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THE WATER IS READY!

Imagine you're in a war and your leader was mortally wounded right next to you. He begins to speak, sharing his last words of direction with you and the rest of his troops. How important would that statement be to you, knowing that he had given his life for the cause that he now imparts his final direction concerning? Would you not do everything in your ability to adhere to that last command? Personally, I would be inspired to respond in the affirmative and live with conviction to realize that mission.

As Christians, we have a similar story to tell. We have a leader who died but yet lives. On His last day in the flesh with us He gave the following directive: *¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

We call this passage of scripture the great commission. It represents the final directive from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I suspect you are like me; eager to live into this commandment and inspired by His great love exhibited in His sacrifice for us. Not only that, but the abundant life of righteousness He affords us daily. So, will you join in with me on September 11th, 2022, to perform baptisms for those inspired by Christ to give their lives to Him.

We will have a day of baptisms, food, and celebration; members will bring side-dishes, the church will supply the meat, and the Lord will supply His Spirit. As United Methodist, Baptism is one of the two sacraments we observe. In this vein we are saying to the world we wish to honor what we Jesus honored. We state with fervent conviction that we desire to be obedient to God and introduce others to His love.

The baptismal waters will bring new life to those who enter and to the church that performs those rites. I hope you will decide to be a part of the covenantal celebration, professing your unfailing support to the baptismal candidates and receiving their faith-filled proclamations to the church and the God who built it.

God, we ask that you bless this day. Prepare the hearts and minds of your people to receive your Spirit and be transformed for your good works. Amen.

Sincerely Yours,
 Pastor Marty



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



1	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	10	7:00 am	NA meeting	20	10:00 am	AA Meeting
2	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	11	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	21	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
3	7:00 am	NA Meeting		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	22		
4	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	23	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	12	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack—at the Food Pantry	24	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	13	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		7:00 am	NA Meeting
5	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		10:00 am	AA Meeting	25	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
6	10:00 am	AA Meeting	14				4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
7	10:15 am	Promotion Sunday & Start of Sunday School	15	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
7	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	16	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	26	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie
8	10:00 am	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	SPRC	27	10:00 am	AA Meeting
9	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	28	10:30 am	Baptism Class
	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees	17	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	7:00 pm	Finance		7:00 pm	NA Meeting	29		
			18	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	30	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
				4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
				7:00 pm	GA Meeting	31	7:00 pm	NA Meeting
			19	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie			

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 September compass deadline is August





FOCUS ON 2022

Your Finance Committee is pleased to publish once again our 2022 Budget as approved by both Finance Committee and Church Council. **It is important to bear in mind** that the salaries expense line at \$228,892 and -\$80,916.50 deficit budget figure include a bump in salary (to full-time) and health insurance for a Youth & Family Ministries Director (\$21,044) and salaries for two new positions: Pastor of Discipleship of Christian Education (\$22,800) and Technical Multimedia Worship Specialist (\$11,700), for a total of \$55,544, which may not be funded or may be funded in part depending upon the congregation's response to the *God's Purpose=Our Mission: It's Simple Math* campaign.

We also provide for your review a 2nd Quarter 2022 Snapshot of Income and Expenses. 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.



