



Saturday, April.
8th at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.



May Compass
Deadline is

April
17th.



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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Spring 2023 Yard Sale

During the month of April the season of Lent is winding down. A period of time every year when we give thoughtful consideration to, and reflect on, the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for our sins - as we make our own Lenten sacrifices - in preparation of the celebration that is Resurrection Sunday. However, as a body of believers, we are called to continue to make sacrifices throughout the year – sacrifices of our time, talents, and money. And, one of the ways that we, as Murphysboro United Methodist Church, sacrifice our time, talents, and money is through the semi-annual church yard sale that is held in April and October every year.

This year, the yard sale is being held Friday, April 28 from 1 to 6 pm, and Saturday, April 29 from 8 to 11 am. But, in order to prepare for this sale that benefits a variety of Service and Missions projects within the church, our youth group, and individuals and groups that are part of the Murphysboro community, it requires a great deal of time and effort on the part of the ladies and men that assist with this project year after year. For the Spring Yard Sale, the work begins on April 17 and doesn't end until the last item has been sold or donated on April 29. That equals two solid weeks of work for the volunteers, during each of the months of April and October - or four weeks total during the year – a true sacrifice of time. The interesting thing is that the same people keep returning to help year after year, and new people continue to join the ranks of the volunteers. Why, you may ask? Here are a couple of quotes from a newer volunteer, and a seasoned volunteer, as to why they choose to be part of the church yard sale team: "Knowing that I am helping my community shop at great prices, and some even receive free items that they really need, just makes my heart feel good." Kathy Ripley "Having the time for fellowship with my church family and doing something awesome for my community. God is good!" Barb Hughes

Because these individuals realize that the work they do makes a difference to our church and to our community, and that it is also a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with members of our church family, it keeps them coming back to volunteer year after year and why the sacrifice of their time and talents is not really a sacrifice at all. Lynn Pierson, the long-time Coordinator of this event shared that "there is just something about opening that door on Friday," and she invites everyone to "come and join the fun!" Lynn realizes that the mission projects of the church will benefit, the individuals that come to shop will benefit, and the community as a whole will benefit. The proceeds from the yard sale have provided refrigerators for the church kitchen which is used to hold supplies for church potlucks, funeral dinners, and Our Neighbors Table – a free lunch on the last Sunday of the month that is open to the community. And, communities as far away as Mayfield, KY and Dresden, TN have been blessed by the proceeds from the church yard sale when members of our church felt called to help out those impacted by the December 2021 tornados by purchasing bottled water, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, Christmas gifts, etc. Yes, it's about helping Murphysboro United Methodist Church, and it's about helping the community of Murphysboro, but it's also about reaching out and helping whenever we can and wherever we can, as God leads us.

I want to close with one of my favorite passages of scripture: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His Love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:7-11 (NIV)

See you at the yard sale!

Pastor Michelle

1	9:00 am	Bell Choir	11	6:00 pm	BOT	19	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	10:00am	AA Meeting		6:00pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	Bible Study
2	9:00 am	Palm Sunday		7:00 pm	Finance		8:00 am	NA Meeting
	10:15 am	Egg Stuffing	12	5:45 pm	Choir	20		Yard Sale Drop Off
	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team
3	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		7:00 pm	Bible Study		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	5:00 pm	SS Team		8:00 pm	NA Meeting	21		Yard Sale Drop Off
4	11:00 am	Staff meeting	13	5:00pm	Food Safety	22	9:00 am	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	GA Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting
5	5:45 pm	Choir	14	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	23	1:00 pm	My Own Bookcase @ Elks
	7:30 pm	NA Meeting		9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry	24		Yard Sale Drop Off
6	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		11:00 am	Blood Drive		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	15	9:00 am	Bell Choir	25		Yard Sale Drop Off
7		Good Friday/Office Closed		10:00 am	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Good Friday Service		10:00 am	Book Club		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
8	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	16	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	26		Last Yard Sale Drop Off
	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir	17		Meals on Wheels Week		9:00 am	Holy Folders
	10:00 am	AA Meeting			Yard Sale Drop Off		5:45 pm	Choir
9	5:30 am	Bus to Bald Knob Cross		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
		Easter Sunday		5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt	18		Yard Sale Drop Off		8:00 am	NA Meeting
10		Easter Monday Office Closed		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	27		Yard Sale Work Day
	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support		6:00 PM	SPRC		7:00 m	GA Meeting
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	28	1:00 pm	Yard Sale
	5:00 pm	R4L-Jackson County		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	29	8:00 am	Yard Sale
11	10:30am	Young @ Heart	19		Yard Sale Drop Off		9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		9:00 am	Nurture & Care		10:00 am	Book Club
	5:00 pm	Food Safety		5:45 am	Choir	30		Youth Sunday
							Noon	Our Neighbors Table



