



Saturday, Sept  
9th at 7:30 am.  
UMM Breakfast.



October Compass  
Deadline is  
September  
18 th.



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

I've always been intrigued by the power of music. When I was in college, I used the term capital M to refer to those times when music was at its most potent and when music really mattered. It was those goosebump moments where the music really "moved" you, bringing you squarely into some transcendent moment where you felt connected to fully relate and identify, believing that the art was empowering you, healing you, or changing your life or paradigm. Over the years, I've increasingly come to understand this Music to be a marvelous gift from God.

When the trumpet blew, the walls came down...We all know the story of how the Israelites took the city of Jericho through God's command to Joshua to march his troops around the city for seven days and then blow the trumpets and shout. There are some scholars who believe that when this happened, the walls actually fell inward, allowing a ramp into the city. Was this that gift of Music, capital M?

And then there's Paul and Silas singing hymns and praising God in prison prefacing a mighty earthquake that would not only open the doors for them but for all of the prisoners. Beyond that, there was the grace-filled way that the two looked after the jailor and changed others' minds on who God really is. Was their seemingly counterintuitive praise part of this Music, capital M?

It's an exciting new season for us. This month our Chapel Choir and Bell Choir return to join us in worship! We're always looking to welcome new members to try us out. We have an open ongoing invitation to anyone who's interested to come and sing or play with us, even if it's just for a Sunday morning or even a rehearsal. Feel free to speak with Cameron or myself if you'd like more information. In addition to our Cantata this December, we're going to keep solo and small group opportunities ongoing if you feel led to serve in that way.

Our collective prayer for MUMC is that we'll continue to grow, experience, and share Jesus in our community through inclining our hearts and aiming for those capital M types of moments, realizing that all the glory goes to an even bigger and better letter, God, capital G.

Yours,  
Dr. Keith Javors  
Director of Music

1	9:00 am	Stretching w/ Rosie	12	6:00 pm	BOT	20	7:00 pm	NA Meeting
2	10:00 am	AA Meeting		7:00 pm	Finance	21	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Training
3	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	13	6:00 pm	Choir		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Group	13	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	22	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
4		Labor Day—Office Closed	14	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	23	9:00 am	Hand Bells Practice
5	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	15	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	23	10:00 am	Book Club
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		11:15 am	Young at Heart		10:00 am	AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	16	7:30 am	Apple Pancake Breakfast	24	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
6	6:00 pm	Choir		10:00 am	AA Meeting	25	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	17	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	26	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
7	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		5:00 pm	Youth Group		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
8	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	18		Meels on Wheels Week		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack (Food Pantry)		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Church Council
9	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		5:00 pm	SS Team	27	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice	19	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		6:00 pm	Choir Workshop
	10:00 am	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
10				6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:00 pm	Bible Study
11	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	SPRC		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		7:00 pm	Service & Missions	28	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
12	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	20	9:00 am	Nurture & Care	29	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		6:00 pm	Choir	30	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		10:00 am	AA Meeting
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### The Library Corner: Helpful Books

Helpful books? There are a lot of books in that category! There are books that help solve a problem or situation, books that help us re-think an issue, books that encourage and inspire us to grow, and more. Of course, whether any particular book is truly helpful depends on the needs of the reader. So the following "helpful" list is a bit arbitrary, and is only a sample of the possibilities to be found in the church library.

**Financial Peace Revisited.** Dave Ramsey says he learned about strategies for financial peace only after being "caught up to my eyeballs in debt." But you do not have to be up to your eyeballs in debt to appreciate his advice about debt reduction, relationships and money, and taking control of finances.

But as you know there is more to peace than finances! In **Experiencing Peace: With God You Can Live Beyond Fear**, author Margaret Feinberg uses questions and Bible verses to address topics such as saying goodbye to unhealthy fear, embracing God's peace, and bringing peace to others.

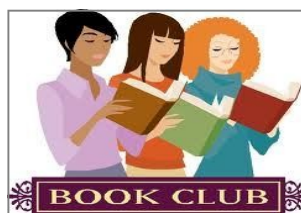
The workbook format allows for deeper exploration of these issues, but do use a separate notebook for your answers! A book by Adam Hamilton, **Unafraid**, also takes a thoughtful and faithful approach to dealing with fear.

Along with two physicians, Rick Warren, a nationally known pastor, has written **The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life**. They delve into five categories: **faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends**. It is a good guide for individuals, and a good resource for a class or group-- many people in Warren's church joined him in this program. There are multiple copies of this book in the library.

**Keeping Love Alive as Memories Fade: The 5 Love Languages and the Alzheimer's Journey** by Gary Chapman and two others. They offer facts, anecdotes, and guidance for people who are caregivers of loved ones who have been affected by this disease.

**Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness** by Marjorie Thompson. *Companions in Christ* is a series of books designed for small groups, all meant to bring participants closer to God, but individuals can use it as well. Forgiveness is surely one of the harder issues we face. Sections in this participant book include **Living in God's Blessing**, **Receiving God's Forgiveness**, **Forgiving Others**, and **Seeking Reconciliation**.

Perhaps one of these books will be helpful to you! These and other books will be on display upstairs and downstairs, including the church library.



**The Saturday Book Club  
Church Library  
September 23rd, 10:00**

**Demon Copperhead**  
By Barabara Kingsolver

*Demon Copperhead* is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

The read ahead book for October is **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Grann





2	Rob & MaryJane Williams	14	Mike & Sharon Jones
3	Morgan & Nikki Krummrich	17	Ben & Jennie Snyder
4	Mike & Michelle Clark	22	Marty & Jill Rogers
10	Jim & Barb Hughes	26	Katie & Lee Stewart
13	John & Julie Erbes	28	Dan & Beverley Jarrett

4	Erin Mileur	16	Stephanie Finke
6	Andrew Graham	18	Olivia Sunny
6	George Sauer	20	Dan Jarrett
7	Amanda Ripley	21	Megan Blackwell-Brown
9	Taylor Moutardier	22	James Stewart
9	Emma Wiwchar	26	Robert Kinslow
10	Malcolm Johnstone	28	Rob Graeff
10	Cole McNitt	28	Julia Huppert
11	Ron Kiser	28	Conner Twenhafel
11	Robin Sievert	29	Curt Presley
11	Kellee Ticer	30	Ryan Guthmna
11	Amanda Wingerter	30	Ashly Runge
16	Bill Crawshaw		

**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*



During the month of September there will be no Bible Study on Wed., Sept., 6th and 13th. Bible Study and Pizza will return on Sept., 20th with Pizza at 6:00 pm and study starting at 7:00 pm.

Mike and I will be on vacation from August 31 through September 6, 2023. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Marty or the church office. If you have a prayer request that needs to go out on the prayer chain please call Mary Ellen Tierney at 618/684-8847. Blessings! Pastor Michelle





# Apple Pancake Breakfast

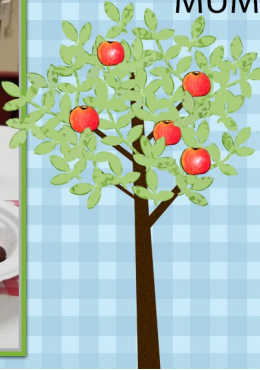


**SAT. SEPT. 16 7-10:30 am**  
MUMC Fellowship Hall

Proceeds support  
MUMC missions.

**Tickets \$7 each**  
(Children 5 & under FREE)

Tickets on sale Sundays,  
at Welcome Center,  
in the Church Office,  
or see Richard Tierney.



The UMM are hosting their Annual Apple Pancake Breakfast and they need you! You can help in many ways. 1st buy a ticket for you and your family to join them that morning for a perfect way to start your Apple Festival Parade morning. 2nd you can buy an extra ticket for a friend, neighbor,

or stranger and treat them to a great breakfast. 3rd but not last you can help the UMM the day of the event, with serving, cooking, cleaning, and visiting with all our guest that day. Tickets can be purchased from any UMM in the church office or on-line the link is on our **UNITED METHODIST** church website. All proceeds are used to support missions of MUMC.



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.

**Sermon Series**

**OBEDIENCE** September 17th

**KNOWLEDGE**

**SERVING GOD**

**FAITH**

**PATIENCE** October 8th

## Murphysboro United Methodist Church YARD SALE OCT 27 & 28

Friday 1 - 6 pm  
Saturday 8 am - 11 am

Work days & drop-off times will be  
Oct. 16th-20th, & the 23rd-26th, 9 am—3pm.  
Please bring items no later than Tue., 24th,

NO Summer items.  
Volunteers are always needed to sort,  
display, and price items.



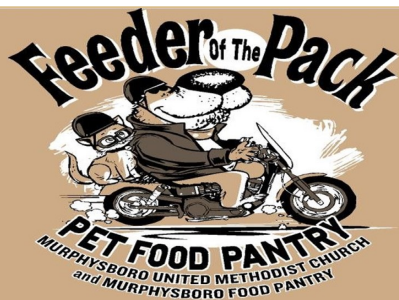
## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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



## Handbell Choir Returns

9 AM Saturday, September 9th

(practice each week on sat at 9am)

We are looking for a few new faces!

Contact Cameron Taylor for more information.

## The MUMC Choir is Back!



There is no age requirement nor a fee to join.  
You do NOT need to know how to read sheet music  
we will teach you!

**Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm.**  
Contact Keith Javors at [mumc.musicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mumc.musicdirector@gmail.com)



## 12th Annual Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 1st  
4:00 PM

MUMC PAVILION  
(1500 Pine Street)

This even is co-Hosted by the  
Murphysboro United Methodist  
Church & St. Francis Community  
Animal Rescue



We ask that all animals please be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing; there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and door prizes. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.

