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Hello, Murphysboro UMC.

This is Pastor Marty and I am excited about the blessings God has bestowed upon our congregation and city. As I write this to you, our Apple Festival is in full swing. At 6:45 am I had the opportunity to sing with the other pastors in the Ministerial Alliance at the kick-off breakfast. I meet some wonderful people there and had some fun. I can't wait for the Next week, barbeque, fish, and more barbeque. Praise the Lord! When you read this, these events would have passed, and you may return to the hum-drum everyday life. But a lack-lustered existence is not the life God has called us to. We were blessed to be able to celebrate festivals and competitions with family and friends during this season, were we not? Now, let us be reminded that God is calling us to continual joy; "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24). We can maintain the energy of appreciation and loving of God and others because God is just that good!!! I want to invite all under the voice of this correspondence to be intentional about receiving God's peace, and then, sharing it with others that Christ might be made known in a dying world.

Spreading the Gospel in joy is our mission and we will continue to live into the same in dynamic ways. So, will you join in with me on Sunday, October 10th to affirm and consecrate our leadership Staff & Volunteers during our Mission Trail Day? This is our event to affirm our return to ministry and worship as a faith community. I want us to be an intentional beacon that calls and guides our leadership and staff back to invitational service. I want us to be joyous in setting them apart for this special work in the sanctuary, in our community, and wherever else the Spirit of God leads them; affirming their role in the body of Christ to empower the same through the shared impartation of the Holy Spirit.

I hope to see you on Mission Trail Day in full fellowship with this faith community that you call your own. May the blessings of the Lord come upon you and overtake you as you approach Him in obedience... Amen.

Pastor Marty



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

1	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	15	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off
2	10:00 AM	AA	16	10:00 AM	AA
3				10:30 AM	Book Club
4	9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares	17		
5	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	18		Meals on Wheels Week
6	6:00 PM	Choir		9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off
7	5:30 PM	Pound	19	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off
7	7:00 PM	GA	20	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off
8	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		9:00 AM	Nurture & Care
9	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast		6:00 PM	Choir
	10:00 AM	AA	21	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off
10	3:00 PM	MUMC Mission Trail Day		7:00 PM	GA
11		Office Closed	22	9:00—Noon	Yard Sale Work
	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off		3:00-6:00 PM	Yard Sale
	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling	23	8:00 AM—Noon	Yard Sale
	6:00 PM	SPRC	24	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals
12	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off	25		
	10:00 AM	Young at Heart on the Road	26	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	6:00 PM	Cubs	27	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees	28	6:00 PM	Pound
	7:00 PM	Finance		7:00 PM	GA
13	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off	29	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
	6:00 PM	Choir	30	10:00 AM	AA
14	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Yard Sale Drop Off		5:30 AM	Trunk or Treat
	7:00 PM	GA	31	Noon	Our Neighbors Table



Saturday, October 9th 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 November compass deadline is October 18th!



For the current TIME we will continue to only have the 9 AM Worship Service, with Sunday School following!



During the month of October the Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing with the Andy Stanley DVD study - Christian: It's Not What You Think. Donna Lynn Horniacek has been leading a good discussion on what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and the definition of being a Christian versus being a disciple. We meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings immediately following worship and adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us for a time of fellowship and sharing.

YARD SALE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021, 3 PM to 6 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 8 AM TO 12 NOON

We will be working 9am to 3pm Monday, October 11 thru Friday, October 15, Monday, October 18 thru Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22, 9 am to 6 pm. We are asking that you bring in sale items during these hours if possible or evenings when the church is open (please check the church calendar for evening meeting times). Items may be dropped off on Sundays (October 10 & 17). Moving chairs, setting up tables, and moving boxes from the storage closet will be Sunday, October 10, time TBA. The youth groups will be assisting in this activity.

We need many volunteers to make this sale a success. The Friday afternoon sale is very busy and volunteers are especially needed from 3 to 6 pm.

