a treasure—and if you are lucky you may find a treasure!





5	Jerry & Barbara Giffin	22	Paul & Debbie Chapman
8	Danny & Karen Motta	22	Rob & Jennifer Graeff
10	Bert & Carolyn Ozburn	23	Bob & Rosalie Winters
10	Julie & Greg Wachtel	24	Todd & Renee Doody
12	Ken & Vern Cline	25	Jason & Michelle Bennett
12	Terri & Patrick Yates	25	Arthur & Pat Porter
14	George & Carolyn Sauer	27	Everett & Kathy Blackwell
15	Troy & Lacey Brown	29	Nancy & Dennis Fager
18	Perry & Susan Patterson	29	Raymond & Bonnie Whiteside
18	John & Amanda Ripley		

3	Briana Bean	16	William Pierson
3	Mike Johnstone	16	Keylin Wece
4	Susan Patterson	16	Raymond Whiteside
4	Mason Thies	17	Todd Doody
8	Tracy Hagston	18	Jennifer Ellermeyer
9	Mason Schingel	21	Novella Howard
10	Evelyn Jackson	21	John Hudgins
10	Kyle Miller	21	Maryjune Rice
10	John Ripley	21	Madison Ripley
11	Emily Finke	21	Makayla Ripley
12	Paula Chapa	22	Ezra Dillow
12	Maggie Jenkins	22	James Pugh
13	Bob Purcell	25	Carla Quigley
13	Sheila Stewart	25	Emmaline Schwoerer
15	Linda Johnston	26	Carmen Chapa
15	Joan Reagan	26	Merrill Thies
16	Cody Ellermeyer	26	Julie Wachtel
16	Olivia Graff	28	Danny Motta
		30	Dennis Fager



In Loving Memory . . .

Since our last newsletter we celebrated the life of three loved ones:

Stephen Ticer

Stephen passed away on April 17th. Stephen was the husband of Kellee Ticer, the father of Grant and Hallee Ticer, the son-in-law of Barbara Zimmerman, the brother-in-law of Corey Zimmerman, and the uncle of Ethan Zimmerman.

Jackie Lindsey

Jackie passed away on April 17th. Jackie was the aunt of Mike (Michelle) Clark.

Roger Hill

Roger passed away on April 27th. He was the brother-in-law of Gary and Rosie Wece, the uncle of Emily (Kyle) Hargraves and the great uncle of Daxton Hargraves.



The Adult Sunday School Class has just completed the DVD study of Jesus the God Who Knows Your Name by ma Lucado. We have had 15-20 adults of all ages in attendance every Sunday, and we have enjoyed a great time of fellowship and discussion—along with some pretty tasty snacks. Beginning June 6, Richard Tierney will be leading us in a study of Apologetics—how to share and defend our faith. Please join us as we delve into this challenging, but very important topic for Christians. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Young at Heart is becoming YAH on the Road!

Join us on Tuesday, June 8th for a delicious lunch (and a time of much needed fellowship) at Café Bloom located on the square in Benton. Café Bloom serves a Picnic Menu featuring main entrees, salads, soups, and assortment of side dishes, brunch all day, desserts, a children’s menu, and specialty teas and coffees.

We will gather at the church parking lot at 11:00 am and carpool to Benton for lunch at noon. For reservations, or if you have questions, please contact Michelle Parker-Clark at 618/922-3587 or call the Church Office. Please join us for our first outing in over a year, and what promises to be a great meal. We look forward to seeing you!

A graphic titled "YAH ON THE ROAD" in red, bold letters. Below the title, it says "Will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month to enjoy fellowship and lunch at different area restaurants." To the right, it says "June 8th will be at Cafe Bloom in Benton". The background shows a stylized illustration of a building and a red car. At the bottom, it says "Contact Michelle Parker-Clark or the Church office for more details or to sign up."

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, JUNE 6
3-5 pm

Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the Welcome Center or by calling the Church Office



It has been almost two years since our last ice cream social, so dig out your favorite recipe for homemade ice cream, or purchase your favorite flavor at Kroger, etc. You are also welcome to bring cookies or other treats—we will provide the toppings! This will be a great opportunity for the adults to have some time to fellowship together and there will be outdoor games for the kids. We look forward to seeing you with a bowl in your hand and a hearty appetite for some sweet treats.



UMM Graduate Breakfast
June 13th 8:00 am
to Honor our 2021 Graduates.

8th Grade, High School or College Graduates & their families are invited to attend.

Contact the Church office by June 7th to RSVP



PROMOTION
SUNDAY

Children & youth who are moving up to the next level Sunday School class will be recognized in both worship services.





