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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

New Beginnings

We typically focus on January 1 as a time of new beginnings – a new year, a new diet and exercise program to counteract all of those goodies we have been binging on from Thanksgiving through Christmas, or other resolutions to do more in the new year to love and serve God and our neighbors. But, the reality is that new beginnings occur throughout the year and throughout our lives.

On September 11, we started a sermon series on “New Beginnings” with the first topic being Baptism, which coincided with our Baptism Sunday celebration and picnic. This was truly a joyous occasion as 11 souls – children and adults – participated in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. For those who were baptized this event signified either a first-time commitment, or a renewed relationship, to God and to a local body of believers. Thank you to those of you who came out to support those individuals, and we ask that everyone please continue to pray for, and support, your new brothers and sisters in Christ as they embark upon a journey of a lifetime.

We continue the “New Beginnings” sermon series during the month of October with stories about new beginnings for Saul, who at the beginning of Acts Chapter 9 “was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples” after giving approval for the stoning of Stephen; but not much later in the chapter we find him converted on the road to Damascus. Saul became the Apostle Paul and in Galatians the report from the churches of Judea was that this “man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” What a miraculous change – from a Pharisee among Pharisees to an Apostle among Apostles.

We will also hear about Rahab the prostitute who became a heroine when she protected the spies sent into Jericho by Joshua. After the city of Jericho fell it was reported that “Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho – and she lives among the Israelites to this day.” Rahab the prostitute became Rahab, wife of Salmon, mother of Boaz, grandmother of Obed, great grandmother of Jesse, and great-great grandmother of King David. A woman of once questionable virtue became part of the genealogy of Jesus – amazing!

These are just two examples among many – Biblical and present day - of people who chose to believe that what God had to offer was better than the lives they were living, and they were given “new beginnings.”

I want to conclude by sharing some verses about what the Bible tell us about “New Beginnings:”

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Isaiah 43:18-19 – Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

John 1:1-5 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus has been with us since the beginning, He is with us today, and any and all manner of darkness cannot and will not overcome His light. If we allow Him to be the focus of our lives, every morning is an opportunity for a new beginning. On behalf of Pastors Marty, Veronica, and myself, our prayer is that the reminder of the year is filled with new beginnings for the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and each one of you. May God richly bless you.

Pastor Michelle



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



1	10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	19	9:00 am	Nurture & Care
2		Communion Sunday		7:00 pm	Finance		6:00 pm	Choir
	4:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals	12	6:00 pm	Choir		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship/ Youth Rally		7:00 PM	NA meeting	20	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
3	9:00 am	Prayers & Squares	13	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
	6:00 pm	SS Team		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
4	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	21	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	14	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	22	10:00 am	AA Meeting
5	6:00 pm	Choir		9:30 am	FOP @Food Pantry	23	10:30 am	200th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7:00 PM	NA meeting		3:00 pm	Feed the Team	24	6:00 pm	Charge Conference
6	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	15	10:00 am	AA Meeting	25	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:00 am	Sunday School Volunteer Brunch			Last Day for Yard Sale Drop Off
	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table		10:30 am	Book Club		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	16	10:30 am	New Member Class	26	6:00 pm	Choir
7	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		4:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
8	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	17	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	27	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	10:00 am	AA meeting			Yard Sale Drop Off Begins		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
9				5:00 pm	Murphysboro Relay for Life Committee Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
10		Columbus Day/Office is Closed	18	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	28	1:00 pm	Yard Sale Begins
	10:00 am	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	SPRC	29	8:00 am	Yard Sale
11	10:00 pm	Young @ Heart on the Road		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	30	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	31	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	6:00 pm	BOT						

Saturday, October
8th at 7:30 AM.
UMM Breakfast.



The November compass
deadline is October 10th , &
Holy Folders is Friday the 21st
at 9:00 am!

