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



WE CELEBRATE MOTHERS

This time of year, we turn our thoughts towards the matriarchs in our communities. Well, if the truth be told, we surrender more than just our thoughts, don't we? Children who are usually focused on themselves fabricate all types of odd creations derived from dried noodles, yarn, and crayons. Teens who normally live in their own world, a realm in which they believe grown-ups can't understand, pause from their *profound* knowledge of life and living to ask dad for money to buy mom a present. Husbands rush to find the perfect gift at angst for to show her how him.

This time of the transformed, as who consider ourselves. We think about the capacity to hold combined husband and self human being. sense of vigils she held constant warm and awful masterfully



the last hour; full of forgetting and desire much she means to year we are it were, into persons another over consider mothers. We wonder of her within herself the lifeforce of her in a womb and birth a We remember with a indebtedness the long during our fevers, the warnings to dress concoctions she mixed and then

drained down our resisting throats. All in an effort to keep us from getting ill to begin with. We remember in awe how the seemingly frail woman mastered the home; soothing the roaring bear to sensibility, quelling the arguing siblings to promote mutual respect, and correcting and disciplining so that we learn personal accountability.

So, this month we honor our mothers with presents, songs, cleaned rooms, early morning breakfast in bed, and finishing that long overdue project. We say thank you in heart and in action. We declare our love for our mothers and wives of our children. It doesn't feel like robbery or work to do so; we are honored by what God has done in her.

Who can find a wife of noble character? For her value is far more than rubies. (Proverbs 31:10)

Now it with humbled hearts that I say on behalf of all the husbands, children, friends and acquaintances; "Happy Mother's Day and may God bless you"

Sincerely yours,
Marty McMichael
 Sr. Pastor

1		Communion Sunday	11	6:00 pm	Choir	19	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00 pm	NA Meeting		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
2	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	12	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	6:00 pm	SS Team		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	20	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie
3	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	21	10:00 am	AA Meeting
4	6:00 pm	Choir	13	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		10:30 am	Book Club
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		9:30 am	FOP at Food Pantry	22		
5	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	14	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	23	6:00 pm	SS Team
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:00 am	AA Meeting	24	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Scouts Round Table	15		Relay for Life Ckn Dinner		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00 pm	Church Council
6	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	16		Meals on Wheels Week	25	9:00 am	Holy Folders
		Set-Up Prayer Breakfast		9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	26	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
7	9:00 am	Women's Prayer Bfast		6:00 pm	SS Team		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
	10:00 am	AA Meeting	17	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
8		Mother's Day		6:00 pm	SPRC	27	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
9	10:00 am	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	28	10:00 am	AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	29	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
10	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	18	9:00 am	Nurture & Care	30		Memorial Day-Closed
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		6:00 pm	Choir	31	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
11	10:30 am	Young @ Heart		7:00 pm	NA Meeting		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts



American Red Cross Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 10 & 11

MUMC BLOOD DRIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WSIL & RED CROSS

Save a Life, Give Blood



FOCUS ON 2022

Your Finance Committee is pleased to present our 2022 Budget as approved by both Finance Committee and Church Council. Salaries and Staff Parish Relations (SPRC) expense lines have been adjusted to include a bump in salary (to full-time) and health insurance for a Youth & Family Ministries Director, salary for two new positions: Pastor of Discipleship of Christian Education and Technical Multimedia Worship Specialist (all three as presented during the Stewardship Campaign), and lastly, \$1,400 for Staff Training and Development as recommended by SPRC, for a total of \$54,944 in new spending. Please note that you will be hearing more very soon about a plan to increase income to offset this new spending.

We also provide for your review a 1st Quarter 2022 Snapshot of Income and Expenses. You can anticipate our publishing quarterly snapshots during the balance of the year.

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.



INCOME

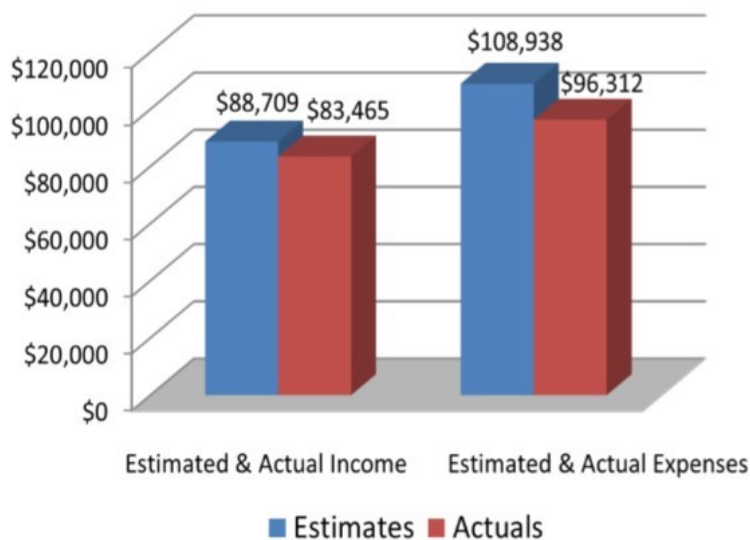
Estimates of Giving (Pledged)	\$211,462.00
Plate Offerings	3,000.00
Non-Pledged Gifts	133,375.00
Kroger Rebate	500.00
Disbursements from Special Funds	6,500.00
Total Income	\$354,837.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$228,892.00
Benefits	48,587.00
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	5,700.00
Total Expenses	\$435,753.50
Net Loss	-80,916.50