The sale closes at Noon on Saturday, October 23. We will be preparing (noon to 1 pm) for a GIVE-AWAY from 1 to 4 pm for those in our community that may need good winter items. Previously we gave items to Our Neighbor's Table guests but they will not be at church until October 31 but they are invited to come October 23, 1 to 4 pm.

After 4 pm on October 23 plans are to box up and load a trailer with the remaining items to be hauled away on Monday, November 1. I am very pleased that our youth groups will be assisting with this project. The youth groups will be receiving a very nice \$\$ donation for their assistance. Parents are welcome to assist their youth in these two yard sale-related activities. Service and Missions Committee will be determining that \$\$ figure on September 29.

The remains from the April Sale were delivered to Renew in Marion, since Salvation Army in Marion only took 7 boxes. Plans are to deliver these sale remains to JR Center in Anna. For a number of years they have graciously accepted all that we had but due to Covid restrictions they were unable to accept them earlier this year. I will be working on a Plan B if that becomes necessary this October.

When you see the Facebook posts for this sale please like and share the post.

In past years I have received advice on how to distribute left-overs and new ideas. If you have concerns or suggestions I welcome them NOW, not later. In past years we have taken clothing items (age and laundry appropriate) to a local nursing home, items to Pregnancy Matters and the Women's Center in Carbondale. Since Covid I am not sure of their acceptance policies. If anyone has info for the Carbondale Warming Center needs I would be pleased to share our bounty.

I can be reached at 618-684-3601 by phone call or text and will be happy to help you. This sale is designed to benefit our community and the proceeds to supply needs for mission projects. Please include mission projects in your prayers.

Please do volunteer; lots of work but so many blessings in our fellowship time together.

God's Blessings
 Lynn Pierson

Let your light so shine
 Matthew 5:16

FREE

10/31

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE

Hot Meal
 Beverage
 Dessert, Fellowship

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

All Saints' Sunday
November 7th

We will honor our loved ones who have passed on between November 2020 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 November 1st.



The Library Corner: Deeper into the Bible, Part II

Last month's article discussed some ways to know the Bible better – and there is ALWAYS more to know! It is a path of spiritual growth for us—one of the ways God communicates with, and inspires his people. Here are other Biblical resources that can be found in the Church library that can help us on our way:

Resources for an “overall” look:

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People (selections from the New International Version) hits the Bible highlights (the “overstory” as Max Lucado and Randy Frazee call it) in only 31 chapters, along with short connecting passages. Although not a replacement for the full Bible, it is a great way to refresh the reader's knowledge of the Bible in an easy to read and understandable format. It is a good resource for learning how the Bible stories that we have heard in a “piecemeal” way all these years actually fit together!

Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story by Angie Smith. This is both a study book and a video. Although written as a women's study, nothing says men can't use it too! Smith confesses she once knew so little about the Bible that she finally read several children's Bibles just to give herself basic knowledge! Her six-week study involves reading some portions of the Bible, and answering questions.

New Testament Commentaries:

The Church library has two New Testament commentary sets, one written by William Barclay, and one by N.T. Wright, both noted Christian scholars. These books come in paperback format, with separate volumes on Matthew, Mark, etc., making it easy to take out the volume you want. Barclay and Wright give their own translation of a Bible passage, and then discuss it. They can be useful in Bible study, or just for helping you think more deeply about certain passages you find puzzling or interesting. And I don't think Cliff Buchholz would

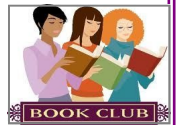
have minded me sharing this: On the library card for each Barclay volume, you will find Cliff's name. Many of you know that Cliff was a man devoted to reading the Bible, and reading these also was part of his spiritual journey.

