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



**Baptism** sunday  
 & Picnic  
**September 11th, 2022 ~ 10:30 am**

Contact the Church office to sign up to be baptized by Thursday, August 25th.  
 All individuals being baptized will need to attend a baptism meeting with Pastor Marty on Sunday, August 28th after service.

A WORD FROM THE THE PASTOR

*"Schools, Apples, Baptisms, Trails, and Then What?"*

Why is truth so important? Well, the answer is simple. Truth allows us to maintain our sanity; to know and assert the difference between the simplistic and profound. With truth we can differentiate between salt and pepper, up and down, and right and wrong. Humanity has always struggled with the concept of truth and there is no shortage of that condition in our times. The thing about truth is that it is. It can be objectively observed and repeated in observation and expression. Truth in that sense is natural, even eternal.

So here is a truth. The summer is winding down and we find ourselves in sea of transition, celebration, stress, fear, and excitement. Our children are returning to school, that great fall transition. Unfortunately, the hopes and aspirations of parents and teachers alike differentiate across political lines concerning the rights of the institution over and against that of the parents in determining appropriate subject matter to be taught. We prepare as a community to escape, if only momentarily, the vicissitudes of life during our Apple Festival. There we can just be people who enjoy the goodness of God's provision together in music, food, fun, and fellowship.

We will baptize several souls as a believing congregation this month. Some will approach the water with fear of being a spectacle and hope filled at the same time. The candidates, guardians, and congregation will gather believing and trusting in the work of the Holy Spirit; thankful for signs of life in our worshipping community and yet stressed over the potential outcomes of 2023-2024 and the imminent question of disaffiliation. Nonetheless we will celebrate *'being on the trail'*; an event with distinct meaning to some and not so much to others. But there in that day is an opportunity to come together as a people of God and just love on one another! Beyond the day's first intention an eternal truth is nestled within; that we all need to be loved, affirmed at the level of our humanity, and experience a sense of connection. So, after the trail then what? What will our truth be.

Pilate asked Jesus five questions and could not get the answer he wanted. Each question was trying to unearth that which He did not believe in or embrace himself. However, Pilate's last question bottom lined what was his heart truly sought after; and that question was, *"What is truth?"* Church we are going to do so much during this last quarter of the year, hopefully all within the will of God. Our children will experience much, hopefully God centered. Our community will be busy with one celebration season after the other, hopefully they would have found some of God's truth. But will we be like Pilate in the end? Busy doing all the work of our respective positions but receiving in our hearts no truth from Christ, even though He is in our immediate presence speaking truth.

So, I ask you Murphysboro UMC what is truth? Will we live our lives like we always do this last quarter? Like a person caught in a whirlwind, bounced around to-and-fro, not knowing, or acquiring any deeper truth of God. Will it be business as usual or will you and I engage the Word of God with a fervency that says, 'Lord, its me standing in the need of prayer. Will we seek the truth by the Truth!

*"Jesus replied, I am the way the truth and the life..." (John 14:6, b)*

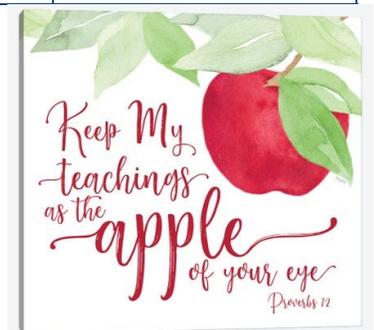
In the upcoming months we must seek Christ with all our heart. We must commit to be vigilant to God's Word alone that we might not fall into the trap of Pilate; one deaf to the Word of Truth because his ideology of the world was already determined by the desires of his heart, not God's will. Away with fear and stress, lets just trust the Lord. Arise celebration and hope for Christ is victorious in our lives.