*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, staff acquisition and staff training & development

2022 Estimated / Actual Income and Expenses at March 31, 2022



A few observations about **income**: as illustrated above, 1st quarter income was down \$5,244 from estimates. Pledges exceeded estimates at 27.13%; plate offerings lagged behind a bit at 21.36%; and non-pledge gifts came in at 18.3%, bringing total giving to 23.76% (-1.24%) of giving estimates. Thanks to all for your faithful support of the church. **A special thanks goes out to all who helped with and donated to the Spring Yard Sale. What a great offering of time, talents and resources. Yard Sale funds help in so many ways during the year.**

Actual **expenses** came in at -\$12,626 from 1st quarter estimates. This was predictable with three staff positions vacant. However, spending still exceeded income by \$12,847. Winter gas/electric bills at the church have reached 46.89% of budget. The hope is that the remaining seasons will be kinder to our budget. Insurance is a second expense line approaching 50% expended in 1st quarter. We're all aware that insurance payments are periodic, so this will undoubtedly even out in the future. Nothing else on the expenses side stands out as requiring explanation.

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



CHURCH LIBRARY

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

The Library Corner: Thinking About Heaven?

Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am.” **John 14:1-3**

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as bride for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people and he will dwell with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” **Revelation 21:1-4**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of the God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **Revelation 22:1-5**

Heaven. The longed-for home. God’s dwelling place. We think about it and want to know more. How do Bible passages like those above connect to other verses, including the Old Testament? Are there ways to deepen our understanding? No one has all the answers, but here are several good resources from the church library:

The Story of Heaven by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. In a DVD and a Study Guide these two pastors do a good job of starting with quotes from the Bible, discussing them, and asking questions for us to think about.

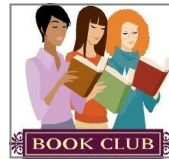
Revelation Bible Commentaries, one from William Barclay, and another from N.T. Wright. Both men

are respected scholars, and men of faith. Each goes through Revelation passage by passage, explaining the many connections and their understanding of what is being said.

Finally, here are books written by two people who state they have had an experience of heaven after having a death or near-death experience. Both talk of joy and heavenly light: **90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life**, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey. Piper is an ordained minister who was in a deadly car accident.

To Heaven and Back: A Doctor’s Account of her Death, Heaven, and Angels, and Life Again, by Mary C. Neal, MD. Neal had a freak kayaking accident which kept her under water for many minutes.

These books and others can be found either upstairs on the library bookcase or downstairs on a table in the hall, or in the library.



The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

May 21, 10:30

Slaughterhouse-Five

By Kurt Vonnegut

Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world’s great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber’s son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming “unstuck in time.”

Fifty years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut’s portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era’s uncertainties.

The read ahead book for June is **A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation** by Catherine Allgor

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



1	Mary Ellen Tierney	14	Hallee Ticer
2	Terri Twenhafel	15	Jordan Williams
4	Peggy Schuster	16	Daxton Hargraves
5	Jason Nimmo	17	Kristi Miller
6	Ethan Zimmerman	21	Bethany Jenkins
7	Cheyenne Abbadusky	23	Carol Wehmeyer
8	Ryan Finke	24	Dolores McNitt
9	Jeff Patterson	26	Carolyn Sauer
9	Madison Runge	27	Roger Medlen
9	Candace Watt	29	Richard Pierson
13	Landess Mills	30	Diane Cardwell
14	Vanessa Lirely	31	Debbie Korando

2	Rick & Durice Runge	24	Ron & Hillary Brooks
8	Chad & Holly Fletcher	27	Dan & Kathy Bratton
11	Jeff & Leah Patterson	27	Andy & Nancy McNitt
19	Ed & Jennifer O'Donnell	31	Curt & Cindy Presley
19	Bill & Thelma Pierson	31	Roger & Cheryl Smith
19	John & Nancy Vallino		

Murphysboro National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Hosted by the Murphysboro Ministerial Alliance

"We exalt the Lord who has established us."

