



From the Pastor's Desk

Hello, I hope this correspondence finds you all in the best of health and spirit. This is Pastor Marty McMichael and I am blessed to say that I've been appointed to Murphysboro UMC as your new Sr. Pastor. My wife, Pastor Veronica, and I are excited about the opportunities for ministry in the City of Murphysboro and the surrounding communities. We know that you all have a rich history of service to your community and toward one another. Veronica and I hope to work alongside you to realize the sacred endeavor Christ has given all His children; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen". (Matthew 28:19-20)

It is our sincere desire to service you in **Word, Sacrament, Service** and **Order** according to our witness in Christ and spoken vows given as clergy in the United Methodist Church. We aspire to be the faithful next level of leadership you need to realize the new ministry God is calling you to and subsequently your church into. We know this is a challenging season as the church faces peril from within and without. But be of good cheer ye faithful in Christ! For the Word of God states: "⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:". (Philippians 1:6)

So, I say with confidence that God is not thwarted by the failure of men and women. But has called us to gather together so much the more as we see that great day approaching... God is not dismayed by our strife and confusion but is pouring out more Wisdom and loving correction daily for the faithful with ears to hear and hearts to act. Now you, Veronica and I enter into this mission field together filled with faith, hope and love; knowing that the greatest of the three is love! And in this wise we will journey with God together, minus fear, and win souls for Christ that He might say to us collectively; "Well done my good and faithful servants..." (Matthew 25:23a)

May the God of peace richly bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

Marty McMichael

Pastor Marty McMichael





MARTY MCMICHAEL, B.A., M.S., MDiv
Executive Pastor

Marty Mc Michael is husband to Veronica McMichael and father to their 5 children: Kelia, Shani, Nadia, Marty Jr. and Victor. Marty has been in ministry since 1994 and began at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in NYC as a Youth Leader. He came to Dayton, Ohio and served at Omega Baptist Church as the Ministry Coordinator until he and his wife transferred their membership to the United Methodist Church in 2011, serving as Licensed Local Pastors at Stillwater UMC. Marty completed his candidacy in 2016 and is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church.

Marty Mc Michael has received his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He has received his Master of Science from Walden University in Minneapolis Minnesota, where he majored in Industrial & Organizational Psychology. Marty also has an MDiv from United Theological Seminary where he now is a Lead Facilitator, teaching spiritual formation to prospective pastors, deacons, and other spiritual leaders.

He has worked in three United Methodists churches over the past 11 years, serving African American and White congregations. Marty has consistently helped each congregation realize their missional, organizational and/or spiritual goals. He has maintained at all times a more conservative approach to ministry and has made room for all God's people to come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Marty Mc Michael's professional highlights include more than 20 years of management and operations of social services programs under the auspices of private and city agencies. As a Senior Manager of these programs, he has successfully developed and organized programs and staff. Marty has consulted with prominent academic institutions like Columbia University in New York City and coached senior managers in refining and improving their skills and abilities. Marty has written and designed the book "Professional Development & Its Practical Applications" and the "Soft Skills Assessment Tool" (SSAT) which measures interpersonal behavioral skills.



VERONICA MCMICHAEL

Pastor Veronica Anderson –McMichael was born in New York City to Eddie and Carolyn Anderson. Her parents introduced her to church life and a respect for service to Christ. It was at the age of 16 that Veronica received her call to ministry, and she has been committed to kingdom building ever since.

She has an undergraduate degree in Organizational Management from Wright State University and is currently completing her Master of Divinity at United Theological Seminary. Veronica is happily married to Pastor Marty McMichael for 26 years and they are the honored parents of five Children, 3 girls and 2 boys.

Veronica has served at several churches over the course of her ministry in New York and in Dayton Ohio. She has served as, Associate Minister, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Kid's Church Director, Nursey Director, Youth Leader, Assistant Center Director and Co-Pastor. Veronica aspires to complete her degree in the months to come and looks forward to her next steps in ministry. Veronica believes in the transformative power of Christ and is committed to sharing those ideals and living into them. Veronica is a transformer and takes her mandate seriously, to go forth and make disciples. She believes that all things are possible through Christ.

