



Saturday, Nov.
12th at 7:30 AM.
UMM Breakfast.



The December
compass deadline is
November
14th, &
Holy
Folders is
Tuesday the 22nd at
9:00 am!



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

Overflowing with Thankfulness

God is doing a great new work among us! We are always thankful in our hearts, but it's time to highlight our Thanksgiving to God our Father this season! He is using every one of you to forward His kingdom according to His unique calling on each of your lives.

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness,” Col. 2:6-7

You have been taught of the Lord and are ensuring His teachings are passed on to the next generation. His education gives us strength and roots. Our children need strength, roots, and solid Biblical teaching as much as we do. Knowing this, you had a corporate vision to increase your ministry efforts and attention to the youth of our community. That is why you brought me here. I am thankful to both you and God for the chance to partner with you in growing His family. As I meet each of you, I am putting together the pieces of your vision to form a picture that is quickly becoming an exciting new reality!

The youth are in the process of updating the youth room area. They have worked together to provide a fresh coat of paint, and the new furniture and lighting are coming soon. They will also be helping create contemporary inspirational décor in upcoming meeting times. They are making the space their own. It's becoming a place where they are happy to invite their friends. We hope to give the youth a slice of heaven in a turbulent world and an invitation to belong to Jesus!

Happiness, thanksgiving, and gratitude swell in our hearts and lives when God's Holy Spirit empowers us. This is not our natural state of being. Read the story of the Israelites in the wilderness, and you will see that our natural state is one of complaint. Each day, we have a journey to make with God to help us overcome our fleshly programming and behave like the "...new creation..." (2 Cor. 5: 17) that we are—His spiritual children.

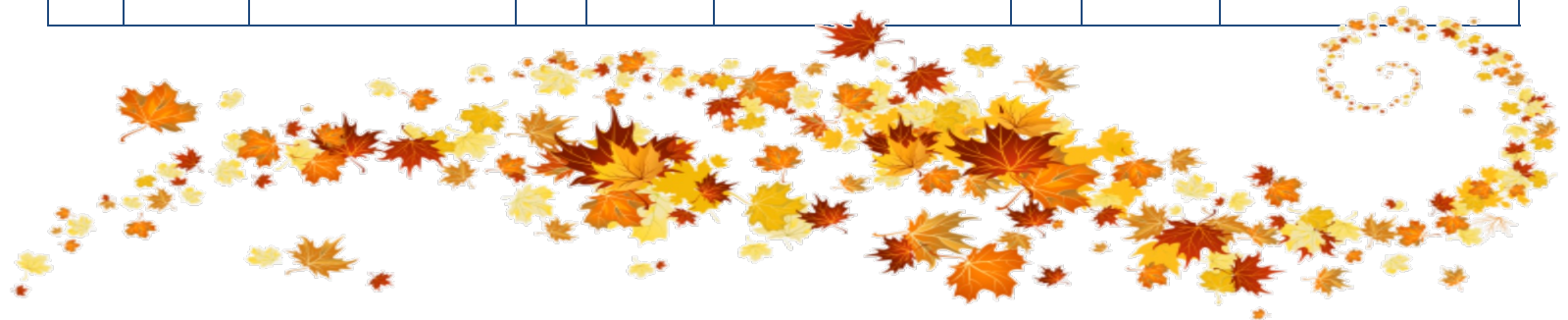
The older generation of the Israelites didn't enter the promised land because even though they did well to exit Egypt, which is a type of the world, they failed to demonstrate a victorious life to their young ones. They didn't have access to the Holy Spirit but thank God we do! You and I can decide daily to connect to God's Holy Spirit and provide an example of joyful living to the next generation.

Please seek me out, introduce yourself, and let me know what gifts and talents you can contribute to ministry to our youth and families! What can you do to support the youth? Every little bit helps, and there is a place for you! As the old saying goes, "Many Hands Make Light Work." My phone number is below. Give me a call, and let's talk about the possibilities.

We are blessed to be part of a loving church family that is constantly growing and overflowing with Thanksgiving every day of the year. No matter our age or ability, thank God, He makes a place for all of us!