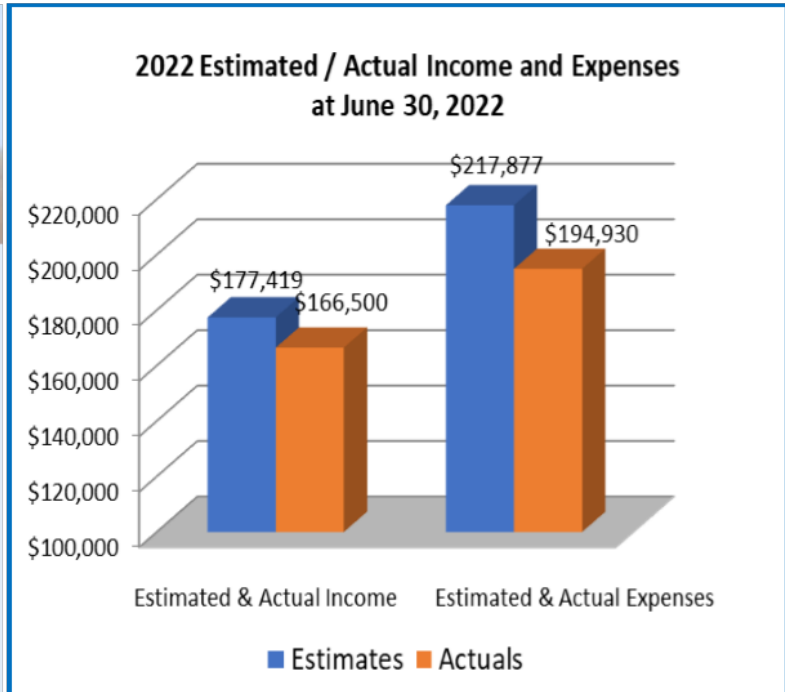
INCOME

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	<u>6,500.00</u>
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	<u>5,700.00</u>
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



While the bar graph above illustrates that overall **income** at June 30th was down \$10,969 from estimates (at 50% of year), because congregational giving comprises 98% of our budgeted income, it is prudent and wise to examine our giving. Mid-year pledges at \$99,720 fell short by -2.84%; plate offerings at \$1,579 exceeded estimates by +2.63%; and non-pledge gifts at \$55,529 fell behind by -8.37%, for a total of \$156,828 in actual giving—a shortfall of \$17,091 compared to estimates. This level of giving shortfall at mid-year is concerning.

The graph also illustrates that actual **expenses** came in \$22,947 less than June 30th estimates (at 50% of year). For the sake of simplicity, let's reduce the annual expenses estimate (\$435,754) by the PENDING additional/new salaries sum (\$55,544). Total annual expenses become \$380,210, or \$190,105 mid-year. We've spent \$194,830, or \$4,825 over estimates. Congregational Nurture & Care has exceeded that annual budget by < \$400. Worship is approaching that annual budget due primarily to technological demands. Utilities/Upkeep expenses remain in the black; however, the combined utilities at the church and annex are at 71.63% mid-year, so this is on our radar. Otherwise, no other expenses categories are overspent or considered at high risk for overspending their annual budgets.

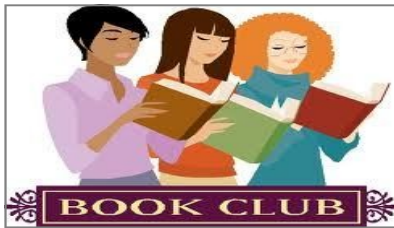
The major take-away as we consider the mid-year health of church finances is actual **income** (\$166,500) compared to actual **expenses** (\$194,930) which results in a **net loss of \$28,430**. A net loss is remedied only by increased income and/or decreased expenses.

Please continue to lift up the church in your daily prayers.

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



The church Library is on vacation this month they will return next month.



The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

August 20th, 10:00

(note this is a new time)

The Candid Life of Meena Dave

By Namrata Patel

A woman embarks on an unexpected journey into her past in an engrossing novel about identity, family secrets, and rediscovering the need to belong.

Meena Dave is a photojournalist and a nomad. She has no family, no permanent address, and no long-term attachments, preferring to observe the world at a distance through the lens of her camera. But Meena's solitary life is turned upside down when she unexpectedly inherits an apartment in a Victorian brownstone in historic Back Bay, Boston.

Though Meena's impulse is to sell it and keep moving, she decides to use her journalistic instinct to follow the story that landed her in the home of a stranger. It's a mystery that comes with a series of hidden clues, a trio of meddling Indian aunties, and a handsome next-door neighbor. For Meena it's a chance for newfound friendships, community, and culture she never thought possible. And a window into her past she never expected.

Now as everything unknown to Meena comes into focus, she must reconcile who she wants to be with who she really is.

A National Book Award finalist, this is a story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver.

In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats-- first to the bedroom--then altogether. A teenage girl—her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house—is pregnant, alone, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead; the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together—their fates somehow overcoming the powerful circumstances of place and station, their confusion, curiosity, dignity and humor intact and resonant. As the milieu widens to embrace fully four generations, Kent Haruf displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition.