The Library Corner: Easter and Hope

Easter is quickly approaching, but there is still time to immerse yourself in the events of the crucifixion and Resurrection. Here are two items in the church library that can bring us closer to the most important time in history:

Final Words from the Cross. Author Adam Hamilton discusses the final words of Jesus as he was dying, using the accounts in all four Gospels. Altogether there are seven statements, starting with "*Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.*" Do you remember the other statements? But these important words from the cross were not Jesus' last words. As Hamilton says "*The powerful and joyous message of Easter is that there were words after that.*" (p. 117) Those words are discussed in the book's final chapter. In addition to the book the library has a 4CD audio version, plus a DVD of Hamilton's discussion.

Risen is a DVD movie starring Joseph Fiennes as a Roman military tribune who is charged with the task of solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion. The Romans are motivated to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah. This movie is fiction, but it still takes the viewer back to first A.D. Jerusalem and immerses one in that time of turmoil and hope.

Speaking of hope, here are three books discussing various aspects of Christian hope:

Looking Up When Life is Looking Down by Beth Moore. Using Psalm 40, other Bible verses, and her own life experiences, Moore discusses how to get out of the "mire clay" and find hope and deliverance. "*He also brought me up out of a horrible pit /out of the mire clay / and set my feet upon a rock /and established my steps. / He has put a new song in my mouth (Psalm 40: 2-3a NLT)*"

In different chapters of **HOPE: An Anchor for Life**, Dr. David Jeremiah discusses various aspects of hope—choosing hope over worry, heavenly hope, hope for my neighbor, etc. And he says "*Hope isn't a feeling or a philosophical concept. It's the reality of a relationship with the living God . . .*" (p. 4)

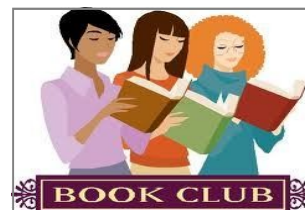
In her first book, "Kisses from Katie" , Katie Davis Majors discussed her move to Uganda, and becoming the adoptive mother to thirteen Ugandan girls. In her latest book **Daring to hope: Finding God's Goodness in the Broken and the Beautiful**, Katie describes happiness, but also sorrow and heartache. She wrestles with her questions, and through her reading of the Bible stories and applying their meanings to her life, she dares to hope, even in dark times.

You will find these and other books downstairs in the library, and upstairs on the library bookcase.

The Saturday Book Club Church Library April 15th, 10:00

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times

By Michelle Obama



There may be no tidy solutions or pithy answers to life's big challenges, but Michelle Obama believes that we can all locate and lean on a set of tools to help us better navigate change and remain steady within flux. In *The Light We Carry*, she opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? How can we discover strength and community inside our differences? What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much?

Michelle Obama offers readers a series of fresh stories and insightful reflections on change, challenge, and power, including her belief that when we light up for others, we can illuminate the richness and potential of the world around us, discovering deeper truths and new pathways.

