



Saturday, Feb.
11th at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.



February
Compass Deadline
is Feb
13th.



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

I once heard singer/songwriter Don Henley refer to the times we live in as a “Post post-modern world”. There’s no question that we live in difficult, exhilarating, and sometimes surprising times. And there’s no question that these are very different times than the ones that Jesus walked the earth in. It could make one contemplate if the famed prophet in Ecclesiastes was really correct when he claims that “There’s nothing new under the sun”.

With that said, we must adapt our faith to the world (our *mission field*) that is now. *Murphysboro United Methodist Church is in need of volunteers in various capacities who can assist with our multimedia Service needs. These aren’t complicated duties and are actually a surprisingly simple way to participate and serve in an important way on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided so you’re comfortable. In addition, you can serve in time allotments that work for you, whether it be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc. We’ll be rolling out more information but, in the mean time, please just let me know if you’re interested or would like to know more!*

As we as a body continue to grow and expand in our technology, our assurance is that we serve a God who’s the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the grave is the same Spirit that lives in us today. We know a mighty God who can never be hacked or bought or fenced in and can keep us throughout the inevitable changes that we go through as a people, whether they be positive or negative or, like technology, perhaps some of both.

We can know that He loves every one of the eight billion of us incredibly and wants the very best for us. The gifts He gives to all who’ll receive are ridiculous grace, perfect peace, hard truth, real love, and a personal salvation that are here to stay. It’s these that allow us to adapt and transcend when the only true constants we seem to see in the world is change. The best news is that the most powerful change is what’s already available through Christ and that’s the profound change in us.

-Dr. Keith Javors
Director of Music and Multimedia

1	6:00 pm	Choir	12		Children's Church	20	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	13	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		5:00 pm	SS Team
2	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		4:30 pm	Bible Journaling	21	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		5:00 pm	R4L-Jackson County		6:00 PM	SPRC
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	14	11:15 am	Young @ Heart		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
3	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie		11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Missions
4	9:00 am	Bell Choir		6:00 pm	Finance	22	9:00 am	Holy Folders
5	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00pm	Cub Scouts		6:00 pm	Choir
6	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	15	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		7:00 pm	Ash Wed Service
	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		6:00 pm	Choir		8:00 am	NA Meeting
	5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study	23	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
7	11:00 am	Staff meeting		8:00 pm	NA Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	16	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	24	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
8	6:00 pm	Choir	17	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	25	9:00 am	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	18	9:00 am	Bell Choir		10:00 am	AA Meeting
9	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss		10:00 am	AA Meeting	26		Children's Church
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		10:00 am	Book Club		10:30 am	Camp Signup
10	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	19		Children's Church		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack Food Pantry		11:00 am	Spaghetti Dinner	27	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
11	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	28	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	9:00 am	Bell Choir	20		Meals on Wheels Week		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	10:00am	AA Meeting			Office Closed Presidents Day			
				9:30 am	Prayers & Squares			

Take Off With Us!
 Join our New Adult Sunday School Class

Series 1:
New Testament Series on Spiritual Habits

February 19, 2023
 Room 105



Summer Camp!

Camp Signups Sundays Feb., 26th & Mar., 5th after service. Contact Melanie Harp at 618-534-5524

Packets available in back of sanctuary.



The Library Corner: Love Through the Years
You can be silly / or you can be sad
You can be merry / or you can be mad
You can be grumpy / or you can be glad
God loves you just as you are.

The above is the beginning of a "Little Blessings" book by Kathleen Bostrom, aptly titled "God Loves You." This sweetly illustrated board book is perfect for little ones, who need to know that not only are they loved by their family, but that God loves them too. It is great for a discussion-- at their level of understanding-- about the fact that God loves them always.

For older children the library has several other books that illustrates God's love, and what it means to love others. One is Sharing God's Love: the Jesus Creed for Children by Scot McKnight. Stan and Jan Berenstain also have a book named God Loves You that illustrates the enduring nature of God's love "even when we do things we're not supposed to." And in an amusing version of the Good Samaritan story, the Berenstain Bears learn to Love Their Neighbors.

And since we always need to know and remember that God loves us, and also wants us to love others—not a slam dunk no matter what our age--here are some books for adults on those same topics:

In Max Lucado's A Love Worth Giving: Living in the Overflow of God's Love Lucado says "Could it be that the secret to loving is receiving? You give love by first receiving it. 'We love because he first loved us' "(1 John 4:19) p. 7

Two books suggest a 40-day journey, each with specific daily thoughts and actions intended to deepen the journey toward more love. One of these, The Love Dare, by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, offers insights and daily challenges for bringing more love and less friction into the relationship between spouses.

