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



March madness is a term used for the season of NCAA college basketball tournaments... It's exciting and compelling. The best is often drawn out of these teams because of the hype and expectation of 'MARCH MADNESS'. It makes me wonder. What is our call to an exciting focus on our work as Christ Followers and what compels us?

Is it a season and marketing gimmick like 'March Madness' or is it something more substantive, something more virtuous? Definitely yes to both of those questions. Our call is based on an eternal act of love God displayed for us over the course of human history, particularly as displayed in the Bible. We are excited to know such a love that the world is void of. We are compelled because that love has transformed our lives and sustains us. We are not a people of seasons and gimmicks. We must be a people that Paul fervently requested us to become:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
² *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)*

So be encouraged church as we go forth. Begin to invite friends and family to church. Bring your children and new ideas and methods to bring the eternal Word to the next generations.

Be blessed,
Marty McMichael
Pastor Marty



FOCUS ON 2022

Your Finance Committee is pleased to present a two-part 'Focus on 2022.' Please note that the 2022 Budget remains in process. One last step must be taken before we can finalize salaries to mirror the staffing plan presented during the Stewardship Program. We will publish a final budget and budget narrative just as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to let any one of us know if you have any questions, concerns or would like additional information about church finances. You can anticipate our publishing quarterly snapshots during the year.

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it. - Psalm 24:1*

STEWARDSHIP



The 2021 Stewardship Program was launched in November with Pastor Marty's sermon series entitled 'The Christian Wallet'. The campaign was held open through January, and results are as follows:

2021 AND 2022 PLEDGES & NON-PLEDGE ESTIMATES RESULTS

NUMBER OF GIVING UNITS	2021	2022
Pledged	39	47
Estimate of Non-Pledged	79	51
TOTALS	118	98
DOLLARS PLEDGED/ ESTIMATED	2021	2022
Dollars Pledged	\$185,280	\$211,462*
Estimate of Non-Pledged	114,873	133,375*
TOTALS	\$300,153	\$344,837

*Pledged and estimated non-pledged dollars are incorporated into 2022 Budget Income (see Synopsis)

JOB WELL DONE



INCOME

Estimates of Giving (Pledged)	\$211,462.00
Plate Offerings	3,000.00
Non-Pledged Gifts	133,375.00
Kroger Rebate	500.00
Disbursements from Special Funds	<u>6,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$354,837.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$175,348.00
Benefits	8,587.00
Contractual Staff	16,993.50
Congregation Nurture & Care	925.00
Worship	5,020.00
Adult Spiritual Formation	4,050.00
Children & Youth Formation	18,775.00
Hospitality	500.00
Promotions & Publicity	1,800.00
Utilities/Upkeep	43,400.00
*Finance	29,526.00
**Church Administration	31,585.00
***Staff Parish Relations	<u>4,300.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$380,809.50
Net Loss	-25,972.50

*Finance includes apportionments, mortgage and stewardship

**Church Admin. includes office supplies, phone service, One Call Now, postage, copier, Internet, accountant's audit, etc.

***Staff recognition, team building and staff acquisition

2022 Finance Committee: Nancy Vallino [618/924-3781 (phone or text)], Nancy Fager, Nicci Graff, Shannon Green, Sandy Herring, Vanessa Lirely, Ben Snyder, Terrin Thies, Rob Williams or our Financial Secretary, Christine Nolan.

2022 Stewardship Reps: Brooke Guthman and Jennifer Watson

1	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting	15	7:00 PM	Service & Missions
	5:30 PM	Youth Ministry Team	16	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		10:00 AM	Directory Team
2	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday		6:00 PM	Choir
3	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	17	7:00 PM	GA
	7:00 PM	GA	18	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
4	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	19	10:00 AM	AA
5	10:00 AM	AA		10:30 AM	Book Club
	11:00 AM	Church Council SAS	20	1:00 PM	Youth to Skyzone
6	9:00 AM	Communion Sunday/1st Sunday of Lent	21		Meals On Wheels Week
	5:00 PM	Youth Fellowship		9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares
7	9:30 AM	Prayers & Squares	22	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
8	10:45 AM	YAH on the Road		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting		6:00 PM	Church Council
	6:00 PM	Finance	23	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		6:00 PM	Choir
9	6:00 PM	Choir	24	7:00 PM	GA
10	7:00 PM	GA	25	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
11	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	26	10:00 AM	AA
	9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry	27	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
12	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	28		
	10:00 AM	AA	29	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
13	10:30 AM	Bus Ministry Informational Meeting		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
14	10:00 AM	Bible Journaling	30	6:00 PM	Choir
15	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting	31	7:00 PM	GA
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts			
	6:00 PM	SPRC			



