



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



April Compass
Deadline is



Mar
13th.



"AN INVITATION FOR A NEW BEGINNING"

Christ is many things to the church, dynamic in presentation. His dynamic nature saves us alive; establishing our eternity, structuring our present, and molding our emotional state through character enrichment nestled in correction and encouragement. In all of this He has a prevailing component which most overlook. Christ is invitational!

²⁸Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Mt 11:28-30)

As we witness our world slowly crumble into a cesspool of debaucheries, our church declining as it cannot collectively determine what God says, and few able to bravely articulate God's Word in love, I want to be invitational to you whom I am responsible for. I invite those who would profess to be Republicans and conservative in their theology to truly embrace holiness and let the **Word of God** define sin and how to deal with it. For He is the author of holiness. I invite those who would profess to be Democrats and liberal in their theology to truly embrace Justice and let the **Word of God** define sin and how to deal with it. For He is the author of Justice.

My invitation is to both sides; to understand that you are always on the wrong side until you get on God's side. This is the lesson an embattled Joshua had to learn.

¹³And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?¹⁴ And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

The word 'NAY' is best translated as "No, neither..." Church we cannot afford to be on the side of a political party, a social justice group, or any sociopolitical organization. We serve the Captain of the Hosts of the Lord's army! We need to hear from Him and Him alone! The invitation I want to offer is the opportunity to allow God to create in you a clean heart, and to renew a right spirit within you. It's an invitation to a new beginning for you. Not some other group, not some other person, but the only one you can control; yourself!

I invite you to journey with me in a collective Bible Study called; **"One Story That Leads to Jesus"**. As we prepare for the Lenten season, Resurrection and Ascension Sunday; let us make a commitment to serve God beyond a season. Let us make a commitment to serve God collectively in learning about Him. Let's be invitational to one another; confessing that we really don't know, and that we can only begin to understand who He is and what He is calling us to as we gather in humility and love around His Word.

Sincerely yours,
Marty McMichael
Sr. Pastor

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

1	6:00 pm	Choir	12		Children's Church	21	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	13	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		6:00 PM	SPRC
	7:00 pm	Bible Study		4:30 pm	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		5:00 pm	R4L-Jackson County		7:00 pm	Service & Missions
2	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team	14	10:00 am	Young @ Heart	22	6:00 pm	Choir
	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		11:00 am	Staff Meeting		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		6:00 pm	BOT		7:00 pm	Bible Study
3	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie		6:00pm	Cub Scouts		8:00 am	NA Meeting
4	9:00 am	Bell Choir		7:00 pm	Finance	23	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
5	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	15	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
6	9:30 am	Prayers & Squares		6:00 pm	Choir	24	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	25	9:00 am	Bell Choir
	5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study		10:00 am	AA Meeting
7	11:00 am	Staff meeting		8:00 pm	NA Meeting	26		Children's Church
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	16	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
8	6:00 pm	Choir		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	27	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	17	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	28	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bible Study	18	9:00 am	Bell Choir		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Church Council
9	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		10:00 am	Book Club	29	6:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	19		Children's Church		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
10	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00 pm	Bible Study
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack Food Pantry	20		Meals on Wheels Week		8:00 am	NA Meeting
11	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		9:30 am	Prayers & Squares	30	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	9:00 am	Bell Choir		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
	10:00am	AA Meeting		5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
						31	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie





The Library Corner: Drawing Nearer

We are all familiar with the hymn that pleads “Draw me nearer, nearer Blessed Lord” but do we always feel that we are drawing nearer? In reality what we think about, and how we spend our time, help define what is important to us. But for many people the busy modern-day life we lead leaves precious little time to focus on our faith in God and our relationship to Jesus.

If we are honest with ourselves, we probably know what we need. Prayer time where we listen as well as pray. Thoughtful reading of Scripture. And many other ways if we pay attention! One of those ways is the judicious reading of books that can reinforce and deepen our knowledge and our faith. Here are a few in the church library that may be helpful:

Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking by Priscilla Shirer. Shirer explores the truth that God wants to communicate with each one of us—not just the people in Biblical times—and, she says, God will find a way.

