



Saturday, May 13th at  
7:30 am. UMM  
Breakfast.



June Compass  
Deadline is



May  
15th.



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

### Graduating with Faith: Trusting God's Plan for the Future

Graduation is a time of celebration and accomplishment. Whether one is moving up from Preschool to Kindergarten, from Junior High to High school, or from High school to the pursuits of adulthood, we honor those who have completed their studies and are ready to take the next steps. We also reflect on the journey that brought them to this point. As Christians, we know that every achievement and every challenge we face is an opportunity to grow closer to God and become more like Christ.

In 2 Timothy 4:7, the apostle Paul writes, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." This verse often encourages us to persevere through difficult times and stay focused on our faith. It also reminds us that we are all in a race, and the ultimate goal is to finish strong.

Graduation is a milestone in that race, but it's not the finish line. It's important to remember that we still have a long way to go, and the lessons we've learned and our experiences will continue to shape us. As we celebrate our accomplishments, we must also look to the future and prepare ourselves for what's ahead.

One way to do this is to stay connected to our faith community. For those leaving High school, graduation can be a time of transition as we leave behind familiar routines and relationships and venture into new territory. But we don't have to do it alone. Our brothers and sisters in Christ can provide encouragement, support, and wisdom as we navigate this new season of life.

Another way to stay focused on our faith is to continue learning and growing. Graduation is just one step in our journey of lifelong learning. We never stop growing, changing, and improving, and the more we learn about God and his word, the better equipped we are to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Finally, we can find comfort and strength in the promises of God. In Jeremiah 29:11, God says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse reminds us that God has a purpose for our lives and is always working for our good.

As we look to the future, let's hold fast to our faith and trust God's plan for our lives. Let's stay connected to our faith community, continue learning and growing, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author, and perfecter of our faith.

Graduation is a time to celebrate, but it's also a time to reflect on the journey that brought us here and the road ahead. Let's remember the words of Paul and "keep the faith" as we continue to run the race set before us.

So, to all the graduates, congratulations on your achievements! You have worked hard and accomplished much; we are proud of you. As you move forward, remember that you are not alone and that God is with you every step of the way. May you continue to grow in faith and wisdom and always strive to finish the race strong.

Melanie Harp

1	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support 1	10	7:00 pm	Bible Study	20	10:00 am	Book Club
	5:00 pm	SS Team		8:00 pm	NA Meeting	21	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
2	11:00 am	Staff meeting	11	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	22	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support 1
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	12	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	23	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support 2
3	5:45 pm	Choir		9:30am	Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	13	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	23	5:00 pm	Food Safety Class
	7:00 pm	Bible Study		9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir		6:00 pm	Cubs
	8:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Church Council
4	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	14		Happy Mother's Day	24	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	6:00 pm	GA Meeting	15		Meals on Wheels Week		5:45 pm	Choir
5	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		3:00pm	Grief & Loss Support 1		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
6	8:00 am	Women's Luncheon (at Grace)		5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir	16	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support 2		8:00 am	NA Meeting
	10:00 AM	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	25	5:00 pm	Food Safety Class
7	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00 pm	SPRC		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
8	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support Group		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	26	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosies
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	27		
	5:00 pm	R4L-Jackson County	17	9:00 am	Nurture & Care	28	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
9	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support 2		5:45 pm	Choir	29		Memorial Day/Office Closed
	10:30 am	Young @ Heart Bus Trip		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support 1
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	Bible Study	30	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support 2
	6:00 pm	BOT		8:00 pm	NA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	18	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team		6:00 pm	Cubs Scouts
	7:00 pm	Finance		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	31	5:45 pm	Choir
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### The Library Corner: Women Then, Women Now

May is a good month to celebrate women—starting with our own mothers, relatives and friends! There have always been such women, many of them examples of Christian faithfulness, love, service, and courage. Here are a few books in the library that relate to lives of women both past and present:

How about some Biblical stories about women brought to life again through fiction? Reading about them “fleshed out” in fictional accounts can make the stories fresh, new, and thought provoking. The author Francine Rivers does that in **“A Lineage of Grace: Biblical Stories of Five Women in the Lineage of Jesus—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.”** This historical Christian fiction includes a Bible study as well.

Another lesser-known woman of the Bible, Deborah, was a Judge (leader) of the Israelites in early days (see Judges: 4 and 5). Ann Burton has written a fictionalized account of her life in **Deborah's Story.**

Have you read the story of Corrie Ten Boom? It is well worth reading this true story. Corrie was Dutch and worked with her father in his shop at the time the Nazis invaded Holland. She and her family were devout Christians who followed their faith in rescuing and hiding Jews. Eventually she and the family were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Read this riveting story of courage and great faith in **The Hiding Place.**

The library also has many books for women in the here and now—here is a sampling:

For Moms: **Always There: Reflections for Moms on God's Presence**, written by moms for moms, combines real-life mothering stories (some funny, some more serious) with Scripture.