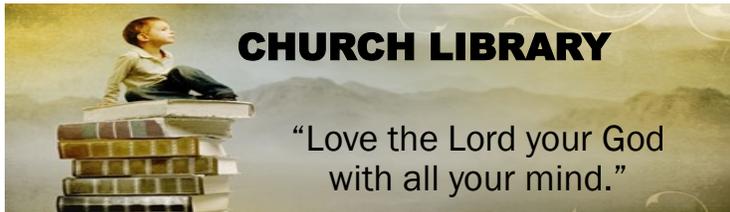
1	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	12	10:00 am	Bible Journaling	21	6:00 pm	Choir
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		6:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 PM	NA meeting
	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	13	9:00 am	Young at Heart on the Road	22	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
2	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	14	6:00 pm	Choir		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
3	10:00 am	AA Meeting		7:00 PM	NA meeting	23	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
4		Communion Sunday	15	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	24	10:00 am	AA Meeting
	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:30 am	Book Club
5		Labor Day Office Closed		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	25	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
6	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	16	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		3:00 pm	Trail Days
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	17	7:00 am	Apple Pancake Breakfast	26	6:00 pm	SS Team
7	6:00 pm	Choir		10:00 am	AA Meeting	27	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	NA meeting	18	4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
8	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	19	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	28	9:00 am	Holy Folder
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		6:00 pm	SS Teams		6:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	20	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		6:00 pm	Church Council
9	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 pm	SPRC		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack—at the Food Pantry	20	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	29	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
10	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		7:00 pm	Service & Missions		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
10	10:00 am	AA meeting	21	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
11	10:30 pm	Baptism Sunday &				30	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie

Saturday, September 10th at 7:30 AM. UMM Breakfast. Come help us finish our planning for our annual Apple Pancake Breakfast.



The October compass deadline is September 19th





### The Library Corner: Mostly Movies

Books are the topic of most of these library columns—naturally! But even now in this era of streaming, there are those who still have and still use DVD players and so this month the topic is mostly about movies—and a few books.

First, a few of our “the book and the movie” pairings. And there is **no** requirement that you have to have read the book to watch the movie!

**Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption** by Laura Hillenbrand, a true story about the athlete Louis Zamperini's harrowing experiences in World War II has been one the most popular books in the church library. The movie is equally moving and the DVD includes a second movie **The Path to Redemption**.

**Wonder**, by R. J. Palacio, is a story of an “ordinary boy with an extraordinary face” who is acquainted with being treated unkindly, but finds his way to choosing kindness. A quote: “When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.” You have a choice between a good book, and a good movie!

**Voyage of the Dawn Treader** by C.S. Lewis is part of the “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” series for youth, and continues the children’s adventures in Narnia—a place where life choices must also be made—choices made within the context of a good story, and a well-made movie.

### More Movies:

Perhaps you have read **Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls, a children’s classic about a boy growing up on a hard scrabble farm who is determined to have hunting dogs—and the adventures and love he and his dogs share. Yes, there is sadness, but this story is a classic for a reason. It’s good. We do not have the book—but we have the movie!

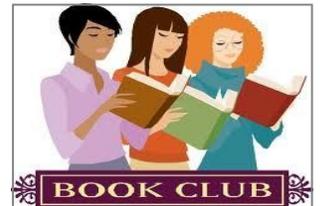
**Wesley: A Heart Transformed**. John Wesley that is, the founder of Methodism. Do you think there can be no drama in the life of a man devoted to God? That would not be correct! Here are a few

facts: he almost died in a burning house when he was a child; he was a missionary to this country—but that didn’t go well; he was at least half in love with a young woman, and that really didn’t go well; he had to have a change of heart before he was truly on fire for God, and he did not set out to start a new denomination at all! We have the movie!

Do you remember **Silas Marner**? Maybe as an assigned book in high school? Marian Evans, writing as George Eliot, wrote a number of books that are portrayed in the library’s box set of BBC productions. Watch miser Silas Marner be redeemed by a child, or get involved in the drama of *Middlemarch*.

Now pop some popcorn, settle back in a favorite chair, and watch a movie! Look for movies and books on display in the church this month

### The Saturday Book Club Room 202 September 24th, 10:00 Jewel By Bret Lott



Jewel is the story of how quickly a life can change; how, like lightning, an unforeseen event can set us on a course without reason or compass.