The Joy of Listening to God: Hearing the Many Ways God Speaks to Us by Joyce Huggett. A self-described “ordinary Christian” who regularly told God her problems and her desires, Huggett gradually discovered the power of silence, which opened up a whole new way of hearing God.

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by Max Lucado. The library has both the book and a DVD. In his easy-going but focused style, Lucado discusses many facets of Jesus—Immanuel, Friend, Teacher, Miracle Worker, Lamb of God, and Returning King.

By the time you read this article we will already be in the season of Lent. Perhaps you will have

seen Lenten related books already on display. Here are a few.

Lent in Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield. The author provides a Bible reading, a devotion, questions for reflection, and a prayer for each day of Lent. Topics of the devotions are very ordinary objects, but all are related to Jesus’ life and to ours. The result is an excellent devotional.

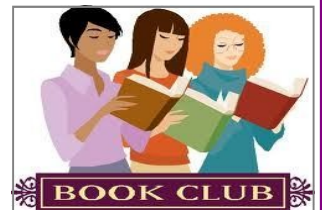
24 Hours that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton. This illuminating book, along with a DVD that was shot on location in Israel, takes us through the last hours of Jesus’ life, and his death on the Cross. The book ends with a chapter called “Christ the Victor.”

These and other books and DVDs will be on display on the library bookcase upstairs, the downstairs table, and in the library.

The Saturday Book Club

Church Library

March 18th, 10:00



A Country Year: Living the Questions

By Sue Hubbell

When her thirty-year marriage broke up, Sue Hubbell found herself alone and broke on a small Ozarks farm. Keeping bees, she found solace in the natural world. She began to write, challenging herself to tell the absolute truth about her life and the things that she cared about. The result is one of the best-loved books ever written about life on the land, about a woman finding her way in middle age.

*The read ahead book for April is **The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times** by Michelle Obama*



10	Richard & Mary Ellen Tierney	18	Jon & Lou Anne Louogh
11	Rick & Scarlett Pierson	31	Pete & Caroline Pederson



2	Paul Bitner	16	Patrick Yates
3	Butch Ellis	18	Caitlin Doody
6	Scarlett Pierson	18	Fiona Fletcher
7	Brandi Bitner	18	Marilyn Perry
9	Gloria Likins	19	Marlene Gibbs
9	Wilma Westerfield	19	Corey Zimmerman
10	Aaron Erbes	25	Pat Hall
10	Sharon Medlen	25	Jacob Presley
10	Mason Olenkiewicz	26	Ashleigh Boyle
10	Bill Slider	26	Tina Fager-Nimmo
10	Patti Thrailkill	26	Everett Snyder
12	Everett Blackwell	27	Harper Ellermeyer
12	Brie Imhoff	28	Ray Burroughs
12	Todd Lirely	29	Lexi Robinson
13	Brad Fager	31	Kort Green
14	Mary Ellen Brown	31	Pete Pederson

Our spring 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

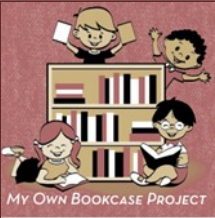
618-684-3601

lynnperson@gmail.com



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.



MY OWN BOOKCASE

The 7th My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony will be Sunday, April 30 at 1pm at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall. Please join us as we will present 33 Head Start children who will be attending kindergarten this fall with their own bookcase and starter set of books. The look of excitement on the children's faces as they receive their bookcases and books is something that you won't want to miss!




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!