Saturday,
March
12th at 7:30 AM.

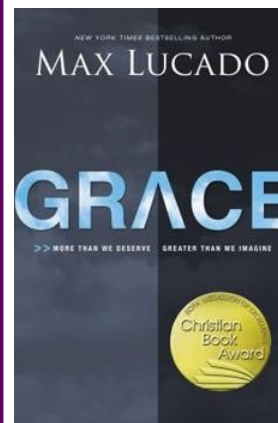


The April
compass
deadline is
March 14th



On March 6 the
Adult Sunday
School class will

begin a new DVD study by
Max Lucado - Grace More
Than We Deserve Greater
Than We Imagine. The
study will be led by Donna
Lynn Horniacek and adults
of all ages are invited to
participate.



Please join us
for a time of
fellowship
and
discussion
during this
season of
Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



March 2nd at 7:00 pm

Lenten Sermon Series

Grace Poured Out for Us:



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jr. High & Sr. High meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm.

A meal is provided, invite your friends and come fellowship with us!



BUS MINISTRY

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Some of our members are no longer able to drive themselves to church. We want to help them out, but we need more drivers & aids who can help! Is this a way you can minister?

JOIN OUR INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 13TH AT 10:30 AM IN ROOM 202

Contact Gene Schwebel at 618-521-0879 for more information

YOUTH TO SKYZONE MARCH 20TH



Bus leaves at 1:00 pm. youth will only need money for snacks and diner at a fast food resturant on the way home.

For more information contact Diane Schingel at 618-303-3757

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 10th 9 am

Easter Sunday
April 17th

Holy Thursday
April 14th 7:00 pm

Sunrise 6:30 am
(Murphysboro Lake)

Community Good Friday
April 15th Noon
(First Baptist Church)

Tradtional 9 am



Spring Forward

Sunday, March 13th





CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”

The Library Corner: Give Up Something for Lent?

Most of us have done it. It's a long-standing tradition. To feel closer to Jesus during Lent, we give up something that is normally a part of our lives, as a small sacrifice. It may be small, but it can hurt. Give up chocolate? Ouch. Give up coffee? Almost unthinkable. It is a small act of daily faithfulness that is meant to help us think of Jesus, and the fact that he sacrificed everything for us. Does it work? We have to answer that for ourselves. It does for many of us.

James Moore, in his book **Give Up Something Bad for Lent** has a different idea. He says *“If we are going to give up something for Lent, instead of choosing something good, why not choose something bad? If we are going to give up something for Lent as a spiritual discipline, then why don't we pick out something we need to get out of our lives permanently?”*

In his easy, story-telling manner, Moore challenges us to focus on one habit or attitude and seek God's help in changing it, including what he calls “the enemies within” such as envy, blame-shifting, and self-pity.

Or perhaps this Lent would be a good time to add something that enhances or deepens our spiritual lives rather than giving something up. The choices could be many, but since this is a library column here is one suggestion: find a book or video that helps or inspires you to think more deeply and feel closer to God. Here are some recommended books and / or DVDs available through the library:

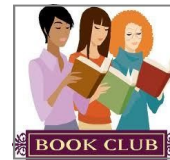
The God We Can Know: Exploring the “I Am” Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay. The author says “And much more important than knowing about God is knowing God. . . The more we know the one who said ‘I am the Bread of Life’ the greater satisfaction and joy we have.”

24 Hours that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton gives vivid details and insights about Jesus and those around him before and during the crucifixion. The final chapter is “Jesus the Victor.”

