



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

Best of all, God is with us!

This Wesley quote is as true now as ever. With a full and heavy heart, we have announced that I have been reappointed from Murphysboro UMC by the Bishop and Cabinet. This July 4th will be our last Sunday with you all as we welcome home our youth mission team from Michigan and hear their testimonies of God's faithfulness! We will also say farewell to our wonderful choir director, Elaina Crenshaw, that Sunday, as well as she, moves home to California.

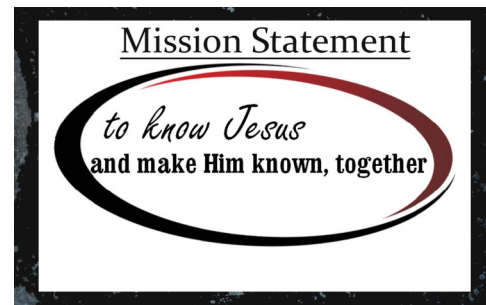
On July 11th, my family and I will begin service to the Lord with the Trinity UMC congregation in West Frankfort, IL. God's faithful presence both in Murphysboro and in West Frankfort is why we have confidence that He will work with this unexpected time of transition together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes.

We will continue to hold you all in our prayers! Know that God is working in all of this for your good and ours. Be encouraged! Now is the time to step up in service! Now is the time to get ready for what God has next! Now is the time to prepare your hearts to love and support your new pastor! God's given us a mission and it is ours to execute victoriously in His power! Remember, the church exists ***"to know Jesus and make Him known, together."***

And again, "Best of all, God is with us!" and God will continue to be with us each as we are with Him.

Blessings and farewell to all,
Pastor Danny, Karen, Josiah,
Asa, & Mara Motta

1	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	21	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care
	7:00 PM	GA		9:00 AM	Holy Folders
2	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
3	10:00 AM	AA		6:00 PM	VBS
4		4th of July	22	6:00 PM	VBS
5		Office Closed		7:00 PM	GA
6			23	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
7	11:00 AM	Staff	24	10:00 AM	AA
8	7:00 PM	GA	25	Noon	ONT
9	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	26	7:00 PM	SPRC
10	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	27		
	10:00 AM	AA	28		
11			29	7:00 PM	GA
12	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling	30	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
13	11:00 AM	Young at Heart-On the Road	31	10:00 AM	AA
14					
15	7:00 PM	GA			
16	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie			
17	10:00 AM	AA			
	10:30 AM	Book Club			
18	6:00 PM	VBS Kick Off			
19		Meals on Wheels Week			
	9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares			
	6:00 PM	Church Council			
	6:00 PM	VBS			
20	6:00 PM	VBS			



UNITED METHODIST MEN Saturday, June 10th 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 August compass deadline is July 12th !

Prayers & Squares Quilting
 3rd Monday of each month
 9:30 am in the fellowship Hall

Expert quilters and novice are all encouraged to come. We will make projects for family, friends, those in need in our local communities.

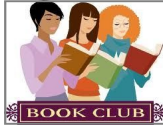
PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING WORKSHOP

The Quilting Group is all in stitches about their new name – The Prayers and Squares Quilting Workshop. We have resumed meeting in the Fellowship Hall on the third Monday of each month and we would love to have you join us. If you are an expert quilter please come, bring your sewing machine, and share your talent and skill with others. If you are a novice and don't know your bobbin from your feed dog, please come and be prepared to learn. We are here to help you explore your creative side by making projects for family, friends, those in need in our local communities, and maybe even something for yourself. We look forward to seeing you on July 19!

The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

WUMC
Saturday
Morning



July 17th, 10:30

The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park: The Secret Intelligence Station that Helped Defeat the Nazis by Dermot Turing

At Bletchley Park, some of Britain's most talented mathematicians, linguists, and intellectuals were assembled to break Nazi codes. Kept secret for nearly thirty years, we have now come to realize the crucial role that these codebreakers played in the Allied victory in World War II.

Written by Dermot Turing - the nephew of famous codebreaker Alan Turing - this illustrated account provides unique insight into the behind-the-scenes action at Bletchley Park. Discover how brilliant and eccentric individuals such as Dilly Knox, Alan Turing and Joan Clarke were recruited, the social life that grew up around the park, and how they dealt with the ever-present burden of secrecy.

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.



The Methodist on a Mission Relay for life team was the top team out of 21 teams in the Jackson County-Relay for Life Event. Through our fundraising efforts and the generosity of our congregation we raised \$10,044, and have achieved the designation of Jade Team, the highest level a team can reach.

This is a mission project that we can be very proud of, especially considering how many of our members have faced this horrible disease.

*We will continue to Relay,
Remember and Fight Back!*



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



The Library Corner: Something for Everyone

As libraries go the Church Library is small, but we strive for variety! For example, below are descriptions of some of the new (and varied) acquisitions that will soon be cataloged and available in the church library:

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey into the Heart of Scriptural Faith and the Land Where it All Began

by Kathie Lee Gifford, with Rabbi Jason Sobel. A long-time television talk show host, Gifford has also been a long-time student of the Bible. And then she upped her game! As she began her co-host duties for the Today Show, she explains that she felt the Lord tugging at her spirit—telling her she must still put Him first. That meant getting up even earlier and spending the first two hours of her day praying and studying scripture. Studying scripture and walking the ancient paths of Israel with experts on scripture and Holy Land led to this book about the Rock (Jesus Christ), The Road (Israel) and The Rabbi (God's Word).

Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers:

Growing a Relational Food Ministry by Elizabeth Mae Magill. Magill is a pastor of a church in Massachusetts, and also works with an organization of outdoor churches. Magill was involved in an outdoor food ministry when she first met Alan, a homeless man with an alcohol problem who kept telling her they were doing it all wrong. She was pretty annoyed with Alan. But—Alan was right. Alan used his talents to change how things were organized and Magill gained insights and did research that

changed her thinking about how food ministries can be handled. Food for thought!

Trial and Error by Robert Whitlow. Whitlow is a master of legal thriller / mystery fiction whose stories draw you in and keep you guessing. In this new book small town attorney Buddy Smith has a heart for helping find children who have been the victims of parental kidnapping, as his own daughter was years ago. Then a new case seems to bring new clues that may affect his own personal situation. Whitlow's books always involve a Christian perspective, and that makes them different than many other legal mysteries—but no less interesting! You will also find other books by Whitlow in the library.

Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin and Pat Barret. Yes, it's the Chris Tomlin, the music artist who sings "Good Good Father." This book for children tells the story about Tucker the little bear who wants to help others. The book shows in simple words and illustrations that there is a Good Good Father who loves Tucker-- and everyone.

Something for everyone? Well, if you didn't find something for you in this article, it is, after all, only a small sample of what's available! Check out the library and other future articles. That "something" may just be waiting to be found.





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



3	Tassie Doellman	17	Eugene Stewart
3	Loyd Ebersohl	18	Brody Geis
3	Bill Martin	18	Nikki Krummrich
3	Martell Wright-Brown	18	Olivia Schaldemose
4	Ruth Ebersohl	18	Jacob Stewart
5	Jacob Schwoerer	19	Bert Ozburn
6	Viola Parrish	20	Willa Addison
6	Marqueece Wright-Brown	21	Barbara Giffin
7	Isabella Krummrich	21	Jim Hughes
8	Richard Graff	21	Harry Wirth
8	Jacob Heilig	22	Lillie Schaldemose
8	Asia Watson	22	Judith Williams
9	Harper Geis	23	John Imhoff
10	Brianna Sitton	24	Jennifer O'Donnell
11	Geraldine Horner	25	Ron Moutardier
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	Brittini Heilig	31	Deb Chapman
17	Rhiannon Gally	31	Tage Green



Single Service Summer
 July 4th thru August 29th
 9:00 am Worship Service & 10:00 am Sunday School



In Loving Memory . . .

Since our last newsletter we celebrated the life of a single loved one:
Wayne Twenhafel
 Wayne passed away on Sunday, June 13th. He was the brother of Roger (Terri) Twenhafel.

As you can see from the smiling faces, 13 participants enjoyed a delicious lunch at Café Bloom in



Benton, IL. After lunch we spent some time browsing at County Seat Antiques with several members of our group finding treasures that they couldn't resist. On the return bus trip we discussed numerous area restaurants, and the group came up with some great suggestions for future trips.



YAH ON THE ROAD

On July 13 YAH on the Road will be venturing across the Mississippi River to Katy O'Ferrell's Publick House. We will once again meet at the church at 11:00 am and travel via church bus (a big thank you to our fearless bus driver, Jennifer O'Donnell) to Cape Girardeau to sample some delightful Irish cuisine. The trip home will include a stopover at Lotus Naturescapes and Ware Market. For questions, or to make reservations, please contact Michelle Parker-Clark at the Church Office or at 618/922-3587, by Sunday, July 11. We look forward to seeing you on the road!

YAH ON THE ROAD

Will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month to enjoy
fellowship and lunch at different area restaurants.

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark or
the Church office for more details or to sign up.



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BOLT: Totally 80s.
July 18-22
from 6 pm—8 pm

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!



Best wishes &
good
luck
in the future



Motta Family

Trinity UMC congregation in West Frankfort is lucky to have you!



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June 21, 2021

Letter to the congregation of our Murphysboro United Methodist Church:

As many of you are aware it was announced last Sunday, at both services, that Pastor Danny and his family are being appointed to the Trinity United Methodist Church in West Frankfort, IL.

Pastor Danny's last Sunday in our pulpit will be July 4th, 2021. We want to extend our thanks, love, and support to the entire family for all they have done for this church during their time with us.

The Motta family has accomplished many wonderful things during their time at our church. From continuing to hold church services during the time of the Covid shut down, implementing the Wes Group bible study, beginning B.L.A.S.T for our youth, the Kung Fu group, youth mission trips, not to mention the regular pastoral duties of weddings, baptisms, funerals. For all this and more we sincerely send to them our "Thanks".

To help show our gratitude an "appreciation/goodbye gift" is being collected to present to the Motta family on their last Sunday with us.

If you would like to contribute to this gift you may with one of the following options:

- Mail your gift to the church office by June 27th.
- Use the online giving portal. Select the drop-down box marked "Appreciation of Service - Pastor"
- Place in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked "Pastor Appreciation of Service".

On behalf of the SPRC (Staff/Parrish Relations Committee), we ask that you keep the Motta's in your prayers during this next time in their lives.

Prayerfully,
Vanessa Lirely
SPRC Chair

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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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