Blessings,
Melanie Harp
Director of Youth and Family Ministries MUMC
618-534-5524

1	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	10	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	20	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	11		Office Closed Veterans Day	21	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares
2	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 pm	SS Team
	6:00 pm	Choir		9:30 PM	FOP at Food Pantry	21	9:00 am	Holy Folder
	7:00 PM	NA meeting	12	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	22	11:00 am	Staff meeting
3	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:00 am	Bell Choir	23	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round Table	13	5:00pm	Thanksgiving Potluck		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	14	10:00 am	Bible Journaling	24		Thanksgiving Day
4	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	15	11:00 am	Staff Meeting			Office Closed
5	10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	SPRC	25		Office Closed
	10:00 am	Bell Choir		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	26	10:00 am	AA Meeting
6		All Saints Sunday UMC Day at 724		7:00 pm	Service & Missions		10:00 am	Bell Choir
	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	16	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		2:00 pm	Bitner 60th Anniversary Celebration
7	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares		6:00 pm	Choir	27		1st Sunday of Advent
	6:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	NA Meeting		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
8	11:00 am	Staff meeting	17	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support	28		
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	29	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
9	10:00 am	Young at Heart on the Road		7:00 pm	GA Meeting		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:00 pm	Choir	18	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	30	6:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	19	10:00 am	AA Meeting		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
10	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		10:00 am	Bell Choir			
	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:30 am	Book Club			





The Library Corner: Books of Interest

This month's column lists books that are a bit off the beaten path. They have two things in common: 1) they have not received much attention; and 2) the topics are interesting and thought provoking—an open invitation to explore something different!

This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice by Will Willimon. Core beliefs? Do we need to read about them? Yes! Willimon has things to say that both reminds and informs us about core beliefs such as "We believe in One God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit", "We Believe in Jesus Christ and His Reign" and "We Believe in Salvation for Sinners". This book ties in with the **Wesley Study Bible**, which is also in the library.

United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith by F. Belton Joyner Jr. Joyner addresses topics in a question-and-answer format. Here are some of the questions in the section on Christian Life: "What are the means of grace? What are the works of mercy? What about prayer? What about healing? Why be involved in justice? Why does it make a difference how I live my life? Each topic has pertinent questions and brief, informative answers.

The Heart of the World: An Introduction to Contemplative Christianity by Thomas Keating, a Catholic monk. Here's a quote: "Contemplative prayer allows the hunger and thirst for God to well up. (p. 10) How do we just "be" before God, without words, but in communion? Keating has a lot to say about that in this small book

Beth Moore's book **Chasing Vines: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life**. Vines and fruitfulness are frequent images in Scripture, which Moore uses, along with experiences in her own life, to address our desire as human beings to make our lives matter. Every person who knows Jesus, she is convinced, will live in fruitfulness.

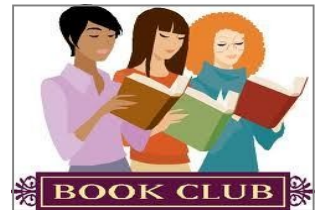
Mary, Called Magdalene by Margaret George. You may recognize the author's name; she has written several popular fiction books about real people in history-- while still keeping her writings

as factual as possible. In her book about Mary Magdalene she starts with Mary's childhood, giving details about what life was like in first century Judea. Mary eventually falls into great trouble—and Jesus saves her.

These and other books will be on display upstairs and downstairs in the church library. Hope you find one of them interesting! Or browse around and find another one of interest to you!

Happy Thanksgiving! Look for some children's books about Thanksgiving on display. And later in the month you will begin to see books and movies related to **Christmas!** Yes, it is coming, and things to read and watch during this joyful time can add to your enjoyment and appreciation of the season.