The read ahead book for May is "*Lessons in Chemistry*" by Bonnie Garmus



3	Jerry & Janis Crews	20	Todd & Vanessa Lirely
8	Ray & Myrri Burroughs	24	Bob & Tonia Purcell
15	Patrick & Mary Ellen Brown		



4	Perry Patterson	20	Nancy Fager
4	Gloria Stoker	20	Ed O'Donnell
5	Caroline Guthman	20	Thelma Pierson
5	Lou Anne Lough	21	Heather Bean
10	Aiden McNitt	21	Lacey Brown
13	Durice Runge	21	William Mileur
15	Katlyn Abbadusky	21	Megan Mileur-Zienz
16	Sam Chapa	22	Sylvia Frank
16	Glenda Martin	24	Jay Graff
18	Rosemary Cornell	29	Megan McNitt
20	Cadence Brown	30	Brittany Nolan

Easter Offering

Proceeds will be used
for MUMC Youth

New Time for Bible Journaling Your Faith

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Signup now at www.redcrossblood.org

Friday, April 14th 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed, as well as snacks and donors
Contact Gene Schwebel 618-521-0879

HE IS NOT HERE;

He has risen.

JUST AS HE SAID.

MATT. 28:6

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.



New Sermon Series

Coming April 2, 2023

\$15.00 each. Orders are due to Office by noon on Monday, April 3rd.

Order forms are in your Bulletin and will be emailed as well.

EASTER LILIES



Good Friday Service



Friday, April 7, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 2nd 9:00 am

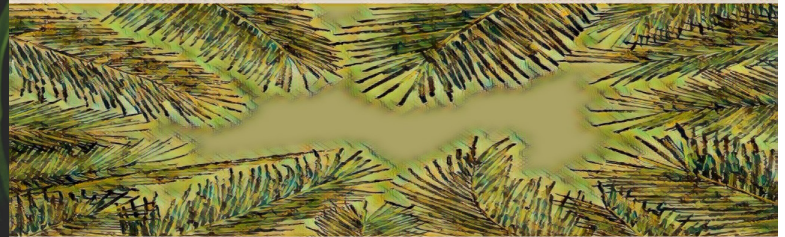
Easter Sunday
April 9th

Good Friday
April 7th 6:30 pm

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

Traditional Service
9:00 am

Join us for Palm Sunday Service!
Sunday, April 2 @ 9:00am



Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

6:30 AM
Easter Sunrise Service

The Church will be traveling together to Bald Knob Cross for Sunrise Service! The bus will leave the MUMC at 5:30 am. Sign-up on attendance pad or by calling the Church Office.



NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

One Story that Leads to Jesus

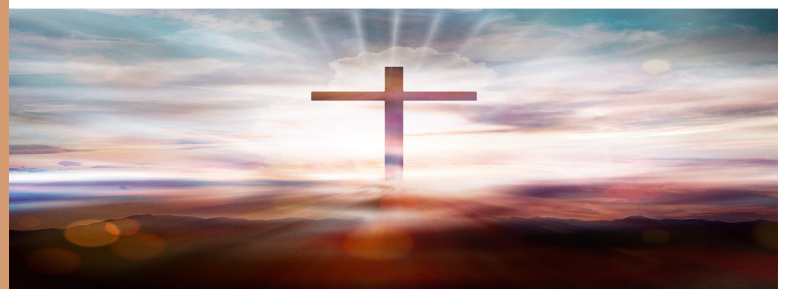
7:00pm every Wednesday
6pm Dinner available

Youth & Adult Options
available at this time

Contact the Church office to signup



He Is Risen Indeed!



Resurrection Sunday Service
April 9, 2023 at 9:00am



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!

During the month of April the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be concluding their Lenten study and will be returning to 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. Please join us for a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer.



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



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.