MURPHYSBORO UMC *MOVING FORWARD*

AN UPDATE TO THE CONGREGATION



Two Organizational Items We Must Address

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

NEXT STEPS FOR OUR CHURCH

First Organizational Item We Must Address

Hello church, I hope this correspondence finds you in the best of health. I want to discuss two organizational items we need to attend to:

- Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS)
- Dream Casting / Strategic Planning Exercise

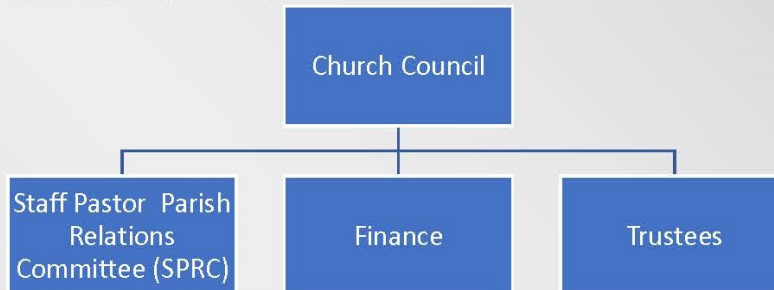
FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL ITEM

Simplified Accountable Structure:

In the fall of 2021, we began to evaluate the way our church made decisions. Specifically, how we used a committee system to make decisions on all church matters. The system we currently have in place is comprised of 4 committees.

1. SPRC: *Acts as the Human Resources arm of the church*
2. Church Council (CC): *Envisions, plans, implements, and annually evaluates our ministry & mission*
3. Finance: *Overall church fiscal management & realizing CC decisions via development of the same*
4. Board of Trustees: *Represents the church on all legal actions & manages buildings and grounds*

So, our organizational structure would look like this:



We have found that it may take a few months with this above structure to make some decisions. This is because committees meet at different times and aspects of a request or idea may be under the authority of each committee. Subsequently we are attempting to implement the Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). SAS combines all four committees into one Leadership Board (LB) that can make decisions on the spot. The Leadership Board has representation from all four areas outlined above and uses a fraction of the manpower. The LB benefits are as follows:

- *Removes bottlenecks in the decision-making process*
- *Places systems, procedures, and policies in place that are flexible and adaptable*
- *More people released from meetings and available for ministry*
- *LB responsible for church's faithfulness to the Great Commission*
- *LB aligns church resources to the mission and vision*
- *LB is responsible for focus on stewardship, strategic alignment, generative future-focus, and accountable leadership*
- *Leaders are held accountable at all levels*
- *Missional focus, priority, and alignment are non-negotiables*

What's Your Role in Realizing SAS:

First, know this; Church Council has *voted and approved* the first two steps in implementing SAS:

1. *To discern it as an alternative to our current model (Fall of '21)*
2. *To move forward into development by introducing it to the congregation for approval (Spring of '22)*

The 3rd step requires you, the congregation, **to vote** on using this model to replace our traditional committee structure. We will have a Q & A session and then a vote on this item at our **Church Conference to be held on October 24th @ 6pm**

NEXT STEPS FOR OUR CHURCH

Second Organizational Item We Must Address

SECOND ORGANIZATIONAL ITEM

Dream Casting – Strategic Planning Exercise:

In the summer of 2021, we began our Dream Casting Sessions (DCS). The purpose of these sessions was for you to share your God centered vision for Murphysboro UMC. Upon completion of the sessions, I delivered the complete DCS data to you for a 45-day review and to answer your questions. Next, I delivered a composite of the most identified concerns and desires. I then gave you another 45-day period of review period. ***Please see the composite data as an insert.***

The Pastor's Work in The Background:

I've stated numerous times in service that the data would be used as the foundational components for the development of our churches strategic plan. I've had several meetings and discussions with Russ Williams, an Organizational Specialist, who can walk us through developing a strategic plan for our Church. I've required, and he has agreed, that our strategic plan must incorporate the ideas, desires, and feedback from our congregation as part of the developmental process. So, here is where we are now:

1. We have completed our Dream Casting Exercise and Data Review
2. Church Council has voted to implement a strategic planning exercise
3. Finance has developed a structure to fund that project

What's Your Role in Realizing Dream Casting-Strategic Planning:

Because our strategic plan incorporates you, I am asking you do the following at a ***Church Conference***:

- Meet Russ Williams, our strategic consultant. He will introduce himself and share his plan
- Identify on a checklist your top 3 concerns/desires from the Dream Casting Composite Data enclosed
- Make a commitment to be a part of 2-3 more group meetings where Russ can share outcomes, hear your ideas, and take it back to the strategic planning team for review and inclusion

Your Next Steps:

All you have to do is be present ***for our Church Conference October 24, 2022, @ 6pm***. You will meet your consultant, briefly vote on the areas of strategic focus using an easy to complete checklist and commit to being part of revitalizing your church.