1	10:00 AM	New Pastor Reception	15		
2			16		Meals on Wheels Week
3				9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares
4			17	6:00 PM	Cubs Scouts
5	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	18	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care
	7:00 PM	GA	19	7:00 PM	GA
6	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	20	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
	6:00 PM	Bus to Miners Game Leaves	21	10:00 AM	AA
7	10:00 AM	AA		10:30 AM	Book Club
8			22		
9	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling	23		
	6:00 PM	SPRC	24	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
10	9:30 AM	Bus Leaves for YAHOTR	25	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees	26	7:00 PM	GA
	7:00 PM	Finance	27	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
11			28	10:00AM	AA
12	7:00 PM	GA	29	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
13	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	30		
14	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	31	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	10:00 AM	AA			

Single Service Summer

July 4th thru August 29th

9:00 am Worship Service &
10:00 am Sunday School



Saturday, August
14th at 7:30 a.m.

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

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.



Reminder the
September
compass deadline
is August 16th !



Your Invited!

To: Welcome Reception

For: Pastor Marty &
Veronica McMichael

When: Sun., Aug 1st 10:00
(after 9:00am service)

Where: Fellowship Hall



Email Contact Information
for Pastor Marty & Veronica

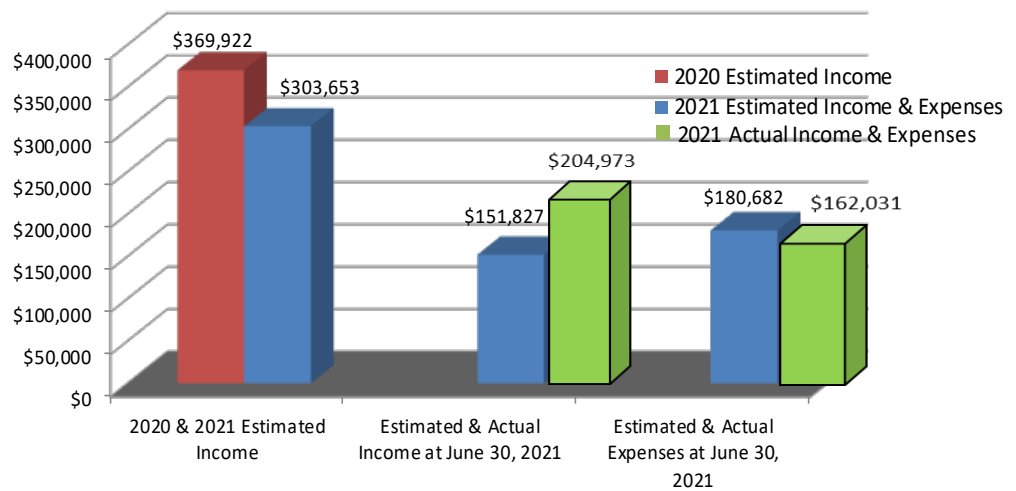
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FINANCIAL
SNAPSHOT

2020 and 2021 Estimated Income Comparison
and Estimated/Actual Income and Expenses at June 30, 2021



Your Finance Committee is pleased to provide a 2nd Quarter 2021 Financial Snapshot. Consistent with last quarter, we include in our snapshot the 2020 and 2021 estimated income comparison. We feel it critical for our church family to understand that current giving estimates are considerably lower than last year at **(\$66,000)**.

On a more positive note, income through June 30th at \$204,973 exceeded estimates of \$151,827 by \$53,000 due in large part to a second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) "loan" of \$43,630. Congregational giving is tracking super close to estimates. Pledges are logged in at \$92,371 or 49.86%, just shy of the 50% (mid-year) giving benchmark. Non-pledged gifts are doing even better percentage-wise at 50.28% of estimates, or \$57,761. Our plate offerings are running slightly behind at \$1,364 or 45.47% toward \$3,000 estimated this year. So great job, church family!