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Meet our new Family Ministries Director!

We are really excited to announce that MUMC has hired a new Family Ministries Director! Beginning June 1st, **Aaron Hisey** will be joining us to direct our children and youth programming for grades K-5 & 6-12. Most recently, Aaron very successfully served as the Youth Director at Prospect UMC in Dunlop, IL. He is not a native to Southern Illinois however he did major in creative writing right here at SIUC. We are thrilled to welcome Aaron and his fiancé Katie back to the area and to our church family. Please be in prayer for Aaron, our children, youth and their families as we begin this exciting new chapter of ministry together!

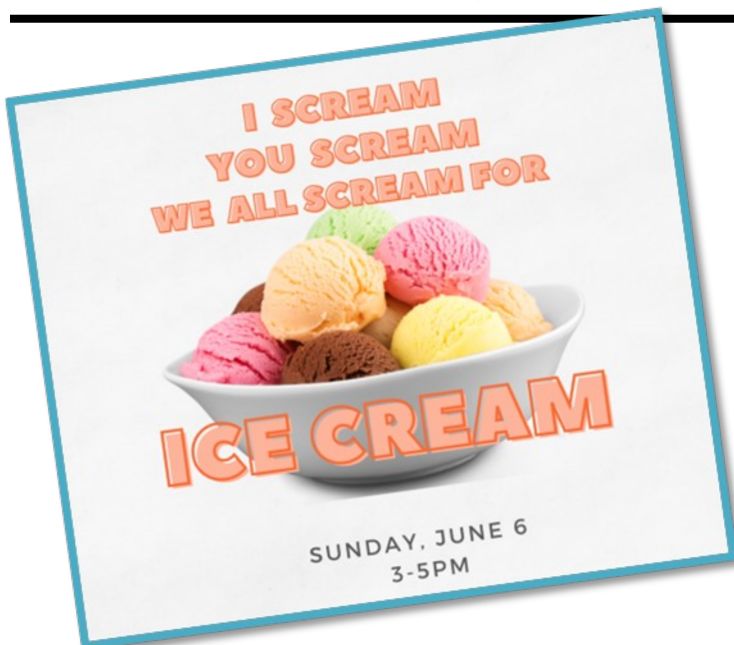
Your Children and Youth can meet Aaron on June 2nd at BLAST and Youth Group from 6-7:30pm



We hope your family will join us on Sunday, June 6 for some fun, fellowship & ICE CREAM!

FUN ICE CREAM FACTS:

- Over her entire lifetime, one cow can produce enough milk for 9,000 gallons of ice cream!
- Most profitable day for ice cream sellers is almost always Sunday.
- 90% of American households eat ice cream.
- Biggest ice cream sundae was created in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1988. It weighed 24 tons.
- One of the most unusual ice cream flavors is hot dog flavored ice-cream that was created in Arizona, US.



Family Scripture Reading Challenge

The June Scripture theme is PEACE.



30-DAY FAMILY SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

June Peace

● John 14:27	● Psalm 37:11	● Luke 19:38
● John 16:33	● Psalm 119:165	● Luke 24:36
● Colossians 3:15	● Isaiah 26:12	● John 20:21-22
● Ephesians 2:17	● Luke 7:50	● Romans 5:1
● Philippians 4:6-7	● Romans 12:18	● Isaiah 9:6
● James 3:18	● Romans 14:19	● Hebrews 12:14
● Isaiah 53:5	● Ephesians 4:3	● Luke 2:14
● Numbers 6:26	● 1 Peter 3:11	● Psalm 29:11
● 2 Thessalonians 3:16	● Psalm 4:8	● Matthew 5:9
● Psalm 34:14	● 1 Corinthians 14:33	● Philippians 4:9

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!




**Last BLAST until Fall
Wednesday, June 2**

Come and meet our new Family Ministries Director, Aaron Hisey at our last BLAST for the spring
We will break for the summer and return in September!

July 18-22 we'll be hosting VBS called BOLT: Totally 80s.

Together, we're taking a five-day, totally tubular trip through the early church—and we want your kiddos to join us! Each day will be jam-packed with music, games, crafts, and an incredible Bible story that will help your kids better understand what it means to love and follow Jesus!

Pre Register your child at <https://form.typeform.com/to/nLMWuuzn> or scan the QR Code



And as always, bringing a friend is encouraged! In fact, there will be prizes for any kid who brings their friends!



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Praise Service: 10:30 a.m.
Both Services On-Line
Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.

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Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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