The 12th Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held, Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the MUMC Pavilion. This event is co-hosted by the Murphysboro United Methodist Church and St. Francis CARE - Community Animal Rescue and Education. This is a free event for pets and their humans. We ask that all animals be brought in carriers or on leashes. Each animal will receive an individual blessing, there will be treats for four legged and two legged participants, and door prizes. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event.



**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 September

## Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
Sept 3	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
Sept 10	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
Sept 17	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
Sept 24	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark

## Acolytes

Sept 3	Pending
Sept 10	Pending
Sept 17	Pending
Sept 24	Pending

## Liturgist/Worship Leader

Sept 3	Barb Hughes
Sept 10	Erin Mileur
Sept 17	Gene Schwebel
Sept 24	Vanessa Lirely

## Welcome Center/Greeters

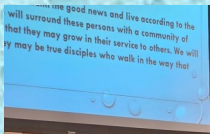
Sept 3	Shelia Stewart
Sept 10	Shelia Stewart
Sept 17	Carolyn Ozburn
Sept 24	Barb Hughes





A few photos from Baptism Sunday 2023.

We will have more photos and a recap of this special day in our October Compass.





## YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD

On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, YAH was back on the road to Reid's Harvest House in Chester, Illinois. There were a total of 24 travelers - 13 from MUMC and 11 from FUMC Carterville - who enjoyed fried chicken, fish, a great assortment of salads and side dishes and, of course, their famous bread pudding with lemon sauce. As Chester, IL is known for being the home of cartoonist and Popeye creator, Elzie Segar, the group was given 10 trivia questions to answer and I would have to say that we had some real Popeye experts in the crowd. In addition, the door prize was won by Tina Shinskey who received her lunch for free. We always have good food and great fellowship, so please consider joining us when YAH goes back on the road in September.



Young at Heart will be back on the road on Friday, September 15, 2023, traveling to the Anna/Cobden area. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:15 am for 11:00 am reservations at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna, IL, a chef's choice dining experience which includes entree, salad, side dish, bread, drink, and dessert. After an amazing lunch our next stop will be at History Restorers, a working museum housed in a 1860 barn on the grounds of Shawnee Hills Bed and Breakfast in Cobden, IL, where an informative and entertaining tour and presentation will be given by owner, Tony Calabrese. Please join us for this very special fall outing, and remember to invite a friend. See you on the road with YAH!



## The Fall/Winter Yard Sale will be held Friday & Saturday, October 27 & 28, 2023



Work days and drop-off times will be Monday—Friday, October 16th-20th, 9 am—3 pm and Monday—Thursday, October 23rd-26th, 9 am—3pm. You may bring items on the weekends when the church is open but please bring items no later than Tuesday, October 24th, NO Summer items.

Volunteers are always needed to sort, display, and price items.

The actual sale times are  
Friday, October 27th, 1—6 pm and Saturday, October 28, 8—11 am.  
We will reopen on Saturday from 12 noon to 2 pm for free shopping.

Please contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3061 by call/text or email at [lynnpierson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpierson@gmail.com) for more information.  
All proceeds benefit MUMC Missions

## You are Invited!

Ministerial Alliance  
Apple Festival Prayer Breakfast  
Wed., Sept 13th, 7 AM  
Davis-McCan Center



Serving as the unofficial Apple Festival opening event, the Appletime Prayer Breakfast brings together area church leaders in fellowship with the community to bless the festivities with words of prayer and song.

"IN A DESERT LAND HE FOUND HIM,  
IN A BARREN AND HOWLING WASTE.  
HE SHIELDED HIM AND CARED FOR  
HIM; HE GUARDED HIM AS THE  
APPLE OF HIS EYE."



DEUTERONOMY 32:10



## Bible Journaling Your Faith

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



## MUMC 2023 Charge Conference

October 29th  
6:30 pm  
at Grace United  
Methodist Church  
Carbondale

All members invited  
and encouraged  
to attend.

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



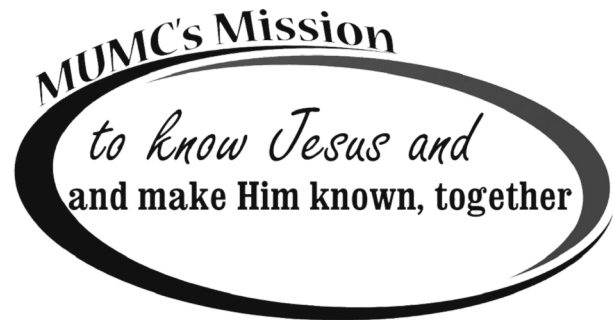
### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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  
Church Secretary..... Melba Ziegler  
Pianist/Organist ..... Cameron Taylor  
Music Director..... Keith Javors  
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders  
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