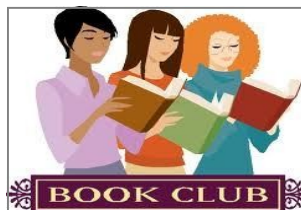
For those who need encouragement and help to overcome that feeling of being “not enough” (often the legacy of trauma or other

difficult situations) Sheila Walsh has written **“It's Okay Not be Okay: Moving Forward One Day at a Time”**

For help in thinking about how to manage all the busyness of modern life: **Life Management for Busy Women: Living Out God's Plan with Passion and Purpose** by Elizabeth George provides plenty of thoughts about living a simpler, more focused life with God at the center.

For an entertaining yet somehow wise and gentle book of fiction: **The Full Cupboard of Life** by Alexander McCall Smith features Precious Ramotswe, the only woman detective in her much-loved country of Botswana. Enjoy the insightful Mma Ramotswe as she faces and works through a variety of difficulties.

These and other books will be on display and in the library during the month of May.



### The Saturday Book Club

Room 202

May 20th, 10:00

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking (“combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride”) proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

The read ahead book for June is *“The Last House on the Street”* by Diane Chamberlain





2	Rick & Durice Runge	24	Ronald & Hillary Brooks
8	Chad & Holly Fletcher	27	Dan & Kathy Bratton
11	Jeff & Leah Patterson	27	Andy & Nancy McNitt
19	Ed & Jennifer O'Donnell	31	Curt & Cindy Presley
19	William & Thelma Pierson		

1	Mary Ellen Tierney	14	Halle Ticer
2	Terri Twenhafel	15	Jordan Williams
5	Jason Nimmo	16	Daxton Hargraves
6	Ethan Zimmerman	17	Kristi Miller
7	Cheyenne Abbadusky	19	Christina Ripley
8	Ryan Finke	21	Bethany Jenkins
9	Jeff Patterson	23	Carol Wehmeyer
9	Madison Runge	24	Delores McNitt
9	Candace Watt	26	Carolyn Sauer
13	Renalyn Maynor	27	Roger Medlen
13	Landess Mills	29	Richard Pierson
14	Vanessa Lirely	30	Diane Cardwell



### Graduate Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will be hosting a Graduate's Breakfast on Sunday, June 11, at 7:30 am in the church fellowship hall. All 8th grade, high school, and college graduates and their families are invited to attend. We want to honor all of our MUMC graduates, so please RSVP to Melba at the church office, at 618/687-2317 no later than Wednesday, May 31, with your graduation information and the number of people in your family that will be attending. Thank you, and congratulations!

### **Food Safety Managers Class**

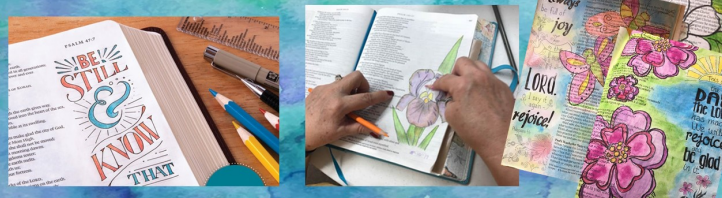


May 23rd & May 25th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Room 204  
Cost is \$100.

Contact Church Office or sign-up on Attendance Pad.

### 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.



# Celebration of life for Gary Ronald Moutardier

4 pm Saturday

May 6th

17th Street Warehouse

*Rev. Larry Gilbert  
will provide an  
Informal Service at 4:30 pm*

In loving Memory

Please join Sally and the Moutardier family for a time of remembrance, celebration of life, and fellowship.

Tuesday Mornings  
10:00 am

Beginning May 9th

*Meetings will take place  
in the MUMC Library*

Grief  
SUPPORT  
GROUP

A second Grief and Loss Support Group will be starting up on Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00 am. The group will be led by Lynn Pierson and Janet Porter and will continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the MUMC Church Library. Please encourage family members or friends that you feel would benefit from this type of support to attend. Anyone grieving a loss of any kind is welcome. You do not have to be a member of MUMC.

## Seekers Sunday School Class

Each Sunday at 10:15am  
Room 202

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information

During the month of May the Seekers Sunday School Class will be continuing with their study of Strong Hearts - Increasing Our Trust in Jesus Through Examining The Lines of the Lord's Prayer - A Bible study written by Angie Baughman. Donna Lynn Horniacek will be leading the group in a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## 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



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.

Mission Trip 2023  
July 23rd-29th  
Henderson Settlement

**An Opportunity Of A Lifetime For Our Youth!**

A presentation will be held June 4. Packets are available on the back table or contact Melanie Harp for more information.