They say "If you accept this dare . . . instead of following your heart you are choosing to lead it." (p. viii) The second book, which offers daily spiritual guidance, is Deeply Loved: 40 Ways in 40 Days to Experience the Heart of Jesus by Kerri Wyatt Kent.

Finally, for older adults, consider A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life, by Jane Marie Thibault. Thibault notes that she has met many older adults who are "jaded" or "who are spiritually discontented but do not know why." And she says that "I have come to believe that the development of an intense, mutual love relationship with God is the primary spiritual task of later life." (p. 19). What do you think?

In addition, we can't forget that February also brings Valentine's Day, and thoughts of being in love. We have some fiction with a little romance in them as well. Check it out!

You will find these plus other books in the upstairs hall, and downstairs in the hall or in the library.

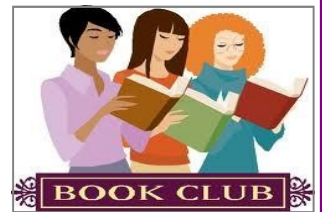
The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

February 18th, 10:00

Wish You Were Here

By Jodi Picoult



Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galápagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. Right on time.

But then a virus that felt worlds away has appeared in the city, and Finn breaks the news: It's all hands on deck at the hospital. He has to stay behind. *You should still go*, he assures her, it would be a shame for all their nonrefundable trip to go to waste. Reluctantly, she goes.

Almost immediately, Diana's dream vacation goes awry. Her luggage is lost, the Wi-Fi is nearly nonexistent, and the hotel they'd booked is shut down due to the pandemic. In fact, the whole island is now under quarantine, and she is stranded until the borders reopen. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. . . . In the Galápagos Islands, where Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection was formed, Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different.



14	Paul & Viola Parrish	18	Bill & Mary Slider
15	Kevin & Barbara Howard	22	Charles & Pam Crews



1	Roger Twenhafel	14	Casey Johnstone
2	Morgan Krummrich	14	Betty Morefield
3	Tyler Doody	15	Lynn Pierson
4	Joan Bastien	16	Leah Patterson
5	Anthony Maynor	16	Julie Schaldemose
5	Ed Thraikill	17	Ginger Guetersloh
6	Rhonda Shands	19	Maddie Bean
6	Michelle Thies	22	Paul Parrish
7	Lola Pierson	22	Mila Thies
8	Johnathan Graham	23	Donna Lynn Horniacek
8	Kyle Hargraves	23	Janet Porter
10	Harold Gibbs	24	Judy Little
11	Doug Bitner	24	Adrienne Will
12	Dan David	29	Joshua Barringer
12	Patti Mills		



Reminder if Murphysboro School District 186 is closed from inclement weather, then all MUMC activities for that day are also cancelled as well as the Church office.

If inclement weather happens on a weekend you will be notified in the following manner. A text, phone call, and/or email if you are on our Grapevine list. An email if you are on our constant contact list, or the leader of the activity scheduled for that day may also contact you directly. If you are not sure if you are on any of these list please contact the office to signup today.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22nd, 7:00 pm

New Time for Bible Journaling Your Faith

Second Monday of each month
4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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.

STRONG HEARTS



INCREASING OUR TRUST IN JESUS THROUGH EXAMINING THE LINES OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

A six-week Bible study written by Angie Baughman

Have you ever wanted to take a closer and more in depth look at the Lord's Prayer? During the month of February the Seekers Sunday School Class will be continuing their study of "Strong Hearts: Strengthening Our Trust in Jesus through Examining the Lines of the Lord's Prayer" by Angie Baughman. Please join us for an enlightening and meaningful time of discussion and fellowship. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.




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
PET FOOD PANTRY
MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and MURPHYSBORO FOOD PANTRY

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.

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.

Congregational Meal Team

Wilma Westerfield Coordinator

Want to be a part of helping others with a meal in their time of need, or know someone in need contact Wilma at 618-534-1061

If you have ever been in the hospital due to an accident, injury, or surgery, you know how difficult it can be to manage your day to day responsibilities when you return home. As a church family our desire is to make your time of recovery and rehabilitation a little easier. Wilma Westerfield will be our Congregational Meal Coordinator for just such occasions. If you would like to be part of Wilma's team who will prepare meals, or if you know

someone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact Wilma via email at wmwcof@frontier.com or at 618/534-1061.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

One Story that Leads to Jesus

Feb., 15th

7:00pm every Wednesday

Youth & Adult Options available at this time

Contact the Church office to signup



Women's Prayer Breakfast

save the date

Saturday, May 6th

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



February 22nd, 7:00 pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Will resume December 11th

Please see Melanie Harp to learn more

Children's Church!

