



**Saturday, Aug
12th at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.**



**September
Compass
Deadline
is Aug
14th.**



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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Let the little children come to me. . .

As I sit here writing this letter we are in the midst of Vacation Bible School at Murphysboro United Methodist Church. As a church family we spend much of our time making sure that we have numerous opportunities for children to hear about God – we offer a nursery for our youngest children, Children’s Moments on the first and third Sundays during morning worship, children’s church, Sunday School, and, of course, VBS. Last night was the first of five nights when our focus is completely centered on everything related to children – crafts, food, music, and stories from the Bible. Many of the children that will be attending VBS this week are regular attendees at MUMC, but others are from families within our community.

With Jesus as our example, we should ask ourselves what God would have us do to help children – all children - thrive? During the months of July and August our noisy offering will be donated to the Murphysboro elementary and middle schools. In addition, we are also collecting school supplies, cash donations, and gift cards which allow the school social workers to offer assistance where it is most needed. The Caring for Kids mission project allows us as a church family to have the unique opportunity to reach out to children in the community – children that we may never meet - but whose lives we can still impact greatly.

Please take a few moments and read the following eight verses that tell us what the Bible says about children:

1. Psalm 127:3 – Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him.
2. Psalm 8:2 – Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
3. Mark 10:13-16 – People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.
4. Ephesians 6:4 – Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
5. Matthew 18:1-5 – At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”
6. Matthew 18:10 – “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”
7. James 1:27 – Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
8. Mark 9:36-37 – He took a little child whom He placed among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me.”

I hope these passages have served as a reminder to you of just how much Jesus loves and values children. As we follow the words of Jesus, and treat children as the blessing they are, may we never fail to recognize the privilege and responsibility we have to care for and love them as Jesus would. If you have further questions about our Caring for Kids mission project please contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 or lynnpierson@gmail.com.

Blessings!

Pastor Michelle

1	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	11	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack at Food Pantry	21	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Team #1
	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	12	7:30 am	UMM Meal		5:00 pm	SS Team
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		10:00 am	AA Meeting	22	10:00am	Grief & Loss Team #2
2	6:00 pm	Choir Workshop	13				11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	14	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Bible Study		4:00 pm	Bible Journaling	23	9:00 am	Holy Folder
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	15	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		6:00 pm	Choir Workshop
3	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	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	Bible Study
4	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 pm	SPRC		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
5	10:00 am	AA Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Mission	24	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
6	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	16	9:00 am	Nurture & Care	25	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie
	5:00 pm	Youth Group		6:00 pm	Choir Workshop	26	10:00 am	AA Meeting
7	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	27	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study	28	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
8	10:30 am	Young at Heart		7:00 pm	NA Meeting	29	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	17	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Training		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	18	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	19	10:00 am	AA meeting	30	6:00 pm	Choir Workshop
9	6:00 pm	Choir Workshop		10:00 am	Book Club		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	20	9:00 am	Baptism Sunday		7:00 pm	Bible Study
9	7:00 pm	Bible Study		10:30 am	Baptism Picnic		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		4:30 pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	31	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
10	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		5:00 pm	Youth Group			
11	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	21		Meals on Wheels Week			

BACK TO SCHOOL



The Library Corner: Summer Reading

When I was young—a long time ago—there actually were some “lazy, hazy days” of summer. Part of summer’s activities back then was to read stories—maybe curled up in a chair, and sometimes in a hammock! Now summers are busier, life requires more of us, and most of us seem to have left those days behind. But wait! Really? Perhaps it would be possible to carve out a little time just to enjoy? If so, here are a few “summer reading” books from the library:

Dear Mr. Knightley by Katherine Reay. This novel is told in letters—letters written by an orphan, Samantha, a Jane Austen fan, who is hiding her own feelings and personality behind classic literature. Abused as a child, rejected by several foster families, Sam has a lot of problems to solve—and this novel shows her as she moves through the stages of finding her true self.