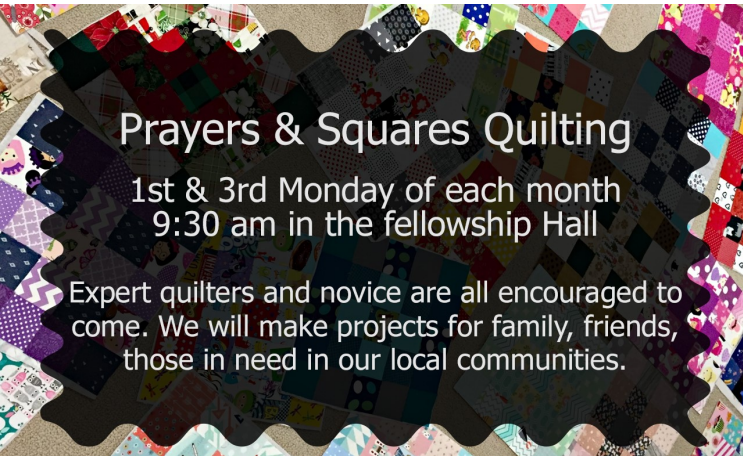

Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark



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

7:00pm every Wednesday
6pm Dinner available

Youth & Adult Options available at this time

Contact the Church office to sign up



LENT

Women's Prayer Luncheon

save the date

Saturday, May 6th

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 2nd 9:00 am

Holy Thursday
April 6th 6:30 pm

Good Friday
April 7th 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday
April 9th

Sunrise 6:30 am
at Bald Knob Cross
Bus leaves at 5:30

Traditional Service
9:00 am



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

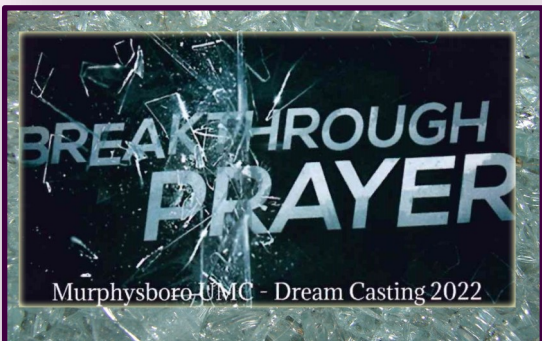
Rehearsal will be each Sat., at 9 am

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

Noisy Offering

**March & April
MHS Senior Fest**

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 Lirely

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

Series 1:
**New Testament Series on
Spiritual Habits**

February 19, 2023
Room 105



**Daylight saving time
2023**

Beginning Sunday, February 26

The Seekers Sunday School Class will be interrupting their current study on the Lord's Prayer during the season of Lent. On Sunday, February 26 the class will begin an Upper Room study by James C. Howell - Unrevealed Until Its Season, a Lenten journey with hymns. Please join us for a time of discussion, fellowship, prayer, and singing.

YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD

YAH on the Road celebrated Valentine's Day at the Giant City Lodge. We were pleased to have members of the Carterville United Methodist Church (CUMC) join us for a delicious lunch and a great time of fellowship. There were 22 participants from MUMC and 19 participants from CUMC. Door prizes of flowers and candy were won by Barb Giffin, Sue Herrin, Barbara Kunstman, and Sharon Lawless. It was a wonderful day and a good time was had by all!

YAH on the Road will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a day early - on March 16 - at Stonewater Restaurant at Castle Ridge Event Center in Centralia, IL. Stonewater is the first restaurant to open as part of a three-level restaurant at Castle Ridge. Their chef proudly presents a fresh and exciting menu that incorporates traditional American cuisine with a culinary uplift along with friendly, heart-felt service. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00 am for noon reservations. Be prepared for a unique dining experience - and yes, it really looks like castle. And, don't forget to wear your green!



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.

Check back in
April for an
update on our
Soup-er Bowl
collection, and
how our Spaghetti
Super went over.

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.



MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com
Website: www.crossandflameministries.com

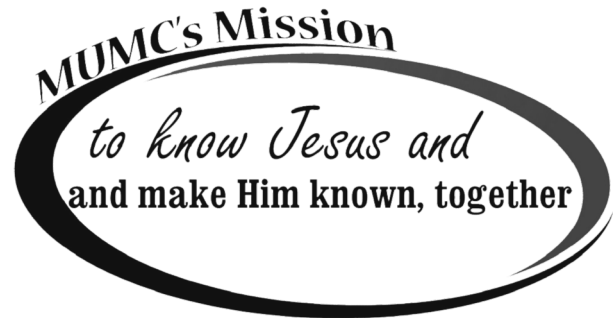
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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



Staff

Ministers The Congregation
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Pastor of
Congregational Care..... Michelle Parker-Clark
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