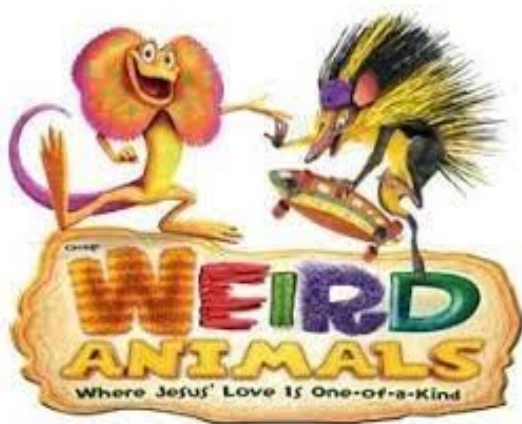
Take Off With Us!

Join our New Adult Sunday School Class

Series 1:

New Testament Series on Spiritual Habits

February 19, 2023
Room 105



This year, VBS will be wild! Our theme is Weird Animals. There will be a few live animal visitors for the children to enjoy! VBS will take place starting Sunday, July 16, from 5-8pm and will go through Thursday, July 20. If you'd like to get involved in the planning to make this year the best ever for our kids, we need 4-5 people. Some different areas are cooking, teaching, signage, décor, and music. We will meet briefly at 5:30 every Wednesday evening for progress updates. You can either join the meeting in person or via conference call. Sign up on the attendance pad or contact Melanie today.

Women's Prayer Luncheon will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Carbondale

Women's Prayer Luncheon

"The Gift of Time"



May 6, 2023 from 9:00-11:30am

Tickets go on sale through April 23rd

The Theme for the annual Womens' Prayer Luncheon will be, "The Gift of Time". Please Join us and ladies from other churches for a morning of Prayer, and good fellowship. There will be door prizes and a silent auction with proceeds to benefit this annual event.



Our family would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers for Patrick during his illness. Also thank you for the lovely prayer blanket. He is home now and doing quite well. He was one of the lucky ones. I truly believe in the power of prayer.

Thanks again
Love
Patrick & Jenn Yates

Coming Soon: April 28-29, 2023 YARD SALE

Time to Spring Clean your closets and storage areas and bring your items for the UMC Spring Yard Sale.

We will be working April 17-21 and 24-27 9 am to 3 pm and will appreciate receiving items during these times or nights/weekends when the church will be open. The earlier the better to bring things in so we are not overwhelmed just before the sale!

We ask that items be clean and in good working order. We cannot accept large tvs, cell phones or items that contain personal data. VHS tapes will be in a free box as they no longer sell.

The actual sale is Friday, April 28, 1 to 6 pm and Saturday, April 29, 8 to 11 am, with bargains. We open again on Saturday noon to 2 pm for free shopping. Questions? Call, text or email

Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601
or lynnpiereson@ymail.com



Drop-Off Dates:
**April 17-21 &
April 24-27
9:00am - 3:00pm**

See The *Compass*
Newsletter for
additional
information.

**April 28th - 1:00 to 6:00 pm
April 29th - 8:00 to 11:00 am**

Contact Lynn Pierson at (618) 684-3601 or lynnpiereson@ymail.com

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

John 12:13 NIV



Food Safety Managers Class



April 11th & 13th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Room 204

Cost is \$100.

Contact Church Office or sign-up on Attendance Pad.



**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

BENEFITING: METHODISTS ON A MISSION
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM



\$25
PER PLAYER

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 | 7PM
BREWS BROTHERS TAPROOM IN MURPHYSBORO

TRIVIA NIGHT

1ST PLACE
PAYOUT: \$125
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

BEVERAGES TO BE PURCHASED AT THE TAPROOM

A DRAWING FOR A SPECIAL HOMEMADE DESSERT WILL BE HELD AFTER EVERY ROUND!

TEAMS UP TO 6 PLAYERS & SPACE IS LIMITED!

TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE CALL OR TEXT WILMA AT 618-534-1061

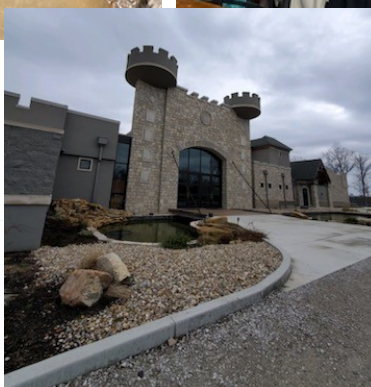


Noisy Offering

March & April
MHS Senior Fest

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

YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD



Young at Heart was back on the road on Thursday, March 16, celebrating St. Patrick's Day a day early, at Stonewater restaurant located inside the Castle Ridge Event Center in Centralia, IL. There were 18 participants from MUMC, and we were thrilled to have 11 individuals from the Carterville First United Methodist Church join us for lunch. We enjoyed tasty appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and pasta, and the view of the beautiful six and a half acre lake from the massive glass windows in the restaurant. In keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme, fresh baked loaves of Irish Soda bread were given as door prizes and they were won by Mike Clark, Betty King, Barbara Miller, and Kathy Ripley. Please consider joining us next month for another great meal and a wonderful time of fellowship. Hope to see you in April!

YAH on the Road will be traveling to the Show Me State on Tuesday, April 11 for lunch at Mary Jane's Smokehouse in Cape Girardeau. We will depart the church parking lot at 10:30 am for reservations at noon. Mary Jane's features chef-inspired smoked meat dishes in a neighborhood restaurant served up with a smile. And, our own church secretary, Melba Ziegler, says the "trashed ribs" are to die for! Please join us for great food and fellowship on the road with Young at Heart.



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.



Order form on next page



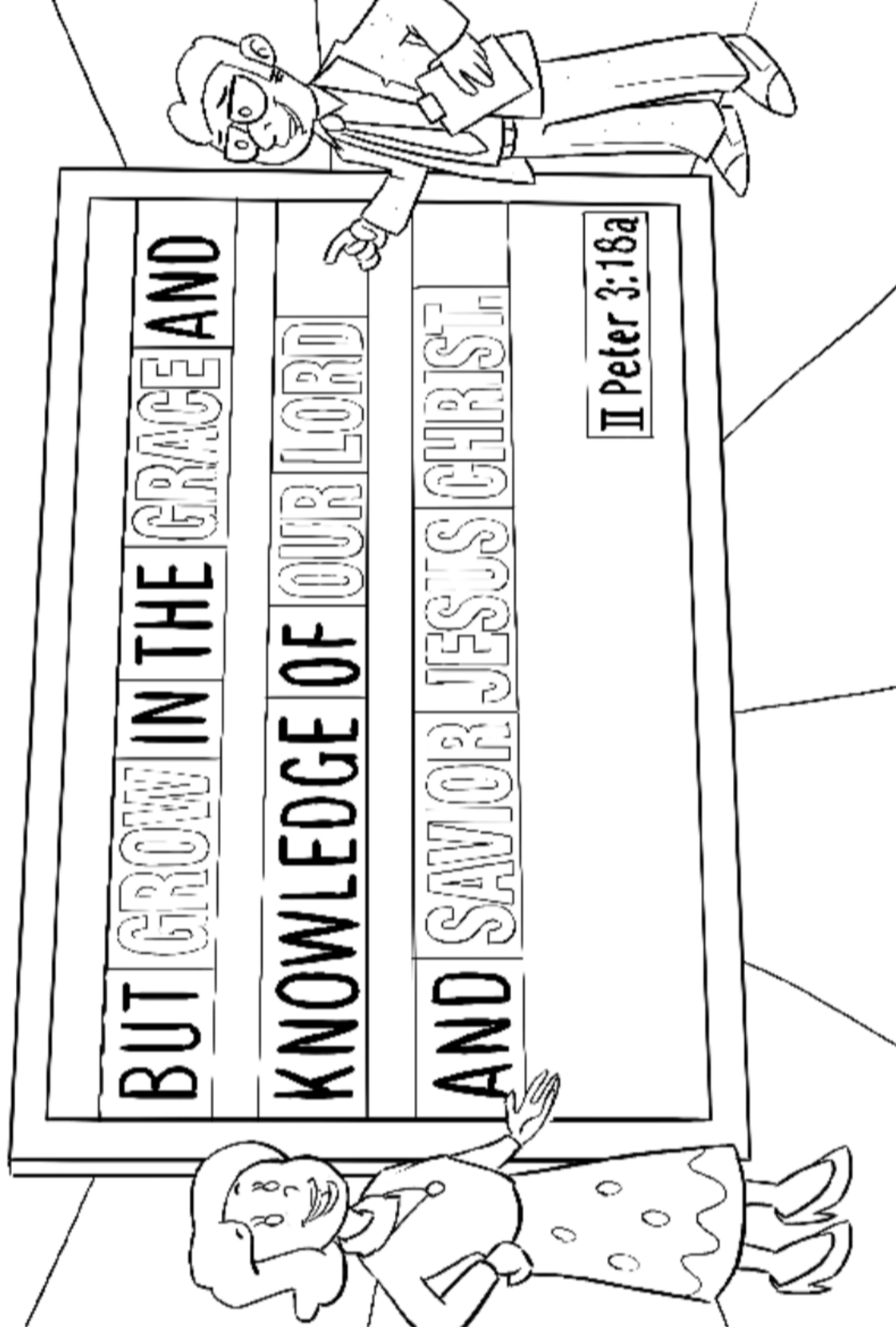
**Orders are now
being taken for the
Youth-sponsored
Glory Fires T-Shirts!**