The Trial. Mystery. Murder. An attorney who has nothing to live for suddenly has a chance to make a difference to a man who may or may not be guilty—but who certainly needs an attorney. A well told tale with a Christian touch, by Robert Whitlow, who is himself a lawyer.

Orphan Train, by Christina Baker Kline, is fiction, but it is based on reality. Between 1854 and 1929 “orphan trains” traveled regularly from the East Coast to the Midwest, ultimately carrying thousands of children to be “adopted” by new families. Kline brings this to life in a fascinating story of two women—one old, one young, but both with troubled pasts.

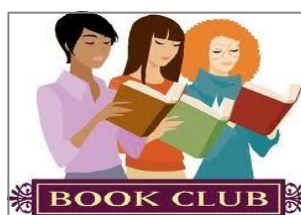
The **Daring Ladies of Lowell** by Kate Alcott, is also based upon history. In it, young Alice Barrow moves from her family’s farm to Lowell, Massachusetts and becomes a “mill girl” in a cotton factory. But conditions in the factory are dangerous, a disturbing murder occurs, and Alice finds the courage to speak up on behalf of the mill girls.

Lynn Austin’s **Refiner’s Fire** series consists of three books set in the Civil War era, and each book portrays dilemmas and choices that must be made by those who are caught up in this

national, soul-searching struggle. The first book in the series, **A Light to My Path**, is about the daughter of a slave owner who comes to realize the deep wrong that is slavery. What will she do?



These and other interesting books will be on display in the library and on the bookcase by the water fountain upstairs. Happy summer, and good reading!



The Saturday Book Club
Room 202
August 19th

**Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard
And Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth**
By Sarah Smarsh

Sarah Smarsh was born a fifth generation Kansas wheat farmer on her paternal side, and the product of generations of teen mothers on her maternal side. Through her experiences growing up on a farm, we are given a unique and essential look into the lives of poor and working class Americans living in the heartland.

During Sarah’s turbulent childhood in Kansas in the 1980s and 1990s, she enjoyed the freedom of a country childhood, but observed the painful challenges of the poverty around her; untreated medical conditions for lack of insurance or consistent care, unsafe job conditions, abusive relationships, and limited resources and information that would provide for the upward mobility that is the American Dream. By telling the story of her life and the lives of the people she loves with clarity and precision but without judgement, Smarsh challenges us to look more closely at the class divide in our country.

Beautifully written, in a distinctive voice, *Heartland* combines personal narrative with powerful analysis and cultural commentary, challenging the myths about people thought to be less because they earn less

The read ahead book for September is **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver



3	Francis & Willa Addison	11	Shannon & Jamie Green
4	Jay & Nicci Graff	16	Kathy & Gerald Ripley
6	Bill & Cecelia Crawshaw		

1	Sally Moutardier	18	Marty McNitt
2	Logan Wingerter	20	Abigail Wingerter
3	Bob Eaton	21	Charles Crews
5	Daxton Barringer	21	Jerry Miller
5	Elias Guthman	22	Tonia Purcell
5	Rick Pierson	25	Joshua Boyle
8	Preston Fletcher	25	Lance Carnes
11	Katrina Carnes	28	Brooke Guthman
14	Sharnae Collins	28	Marty Rogers
14	Gary Likins	29	Maggie Baltzell
16	Kim Goforth	30	Hillary Brooks
16	Wade Poole	30	Wesley Graham
17	Grant Ticer	30	Wes Will
18	Allison Brown	31	Deana Twenhafel

CARING FOR KIDS

Loose change offering for August is designated for Caring for Kids. These funds will be sent to the two elementary schools and the middle school in Murphysboro. School supplies will also be accepted. School social workers, Mr. Trimbley and Ms Ripley, spoke during a recent church service about how the funds have supported students' needs. Thank you for supporting future needs in our community.

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



Set up begins:
October 15th and continues through the 26th

Look for the August *Compass Newsletter* for additional information.