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
of each month.**

Handbell Choir Returns

Rehearsal will be each Sat., at 9 am

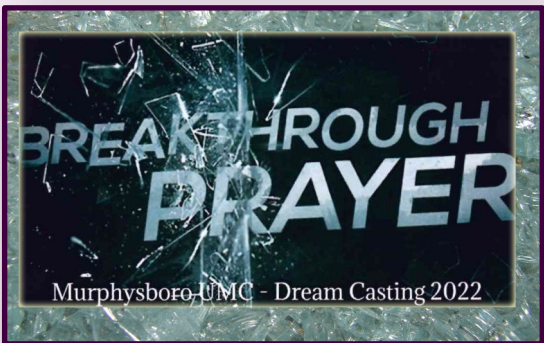
We are looking for a few new faces!
Contact Cameron Taylor for more information.

Noisy Offering

January & February

724 Ministry

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ~ Psalm 100:1



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

YAH on the Road will be celebrating Valentine's Day in style at the Giant City Lodge. We will depart the church parking lot on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:15 am for noon lunch reservations. Invite a friend, or your sweetheart, for their famous family style fried chicken, delicious sides, and don't forget about dessert. We hope to see you there!



The October 2022 Yard Sale was a huge success with sales totaling a little over \$4,000. Thank you to all who donated items to sell, worked during the sale and shopped with us. We had a "free shopping time" on Saturday that was well-attended. Several boxes of clothing were taken to a local rehab and nursing facility. Jenette's shop at 22nd & Logan Street received the unsold items.

The next yard sale will be April 28 & 29, 2023. We will start preparing for the sale April 17 and would appreciate donations early in our work week.

Due to our limited space we have found that the sales are 6 months apart (end of April and October) which allows the sale of Summer and Winter items at the appropriate times.

Thank you for your help in making the sales possible. Blessings to all.

Lynn Pierson

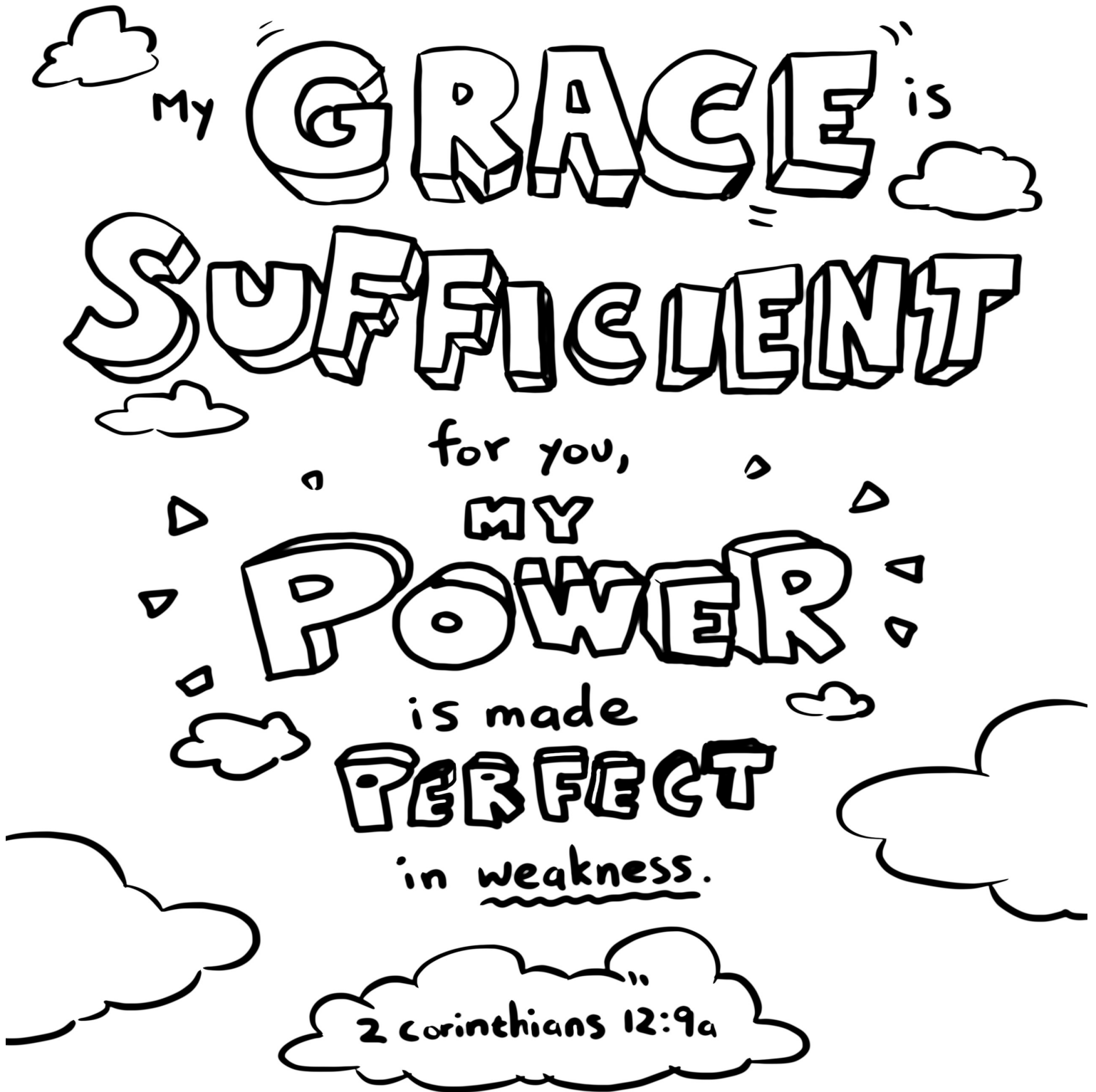
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Memory Verse Coloring Contest for Kids of All Ages!