The Saturday Book Club
Room 202
November 19, 10:00



Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, World War II, and the Long Journey Home

Part Tuesdays with Morrie, part Field of Dreams: a true American story of World War II and redemption

Driven by word of mouth and the author's heroic efforts to tell the world his father's story, Playing with the Enemy was a surprise hardcover hit for its independent publisher. Gary Moore's book about his father—a baseball phenom whose future in the majors was cut short by World War II and a fateful occurrence during a top-secret mission for the U.S.

Navy—is a warm-hearted memoir of faded dreams and new hope that is destined for the bestseller lists. Filled with memorable characters from an extraordinary time in our country's history, it is a truly redemptive story that will be read and reread for generations to come. Note: the Author's father grew up in Sesser.

There will be no Book Club meeting in December. Read ahead book for January: The Lincoln

Highway by Amor Towles



4	Roger & Terri Twenhafel	17	Paul & Arlene Bitner
7	Bill & Glenda Martin	25	Wes & Adrienne Will
15	Harry & Susan Wirth	27	Gary & Gloria Likins
16	Terrin & Michelle Thies		



2	Kathy Blackwell	15	Brant Wingerter
2	Cole Fletcher	16	Arlene Bitner
4	Ethan Finke	16	Cecelia Crawshaw
4	Kay Lirely	16	Sharon Graff
4	Caroline Pederson	16	Landrie Green
4	Clifton Swafford	17	Michelle Parker-Clark
5	Robert Frank	18	Katie Stewart
6	Alayna Krummrich	22	Pam Graham
10	Arthur Porter	22	Pat Porter
11	Liam Guthman	25	James Nimmo
11	Robert Williams	26	Tabitha Harris
12	Dave Auxier	29	Beverley Jarrett
12	Julie Erbes	30	Ben Barringer
12	Bill Quigley	30	Jerry Giffin
13	Jonas Schaldemose		



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Will resume December 11th

Please see Melanie Harp to learn more

Sermon Series

Healing & Stewards Going the Distance

October 23rd - November 27th

Let us all gather together to celebrate this season of thanksgiving with gratitude for our many blessings! Everyone is invited to attend The All Church Thanksgiving Potluck to be held Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meat, bread, drinks, and table service. Bring your favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Please contact Rob Williams in order to contribute toward the cost of the hams and the turkeys.

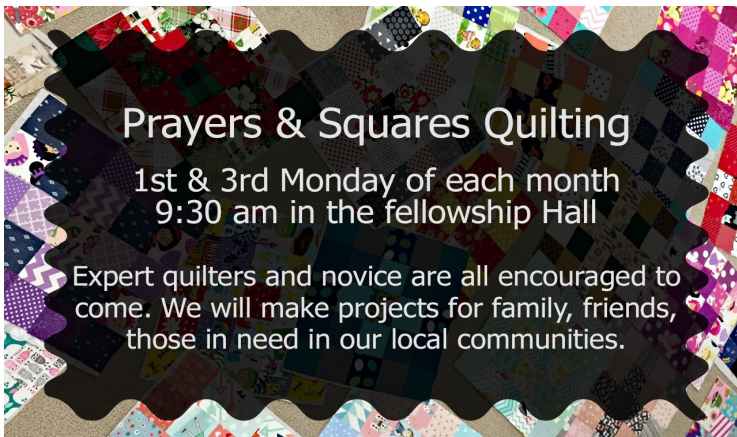
ALL CHURCH

Thanksgiving POTLUCK

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13th

5:00 pm
MUMC Fellowship Hall

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin two new studies during the month of November. The first study will be a three week study on November 6, 13, and 20, and the second study will begin on November 27 and will run through the season of Advent. The titles and details will be announced in the upcoming church bulletins, so please stay tuned for more information. The class welcomes adults of all ages to participate in a time of fellowship and discussion.



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.