**Contact Melanie Harp at
mumc.familyministries
@gmail.com**



YOUTH CAN EARN UP TO \$1500

The Youth have another opportunity to help and earn \$1500 for the program by assisting with this year's Spring Yard Sale! Here are the dates you can mark on your calendar: Set up will take place before our regular youth group meeting on April 16. Come an hour early. We will start setting up the sale at 4 pm. We can also take advantage of early school dismissal on Friday the 28th and help with the sale from 1 pm to 6 pm. The youth will help break down the Saturday, April 29 starting at 2. It usually takes about an hour and a half. This is an amazing opportunity for our youth. Many thanks to the parents for helping them participate!



Murphysboro United Methodist Church

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Please order BIG ENOUGH --- No exchanges or refunds.

DESCRIPTION	Design	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	COST	TOTAL
Softstyle 100% Cotton Short Sleeve Tee	Black									\$20.00	

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Amount Enclosed _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check

OVERSIZE CHARGES

2XL items add \$2 each

3XL items add \$3 each

4XL items add \$4 each

5XL items add \$5 each

ORDER TOTAL _____

Payment must accompany order.

Make checks payable to: **Murphysboro United Methodist Church.**

Please return orders to **Melanie Harp** by _____.

Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.

Lily and Easter Memorial



If you would like to order a lily to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, please fill out this form and place it with your payment in the offering or return it to the church office. Please make checks payable to MUMC. Orders must be received by noon on Monday, April 3rd. You may take your lily with you after the worship service on Easter.

The cost of each plant is \$15.00

Enclosed is \$_____ Lily

\$_____ Memorial Contribution

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

FROM: _____

MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966

OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604
E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com
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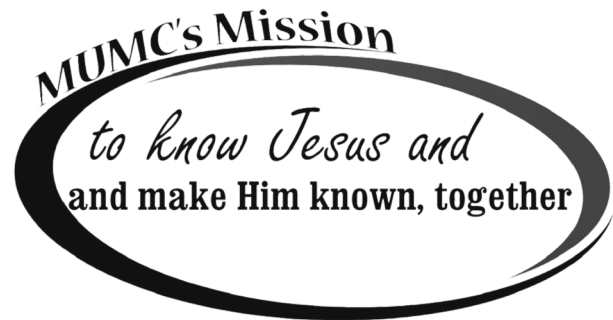


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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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