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

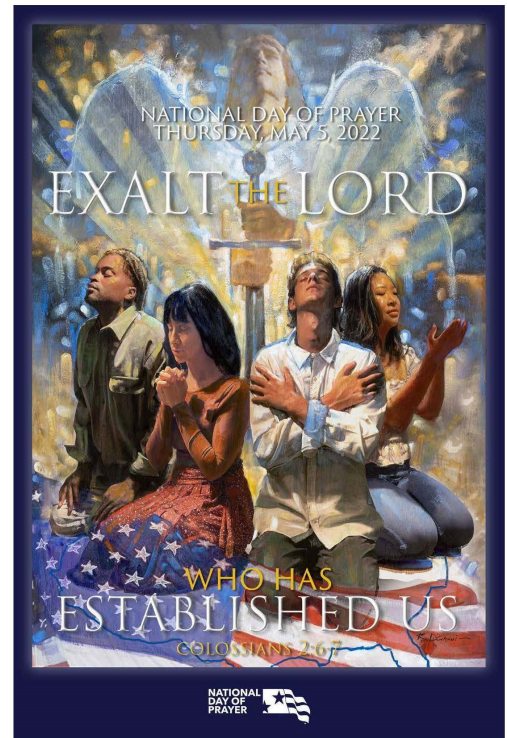
Colossians 2:6-7 NASB

- Welcome** Cindy Frye
- Opening Prayer** Will Stephens
- Group Worship** Eddy Howell

A Time of Prayer

- Matthew Todd
- Ken Peterein
- Michelle Parker-Clark

- Speaker** Bryce Pitlick
- Group Worship** Eddy Howell
- Closing Prayer** Diane Tipton



Murphysboro National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2022

6:30 am

Davis-McCann Center

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Bagged Breakfast To Go Provided



On April 12, 11 hungry cowpokes (YAH Travelers) ventured to the Iron Saddle Ranch in Salem, IL. The pictures tell it all - it was a day filled with great fun, food, fellowship, and even some mechanical bull riding! We finished out our time in Salem with some shopping at The Rusty Nail - a store filled with unique antiques, handmade crafts, and primitives. A good time was truly had by all!

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.



For the month of May, YAH on the Road will be changing things up a bit. We will be gathering on the second Wednesday (instead of the second Tuesday) for what promises to be a great lunch at The Red Onion. Located in the small town of Equality, Illinois, The Red Onion is best known for delicious steaks, prime rib, 2" pork chops, and good old home-style cooking. We will meet at the church parking lot Wednesday, May 11 at 10:30 am and travel to Equality for lunch around noon. We've heard such wonderful things about the food at this restaurant, and we would love to have you join us. Please sign up on the attendance pads, call the church office, or contact Michelle Parker-Clark.

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, May 14th
 at 7:30
 AM.




Feeder of the Pack
 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., May. 9th 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

Women's Prayer Breakfast
 save the date
 Saturday, May 7th




This years speaker is Dr. Jeannie Killian

The 12th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast on Sat., May 7th at 9:00 am. Tickets on sale now, contact one of the following:

Brooke Guthman, Patti Mills, Sandy Herring, Carolyn Sauer, Sharon Graff, Kathy Bratton, Michelle Parker-Clark and Rosie Wece

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:
 Jeannie Killian is a content-rich presenter who specializes in keynote addresses, customized workshops and seminars, in-service training, and after dinner speaking. She has spoken nationally to audiences. Her enthusiasm, emphasis on the Word of God content, along with her entertaining humorous style, has made her a successful motivator. Given the opportunity to speak, her desired outcome is to encourage participants to take more faith risks and build stronger witnessing relationships.
 Jeannie received her degrees in Psychology, Rehabilitation, and Education.



In Loving Memory . . .

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

Blake Edward Keith Hartung

Blake Edward Keith Hartung passed away on Sun., Mar. 20th. Blake was the son of Bart and Tracy Hagston, and sister of Morgan Weber.

Jackie Skidmore

Jackie Skidmore passed away on Sun., Mar. 27th. Jackie was the grandmother of Angelia (Neil) Voss and Brooke (Ryan) Guthman and the great grandmother of John David, Madison and Crawford Voss and Caroline, Eli and Liam Guthman.

Etta May Imhoff

Etta May Imhoff passed away on Sat., Apr. 2nd. Etta Mae was the widow of Albert Imhoff, the mother of Diane Imhoff, Beverly (Dennis) Archer and Cindy (Curt) Presley, and the aunt of Gene Schwebel and Patti (Ed) Thraikill.