At the end of the day, it will take us all to revitalize our church. I think its worth fighting for. Murphysboro UMC has a rich history of caring for and serving its members and the community in which it resides. Our mission is simple:

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-22)

We need not consider how this Great Commission is realized. It has been spelled out with fool-proof parameters:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37b-39)

And the perfecting nature of that salvation and our Godly love is never to be compromised. Producing a people who:

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (Romans 6:12-13)

MUMC's STAFFING TEAM *MOVING FORWARD*

	<p>Marty McMichael, Sr. Pastor</p> <p><i>"My desire is to lead us into a life bent toward holiness; a state of continual transformation by the Holy hands of God."</i></p>
	<p>Michelle Parker-Clark, Pastor of Congregational Care</p> <p><i>"May we all strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus by seeking new opportunities to love, care for, and serve one another."</i></p>
	<p>Melanie Harp, Director of Youth & Family Ministries</p> <p><i>"I aim to equip and empower young people and their families to live a blessed new life in Christ!"</i></p>
	<p>Pastor of Discipleship & Christian Education-OPEN</p>
	<p>Keith Javors, Director of Music & Technical Multi-Media Specialist</p> <p><i>"My hope is to share the profound love of Jesus with MUMC and the surrounding community through the amazing gift of music."</i></p>
	<p>Cameron Taylor, Organ & Choir Accompanist</p> <p><i>"My goal is to provide music for all people of MUMC to worship and reflect on their relationship with Christ; to have fun and find one's love for singing!"</i></p>
	<p>Chris Nolan, Financial Secretary</p> <p><i>"To help our church grow in congregants, youth, and volunteers."</i></p>
	<p>Melba Ziegler, Church Secretary</p> <p><i>"My goal is to facilitate the church's clerical needs as it continues to grow."</i></p>
	<p>Pat Sullivan, Custodian</p> <p><i>"My goal as custodian is to maintain a clean, safe and welcoming environment for the congregation and all visitors that enter the church."</i></p>



The Library Corner: Blessings

Dear Father,
Hear and Bless
Your Beasts and Singing Birds
And guard with tenderness
Small things that have no words

The above is a child's prayer that at times is prayed at our table. And it is perfect for the special event that our church sponsors in partnership with St Francis Community Animal Rescue on October 2nd -- the Blessing of the Animals!

If you have a beloved pet, you may already know this as a special event. If you have not attended, you may find it meaningful to have your animal companion acknowledged as a special creature in God's world, very worthy of blessing.

Books and movies about animals can also be pretty special! We have a number of books about a variety of animals—well, mainly dogs, but also a horse or cat or two! Here are a few books to be found in the library:

Damien Lewis, a military historian, brings us *Judy: The Unforgettable Story of the Dog Who Went to War and Became a True Hero*. Judy was an English Pointer who ended up saving countless lives. This smart, brave dog served as a ship's dog, and formed close ties with many servicemen, but especially with Leading Aircraftman Frank Williams. This was when Judy was in a Japanese POW camp—a prisoner of war!

Finding Gobi: A Little Dog with a Very Big Heart by Dion Leonard with Craig Borlase. Leonard, an Australian, specializes in ultramarathons in places like the Sahara and Kalahari deserts. He meets Gobi in—you guessed it—the Gobi Desert, where this little stray dog ran with him across sand dunes and through mountains. Gobi earns a place in his heart—and then—well, you have to read it. We also have a youth edition of this book.

Marley and Me: Life and Love with the world's worst dog. Have fun with the Grogans as they try to wrestle their new golden Labrador puppy Marley into some semblance of "trained." Don't count on

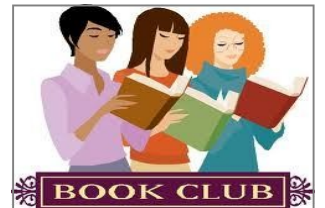
it. But a heart as big as all outdoors? You can count on that. We have both the book and the movie.

We need at least one book about a cat! Here's a favorite: *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*, by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. How is it that a tiny kitten, abandoned in a library drop box one freezing cold night in Spencer Iowa, not only lives to be rescued by library staff, but also turns into a perfect library cat? That's what happened to Dewey. He makes a difference to staff, library patrons, and the town of Spencer. An amazing story.