**Kent Haruf was on the English faculty at SIU for a period of time*



2	Josh & Katrina Carnes	11	Shannon & Jamie Green
3	Francis & Willa Addison	12	Ron & Sally Moutardier
4	Jay & Nicci Graff	13	Ralph & Joan Bastien
6	Bill & Cecelia Crawshaw	16	Gerald & Kathy Ripley



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



It is our greatest pleasure, as Christians, and highest joy to create environments where people are compelled by God’s love to give their lives to Christ. On **September 11th, 2022**, we will be performing baptisms here at Murphysboro UMC in grand style! We will have a **Baptism & Picnic** on church grounds near the pavilion. Here’s how it works:

- We will have a baptismal pool outside to baptize persons there.
- Supervised children can play in the shallow baptismal pool after the Baptism and during the picnic
- We will organize a **Carry-In** for the side items; please look for a sign-up sheet in the immediate future
- The meat will be provided by the church

All baptismal participants and/or their parents, if they are infants or minors, must attend the free **Baptism Class** to understand what is happening practically and spiritually during Baptism, and next steps. If you can’t make the class date please call the church office, (618) 687-2317, to make other arrangements with the pastor.

The Baptismal Service will begin immediately after church. The following dates should be noted:

- **August 25th** is the last day to register for Baptism
- **August 28th** is the Baptism Class / 10:30am to 12:00 noon

Please consider using this Holy occasion as an opportunity to connect with and convey to your children, grandchildren, other relatives, and friends an opportunity to experience the water with God. At this event they will profess and receive salvation, fellowship with one of the finest congregations in Murphysboro, and possibly gain a loving faith community called Murphysboro UMC.

With hope,

Marty McMichael

Sr. Pastor

Youth Fellowship Meal Ministry

This coming Sunday, August 7th we are reinstating the former program of parents and other members of the congregation providing meals for youth group. Attached are the dates and information. The sign up sheet will be available on the bulletin board In the Welcome Center. Thank you all so much! The MUMC Youth Group

Meal sign up information:

- Fresh
- No allergens (no peanuts, or common allergens)
- Not spicy
- Should you need to cancel your meal just inform Diane Schingel at 1-618-303-3757 at least 2 weeks in advance and we will reschedule you to a different time.

Ex. Pizza, chicken, tacos, nachos, burgers, meatloaf, lasagna, pancakes, if kids will eat it, go for it. Get creative with whatever your heart desires.

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!



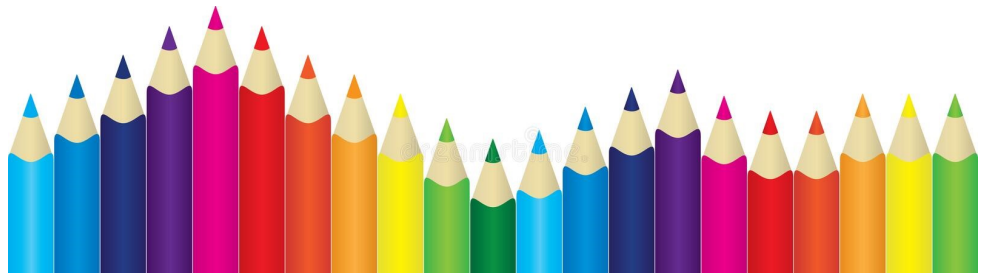
Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark



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

Feeder of the Pack needs your help to stay alive. Costs of supplies have doubled. Please consider donating today.

Saturday, August 13th at 7:30 AM. UMM Breakfast. Come help us start planning for our annual Apple Pancake Breakfast.



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!

Mon., August 8th 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

200th Anniversary Celebration

In 2025, our church will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Jackson County. We are the oldest church in Murphysboro, and that is indeed cause for celebration. As humans, we are wired to celebrate and remember. Paul talked about the discipline of looking back in Romans 15:4-6:



“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We look back to learn, to gain endurance and encouragement, so that we can look forward with unity and hope. Our goal for the celebration will be to give God glory for what He has done among us, to build a memory, and to celebrate His servants.