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. Gifford walks the ancient paths of Israel with experts on scripture and the Holy Land in this book and DVD about the Rock (Jesus Christ), The Road (Israel) and The Rabbi (God's Word). Rabbi Sobel lends fascinating insights.

You will find these and other books/DVDs on display on the upstairs bookcase. And we think the library downstairs will once again be open for browsing in March! Yay!

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



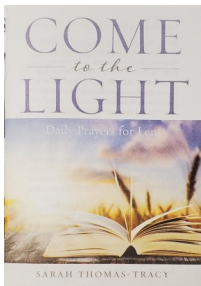
As of printing of the compass the Saturday morning book club has not selected their April book. Please look for emails in the near future with information about the book selection.



3	Richard & Mary Ellen Tierney	18	Jon & Lou Anne Lough
11	Rick & Scarlett Pierson	31	Pete & Caroline Pederson



2	Paul Bitner	14	Mary Ellen Brown
3	Willard Ellis	16	Patrick Yates
3	Drake Rogus	17	Ginger Guetersloh
6	Scarlett Pierson	18	Caitlin Doody
7	Brandi Bitner	18	Fiona Fletcher
9	Gloria Likins	19	Marlene Gibbs
9	Wilma Westerfield	19	Corey Zimmerman
10	Aaron Erbes	25	Pat Hall
10	Sharon Medlen	25	Jacob Presley
10	Mason Olenkiewice	26	Ashleigh Boyle
10	Bill Slider	26	Tina Fager-Nimmo
10	Patti Thraikill	26	Everett Snyder
12	Everett Blackwell	27	Harper Ellermeyer
12	Brie Imhoff	28	Ray Burroughs
12	Todd Lirely	29	Lexi Robinson
13	Brad Fager	31	Kort Green
13	Etta Mae Imhoff	31	Pete Pederson

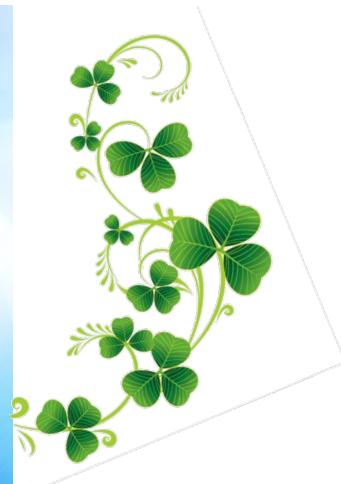


Lent Book are available now, at both sanctuary entrances.



For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Guideposts



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.



The YAH on the Road gang didn't wait long after the Giant City Lodge opened for the season to make it there for lunch. There were 17 individuals who traveled to The Lodge on February 8 to enjoy their famous family style fried chicken dinner, soups, salads, and some delicious desserts - the person who ate the most chicken will remain a secret! Thank you to everyone who participated in this outing and a special thank you to Gene Schwebel for driving the bus.



YAH on the Road will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a little early this year. On March 8 we will travel to Katy O'Ferrell's PubliK House located on Broadway Street in downtown Cape Girardeau. This eating establishment is said to be a convivial hangout offering hearty, Irish-inspired eats in a warm setting. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 10:30 am for a noontime lunch. Everyone is welcome, so please join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship, and don't forget to wear your green!



In Loving Memory . . .

Since our last newsletter we celebrated the life of a single loved one:

Ted Perry

Ted passed away on Friday, February 11th. He was the husband of Marilyn Perry and the brother of Shirley Watson, Ruth (Loyd) Ebersohl and Pam (Charles) Crews.



Meets the 2nd Friday of each month at the Murphysboro Food Pantry at 9:00 am

Mon., Mar. 14th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Rosie know if you will be attending to ensure there is adequate spacing available.



MUMC YARD SALE April 29 & 30



You can start dropping off items on Monday, April 18th.

See March Compass for more information

Spring/Summer Yard Sale

Sale dates are **Friday, April 29, 1-6 pm and Saturday, April 30, 8-11am.** (These times are different than previous sales.)

You may drop off items Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25-Tuesday, April 26 between the hours of 9 am-3 pm. You can drop off items in the evenings or on Saturday mornings when the church is open for meetings.