Attention parents and kids: Please find February's memory verse and have your child color it and turn it at Sunday school any Sunday in February to win a prize! Coloring pages will be posted in the upstairs hallway for all to see.





Our Youth Group Has a New NAME!

The room remodeling project is almost finished. Along with our new look, the kids have chosen a new name. We are calling ourselves the "Glory Fires." Greta Snyder designed us a logo which has been made into a neon sign that will soon decorate our meeting room. We are planning to have t-shirt's made that we can wear during our ministry efforts that have our motto, "Love God, Live to Serve!" We have many great events planned for the upcoming year. Thanks for encouraging your youth to get involved, to bless and be blessed.



The Glory Fires Youth group are hosting a couple's lunch. They will be providing cooking, serving, and entertainment for tips that will go toward the summer camp scholarship fund. Bring a lot of small bills and change to the dinner because they will be competing with each other to impress you and collect the most tips!

The Cost of the meal is a donation of your choice.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please let us know before Feb. 12 if you plan to attend so we can prepare.



Attn: MUMC Camping Families

We are happily looking forward to Summer Camp 2023 already! The pricing structure will be the same as last year. MUMC will split the cost of camp with parents 50/50. Parents can either pay the entire 50%, or if needed, apply for a scholarship that will split the cost into thirds—parents pay 1/3rd (\$25 minimum), church pays 1/3rd, and the scholarship fund will cover the remaining third. We trust families to do what they can genuinely afford, and *the registration choices of parents will be held in strictest confidence*. Members are also welcome to sponsor an individual youth/child to participate in camp if they wish.

Each participant may bring one friend that will be offered the same payment options as above. The only additional requirement is that they attend our Camp Sunday event, June 4th, so the church can pray over and bless the kids for their upcoming trip to camp.

Children will be participating in several fundraising events to supply the scholarship fund in the coming months. These events are to-be-announced.

If you're interested, please pick up a packet listing your summer camp program choices, the costs, and registration documents on the entrance table of the sanctuary. You can turn these in on camp sign-up dates which are Sunday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, March 5th. Camp fees increase after March 15th. *Please do not register online.*

If you want to invite more than one friend, we can check availability after March 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Harp (618) 534-5524.



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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

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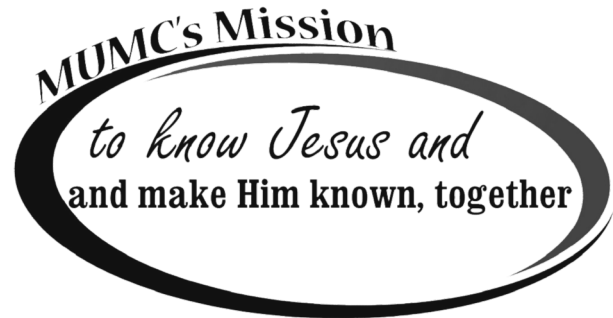


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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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