Arnold C. Mueller

Arnold C. Mueller passed away on Sun., Apr. 10th. Mr. Mueller was the father of Nancy (Andy) McNitt and the grandfather of Cole, Aiden and Megan.

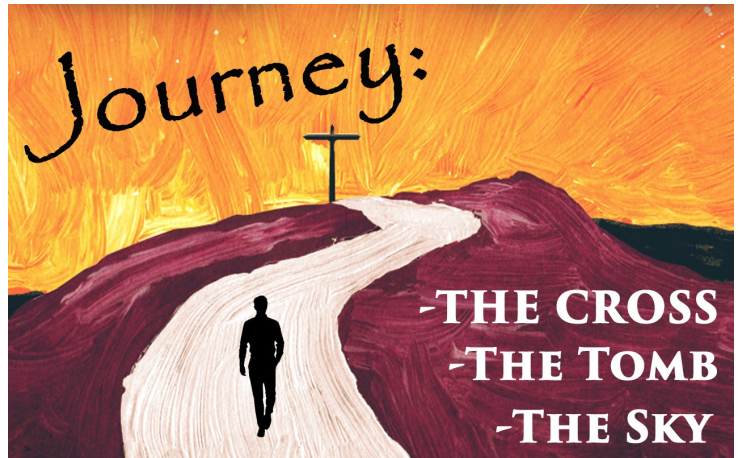
Our Neighbor's Table

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



Prayer Request Policy from the Church Office:



Sharing the needs of our church family is extremely important so that we may care for each other in Christian love. In an effort to keep everyone informed concerning hospitalizations, illnesses, and deaths reported to us by the members of our church family, we will be sending those prayer concerns out on the prayer chain, and we will be placing them on the prayer list in the church bulletin, unless otherwise instructed by the individual making the request. We hope this will enhance communication and provide more opportunities for each of us to show love and concern for one another.

Blessings!

Michelle Parker-Clark Interim Pastor of Congregational Care

To submit a prayer request you may fill out a prayer card each Sunday and place in the offering plate, or email it to:
mumprayerchain@yahoo.com

The 6th My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony was held Sunday, April 24, 2022. It was a huge success! Lots of kids receiving bookcases and books along with people from Murphysboro United Methodist Church, the community, Kiwanis, Head Start and the fire department (along with a firetruck)

Approximately 90 people watched the smiles and excitement from each child as their name was called and they went forward to receive their book bag. Later it was obvious to see the happiness of both the kids and their families as they carried out their bookcases.

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Project...whether it was in the building of the bookcases, helping with the development/printing of letters and promotions, participating in the Presentation Ceremony or attending the ceremony.

The smiles of the children made it all worthwhile!

Thanks to all your support the 2022 My Own Bookcase Project was a huge success.



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



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.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jackson Co-Murphysboro 2022 Luminaria Order Form

On June 4, 2022 Relay For Life will be held at the Courthouse Square. Luminaria (candles in white paper bags) will be lit on the Courthouse steps. The luminaria will be lit in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives to cancer. The community is invited to attend.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the names of individuals you designate will be printed on luminaria bags.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting and provide support for the research, education, advocacy and services of the American Cancer Society, fill out the form below. The more we fight this disease, the more lives we save.

Please light a candle in honor of my loved one and/or friend who has survived or lost their life to cancer. I understand the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #/EMAIL: _____

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: " Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: " Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: " Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: " Deceased: "

By May 29th, enclose a minimum of \$10 for each luminaria via a check payable to **Methodists on a Mission**. Place form and payment in the offering plate, give to a team member, or mail to Wilma Westerfield, 303 S. Pecan St., Desoto, IL 62924





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



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, JUNE 12
3-5 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite Ice Cream or Cookies



During the month of May, the Adult Sunday School Class will be concluding their

current Max Lucado DVD study - Grace: *More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* and will be beginning a new DVD Study. Please check your upcoming church bulletins for details concerning the new study, and consider joining us for a great time of fellowship, study, and discussion. Adults of all ages are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

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:

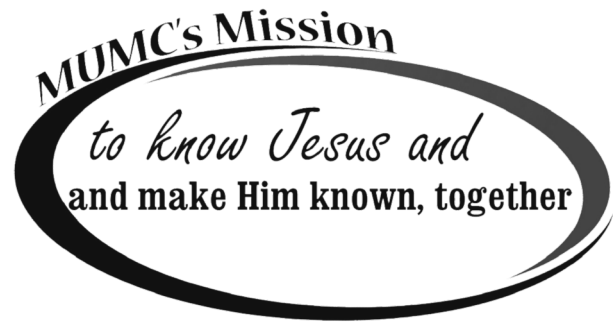
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



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