



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



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Deadline is
July 17th.



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

Join the Excitement at Our Church this Summer!

Dear Church Family,

Get ready to experience a July filled with excitement, growth, and joy, as some great activities are lined up just for you! From the launch of our youth band to the upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) with a unique "Weird Animals" theme, there's something for everyone to be a part of. Take advantage of these fantastic opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate together!



Youth Band: Strike a Chord of Musical Brilliance!



We are thrilled to introduce the Glory Fires youth band, an initiative to nurture our young members' musical talents. Led by the esteemed Carbondale musician Grant Harp, our youth band promises to be a vibrant and inclusive community where your child can develop their musical abilities. The youth band will meet at 4:30, thirty minutes before youth fellowship starts on each month's first and third Sundays.

And speaking of upcoming youth fellowship plans, on July 2, our Glory Fires youth will be helping serve dinner at 724 Ministries, and on July 16, they will be helping with VBS.



VBS: Embark on an Unforgettable "Weird Animals" Adventure!



Prepare for an exciting and faith-filled journey at our upcoming Vacation Bible School, centered around the captivating theme of "Weird Animals." Our participants will encounter live animal visitors daily while discovering powerful messages about Jesus' love.

During VBS, your child will:

1. **Experience Interactive Learning:** Through engaging activities, creative crafts, energizing music, and compelling storytelling, your child will learn important lessons about God's love for all creatures, no matter how "weird" or different they may seem.
 2. **Connect with Nature:** With live animal visitors gracing our VBS sessions, your child can get up close and personal with some fascinating creatures. They will develop an appreciation for the wonders of the animal kingdom and God's diverse creations.
- Build Lasting Faith:** Each day's lesson will reinforce the message of Jesus' love, reminding our participants that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. By experiencing God's love in unique and unexpected ways, your child will deepen their faith and

understanding of God's plan for their life.



Call to Action: Join Us in These

Incredible Adventures!



We invite all parents and guardians to register their children for our youth band and VBS. Let us unite as a community, supporting and encouraging our young members in their musical and spiritual growth.

To sign up or learn more about the youth band, please get in touch with Melanie Harp at 618-534-5524. For VBS registration, flyers will be available on the sanctuary's back table.

Let the children in your life experience the transformative adventures awaiting them this Summer! Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate the power of music, the wonders of God's creations, and the everlasting love of Jesus.

Let's make this a Summer to remember!

Melanie

	10:00 am	AA Meeting	11	7:00 pm	Finance		5:00 pm	VBS
2		Communion Sunday	12	6:00 pm	Choir Workshop		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	3:30 pm	MUMC at 724 Ministries		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	20	4:00 PM	Grief & Loss Training
3		Office Staff work remotely		7:00 pm	Bible Study		5:00 pm	VBS
	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		7:00 pm	NA Meeting		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
4		4th of July/Office Closed	13	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	21	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
5	6:00 pm	Choir Workshop	14	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	22	10:00 am	AA meeting
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack at Food Pantry	23	10:15 am	Baptism Class
6	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	15	10:00 am	AA Meeting	24	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team #1
	6:00 pm	Church Council		10:00 am	Book Club	25	10:00am	Grief & Loss Team #2
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	16	5:00 pm	VBS Kick-Off	26	9:00 am	Holy Folders
7	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	17		Meels on Wheels Week		6:00 pm	Choir Workshop
8	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	10:00 am	AA Meeting		5:00 pm	VBS		7:00 pm	Bible Study
9			18	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
10	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	27	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		5:00 pm	VBS	28	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie
11	10:45 am	Young at Heart		6:00 pm	SPRC	29	10:00 am	AA Meeting
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Mission	30	9:00 am	Youth Sunday
	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	19	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	6:00 pm	BOT						

CARING FOR KIDS

During the months of July and August the loose change offering is directed to the two elementary schools and the middle school in Murphysboro. You can also donate School supplies during this time but cash donations and gift cards allow the social workers to offer assistance where most needed. Contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 or lynnpierson@gmail.com

God
bless
America



The Library Corner: Focus on Men

In May the library column featured books about women. Now it is men's turn!