It will take many members working together to make this celebration an experience where our church will worship, will laugh, will cry tears of joy, and own the future. We are in the initial formation stage of the Celebration Committee so please give this some careful thought and prayer to join us in the planning. Rick Runge and I will be chairing this committee. The first meeting will be announced soon. This will be a time to brainstorm what we want our celebration to be – do we want a one-day event, or do we want it to take place over several Sundays during the year? I already have a list of 10 possible ideas/events, and I know our creative congregation will be able to suggest quite a few more.

Please stay tuned for a future announcement of when our first meeting will be. I’m excited, and I hope you are too.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at sharonjones1948@gmail.com or call me at (618) 303-2489.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jones

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:

mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com



Join Us for Our Open House & Kick-Off Party
Sunday, July 31st
 10:15 - 11:00 Visit Classrooms
 11:00 - Food & Games
 Under the Pavilion

SS Classes Resume August 7th

Hooray Children & Youth Sunday School Is Back!!

Following Promotion Sunday on August 7th

Sunday School Classes will resume for all ages at 10:15 am in the education wing.

We are excited and proud to present the Grow Curriculum that has something for EVERYONE!!

We will have classes for pre-k to first grade, 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th, Jr High and High school. We invite you to join us for our open house on July 31st. We will also have food and fellowship and games in the pavilion to celebrate the start of the school year.

We are still looking for volunteers please contact Diane Schingel for more information 618-303-3757

Our Sunday School mission is to grow our church through our youth. AND we want to "train our children in the way they should go; and when they are old, they will not depart

Come GROW with US!

Our NEW

Sunday School Program

Starts

August, 7th 10:15 am

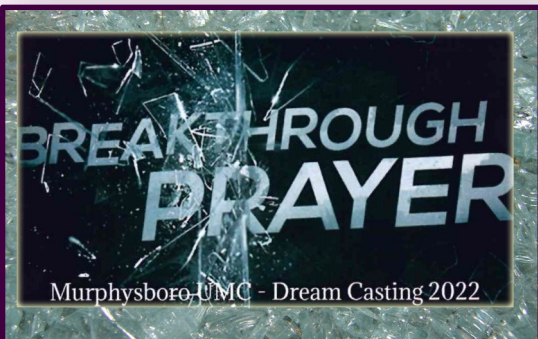
THE STUFF YOU CAN USE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

COMMUNITY

POWERED BY *Grow* CURRICULUM

Children's Story Time 2022



Get your breakthrough prayer card, in the church office or at the back of the sanctuary.

Oh, gracious God who's still small voice we long to hear. Cause us to walk in your Wisdom and rest in your strength. Give us eyes to see your will for Murphysboro UMC and the community we serve. Order our steps and establish our thoughts, for we commit this vision to you. Its in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

On behalf of your church SPRC committee a heartfelt thanks to all who have submitted thoughts for the continued growth and the good of your church.

Please continue to pray the "Breakthrough Prayer" as a loving church body.

Time to pray as a whole is 4:00 pm daily.

Ask a prayer partner to pray this prayer at another time or dedicate yourself a specific time. I know several who are praying at 6:00 am. Whatever time works for you---- God has no time limitations and hears all prayers.

Vanessa Lively

VBS 2022





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:

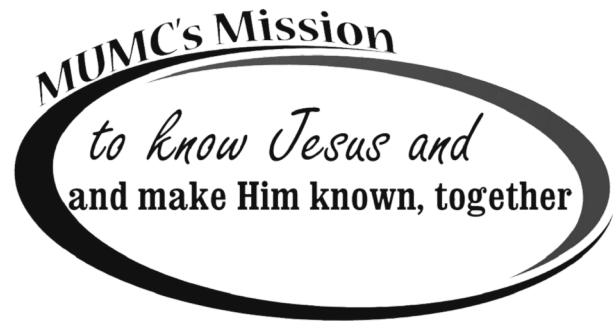
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



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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Interim Music Director Cameron Taylor
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