In the end, all these stories have something in common: we love our animals and they make a difference in the lives of their humans! We celebrate them! These books and more will be on display and in the church library.

The Saturday Book Club
Room 202
October 15, 10:00

October Light
By John Gardner*



October Light is one of John Gardner's masterworks. The penniless widow of a once-wealthy dentist, Sally Abbot now lives in the Vermont farmhouse of her older brother, 72-year-old James Page. Polar opposites in nearly every way, their clash of values turns a bitter corner when the exacting and resolute James takes a shotgun to his sister's color television set. After he locks Sally up in her room with the trashy "blockbuster" novel that has consumed her (and only apples to eat), the novel-within-the-novel becomes an echo chamber providing glimpses into the history of the family that spawned these bizarre, sad, and stubborn people.

Gardner uses the turbulent siblings as a stepping-off point from which he expands upon the lives of their extended families, and the rural community that surrounds them. He also engages larger issues of how liberals and conservatives define themselves, and considers those moments when life transcends all their arguments.

*Gardner once was a faculty member in the SIU English Department

Read ahead book for November: Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy. World War II, and the Long Journey Home, by Gary Moore



5	Kyle & Emily Hargraves	12	JT & Bethany Jenkins
5	Richard & Lynn Pierson	15	Bill & Carla Quigley
5	James & Sheila Stewart	16	Harold & Marlene Gibbs
9	Ryan & Brooke Guthman	26	Roger & Sharon Medlen
11	Todd & Robin Sievert		

1	Jaylah Maynor	16	Dawn Wiwchar
2	W. Rosella Young	18	Andy McNitt
5	Ken Cline	19	Adam Barringer
7	Jennifer Watson	21	Jennie Snyder
8	Allison Vandenberg	22	Gary Wece
8	Ellen McNitt	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
9	Lora Maye Bitner	25	Julie Peterson
9	Carolyn Ozburn	26	Nicci Graff
9	Hanna Wece	28	Ben Snyder
9	Susan Wirth	28	Margie Stilley
12	Rick Runge	28	Barbara Zimmerman
13	Braden Miller	30	Kyle Quigley
15	Maya Jenkins	30	London Watson
15	MaryJane Williams		



New Member Class— Sunday, October 16th 10:30 am in the sanctuary. Find out more about what it means to be a member of Murphysboro United Methodist Church. Call the church office to signup by October 13th or on the attendance pads on Sundays.

During the month of October the Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing their 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 Werthen 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. There will be a variety of individuals teaching the classes and adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

11th Annual Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 2nd
4:00 PM
MUMC PAVILION
(1500 Pine Street)

This even is co-Hosted by the
Murphysboro United Methodist Church & St. Francis Community Animal Rescue



We ask that all animals please be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing, there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and door prizes. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.

The 11th Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held, Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 pm. This event is traditionally celebrated worldwide on or around the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals. Locally, this event is co-hosted by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Francis Community Animal Rescue and Education. This event is a free event for pets and their people. We ask that all animals be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing, there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and gifts. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.

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



Trail Day 2022 was held On Sunday, September 25 from 3-6 pm at Riverside Park. Approximately 35 children and adults feasted on barbeque, hot dogs, and all the fixings. While the adults spent time fellowshiping, the kids played on the playground equipment, tossed around a football, and enjoyed a game of whiffle ball. In addition we were blessed to have two families who were taking advantage of the perfect weather to play in the park to join us for our meal. All in all we could not have asked for a better day. We hope to see you again next year on the trail!



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

YARD



2022 Fall/Winter Yard Sale

The Fall/Winter Yard Sale will be Friday, October 28, 1-6 pm and Saturday, October 29, 8-11 am. We will offer free items on Saturday from 12 noon-2 pm for our shoppers. This sale offers quality clothing and other items at reasonable prices to our community.