First, here is an outstanding devotional: **My Utmost for His Highest** by Oswald Chambers. This book has been for many years "THE" Devotional for countless individuals, perhaps especially men, although of course many women read it as well. Chambers is uncompromising in his devotion to Christ. He says: "Shut out every consideration and keep yourself before God for this one thing only—My Utmost for His Highest. I am determined to be absolutely for Him and Him alone." (January 1st entry)

Charles Swindoll focuses on several men of the Bible (and at least one woman, Esther) in his series "**Great Lives from God's Word.**" He not only delves into the Bible verses that tell the stories of these men, but also discusses ways these stories relate to our lives today. Here's a quote from **Moses: A Man of Selfless Devotion**: *If he went forward, he would drown. If he went backward, he would be killed by the Egyptians. Some choice! So what did he do? He followed God's lead and went forward, through the sea, on dry ground, to safety on the other side. Like Moses, we are all trapped between a rock and a hard place at times. The devil's nipping at our heels, and trouble's staring us in the face.* (Book jacket)

Other books in this series include **David: A Story of Passion and Destiny**, and **Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness**.

Two books bring forward what is known about the lives of Jesus' disciples. One is John MacArthur's **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What he Wants to Do with You**.

Another is J. Ellsworth Kalas' **The Thirteen Apostles: The Men Who Journeyed with Jesus**.

There are fiction books for men to enjoy as well. Among them are books by Robert Whitlow, who has written a number of legal thrillers from a Christian viewpoint.

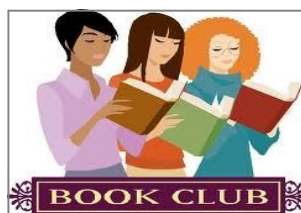
Look for these and other books on display and in the library. And enjoy!

Messages from the Library:

Don't Be Afraid! That is, don't be afraid to return church library books, even long overdue ones! There is

no penalty, and you will have the reward of one less item around the house!

Don't Forget the LFL! Little Free Library, that is. It is the book box near the sidewalk close to the pavilion. This is a community book exchange resource, and anyone can put a book in the box or take one out. I have found several little book treasures in that box! If you have a gently used book to donate, think LFL! It can be fiction, mystery, history, cook book, or any book of interest, including those that are faith related, especially Bibles. Children's books are very popular. And for those of you who have donated in the past, thank you so much!



The Saturday Book Club

Church Library

July 15th, 10:00

Anxious People

By Frederick Backman

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

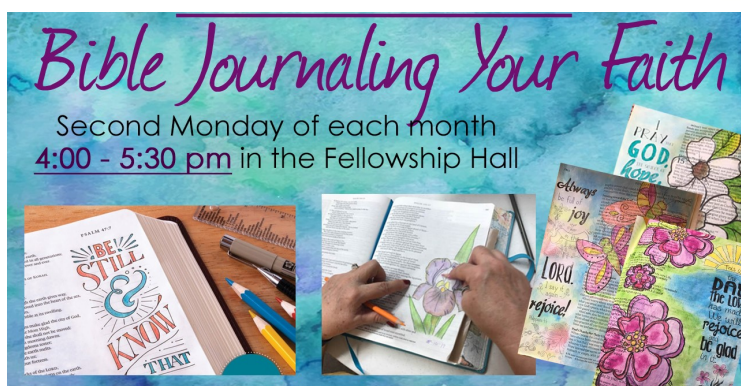
Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions, and all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises, these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next.

The read ahead book for August is **Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country of Earth** by Sarah Smarsh



8	Brant & Amanda Wingerter	21	Gary & Rosie Wece
14	Richard & Sharon Graff	24	Mike & Casey Johnstone
16	Dan & Donna Lynn Horniacek	26	Marty & Dolores McNitt
17	Loyd & Ruth Ebersohl	26	Mark & Deana Twenhafel

3	Tassie Doellman	18	Olivia Schaldemose
3	Loyd Ebersohl	18	Jacob Stewart
3	Bill Martin	19	Bert Ozburn
4	Ruth Ebersohl	20	Willa Addison
5	Jacob Schwoerer	21	Barbara Giffin
6	Deb David	21	Jim Hughes
6	Viola Parrish	21	Harry Wirth
7	Isabella Krummrich	22	Kylah Clark
8	Richard Graff	22	Lillie Schaldemose
8	Jacob Heilig	22	Judith Williams
8	Asia Watson	23	John Imhoff
9	Harper Geis	24	Jennifer O'Donnell
12	Gene Schwebel	28	Paul Chapman
13	Sharon Jones	29	Brianna Carnes
14	JT Jenkins	29	Kendall Ellermeyer
15	Pam Crews	29	Dacoda Twenhafel
15	Brittini Heilig	30	Francis Addison
17	Eugene Stewart	31	Debbie Chapman
18	Brody Geis	31	Tage Green
18	Nikki Krummrich		



BIBLE STUDY 7pm every Wednesday

One Story that Leads to Jesus

Dinner served each week at 6pm in fellowship hall.
Cost of meal is a donation of your choice.