In the backwoods of Mississippi, a land of honeysuckle and grapevine, Jewel and her husband, Leston, are truly blessed; they have five fine children. When Brenda Kay is born in 1943, Jewel gives thanks for a healthy baby, last-born and most welcome. In this story of a woman’s devotion to the child who is both her burden and God’s singular way of smiling on her, Bret Lott has created a mother-daughter relationship of matchless intensity and beauty, and one of the finest, most indomitable heroines in contemporary American fiction.

Read ahead book for October: *October Light* by John Gardner



2	Rob & MaryJane Williams	14	Mike & Sharon Jones
3	Morgan & Nikki Krummrich	17	Ben & Jennie Snyder
4	Mike & Michelle Clark	26	Lee & Katie Stewart
10	Jim & Barb Hughes	28	Dan & Beverly Jarrett
13	John & Julie Erbes		



1	Nancy Vallino	16	Bill Crawshaw
4	Erin Mileur	16	Stephanie Finke
6	Andrew Graham	20	Dan Jarrett
6	George Sauer	21	Megan Blackwell Brown
7	Amanda Ripley	22	James Stewart
9	James Heilig	26	Robert Kinslow
9	Emma Wiwchar	28	Rob Graeff
10	Malcom Johnstone	28	Julia Huppert
10	Cole McNitt	28	Conner Twenhafel
11	Ron Kiser	29	Curt Presley
11	Robin Sievert	30	Ryan Guthman
11	Kellee Ticer	30	Ashley Runge
11	Amanda Wingerter		

## Caring for Kids

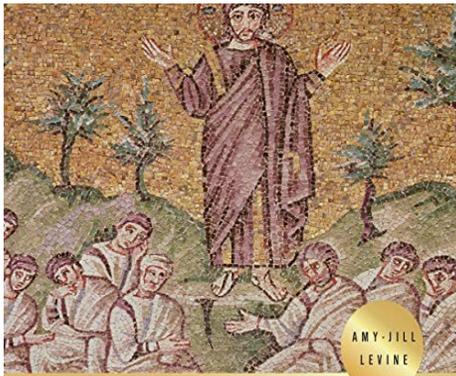
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**Help support the children in our community!**

Each Sunday in Aug & Sept we are collecting:

- Cash or Walmart gift cards
- Backpacks
- School supplies
- Includes our Noisy Offering as well

The loose change offering for August-September is designated for Caring for Kids in the Murphysboro elementary and middle schools. In addition, we will be collecting donations of cash and gift cards (generally Wal-Mart cards) to be given to the school counselors to be used at their discretion. The church office will be distributing these offerings at the end of September. Please contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 if you have questions.



SERMON on the MOUNT  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

On Sunday, September 4, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new six week DVD Study - Sermon on the Mount A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. This study is by internationally renowned scholar and teacher, Amy-Jill Levine, a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. The sessions will include reading, discussion, reflection, and prayer and will cover The Beatitudes, The Extensions, Practicing Piety, Our Father, Finding Your Treasure, and Living into the Kingdom. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Youth Fellowship Meal Ministry

We have reinstated the former program of parents and other members of the congregation providing meals for youth group. 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.**

### Did you know ?

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. **Create a digital account.** A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
2. **Link your Card to an organization.** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
  - a. Sign in to your digital account.
  - b. Click on Community Rewards, under Community at the bottom of the page.
  - c. Search for your organization. (Murphysboro United Methodist Church is listed)
3. **Your organization earns.** Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.



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



## 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

# 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., September 12th 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*



Dear Church Family:

On October 9<sup>th</sup> many churches across our nation will join us in celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Let's show Pastor Marty & Veronica our continued appreciation of them. (instructions below to contribute) --- Please continue to always keep your pastoral leadership in your prayers. Please send cards and notes of appreciation to our pastor. This is a much needed contribution.

We will be collecting monetary donations until October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

### 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](mailto:mumprayerchain@yahoo.com)



**The Fall/Winter Yard Sale will be held  
Friday & Saturday, October 28-29, 2022.**

Work days and drop-off times will be Monday-Friday, October 17-21, 9 am to 3 pm and Monday-Thursday, October 24-27, 9 am-3 pm. You may bring items on the weekends when the church is open but please bring items no later than Tuesday, October 25. NO summer items.