For anyone interested in 2nd Quarter ONLY data, income was \$110,818.69, up from 1st Quarter income of \$94,154.07.

Moving to expenses, you can see from the bar graph above (far right) that actual expenses at June 30th (\$162,031) came in lower than estimated expenses (\$180,682). We mentioned last quarter that SPRC and Finance Committees worked very hard to cut staffing and other expenses this year. Cuts amounted to nearly \$34,000. The combination of budget cuts and wise spending is helpful, of course, but for a second consecutive year and most likely next year, the gap between income and expenses has been/will be bridged by the PPP loans (totaling \$96,500) which are now concluded. Trusting we're all offering praise and thanks to the Lord.

The break-down on 2nd Quarter ONLY expenses are as follows: Salaries—\$40,136.14; Benefits—\$9,365.24; Contractual Staff—\$5,805.44; Nurture & Care—\$187.39; Worship—\$266.43; Adult Spiritual Formation—\$162.00; Children & Youth Formation—\$4,225.93; Hospitality—\$66.21; Promotions & Publicity - \$115.02; Utilities—\$12,196.42; Finance (includes Apportionments & Parsonage Mortgage) - \$7,967.01; Administration (primarily office expenses)—\$7,737.67; and Misc. Ord. Expense—\$362.00, for total expenses in the amount of \$88,592.90. Note: this figure is up from 1st quarter at \$73,438.41.

Final data to consider are net income calculations. At June 30th, income at \$204,973 exceeded expenses at \$162,031, for net income of \$42,942. For those interested in 2nd quarter ONLY data, income at \$110,819 exceeded expenses at \$88,593, for net income of \$22,226.

Any comments/questions you may have can be directed to Finance Committee: Nancy Vallino (924-3781 (phone or text)), Bob Eaton, Nancy Fager, Shannon Green, Vanessa Lirely, Ben Snyder, Nicci Steele, Terrin Thies, Rob Williams or our Financial Secretary, Christine Nolan.

Apple Pancake Breakfast

SAT. SEPT. 18
MUMC Fellowship Hall

We are in need of Volunteers for many areas. If interested in helping please contact Richard Tierney

Tickets will be on sale soon!

Murphysboro United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast Is Just 8 Weeks Away

The MUM Men are making plans for annual Apple Pancake Breakfast to be held Saturday, September 18, 2021. In the past many of you have supported this event. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Richard Tierney. Jay Graff is in charge of the kitchen crew, Gene Schwebel is in charge of drinks, Richard will be selling tickets, and signup sheet will be posted to help with serving our guest. There are many areas in need of help, Setup, Serving, Cleanup; sign up sheets will be posted soon so make plans to join the team. Tickets will be available soon.

SI Miners Baseball Game

The UMM are taking the Bus and will leave at 6pm from MUMC

Aug 6th, 7:05 pm

UMM will buy the tickets for the 1st 50 people who sign-up, additional tickets are \$5.00

You must reserve your spot in advance by Aug 2nd.

Contact Richard Tierney, Mike Clark, or Ken Cline to sign-up!



The UMMen are going to a Miner's Ballgame Friday August 6th, with fireworks to follow. We are planning on taking the church bus, leaving at 6pm for a 7:05 game start time. You may also meet us at the Miner's Ballpark. Advanced tickets are required. The men are paying for the first 50 people that sign up, otherwise tickets are \$5.00 each. Children are invited to attend also but must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in joining us contact Richard Tierney, Mike Clark, or Ken Cline.



On behalf of the SPRC Committee, we are notifying the church that we are still in need of a Family Ministry Director position.

Aaron Hisey has decided to step away from this position. So we are lovingly looking for the correct fit for our children and youth.

Thank you Vanessa Lirely

The Fall 2021 Yard Sale is scheduled for

October 22 & 23, 2021.



This sale cannot happen without a lot more volunteers for key rolls in setting up and packing out the remains after the sale. Those of us who worked the April sale realized we cannot handle moving tables and heavy boxes. Specifically, we need help in setting up on October 10 & 11 and packing out October 23-25.