October 27th - 1:00 to 6:00 pm
October 28th - 8:00 to 11:00 am

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

The United Methodist Men will be meeting Saturday, August 12 at 7:30 am in the MUMC Fellowship Hall. A homemade 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 men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please save the date for their next big event - the Annual Apple Pancake Breakfast being held Saturday, September 16 during the Murphysboro Apple Festival. More information will follow about ticket sales and volunteer opportunities.



Thanks to Dan and Deb David for their generous donation from their recent moving sale. These funds will help to support MUMC Mission and Service Committee. Dan and Deb are relocating to Georgia and will certainly be missed by the MUMC congregation. Love and best wishes as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

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

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 continuing their Summer 2023 Cokesbury Adult Bible Study entitled "Inspired by God." The topics covered 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.



Young At Heart On The Road

Reid's Harvest House, Chester, IL
Tuesday, August 8 at 11:30am (Depart 10:30am)
Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information



Breakfast Meeting and Presentation
Saturday, August 12th at 7:30am
The UMM meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:30am

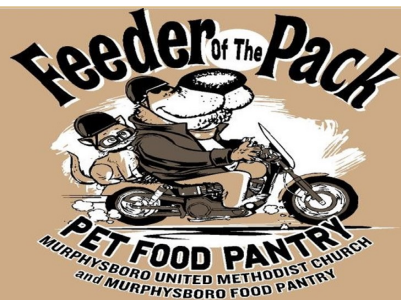
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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!



Stretching
With
Rosie
each Friday
9:00 AM



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.

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!



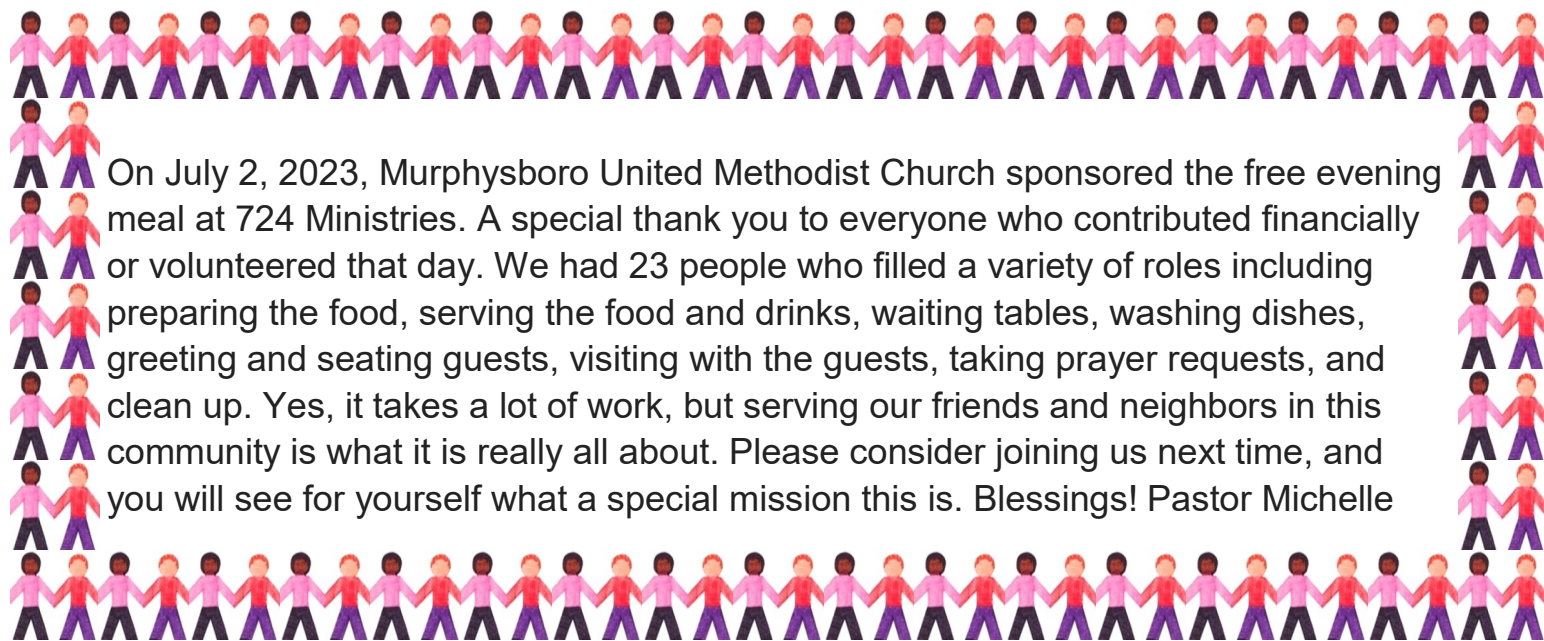
Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark

