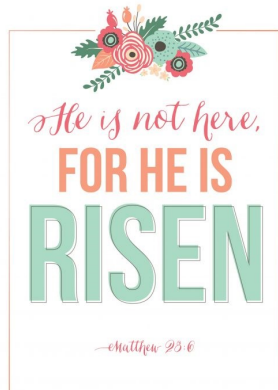




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WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
 is Wednesday
 at
 10:00 a.m.



TIME TO RETURN HOME

I told you a few months ago that we would survive COVID 19, and we did better than that. Our congregation has thrived during that difficult time. Instead of disappearing from the landscape, those that were able, continued mission work locally and nationally. Instead of cowering in fear with a dark hope for our nation’s future; pinching every penny and withholding every dime, you all continued in your support of the ministry. In doing so you ensured that there were facilities, staff, and resources to continue to serve the community and members of your congregation. I want to thank you all for your intentional and brave actions to ensure God’s work was done during COVID and will continue to be executed post COVID...

Please know that much is happening at your church. We are attempting to revitalize and/ or enhance:

- Staffing
- Youth Ministry
- Sunday School
- Selling property
- Administrative structures
- Outreach to young families
- Online presence & communications

We need your support in prayers, ideas, finances, and **SERVICE!** Yes, ‘SERVICE’ is bolded because practical application is the most critical aspect of God’s ministry; someone has got to be there to do the work in some capacity. It may be behind the scenes in administration, or out front where you physically connect with people, organizations, or things. Whatever the role or capacity of service, it is the body of Christ which effectuates His work in the world:

¹¹ And he himself gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, that is, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God—a mature person, attaining to the measure of Christ’s full stature. ¹⁶ From him the whole body grows, fitted, and held together through every supporting ligament. As each one does its part, the body builds itself up in love.

Its time to come home! We need help in every area. Invite your friends and neighbors today, don’t delay. Invite them into ministry, not to church only. God has required that we worship together. Call Michelle Clark or I to identify areas of active ministry where you or a friend can serve. Be present again with your faith family in worship; face to face encouraging and holding one another accountable for the great works of God.

²³ And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the one who made the promise is trustworthy. ²⁴ And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good work ²⁵ not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near.

May the God of peace bless you,
 Pastor Marty

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| 1 | 9:00 am | Stretching w/Rosie | 12 | 6:00 pm | Cub Scouts | 21 | 3:00 pm | Grief & Loss Support |
| 2 | 10:00 am | AA Meeting | 13 | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice | | 4:00 pm | Grief & Loss Team |
| 3 | | Communion Sunday | | 7:00 pm | Handbell Practice | | 7:00 pm | GA Meeting |
| | 9:45 am | Church Conference | | 7:00 pm | NA Meeting | | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | 5:00 pm | Youth Fellowship | 14 | 3:00 pm | Grief & Loss Support | 22 | 9:00 am | Stretching w/Rosie |
| 4 | 9:30 am | Prayers & Squares | | 4:00 pm | Grief & Loss Team | | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | 6:00 pm | SS Team | | 7:00 pm | GA Meeting | 23 | 10:00 am | AA Meeting |
| 5 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting | | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Service | 24 | Noon | Our Neighbors Table |
| | 5:30 pm | Youth Ministry Team | 15 | | Good Friday—Office Closed | | 1:00 pm | Our Own Bookcase—Elks |
| | 6:00 pm | Cub Scouts | 16 | 10:00 am | AA Meeting | 25 | 6:00 pm | SS Team |
| 6 | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice | 17 | | Easter Sunday | | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | 7:00 pm | Handbell Practice | | 5:30 am | Bus to Bald Knob | 26 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm | NA Meeting | 18 | | Easter Monday—Office Closed | | 6:00 pm | Cub Scouts |
| 7 | 3:00 pm | Grief & Loss Support | | 9:30 am | Prayers & Squares | | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | 4:00 pm | Grief & Loss Team | | 6:00 pm | SS Team | 27 | 9:00 am | Holy Folders |
| | 7:00 pm | GA Meeting | | | Yard Sale Drop Off & Set Up | | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| 8 | 9:00 am | Stretching w/Rosie | 19 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting | | 7:00 pm | Handbell Practice |
| | 9:30 am | FOP @ Food Pantry | | 6:00 pm | SPRC | | 7:00 pm | NA Meeting |
| 9 | 7:30 am | UMM Breakfast | | 6:00 pm | Cub Scouts | | | Yard Sale Drop Off |
| | 10:00 am | AA Meeting | | 6:30 pm | Clergy Meeting at Aldersgate | 28 | 3:00 pm | Grief & Loss Support |
| | 10:30 am | Book Club | | 7:00 pm | Service & Missions | | 4:00 pm | Grief & Loss Team |
| 10 | | Palm Sunday | | | Yard Sale Drop Off | | 7:00 pm | GA Meeting |
| | 10:15 am | Camp Sign-up | 20 | 9:00 pm | Nurture & Care | 29 | 1:00 pm | Yard Sale |
| 11 | 10:00 am | Bible Journaling | | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice | 30 | 8:00 am | Yard Sale |
| | 6:00 pm | SS Team | | 7:00 pm | Handbell Practice | | 10:00 am | AA Meeting |
| 12 | 10:30 am | Young @ Heart | | 7:00 pm | NA Meeting | | | |
| | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting | | | Yard Sale Drop Off | | | |