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*Letter to congregation.*

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Pastor Marty and 60's writer of many songs Bob Dylan may have it correct when they both say "Everything is broken" and one thing that is broken which I can agree with Marty on is the MUMC 2023 budget. In fact, the budget has not been set yet as of Easter. Easter Sunday's Bulletin outlined a loss of almost \$30,000 for the first quarter of 2023. Why is this? Well, there may be many reasons I do not know about but a few I do. They are:

1. We have lost members to relocation, death, and possible lack of satisfaction with all the disaffiliation news.
2. Some may not fully understand our mission.
3. Not understanding our church's history and the importance of its impact on the community.

One other reason to consider is effective stewardship. Leadership of the church have made efforts to recover from the Covid years. I have always promoted stewardship and Pastor Earl Renshaw and I had a good thing going way back when for a number of years we met the budget goal or close to it. That was followed by the congregations' 100% supporting of the elevator which Pastor Larry Gilbert led. I would have to join online now for church services without an elevator.

Since we lost a lot of giving units, maybe 30, one way to meet the budget is for all of us to really grow in giving to reach a higher level like tithing if possible. Check on what your offering was 5 years ago and determine if you have kept up with the economy. We now have additional staff to support so if you are happy with the increase in staffing then increasing your giving should follow. If you have an issue with the budget proposed, then please let our Leadership staff know.

Susan and I can remember all the faithful wonderful folks who have come and gone over the years...which numbers 57 for us. Just look around and one can feel the past presence of many friendly, lovely people. The church brought them to and helped grow their faith in God and in the community. I hope all our new members can have the same experience. Let us make sure we keep our history preserved and our future continued.

Perry H. Patterson, past member of many church committees!



# 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](mailto:wmwcof@frontier.com) or at 618/534-1061.



**MUMC Family Celebration Picnic (MUMC Pavilion)  
Sunday, June 25th at 11:00am**



**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*



# YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD



On Tuesday, April 11, YAH on the Road traveled to Mary Jane's Smokehouse in Cape Girardeau. It was a perfect Spring Day for an outing, so in addition to great food and fellowship we also enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the way. We had 10 participants from Murphysboro UMC and 11 participants from Carterville UMC. Tina Shinskey was the winner of the door prize which was a free lunch. After leaving Mary Jane's we stopped at the Crisp Museum at SEMO's River Campus and enjoyed viewing Artist Gary Lucy's 27-foot-long mural depicting the history of the Mississippi River in relation to Cape Girardeau, a museum including local artifacts, a documentary featuring area residents and their stories, and a student art exhibit. It was all very interesting and we would highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys local history - especially of the Mississippi River region.

YAH on the Road will be traveling to the Bonnie Cafe on Tuesday, May 9. We will depart the MUMC Church parking lot at 10:30 am for 11:30 am reservations. After lunch we will visit the Burks Family Alpaca Farm 10 minutes away. Participants will learn about alpacas and will have the opportunity to interact as much, or as little, as they choose with these adorable creatures. In addition, there will be alpaca merchandise available for viewing. Please join us for a day filled with great food, fellowship, and some alpaca therapy!





American Cancer Society  
Relay For Life of Jackson Co-Murphysboro  
2023 Luminaria Order Form

On June 2, 2023 Relay For Life will be held at the Courthouse Square. Luminaria (candles in white paper bags) will be lit on the Courthouse steps. The luminaria will be lit in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives to cancer. The community is invited to attend.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the names of individuals you designate will be printed on luminaria bags.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting and provide support for the research, education, advocacy and services of the American Cancer Society, fill out the form below. The more we fight this disease, the more lives we save.

Please light a candle in honor of my loved one and/or friend who has survived or lost their life to cancer. I understand the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

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By Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, enclose a minimum of \$10 for each luminaria via a check payable to **Methodists on a Mission**. Place form and payment in the offering plate, give to a team member, or mail to Wilma Westerfield, 303 S. Pecan St., Desoto, IL 62924



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1500 Pine Street  
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### 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](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.crossandflameministries.com](http://www.crossandflameministries.com)



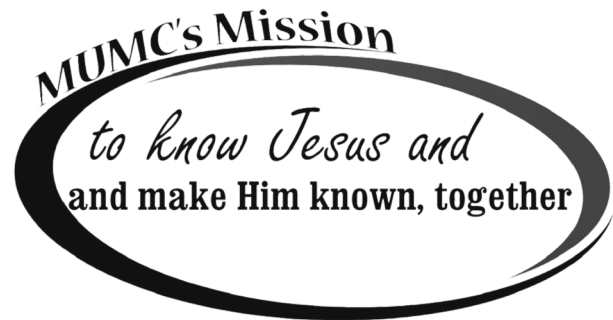
### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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#### 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  
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Music Director..... Keith Javors  
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