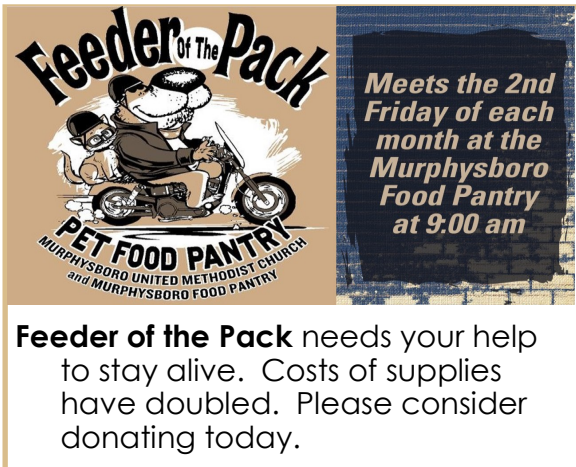
Stretching With Rosie
 each Friday
 9:00 AM



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!

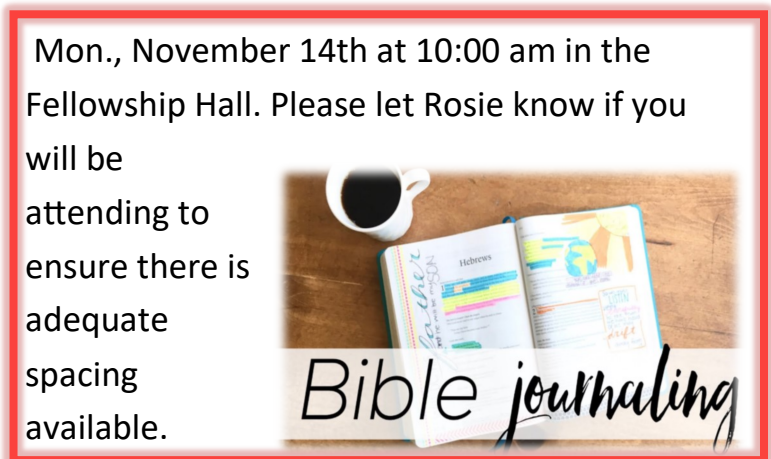


Our Neighbor's Table
 FREE community meal
 the last Sunday of every month starting at 12:00 noon
 in the Murphysboro United Methodist Church
 Fellowship Hall.
Volunteers Needed!
 Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark



Feeder of the Pack
 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.

Mon., November 14th 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

Blessing of the Animals

The 11th Annual Blessing of the Animals was held, Sunday October 2 with 26 two legged animals (people) present and 19 four legged animals (cats and dogs) present. A special thank you to Richard Tierney for being our Master of Ceremony, Nancy Fager for leading the Call to Worship and Invocational Prayer, Mike Clark for his Song of Tribute, Logan Wingerter for reading the scripture, Michelle Parker-Clark for the Message, Pastors Marty and Michelle for blessing the animals, Mary Ellen Tierney for manning the registration table, Deb David for preparing the Certificates of Blessing, Barb Hughes for preparing the animals treats, and Rosie Wece and Bob Eaton for preparing the human treats. And, congratulations to Dan and Deb David for winning the \$50.00 gift certificate to Bows N' Toes Grooming by Morgan, Jon and Laurie Geiger for winning the dog toys, and Richard Tierney for winning the book about St. Francis of Assisi. This is always a fun and meaningful occasion for pets and their humans. Please join us next year on the first Sunday in October for the 12th Annual event.



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 Fall/Winter Yard Sale will be history when you are reading this. I want to express my thanks to all who donated items for the sale and to all of those who volunteered to work before and during the sale.

We don't have a report of funds received but will have them available for December.

This sale is planned to provide quality affordable items for shoppers in our community and a free shopping time was offered as well.

It is now the responsibility of our church family to use these funds for various mission projects in the coming months. If you have a great mission idea please inform Jay Graff, Michelle Parker-Clark or me and we will expore your info.

Blessings to all who made this sale possible.

Lynn Pierson (lynnperson@gmail.com)

618-684-3601

All Saints' Sunday

November 6th

We will honor our loved ones who have passed on between November 2021 and now.

If you would like to have your loved one added to the list please contact Melba in the Church Office no later than November 1st.

Come GROW with US!

**Sunday School Classes for all ages
each Sunday in our Education wing.
Immediately following Church
Services.**

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.