The Library Corner: Want More?

We know that the study of the Bible is central to the Christian life—but we also know there are books and studies that can help us understand and gain insights about what we read in the Bible. There is always more to learn! Here is a small sample of what is available in the church library:

Jesus' apostles are the subject of several books—one of them, **The Thirteen Apostles**, is by J. Ellsworth Kalas. *Thirteen?* Yes! Kalas discusses the initial twelve, including Judas, but then adds a chapter on Matthias who was chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve. See Acts 1:15-26.

Twelve Unlikely Heroes by John MacArthur is **NOT** about the apostles! It is instead about other people in the Bible—not at all perfect—who still played their parts in God's story. That is why the subtitle of this book is **How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to do with You.**

The Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene by Liz Curtis Higgs. Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha. Mary Magdalene, devoted follower—and a witness to his resurrection. The lives of each of these Marys are forever changed because of Jesus.

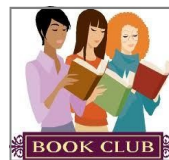
One of Max Lucado's better books is **Grace: More Than We Deserve Greater Than We Imagine.** Lucado says about grace: *"Here's my hunch: we've settled for a wimpy grace . . . Never causes trouble or demands a response."* He asks: *"Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Snatched by the nape of the neck and shaken to your senses by grace?"* (p.8) This book invites readers to learn more about being shaped by grace—and possibly being snatched by the nape of the neck and

shaken to our senses!

Now Hear This! Sometimes more reading is more than we can do. The library has a limited number of Audio CDs—just for those of you who still have a CD player! Here are two audio books:

Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton explores Jesus' dying words and their meaning for today. This is a good book to listen to or read during Lent, as it takes us deeper into the day of Jesus' crucifixion. These are important words—and are packed with meaning. The book and DVD are also available.

Abraham: a Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler. Feiler explores the life of Abraham, the patriarch who is at the beginnings of Judaism as well as Christianity and the Muslim religion. He walks the ground in the Holy Land, and talks with scholars of religion. Feiler also wrote **Walking the Bible**, which is also in the church library.



The Saturday Book Club
Room 202
April, 10:30

The Alchemist
By Paul Coelho

Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and soul-stirring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried near the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles in his path. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasure found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

MUMC
Saturday
Morning

Read Ahead Book for May:
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut



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| 3 | Jerry & Janis Crews | 20 | James & Brittni Heilig |
| 8 | Ray & Myrrl Burroughs | 20 | Todd & Vanessa Lirely |
| 15 | Patrick & Mary Ellen Brown | 24 | Bob & Tonia Purcell |



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| 4 | Perry Patterson | 20 | Ed O'Donnell |
| 4 | Gloria Stoker | 20 | Thelma Pierson |
| 5 | Lou Anne Lough | 21 | Heather Bean |
| 10 | Aiden McNitt | 21 | Brianna Berger |
| 13 | Durice Runge | 21 | Lacey Brown |
| 15 | Kathy Abbadusky | 21 | Megan Mileur |
| 16 | Sam Chapa | 21 | William Mileur |
| 16 | Glenda Martin | 22 | Sylvia Frank |
| 18 | Rosemary Cornell | 24 | Jay Graff |
| 20 | Cadence Brown | 29 | Megan McNitt |
| 20 | Nancy Fager | 30 | Brittany Nolan |

**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.

I thank you Church Family for all the prayer and cards for Ted over the past year, although Ted couldn't see them, I read every one of them to him. Some of you visited in person and some called him, which he enjoyed so much. To Pastor Marty, your visit was very much appreciated, as well as Communion, we both shared with you. Also a Special "Thanks" for helping with the funeral service and especially your kind words about Ted. I thank to all for the dinner we enjoyed after the funeral, it meant a lot to our family. I have also received so many sympathy cards and I thank you all for your love and support during this difficult time.