Adult classes & Childcare available



Reminder there will be NO Bible Study on Wed, July 5th due to the Holiday week. Then again on Wed., July 19th due to Vacation Bible School.



The United Methodist Men will be meeting Saturday, July 8 at 7:30 am in the MUMC Fellowship Hall. A hearty breakfast will be served followed by a business meeting and a presentation. The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 am and all men are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next big event will be the annual Apple Pancake Breakfast coming up in September.



MUMC will be hosting the evening meal at 724 Ministries on Sunday, July 2.



Volunteers needed!
Contact Jennifer O'Donnell at (618) 534-3822.

MUMC will be hosting the free evening meal at 724 Ministries on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Sixteen (16) people will be needed at 3:30 pm that day, including: one table busser, one bread server, one person available to pray with guests if requested, one host/hostess, six servers, three kitchen helpers, two dishwashers, one maitre d, and two people to arrive at 5:30 pm to help with clean up.

We are excited to announce the formation of a youth band within our youth group, and we would like to invite your child to join this exciting musical journey. Music has the power to inspire, uplift, and bring people together, and we believe that learning and playing music can profoundly impact our young members. That's why we have

partnered with the esteemed Carbondale musician, Grant Harp, to provide special musical instruction to our youth band thirty minutes before regular youth fellowship time begins. We have instruments available on site to give kids the opportunity to experiment to find a good fit for them. We can even provide loaner instruments if needed so everyone can participate. If you have any questions, or want to confirm participation, contact Melanie. 618-534-5524.

The Glory Fire Youth Band



Meets 1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings at 4:30pm
Contact Melanie Harp at (618) 534-5524 for more information

Seekers Sunday School Class

Each Sunday at 10:15am
Room 202

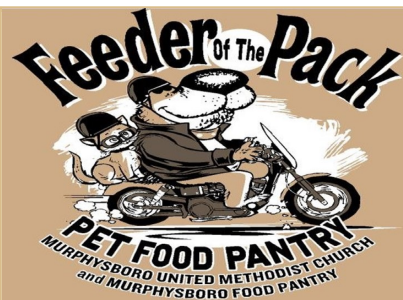
Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information

The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be doing the Summer 2023 Cokesbury Adult Bible Study entitled "Inspired by God." The topics will be "The Rich Literature of the Bible" focusing on the spiritual practice of study, "Wisdom" focusing on the spiritual practice of guidance/spiritual direction, and "Heroes and Anti-Heroes" focusing on forgiveness. Adults of all ages are invited, and encouraged, to attend for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer.

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!



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.



Breakfast Meeting and Presentation
Saturday, July 8th at 7:30am

The UMM meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:30am



Young At Heart On The Road

The Grecian Steakhouse/Illinois Rural Heritage Museum
Tuesday, July 11 at 11:30am (Depart 10:45am)
Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information



Stretching
With
Rosie
each Friday
9:00 AM

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

Our 2023 Baptism Sunday will be on August 20th this year. We will baptize Infants - 3 years in the sanctuary at the end of our service, we will then proceed outside as a congregation to baptize the remaining members of the baptism class.

We will have an all church picnic immediately after the service were

everyone is invited to celebrate with us our new baptized members in Christ.

Everyone who wishes to be baptized will need to attend the Baptism Class on Sunday July 23rd in the Sanctuary at 10:15 am. If you are unable to attend this class please let Pastor Marty or the church office know as soon as possible so that we may make arrangements with you to meet with Pastor Marty before the baptism.



Baptism sunday
& Picnic

Sunday, August 20, 2023
During Sunday Service

Contact the Church office to sign up to be baptized by Thursday, July 20th.

All individuals being baptized will need to attend a baptism meeting with Pastor Marty on Sunday, July 23rd after service.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 16 - Thursday, July 20
5:00 - 8:00 pm



Helpers Needed! Contact Melanie Harp

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPERS. There will be an all volunteer meeting Sunday, July 9th after service to review the plans for this years VBS. Contact Melanie Harp or Rene Doody for any questions.