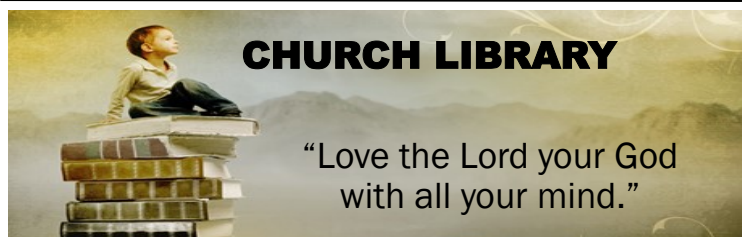
Clothing items will be for winter only; general household items, toys and books sell very well. We will not accept cell phones, any electric items that contain personal info, VHS or cassette tapes or large heavy TVs.

Please mark your calendars to help with this very worthwhile church and community project.

Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



The Library Corner: A Book, A Movie, A CD: We've Got Them!

What are you looking for this month? Entertainment? Inspiration? Perhaps to delve deeper into your faith? The library can offer a lot of choices in all those categories. Here are a few "picks" from the library shelves:

A new fiction book in the library this month is **The Book of Lost Friends** by Lisa Wingate. Wingate used real advertisements that appeared in newspapers after the Civil War to frame her fictional story. These weren't advertisements for things, instead they begged for news about lost people. Slave families were often separated—leaving them bereft of those they loved—and with little clue where to look. Wingate switched back and forth the between the 1870s and 1980s as she imagined a fascinating story based on one of these ads.

Even those who haven't read **Unbroken** will probably recognize the title of this historical account by Laura Hillenbrand about Louis Zamperini, who was a troubled teen, an Olympic athlete, and a World War II prisoner of war. The book was on best seller lists for years, and later was made into a movie that portrays for audiences Zamperini's desperate situation as a POW, and the endurance and resolve he summoned up in response. The library now has the DVD and you will find the movie an incredible and inspiring story.

We also have some music CDs for those of you who still have a CD player! **Living With a Fire** by Jesus Culture is a recent addition. This album includes the song "Move", a song that Pastor Danny and family sang and played. Remember "Move" starts with the lines "*When You move, darkness runs for cover/ When you move no one's turned away*"

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton is available as a book and a

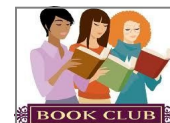
companion DVD. Both are very accessible portrayals of the man whose life and ministry gave us Methodism. The DVD was filmed in England, and shows us the places important to Methodism, and even more importantly the faith journey that helped revive religion in England and America—and can still do so now. Hamilton gives us an informative and inspirational discussion. Highly recommended!

And here is one for the kiddos: **The Marvelous Mustard Seed** by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. It is a nicely illustrated contemporary story that portrays what happens when two children plant a mustard seed. At the end of the book the authors discuss the parable of the mustard seed as told by Jesus, and also suggest questions that may engage children's imagination and make them think.

The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



August 20th, 10:30

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle

By David Wroblewski

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections.

Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

David Wroblewski is a master storyteller, and his breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain—create a riveting family saga, a brilliant exploration of the limits of language, and a compulsively readable modern classic.

Read ahead book for September: **In the Midst of Life** by Jennifer Worth



3	Francis & Willa Addison	13	Ralph & Joan Bastien
6	Bill & Cecelia Crawshaw	15	Matt & Angie Baughman
11	Shannon & Jamie Green	16	Gerald & Kathy Ripley
12	Ron & Sally Moutardier		

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
 THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
 EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
 AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
 MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
 MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
 MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
 I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
 THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
 AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
 MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
 KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
 WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
 THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
 AMEN



1	Sally Moutardier	18	Allison Brown
2	Logan Wingerter	18	Marty McNitt
3	Bob Eaton	20	Abigail Wingerter
3	William Thomas	21	Charles Crews
5	Daxton Barringer	21	Jerry Miller
5	Elias Guthman	22	Erin Niesporek
5	Rick Pierson	22	Tonia Purcell
8	Preston Fletcher	25	Joshua Boyle
10	Matt Baughman	25	Lance Carnes
11	Katrina Carnes	28	Brooke Guthman
11	John Wachtel	29	Maggie Stewart
14	Gary Linkins	30	Hillary Brooks
16	Kim Goforth	30	Wesley Graham
16	Wade Poole	30	Wes Will
17	Grant Ticer	31	Deana Twenhafel

In Loving Memory . . .