Volunteers are always need to sort, display, and price items.

The actual sale times are  
Friday, October 28, 1-6 pm and Saturday, October 29, 8-11 am.  
We will reopen on Saturday from 12 noon to 2 pm for free shopping.

Please contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 by call/text or e-mail [lynnpierson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpierson@gmail.com) for more information.

It's that time of year again for everyone to come out and enjoy Trail Day 2022. We will be gathering at the Kiwanis Shelter at Riverside Park on Sunday, September 25 from 3-6 pm. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert, and your lawn chairs. Fried chicken, drinks, and table service will be provided. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship, and games for the kids. Don't forget to sign up on the attendance pad, and we will see you on the Trail!

**MUMC Missions Trail Day**  
**Sunday September 25th**  
**3 - 6 PM**

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!

**Apple Pancake Breakfast**

**SAT. SEPT. 17 7-10:30 am**  
MUMC Fellowship Hall

Proceeds support MUMC missions.

**Tickets \$7 each**  
(Children 5 & under FREE)

Tickets on sale Sundays, at Welcome Center, in the Church Office, or see Richard Tierney.



From July 17-28, 2022, five candidates for Licensing School attended classes at McKendree University. We ranged in age from 30-62. We got up early, stayed up late, prayed together, worshiped together, and when all was said and done we became friends. All five of us passed all eight classes and are now privileged to serve God in locations throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. ~ Michelle Parker-Clark





Saturday, August 20, was a beautiful day for a scenic drive to historical New Harmony, IN. Sixteen YAH on the Road travelers enjoyed a delicious lunch of sandwiches, salads, soups, and some decadent desserts at the Red Geranium restaurant. We had a lovely dining room all to ourselves with an outdoor view of the New Harmony Inn lake. After lunch we visited some unique gardens, quaint stores on the main street including antique shops, an art gallery, emporiums, and a soap making shop which drew shoppers in with the delightful scents coming from inside the building. All in all it was another great outing for the group, and we were thrilled to have some new participants join us. See you next month!

YAH will be traveling to Eddyville, KY, on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 9:00 am for lunch at Our Daily Bread, which is more than just an outstanding bakery. Their Facebook page says that their "ultimate goal is to give back to our community and provide a family friendly atmosphere where we sell gourmet coffee, bakery items, and delicious food - all of their sandwiches are served on your choice of homemade white, wheat, cranberry nut, jalapeno cheddar, or bacon cheddar bread. After, lunch we will walk off some of those carbs at the Western Kentucky Outlet Mall where we will visit such stores as Avenue 550 and Nonnie's Attic - Resale Home Furnishings. Please join us for another fun adventure with YAH on the Road!



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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to register for Baptism
- **August 28<sup>th</sup>** 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

As mentioned above On Sunday, September 11, after service we will be performing baptisms at the Murphysboro UMC pavilion. This will be a time of celebration and community for those being baptized, their families and friends, and the MUMC congregation. After the the baptismal service there will be a time of Christian fellowship as we will

share a meal together. Todd Doody will be preparing the barbeque, the church will provide drinks and table service, and we ask that those attending please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The sign up sheet for this event will be posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary next to the Welcome Center. Please come out and support your brothers and sisters in Christ as we come together in unity and participate in the sacrament of Holy Baptism.



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**MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1500 Pine Street  
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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](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

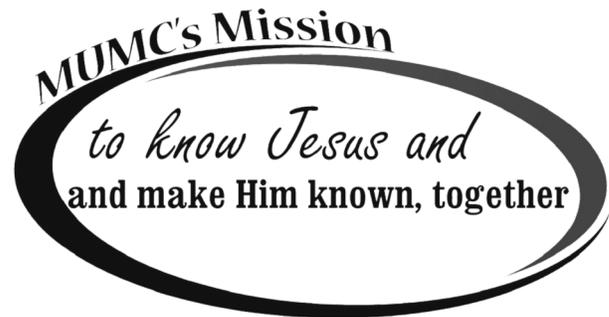
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



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**Staff**

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Custodian ..... Pat Sullivan  
  
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