On Tuesday, October 11, YAH on the Road traveled to Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, MO. There were 15 participants who enjoyed their share of "throwed rolls," "pass arounds," and delicious entrees such as ham steak and chicken and dumplings. Even though there were already a lot of carryouts on the bus, that didn't stop us from visiting The Original Fried Pie Shop, next door to Lambert's, for some flavorful, fruit filled, fried pies to take home. It was another beautiful day of fellowship, fun, and great food,

On Wednesday, November 9, YAH on the Road will be traveling to Grand Rivers, KY for lunch at Patti's 1880's Settlement. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am for reservations at noon. The Christmas decorations will be up, the flower pot bread will be baking, and the boutiques will be open. Please join us for great food and shopping at one of the area's most famous attractions.





Welcome to our new staff members at MUMC

Keith Javors Director of Music & Technology. Keith can be reached at mumc.musicdirector@gmail.com

&

Melanie Harp Director of Family Ministries. Melanie can be reached at mumc.familyministires@gmail.com

Without compromising a strong dedication to excellence, Dr. Keith Javors has seen success in nearly every facet of the modern music industry, extending to his ongoing commitment to music ministry. Keith is a distinguished music and music education graduate of the University of North Texas (performing in the coveted One O' Clock Lab Band and named Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was named five times to the Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding By Their Students. He has held successful teaching positions at several universities, directorship posts at several churches, and his past students have won Grammys, occupy positions in major symphonies and jazz orchestras, lead as esteemed administrators and college professors, or are



successful working professionals in a host of other fields. Keith is a critically-acclaimed producer and performer and can be heard on numerous recordings as both a leader and sideman. His ensembles have performed at many of the major festivals, clubs, and performance spaces around the globe, from the Rockefeller Center in NYC to the International House of Music in Moscow. In addition, he is President and CEO of the Inarhyme Music Group, LLC, a top-shelf Indie record label and music production company that has garnished consistent media praise by top periodicals ranging from Downbeat to the Chicago Tribune for its exceptional quality. Inarhyme has a strong philanthropic underpinning, assisting in providing pro bono instruments and instruction to individuals and groups from elementary schools to prisons. Prior to Keith's relocation to the Midwest, Inarhyme was named as the top record label in Philadelphia in the Best of Philadelphia Awards. Most recently, he was inducted into the Carbondale Community High School Hall of Achievement. Keith is currently working on a new Gospel/CCM project entitled Believed, release scheduled for 2023.



Melanie is one of the newest additions to the MUMC team. She is also an MDIV student with a concentration in Christian Discipleship and uses her education to bless the church in her role as Director of Youth and Family Ministries. She has seven children, six are adults, and she has one ten-year-old son, Jesse, at home. She also writes music, sings, and plays banjo in a band called "Sacred Harps." She is here to provide tools and inspiration to help us grow personally in our walk with God and as a church body. Feel free to reach out anytime to connect!

Hi, everyone,
 Thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality as I've been settling in and finding my way around. It's a privilege for me to come onboard to worship with you and I'm excited about the great things I believe God has in store!

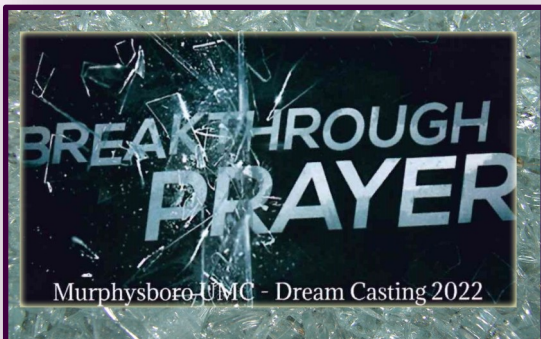
We want to make our MUMC Music Program as inclusive and accommodating to everyone as possible. I want to extend a personal invite to anyone interested (all that's required is musical interest and a desire to praise God) to join us either for Chancel

Choir or Bell Choir (Wednesdays at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., respectively). Simply let Cameron, another member, or myself know of your interest. Or simply show up! And if you have ideas for other worship settings, whether known or unknown, we welcome those.