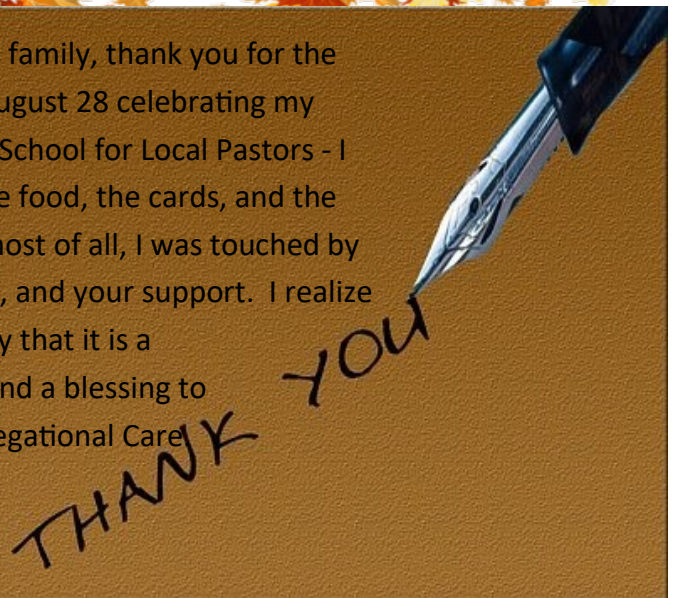
Work hours/drop-off times will be October 17-21, 9 am-3 pm and October 24-27, 9 am-3 pm. We would like to receive your items early in the sale dates and NO LATER than Oct. 25. Please do not bring summer items.

Volunteers are always welcome and very much needed. Our days are quite busy and we have great fellowship. Taco Tuesday is one of our favorite lunches and tis the season for Chili and Soup! Come join the fun.
Contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 (call or text) or email lynnpierson@ymail.com for additional information.



To my wonderful church family, thank you for the fabulous reception on August 28 celebrating my completion of Licensing School for Local Pastors - I was truly surprised! The food, the cards, and the gifts were perfect but, most of all, I was touched by your kindness, your love, and your support. I realize more and more everyday that it is a privilege to serve God, and a blessing to be your Pastor of Congregational Care

In Christ's Love,
Michelle





On Tuesday, September 13, ten YAH on the Road travelers had lunch at Our Daily Bread in Eddyville, KY. We enjoyed a variety of sandwiches on their delicious white, wheat, cranberry nut, cheddar jalapeno, and cheddar bacon bread, along with homemade pizza and calzones. The portions were big, so there were a lot of carryouts, but we managed to save room for some of their great bakery items and ice cream. We then headed to Cadiz, KY for some antiquing where there were some treasures to be found, along with some great photo opportunities of their beautiful main street. We even made a new canine friend in one of the antique shops. In addition to good food and shopping, the weather was absolutely perfect making for a beautiful scenic drive through the Kentucky countryside - we could not have asked for a better day!

On Tuesday, October 11, YAH on the Road will be traveling to Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, MO. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am and plan for lunch around 11:30 am. My best advice is to eat a light breakfast so you can enjoy your share of throwed rolls and pass arounds. But, don't worry too much because we plan to walk off some of those calories when we visit the Sikeston Outlet Mall. And, if you work up an appetite after shopping, a trip to Sikeston would not be complete without a stop at The Original Fried Pie Shop. Please join us for a great Fall trip to a great place to eat!



We currently have a Sunday School class for Pre-K—High School and one Adult Sunday School class that meets every Sunday. Interested in starting your own Adult/Young Adult class see the items available in our library to help you get started. Contact Diane Schingel for more information.

UMC Library Adult SS Resources—This is a partial list of available studies. The studies listed below are currently on the table in the library for easy viewing. You will find more studies in the red bookcase by the door, and in the media section.

Video Studies

Christian: It's Not What You Think by Andy Stanley. DVD plus eight participants' guides available. The video includes a choice between longer or shorter presentations for each week's topic. It works well to use the shorter selection then spend the rest of the time discussing questions from the guide. Stanley is an excellent, dynamic presenter.

Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine by Max Lucado. DVD, 9 books, and 3 participants' guides. The books include questions for discussion in the back.

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by Max Lucado. DVD, book, and 3 Study Guides.

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton. DVD and 9 study guides. Filmed in England, Hamilton traces John Wesley's faith journey.

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel. DVD and 7 study guides. Gifford explores places in Israel of importance in Jesus' life. Rabbi Sobel adds background and history.

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton. DVD and 7 books. Filmed in the Holy Land, Hamilton traces Jesus' journey from baptism to crucifixion. Also would make a good Lenten study.

Easy to Use Study Guides.