...of thanks!
Marilyn Perry



March 8 was a beautiful day to travel to Cape Girardeau for lunch by a cozy fire at Katy O'Ferrell's Publick House. Seventeen YAH on the Road travelers enjoyed some delicious Irish fare such as Boxy's, Guinness Stew, Katy Planks, and Shepherd's Pie, and some out of this world Bread Pudding. A special thank you to Gene Schwebel for driving the bus, and working to get it started, and for Thelma Pierson saving the day with her high powered jumper cables. The luck of the Irish was truly with us!

Join YAH on the Road on Tuesday, April 12, as we board the Stagecoach (church bus) at 10:30 am to travel to Salem, Illinois for lunch at Lander's Iron Saddle Ranch. Don't forget your cowboy hats and boots as we gather around the old campfire for some Armadillo eggs, Pecos Nachos or a Snakebite sandwich. It will be sure to satisfy any hungry cowhand!



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!

Saturday, April 9th


at 7:30 AM.




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

PET FOOD PANTRY
MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
and MURPHYSBORO FOOD PANTRY

Mon., April. 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.



Bible journaling

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

MUMC YARD SALE

Fri., Apr. 29 & Sat., Apr. 30th
1 pm to 6 pm & 8 am to 11 am



We will start accepting items starting on Monday April 18th thru Wednesday April 27th!

Please no winter items at this time.

See April Compass for more information or contact Lynn Pierson 684-3601

MUMC & Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance Community Free Laundry Days

FREE Laundry SERVICES

AT THE MURPHYSBORO MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

APRIL 6 4PM-6PM

14TH STREET LAUNDROMAT

April 6th
4 pm - 6 pm
&
April 9th
10 am - 12 pm

FREE Laundry SERVICES

AT THE MURPHYSBORO MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

APRIL 9 10AM-12PM

14TH STREET LAUNDROMAT

We need 3 volunteers for each shift, to visit and distribute the tokens for laundry to our community members. Please contact Melba in the office to volunteer.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

save the date

Saturday, May 7th

The Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast on Sat., May 7th at 9:00 am. Tickets will go on sale April 10th.



In Loving Memory . . .

Since the last newsletter we celebrated the lives of three friends and loved ones:

Melody Lane

Melody Lane passed away on Tu., Feb. 15th. Melody was the niece of Harold and Marlene Gibbs.

Kimberly Kay Baskin

Kimberly Kay Baskin passed away on Wed., Feb. 16th. Kimberly was the niece of our MUMC Custodian, Pat Sullivan, and his wife, Glenda.

Bennie Crawford Greene

Bennie Crawford Greene passed away on Wed., Feb. 16th. Bennie and his wife, Ava Jo, were friends of Mike and Michelle Clark.

Save the Date



My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony:

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

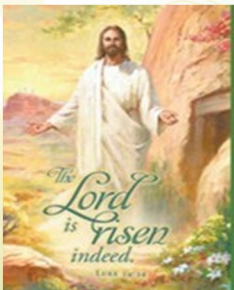
The Sixth My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony will be Sunday, April 24 at 1pm at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall.

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!



Special Offering Resurrection Sunday



Easter Offering

Name _____
Address _____
No. _____ Amount _____

will be for MUMC Youth Missions



The May compass deadline is April 18th

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

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 10th
9 am

Easter Sunday
April 17th

Sunrise 6:30 am
at Bald Knob Cross
Bus leaves at 5:30

Holy Thursday
April 14th
7:00 pm

Traditional Service
9 am



6:30 AM
Easter Sunrise Service

MUMC will be taking our Bus to Bald Knob Cross for Sunrise Service together. Bus will leave the Church at 5:30 am. Signup on attendance pad or by calling the church office.



It's Easter Egg Time! Your Help is Needed!

We are asking everyone to bring individually wrapped candy or toys and drop it off in the Bin in the Welcome Center. From Sunday March 27th - Sunday April 10th

The youth group will fill eggs on 1st Sunday Youth Fellowship, and the Congregation is invited to join us on Palm Sunday in the fellowship Hall after Church to fill the remaining Eggs.



\$15.00 each orders due to office by noon April, 11th
Order forms are in your Bulletin & were emailed with weekly bulletin.

EASTER LILIES

Are you ready for some real "comfort food"?

Join the Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team on Sunday, May 15th. We will be hosting our annual fundraiser at the Plum Street Home Association (Murphysboro K C Hall). The menu is fried chicken plus all the trimmings. Drinks provided. Homemade desserts made by our wonderful Methodist bakers, will also be on the menu. The meal will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children ages 5-11, and children 4 and under eat free. Carry-outs are available. Advanced tickets may be purchased from any team member. Team members are Nancy Fager, Tena Bigham, Jennifer Watson, Nicci Graff, Michelle Parker-Clarke, Gene Schwebel, Sharon Graff, Wilma Westerfield, Kathy Ripley, and Sharon Jones. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door.