Using these aids to help in our Bible reading journey can be very helpful. But there is another way, too—one that is not study, or reading fast through a chapter. It involves quiet, slowness, and short Bible passages. With this way of “spiritual reading” we pray for God's help in listening with our heart and spirit, and hearing His word for us on that day. This is an age-old practice of Biblical meditation or “Lectio Divina”. It is discussed more fully in at least one book we have in the library, **Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life** by Marjorie Thompson, in a chapter entitled “Chewing the Bread of the Word.” Thompson says “*In a certain sense. . .it is not so much we who read the Word, as the Word who “reads” us!*” (p. 22)

The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



October 16th, 10:30
The Midnight Library
By Matt Haig

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

*Read ahead book for November: **Afterlife** by Julia Alvarez*



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	18	Andy McNitt
5	Ken Cline	19	Adam Barringer
5	Jamie Stuck	21	Jennie Snyder
7	Jennifer Watson	22	Gary Wece
8	Ellen McNitt	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
9	Lora Bitner	25	Julie Peterson
9	Carolyn Ozburn	26	Nicci Graff
9	Hanna Wece	26	Cheri Grover
9	Susan Wirth	28	Brandon Miller
12	Elizabeth Lovell	28	Ben Snyder
12	Rick Runge	28	Margie Snyder
13	Braden Miller	28	Barbara Zimmerman
14	Blake Niesporek	30	Kyle Quigley
15	Maya Jenkins	30	London Watson

Stretching With Rosie each Friday 9:00 AM

Prayers & Squares Quilting
1st & 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.



Candy & Treat Drive
SUNDAYS from now until October 24th.
Please drop off donations of candy and small treats in the bin in the Welcome Center. **THANK YOU!**
Trunk~or~Treat
Sat., October 30th

Sermon Series
THE LIES WE BELIEVE
Sept 19th - Oct 25th



YAH ON THE ROAD

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



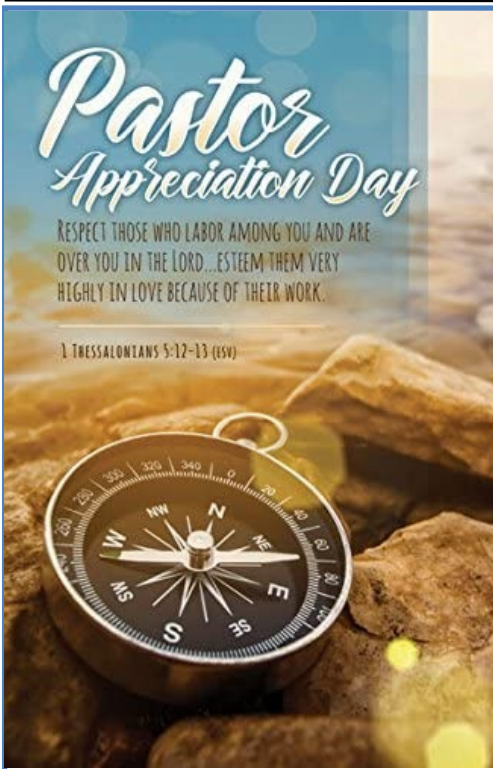
Contact Michelle Parker-Clark or the Church office for more details or to sign up.



On Tuesday, September 14 sixteen (16) participants enjoyed a delicious array of salads, plate lunches, casseroles, and homemade dinner rolls at Simply David's Bakery & Catering in Marion. Painted on the wall behind the bakery display case was the owner's philosophy to "Never trust a Skinny Chef." Many of us decided that we trusted the chef enough to indulge in some cookies, cupcakes, and cherry pie, and we were not disappointed. With a need to walk off some of those calories we headed over to Mandala Gardens - a seven acre oasis just off of North State Street in Marion. If you are looking for the perfect place to sit and visit with friends, read a book, walk a labyrinth, or just enjoy the beauty of God's creation, Mandala Gardens is truly the place.

YAH on the Road will travel to Perryville, MO, on Tuesday, October 12. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am for an early lunch at Mary Jane Burgers & Brew. This is a neighborhood restaurant with delicious local foods served with a smile. The burgers are prepared fresh daily using Midwest-raised cattle, no gmo's, no antibiotics and are accompanied with fresh-baked buns. After lunch we will be privileged to visit Missouri's National Veterans Memorial. This memorial is home to several monuments honoring our nation's veterans and those currently serving, including America's Wall, the Honor Flag Memorial, and the Guardians of Freedom, and the James M. Eddleman Military Museum. Please join us for a great time of fellowship and the opportunity to honor and celebrate those who have served our nation.