These do not have accompanying DVDs, but they work well for class discussion and interaction. These include Max Lucado's studies of Mark (7 guides) and Acts (6 guides). These are not in-depth studies, but still are useful for learning and discussion. Another good one is Bill Hybel's *Fruit of the Spirit*. (12 study guides)

Browse the SS bookcase (red bookcase just inside the library door on the right) and the DVD section in the northeast corner of the library for more ideas. There are many other books and study materials, including Lenten and Advent materials, by a variety of authors,

New and different studies can be obtained in different ways. Class participants can purchase on their own, of course. The church has sponsored some purchases in the past, and the Library has also purchased certain items that might be good additions to the library for others to use.

Our church's conference (Illinois Great Rivers Conference) also has a United Media Resource Center where materials can be borrowed and then returned. You can look for materials you are interested in, or search for certain authors, at: <https://www.igrc.org/umrc>. The library can help with that if needed—including seeing if more study guides or a video is available to accompany studies we already have.

Questions? Let me know—I'll help if I can!

Susan Patterson

Bicentennial Planning Meeting

Our church in Jackson County will be 200 years old in 2025. So where do we go from here? Come to our first brainstorming meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2022 right after Worship Service. We will have a short meeting to discuss our plans, especially what our next steps will be. And trust me, there will be a committee for anyone and everyone who wants to be a part of this celebration. I already have a list of 15 different activities that are just looking for someone to step up and say, "Hey, that sounds right up my alley." We are also looking for your ideas of what you would like to see become a part of this event. Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, October 23rd in the Sanctuary.

Hope to see your smiling faces there!!

Sharon Jones and Rick Runge

Bicentennial Committee Chairs



Sunday School Volunteer THANK YOU Brunch!

Saturday, Oct 15th 10am - Noon
MUMC Fellowship Hall

For current SS
volunteers and
anyone who would
like to join us.
Come & Fellowship
with us!

Last year we served over 300 Hot Dogs in the first hour and half and had that same amount of people visiting our church the next hour and a half. WOW! **How can you help with Trunk or Treat you ask?**

1. Candy and treat collection starts Sunday, Oct 2nd drop off your candy/treats at the top of the stairs each week.
2. Host a Trunk—get your friends & family together and decorate a trunk dress up have fun.
3. Volunteer that night to help take photos, run security, direct traffic, cook hot dogs, hand out food. Decorate a photo backdrop, etc.
4. Make a monetary donation to Trunk or Treat.

Contact Melanie Harp at mumc.familyministries@gmail.com or sign up on attendance pad to help out. Let's make this year and even bigger success.



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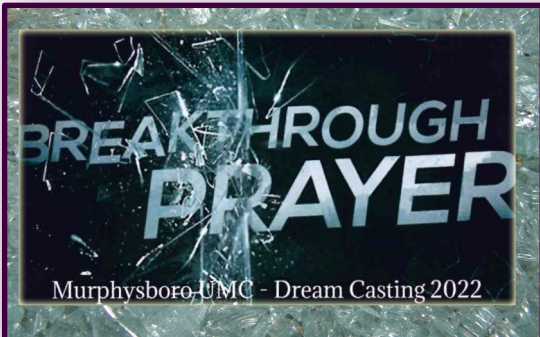


Church Directories have arrived. If you had your pictures taken for the directory yours is located on the tables in the Welcome Center with your name on it. We have a few extras for those who were unable to have their picture taken. Please take only 1 per family to ensure everyone has a copy. If you are unable to pick yours up in the welcome center please call the church office for other arrangements.



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.



Murphysboro-UMC - Dream Casting 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

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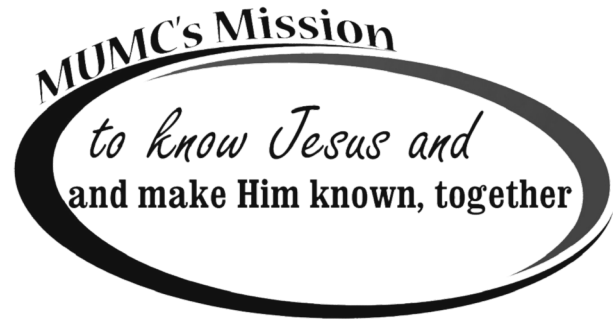


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

Staff

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Marty McMichael
Pastor of
Congregational Care..... Michelle Parker-Clark
Director of Children
& Family Ministries.....Melanie Harp
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