This is the major fundraiser for our Methodists on a Mission Relay team. We appreciate your support for this worthy cause, and look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life

Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, MAY 15
11 am to 1 pm
Plum Street Association
formerly the Murphysboro KC Hall



Tickets on sale now from any team member or in the office.
Adults = \$15
12 & Under = \$7.50






CHURCH WEEK

SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

We are excited once again to host Church Week, and you are already registered! Christian values are at the center of our communities, and something we hold close to our hearts at Rural King. By following the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, we know that Christian organizations truly make a difference in the lives they touch. Now more than ever, we feel it is crucial to help support Christian organizations, such as yours, in the communities we share.

In that spirit, Rural King is honored to host Church Week April 7-20, 2022. This program provides an opportunity for those who shop at Rural King to support participating Christian churches, schools, and radio stations.

Participant Information:

Your supporters can shop at their local Rural King store, or www.ruralking.com, and submit their qualifying receipt on our website, www.ruralking.com/churchweek. To be eligible, the receipts must be dated April 7-20, 2022, and be submitted to the website above by May 6, 2022.

1. Once the event has ended, 10% of each valid and qualifying Rural King receipt's total (after sales tax) will be donated to the registered organization chosen by the customer.
2. Donations will be distributed to the organizations receiving them by the Rural King store designated during the application process.

For questions, please e-mail churchweek@ruralking.com

Thank you for all you do to continually bless our local communities. It is our hope that Church Week can help our customers to provide blessings to you in return.

As Paul wrote in Corinthians:

"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"

(2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

Sincerely,

EST'D 1960
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RURAL KING[®]
AMERICA'S FARM & HOME STORE

MUMC Camping Families:

We are excited to say Summer Camp is back in 2022! We have established a new pricing structure. MUMC will be responsible for 50% and parents will be responsible for the other 50%.

Parents will have the following choices for their 50% responsibility:

Parents pay the entire 50% themselves

Parents apply for IGRC Scholarship

If Scholarship applied for the break down for cost is: parents pay at least 1/3 or more of cost, but must be at least \$25, Church pays 1/3 or more, and scholarship pays the remaining balance.

Children's participation in fundraising opportunities

Church member sponsorship of individual Child/Youth participating in the camp.

(We will trust families to do what they can genuinely afford.

Parents' choice for registrations will be held in the strictest confidence.)

It has been voted that each youth participant may bring one friend, and the church will be responsible for 50%, and the parent will be responsible for the remaining 50% (they may apply for the IGRC scholarship also). Potential for additional friends could be an option after registration is on April 10th is received.

If your camp application is received by Thursday, April 14th at 9 am, you will receive an additional \$25 off the total camp fee.

Your brochure and registrations forms are located in the sanctuary entrance table. If you have any questions, contact Chris Nolan in the church office 687-2317.

Lily and Easter Memorial

If you would like to order a lily to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, please fill out this form and place it with your payment in the offering or return it to the church office. Please make checks payable to MUMC. Orders must be received by noon on Monday, April 11th. You may take your lily with you after the worship service on Easter.

The cost of each plant is \$15.00

Enclosed is \$_____ Lily
\$_____ Memorial Contribution

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

FROM: _____

Comp Sponsorship & Fundraising Opportunities

Right now we have two ways you can sponsor a MUMC child for camp.

The first is to place a check in the offering plate or mail to the church office with Camp Sponsorship in the memo line. Preferred sponsorships are from \$100 to \$300, but any amount is appreciated.

The 2nd is the Post It note fundraiser in the Welcome Center. Pull a Post-It and Donate that amount of money to help send all our youth to camp. You can write a check or send cash in with the post-it you pulled. It can be mailed or put in the offering plate with your name on it so Christine can give credit to your giving.


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Handbell Choir Returns

Rehearsal we be Wednesdays at 7pm after choir practice.

We have plenty of room for anyone who wants to join.



The Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing the Max Lucado DVD Study *Grace - More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* through the Lenten Season. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a great time of fellowship and discussion!

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:

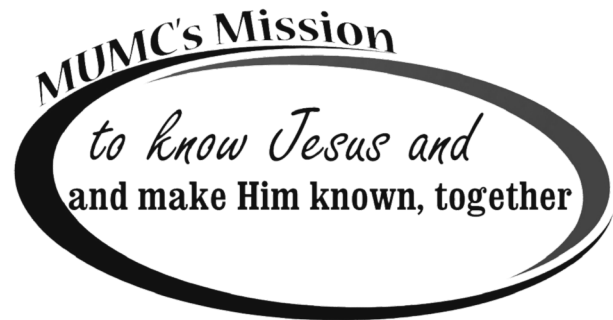
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



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Interim Pastor of
Congregational Care..... Michelle Parker-Clark
Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
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