To kick things off, we're looking for additional seasonal participation and this is regardless of an ongoing commitment. Please consider joining us in performing for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Murphysboro on Friday evening, December 2 (time TBD) as well as for A Night for Rejoicing, our own Christmas Cantata, right here at MUMC on Sunday evening, December 18th. Cantata rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:40 in the Sanctuary.

I hope you'll feel comfortable to reach out to me at any point if we can serve in some way. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead and wish you and your families the very best this Fall and Advent. Here's to the boundless hope we share in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,
 Dr. Keith Javors
 Director of Music



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

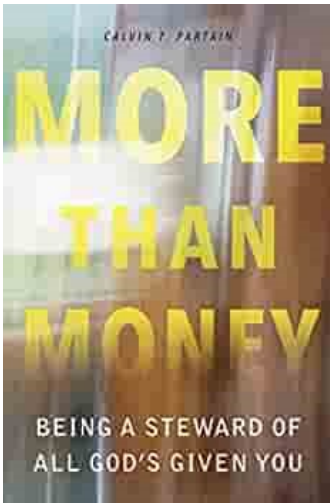
On behalf of your church SPRC committee a heartfelt thanks to all who have submitted thoughts for the continued growth and the good of your church.

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



Stewardship Information

Please see the letter below from Pastor Marty concerning our Stewardship campaign this year. In our current sermon series titled "Healing & Stewards going the Distance" we will learn about godly stewardship from the book "More Than Money". If you would like to read a copy of this book they are available the back table.

Hello friend, I hope you are well. This is Pastor Marty and I need your help. I am asking you to consider making a predetermined amount of giving for 2023, commonly called a 'Stewardship Pledge'. Finance is acting responsibly to put the final touches on the 2023 budget for our church. Estimating giving for the upcoming year is a **critical part** of our ability to plan the effective administration of our church.

I can truly appreciate the angst that comes from this type of letter, but I would not send this if it were not necessary. We desire to make **disciples for Jesus Christ**. You've witnessed the new staffing, ongoing strategic planning, and organizational restructuring of our church. Our plan is to grow your church and we **cannot** make the necessary commitments without you making yours.

Please decide to be a part of your church's continued revitalization! Submit your estimated giving card this Sunday, drop it off at the church office or call the same and speak with **Christine Nolan at 618-687- 2317**.

I want to sincerely thank you for financially supporting your church over the years. I want to encourage your continued support. Why, because **our work is not done**, Murphysboro UMC is not dead, we are alive and coming back! Join in with Christ, the Master Builder, and construct together new hearts, spaces and programs for God.

Your servant in Christ,
Marty McMichael
Marty McMichael
Sr. Pastor

I have prayed about supporting the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro, and my plan is to:

- () STEP UP BEYOND TITHING. My desire is to do more than God's minimum.
- () STEP UP TO TITHING. I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.
- () STEP UP TOWARD TITHING. I am not yet a tither, but I am moving toward that goal.

My/our commitment is \$ _____ weekly or \$ _____ monthly, for an annual commitment of \$ _____

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ Phone/Cell _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Email _____

I would like to request Electronic Fund Transfer

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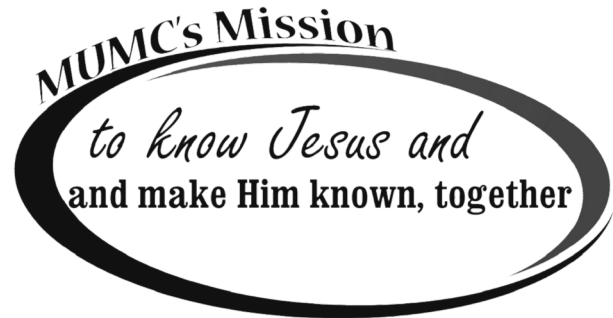


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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
Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
Custodian Pat Sullivan
Church Secretary..... Melba Ziegler
Pianist/Organist Cameron Taylor
Music Director..... Keith Javors
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders
Technology.....Keith Javors



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