Please do not bring winter items for this sale. Fall/winter sale will be October 28-29.

Call/text me at 618-684-3601 if you have questions or need drop-off access.

Lynn Pierson

Dear Church Family:

I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness extended to me during my hospital stay and my recovery time since. You will never know how much the prayers, calls, texts and cards have meant. I want to say a very special thank you to Pastor Marty and Michelle for the prayers and for keeping in touch when I needed it most. God is good.

Wilma Westerfield



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

Save the Date



**My Own Bookcase
Presentation
Ceremony:**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022
1pm at
Elks Banquet Hall**

The Sixth My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony will be Sunday, April 24 at 1pm at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall.

Please join us as we will present 28 Head Start children who will be attending kindergarten this fall with their own bookcase and starter set of books.

The look of excitement on the children's faces as they receive their bookcases and books is something that you won't want to miss!

MASTER CLASS: UNPACKING THE SERMON

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting
March 6th,
room 202

Master
Class:
Unpacking
the
Sermon

10:30 AM

Led by:

Pastor Marty
& Veronica

Have you ever had questions concerning the preached Word on Sundays? Do you want to go deeper and discover what the Word might mean with the preacher? Well, here is your opportunity to do just that. We will start a Sunday School offering called "Master Class: Unpacking the Sermon" on March 6th @ 10:30 am in room 202. We will unpack, going deeper into the practical application of God's Word.

Bible Give Away

The Library is giving away two daily bibles that will help you read your bible in a year.

Drawing will be held in early March!

See display on bookcase next to water fountain at the top of the stairs for more information.

Are you thinking of reading the Bible more regularly and learning more about God's words for us? The library ministry may have just the thing for you! We are holding a drawing for two Daily Bibles, which have reading plans for reading the Bible in one year. Reading through the Bible can be life changing—but it also is a challenge! These Bibles can make it easier.

Have a look at the Bibles and find the slips to fill out for the drawing on the bookcase by the water fountain in the Education wing. The drawing will be held in early March. Your Bible adventure awaits!



CHURCH WEEK
SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

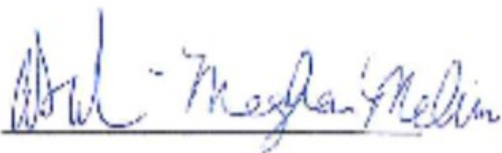
Murphysboro Rural King
550 E. Industrial Park Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Christian Leader,

On behalf of Rural King and our associates, we would like to thank you for your participation in Church Week 2021. We know the past year has been filled with much uncertainty and unprecedented times, but we are grateful for the continued Kingdom work that you, as Christian leaders, are doing. It is a privilege to partner with you in giving back to the communities you serve. We know it is because of your dedicated patrons, who took the time to register and make a purchase, that this support is given to you and your mission. Again, thank you for letting us partner with you and we pray this donation will bless your organization.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Thank you for letting us partner with you and we pray this donation will bless your organization.



Alex Melvin, CEO & Meghan Melvin



Noisy Offering is back starting March 6th.

The months of March, April, & May, offering collected will be used in supporting 724 Ministries.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ~ Psalm 100:1



Our Neighbor's Table

FREE community meal
the last Sunday of every month starting at 12:00 noon
in the Murphysboro United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers Needed!

Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark

MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966**

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:

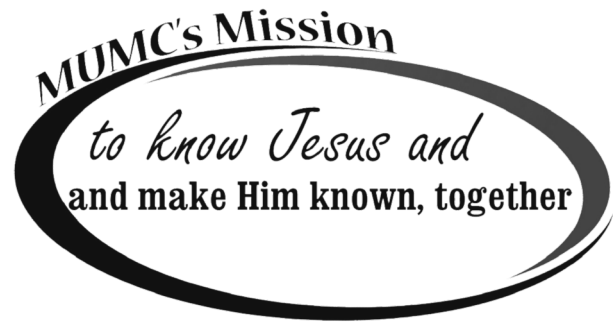
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



Staff

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Marty McMichael
Interim Pastor of
Congregational Care..... Michelle Parker-Clark
Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
Custodian Pat Sullivan

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Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders
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