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. We ask that you please sign up on the attendance pad or call the office so we ensure we have enough food for the picnic. Please bring your favorite side or dessert to share, and come for an afternoon of fellowship, games and celebration.



Baptism
& 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.

Everyone who wishes to be baptized will need to attend a Baptism meeting with Pastor Marty.



On July 2, 2023, Murphysboro United Methodist Church sponsored the free evening meal at 724 Ministries. A special thank you to everyone who contributed financially or volunteered that day. We had 23 people who filled a variety of roles including preparing the food, serving the food and drinks, waiting tables, washing dishes, greeting and seating guests, visiting with the guests, taking prayer requests, and clean up. Yes, it takes a lot of work, but serving our friends and neighbors in this community is what it is really all about. Please consider joining us next time, and you will see for yourself what a special mission this is. Blessings! Pastor Michelle



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 August

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
Aug 6th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
Aug 13th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Aug 20th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Aug 27th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes

Acolytes

Aug 6th	Pending
Aug 13th	Pending
Aug 20th	Pending
Aug 27th	Pending

Liturgist/Worship Leader

Aug 6th	Rosie Wece
Aug 13th	Thelma Pierson
Aug 20th	Rick Runge
Aug 27th	Kristi Miller

Welcome Center/Greeters

Aug 6th	Rindy Eisenhauer
Aug 13th	Mary Ellen Tierney
Aug 20th	Mary Ellen Tierney
Aug 27th	Barb Hughes



MEET ME AT THE TABLE

MaTT CLUB



▶ MaTT Club is a place where friends, old and new, meet at the table with Jesus.

▶ MaTT Club consists of two hours of fun:

playing games, making friends
eating a snack, learning new skills
exploring the Bible, making cool stuff
Praying, building relationships
and so much more...

▶ For more information or to register
please visit our website
Carbondale grace.com
or call the church office at
618-457-8785

▶ Come Join the Club, our kickoff Date is
Sunday August 27, 2023

Where:	Who:	When:
Grace United Methodist Church 220 N Tower Rd Carbondale	children in K- 5th grade	the first and third Sunday of each month 4-6 P.M.

David and Tabitha (Lirely) Mack celebrated their wedding with their children, Hayden and Skylie, in Carbondale on July 1, 2023. The day was full of much happiness and rejoicing, and the family is looking forward to a long and fulfilling life together. Congratulations and best wishes to David, Tabitha, Hayden, and Skylie.

Blessings from your MUMC Church family!

Congratulations

Even though the 90+ degree heat moved the MUMC Family Celebration Picnic inside it didn't stop the festivities. The Fellowship Hall was packed with family and friends - old and new - who feasted on fried chicken, hot dogs, and an assortment of side dishes, salads, and desserts - including ice cream! A special thank you to Richard Tierney and Mike Clark for grilling the hot dogs, the Nurture and Care Team for the fried chicken, table settings, decorations and the set up and clean up, Melanie Harp for leading the children and youth in games, and to Jerry Giffin and Friends for the great music that had toes tapping, hands clapping, and a few people dancing. It is such a blessing to be able to celebrate the fact that we are all part of the family of God! Amen! See you next year!



YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD



On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Young at Heart (YAH) on the Road traveled to Perry County for a delicious lunch at Joe's Pizza and Pasta at Pinckneyville. We had 20 participants that enjoyed some great Italian food followed by an interesting and informative trip to the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum. That afternoon we were able to view museum exhibits that explained the ever changing story of rural life from the differing perspectives of agriculture, business, conservation, education, medicine, natural resources, technology, and transportation - the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum is a true gem right in our own backyard. Please join us in August for our next adventure with YAH on the Road!

On Tuesday, August 8, YAH on the Road will be traveling to one of the region's finest buffet dining restaurants - Reid's Harvest House in Chester, IL. Famous for the 35-foot buffet line packed with good, home-style food, Reid's is sure to have something for everyone. In addition, we will have door prizes and some trivia questions. Do you know what famous cartoon character was created by a Chester resident? No. Join us and find out! We will depart the church parking lot at 10:30 am for lunch reservations at 11:30 am. It's sure to be another fun outing with YAH on the Road, so come along and don't forget to invite a friend!

Fall/Winter Yard Sale October 2023

Set up for this event begins Sunday, October 15, 2023. Weekdays will be Oct 16-26.

Actual sale dates October 27-28. Items will be free to our community Oct 28, 12 noon to 2 PM.

Packing out leftovers will be Oct 28 after 2:00 pm.



Applicable leftovers in the past have gone to the pregnancy center, nursing home, etc. Jenette's has accepted leftovers from previous sales.

This sale is for missions. If there is a disaster (fire/flood) in our community we extend an invite to come in to get things they need at that time. Social workers from our local schools have shopped for items for students prior to sale opening.

Please contact the church office for immediate needs while sale is being prepared.

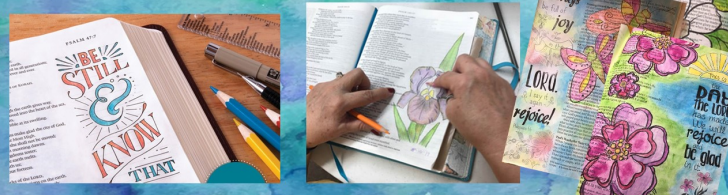
CHOIR WORKSHOP EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6PM THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Music MINISTRY

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

Bible Journaling Your Faith

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



LORD

Bless this new school year.
Let it be a year filled with
your grace, favor, and
goodness.

In the name of Jesus' amen.



Pastor Marty & Veronica's daughter Kelia takes honors at two national physiology conferences. Kelia McMichael, an honors student majoring in physiology and neuroscience at Wright State University, recently received three prestigious awards for research presentations she made at two national meetings. These include the Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award at the Conference for Black in Physiology, the Outstanding Undergraduate Abstract Award and the Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award at the American Physiology Summit. Congratulations Kelia we know your parents are very proud.

To read the article go to the following website: <https://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2023/06/29/wright-state-student-researcher-takes-honors-at-two-national-physiology-conferences/>



I want to thank all of you for the cards you send me. The Murphysboro church will always feel like home to me and the members my extended family. I appreciate the time and effort to make and send the cards. They always remind me we are still connected even across the miles. Sincerely, Margie Rypel Hill

MUMC Community
Thank you all for the friendship you provided our father. He was particularly appreciative for all of those who provided rides for him.
The Swafford Family

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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

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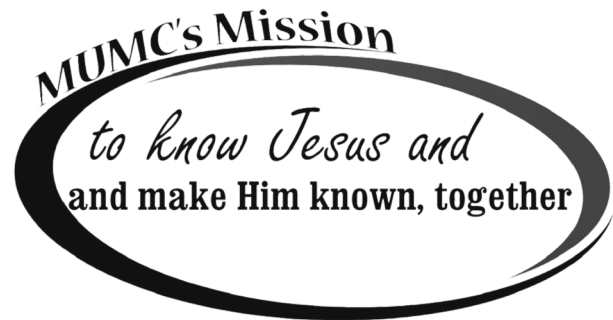


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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
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