Dear Church Family:

On October 10th many churches across our nation will join us in celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Help us to show Pastor Marty and his family how much we have enjoyed their presence here with us these last couple of months and how much we look forward to their future here with us.

We will be collecting monetary donations until October 6th so that we may present them to Pastor Marty on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. If you would like to contribute to this gift you may do so with one of the following options:

- Mail your gift to the church office by October 6th.
- 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" by Sunday, October 3rd.

Thank you so much for your participation in this annual recognition, both in the past and currently. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Marty, Veronica, and their family here with us.

Sincerely,

Staff Parrish Committee



UMM Apple Pancake Breakfast 2021 is in the books.

The men want to thank all the women who stepped up to help set up, serve, and clean up. We could not have done it without them.

We sold 177 tickets and served a total of 140 people our delicious pancakes.

Thank you again to all who helped either by selling, purchasing, attending or actually helping on the day of the event. It takes us all to make the missions of MUMC a reality.



Mon., Oct 11th at 10:00 am in the

Fellowship Hall. Please let Rosie know if you will be attending to ensure there is adequate spacing available.

The MUMC Choir is Back



There is no age requirement nor a fee to join. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm. Contact Cameron Taylor at cambtay2012@gmail.com or 309-224-1676 for any questions

TRUNK or TREAT Saturday **OCTOBER 30th** 5-8 PM

3 ways to participate
Host a trunk, donate treats or help out the night of event

Signup on the attendance pad or call the Office!

MUMC Missions Trail Day Sunday October 10th

3 - 6 PM

In addition to our normal Trail Day. We will use this day to celebrate the return of our Missions

Kiwanis Shelter at Riverside Park

Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert and your lawn chairs.

Fried chicken, drinks, and table service will be provided.

Sign up on the attendance pad, and we will see you on the Trail!



It's that time of year again for everyone to come out and enjoy MUMC Mission Trail Day 2021. This year we will be gathering at the Kiwanis Shelter at Riverside Park on Sunday, October 10 from 3-6 pm. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert and your lawn chairs. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship and a special time to recognize and celebrate the ministries of our church. Fried chicken, drinks, and table service will be provided. Don't forget to sign up on the attendance pad, and we will see you on the Trail!

The 10th Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 pm.

This event is co-hosted by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Francis Community Animal Rescue and Education.

This is a free event for pets and their people. We ask that all animals please be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing, there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and door prizes. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.

10th Annual Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 24
4:00 PM
MUMC PAVILION
(1500 Pine Street)

This even is co-Hosted by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church & St. Francis Community Animal Rescue



We ask that all animals please be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing, there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and door prizes. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.

Remember to use this event to invite your friends and neighbors to fellowship with us, and be blessed.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MUMC Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 19th from 11-4 pm

For more information contact Gene Schwebel 618-521-0879

WINTER YARD SALE OCT 22 & 23 AT MUMC

Friday 3 - 6 pm
Saturday 8 am - 12 noon

Donations and volunteers are needed. Proceeds will support the Missions of MUMC.

Drop Off & Work Days start Mon, Oct 11th - Thus, Oct 21st for details contact Lynn Pierson at 684-3601



Jesus



Shine in 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:

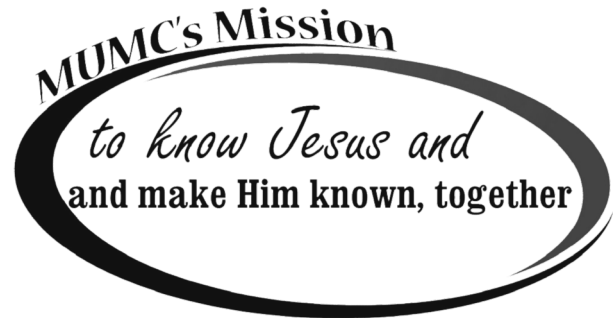
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.



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