Since our last newsletter we celebrated the lives of four loved ones:

Lee Sullivan

Lee Sullivan passed away on Mon., June 21st. Lee was the husband of the late Alberta Sullivan, father of Kathryn Lee Long and grandfather of Karen Cox (Cody Cox).

Oma Lee Jacobs

Oma Lee Jacobs passed away on Mon., June 21st. She was the wife of the late Robert Jacobs, mother of the late Robert Corgan Jacobs, Janice (Kenneth) Friedman, Linda (Paul) Wineberg and Larry (Sandy) Jacobs.

Betty J. Kiel

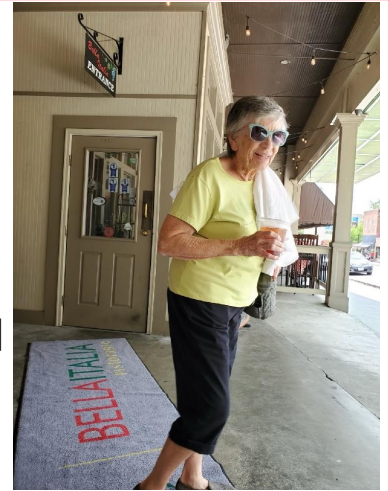
Betty J. Kiel passed away on Sat., June 26th. She was the wife of the late William J. Kiel, Jr., mother of Michael (Verda) Kiel and Erin Mileur, grandmother of William Kiel Mileur, Megan Elizabeth Mileur, Michel Lee (Jeff) Applegate and the late William Brandon Kiel. She had eight grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter.

Dale Pierson

Dale Pierson passed away on Sat., July 10th. Mr. Pierson was the stepfather of Tracy (Bart) Hagston.



Fifteen travelers ventured across the Mississippi on Tuesday, July 13 to Bella Italia in Cape Girardeau, MO. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and the delicious Italian cuisine - truthfully, we ate so much I think we all felt like a stuffed cannelloni. On the return trip, we stopped at the Ware Produce Market and several folks were excited to find some Missouri melons to take home for a sweet summery treat.



On Tuesday, August 10, we will be continuing our river travels to the E-Town River Restaurant located on the Ohio River in Elizabethtown, IL. We will be leaving the church at 9:30 am for an early lunch - allowing time for an afternoon of antiquing. The E-Town River Restaurant is famous for its fabulous catfish but, don't worry, if you are not a fish fan you can also get a great cheeseburger and fries. Please join us for a day of Summertime fun in E-Town on the Ohio!



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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

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday One Service: 9:00 a.m.

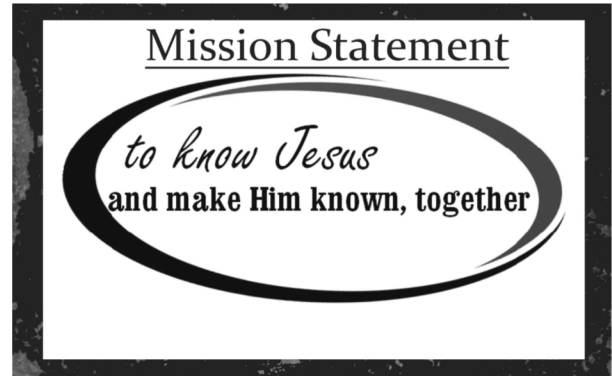
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.



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Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
Custodian Pat Sullivan

Ministry Director Michelle Parker-Clark
Church Secretary..... Melba Ziegler
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Choir Director Vacant
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders
Technology..... Vacant



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