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

Teams for the Month of July

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
July 2nd	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
July 9th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
July 16th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
July 23rd	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
July 30th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring

Acolytes

July 2nd	Lydia Haney & Mila Thies
July 9th	Tage & Kort Green
July 16th	Liam Guthman & John Snyder
July 23rd	Johnathan Graham & John Snyder
July 30th	Johnathan Graham

Liturgist/Worship Leader

July 2nd	Sharon Jones
July 9th	
July 16th	Cameron Taylor
July 23rd	Nancy Fager
July 30th	Youth Sunday

Welcome Center/Greeters

July 2nd	Marlene Gibbs
July 9th	Marlene Gibbs
July 16th	Susan Patterson
July 23rd	Susan Patterson
July 30th	Rindy Eisenhower





Make Tracks to VBS!

WEIRD ANIMALS

Where Jesus' Love Is One-Of-a-Kind

PRE-K-4TH GRADE

JOIN US AT MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEET LIVE ANIMAL FRIENDS!

SUNDAY, JULY 16 -
THURS. JULY 20, 2023

DINNER SERVED AT 5
FUN LASTS UNTIL 8

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT MELANIE: 618-534-5524

SCAN HERE OR
COME AT 4:45 TO
REGISTER

Trailblazers Sunday School Class

Where: Room 108/Trailblazers room

What: Adult Sunday School
Discussion Group

When: During Sunday School hour,
just drop off the kids to their Class
and come join -

All Welcome!

Just a little info: This is a "get to know each other better group" We have a video series on various topics. After the video we have discussion and ponderance time on the curriculum questions provided. Come and enjoy this time to learn together and continue your faith journey. Questions about class - ask Vanessa or Todd Lirely

YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD



YAH on the Road traveled to Mounds/Mounds City on Tuesday, June 13. We had a great group of 31 individuals who enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch at Huckleberry's which included fried chicken and their famous farm raised catfish. After lunch everyone was treated to birthday cake to celebrate the 80th birthday of one of our participants from the Carterville UMC. We then visited the Mounds City National Cemetery and were privileged to attend a very interesting and informative presentation by Richard Kuenneke, a member of the Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission. All in all it was a wonderful day for YAH on the Road - the food was great, the weather was perfect, and the presentation was amazing. We would love to have you join us in July as we go back on the road for another fun adventure!

On Tuesday, July 11, YAH on the Road will be traveling to Pinckneyville, IL for lunch at local favorite The Grecian Steakhouse. We will leave the MUMC parking lot at 10:45 am for lunch reservations at 11:30 am. After lunch we will be treated to a private tour of the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum which is laid out in four acres with over 17,000 square feet of exhibit space allowing individuals to experience the changing rural lifestyle from 1850 forward. It promises to be another great adventure. Please join as as Young at Heart goes back on the road!



FALL/WINTER YARD SALE,
OCTOBER 27-28, 2023

Please mark your calendars and find time to volunteer to make this sale a success, not only for our church, but for our community as well. If at all possible, please wait until October 15 to bring your items for this

sale. This year we will not accept any VHS tapes, cell phones or any electronics that contain personal information. There are new laws on selling many used items that will be addressed in the next newsletters (i.e. car seats, baby items that may be on recall and other misc items).

We will begin working Monday, October 16 until the sale dates. Mark your calendars!!- Call or text Lynn Pierson with any questions. 618-684-3601 lynnpierson@ymail.com

CHOIR WORKSHOP EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6PM THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Music MINISTRY

*Open to current or prospective members interested in customized
instruction to grow their skills. Contact Dr. Keith Javors for more information!*





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June 22nd, 2023

Greetings,

I have been asked by Murphysboro United Methodist Church past Pastor Larry Gilbert to share his wishes with you. The time has come that as a fully retired Pastor from our church, he is requesting that we no longer contact him to perform service for our church family.

Larry and his wife are both doing well and fully enjoying retirement, traveling, and spending time with their families. They continue to pray for our congregation and its members and hold them in their hearts.

We request that we continue to keep Larry, his wife, and their family in our prayers that they are blessed in the fullness of his retirement.

In Your Service

Pastor Marty McMichael

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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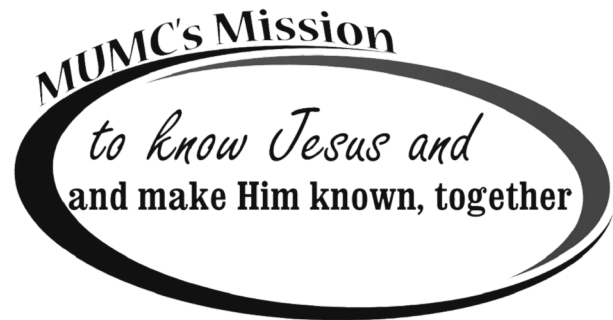


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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
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