



Saturday, October
14th at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.



November
Compass Deadline
is
October
25 th.



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

"GOD OF THE HARVEST: FAITH, LOVE, AND MERCY"

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. Are these idle words or Words of life? I think the answer is dependent on who answers. For the unsaved, maybe not so much of a good God is to be identified. But for the saved and transformed of God, He is good with a mercy that endures forever. Our testimony today as a believing body; a people who have been saved by faith through grace, and transformed by the renewing of our minds is that God is good! This is our song as we enter into this harvest season.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

We, who call the United States of America home, are a blessed people. Despite our continued moral and ethical decline, we enjoy an abundance of opportunity and access to basic needs rarely seen in post-modern history. It is not common to have access to school, medical care, or food at such levels as we've seen and experienced in this country. Let us remember that God is God alone, our creator and friend. During this harvest season will you allow God to harvest your heart; that you may envision Him as sole proprietor of all things. What might it mean to see God truly as the sole proprietor of all things? I beg you to consider it. How does that change what you say? In what ways does that limit how you use your body? What are the implications concerning the things you think about, which people you love, and those you dislike or even hate. How are we to live our lives if our lives truly belong to the one true and living God?

³ Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3

I am humbly calling you to end all lip service faith and holy posturing which is of no-good effect. These things are akin to a poor and unfruitful harvest though much work has gone into the desired end. You are called to a field ripe for harvest; that being the fruit within God intends to cultivate and the fruit without which God desires to pluck and bring into the storehouse of eternity. So, submit your body as a living sacrifice unto God. Put away all sin and every weight that comes upon you so easily. Connect yourself to our weekly Bible Study, develop a schedule for personal prayer and the reading of God's Word. Explore the principles of fasting and consult your doctor, but fast and pray. Expect that God will overtake you and those you pray for. Expect Him to rush into your situation and transform you first and then the things around you if necessary.

Come to God with everything you have while surrendering everything you must. Rush toward **grace**, which is getting what you don't deserve, and **mercy** which is not getting what you deserve... In all things give thanks. Amen!

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Written with hope,
Marty McMichael
Sr. Pastor

1	4:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals	11	5:30 pm	Choir		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	5:10 pm	Bus to Youth Bonfire		7:00 pm	NA Meeting	20	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
2	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	12	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	21	9:00 am	Hand Bells Practice
	5:00 pm	SS Team	13	9:00 pm	Stretching w/Rosie		10:00 am	Book Club
3	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		9:30 pm	Feeder of the Pack at Food Pantry		10:00 am	AA Meeting
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	14		Bus to Women's Event	22		
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts		7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	23	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
4	5:30 pm	Choir Workshop		9:00 am	Hand Bells Choir	24	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		10:00 am	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bible Study	15	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Band		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		5:00 pm	Youth Group	25	9:00 am	Holy Folders
5	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	16		Meals on Wheels Week		6:00 pm	Choir Workshop
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
6	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Feed the Team	17	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
7	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	26	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	10:00	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	SPRC	27	1:00 pm	Yard Sale
8				6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	28	8:00 am	Yard Sale
9		Office Closed—Columbus Dan		7:00 pm	Service & Mission		9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice
	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	18	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		10:00 am	AA Meeting
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		5:30 pm	Choir	29	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
10	9:00 am	Young at Heart— to Patti's	18	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		3:00 pm	Charge Conference at Grace in C-dale
	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		5:30 pm	Choir	30	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	18	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	31	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	19	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Training		5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

Yard Sale Drop off & Work Times for the Month of October

Drop off and work hours Oct., 16th—20th 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Drop off and work hours Oct., 23rd & 24th 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Work Hours Oct., 25 & 26th 9:00 am—3:pm





The Library Corner: Blessings Abound

Blessings come to us in many ways—here are two: one is a devotional that has spoken to so many people, and another is through the companionship and love of animals.

First, a little bit about the writer of the devotional that over the years sold more than 45 million copies, and has been a blessing to many people. The writer is Sarah Young, and the devotional is **Jesus Calling**. Sarah just died in August, at age 77, and she will be well remembered.

As Sarah discusses in her introduction to **Jesus Calling**, she was not originally a believer, but later became a devout Christian. She attended Covenant Theological Seminary, went to Japan as a missionary with her husband, and became a Christian counselor.

Jesus Calling and subsequent books are written from the perspective of Jesus speaking to the reader personally, and is based on Bible verses from both the Old and New Testament, which are given along with each devotion. It can be remarkably effective in making readers feel closer to Jesus and to Scripture.

We will have several of Sarah's books on display—if you haven't read any of them, check one out and give it a try.

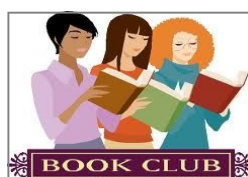
Second, don't forget the **Blessing of the Animals!** It will be Sunday the 1st of October. Animal lovers, rejoice over this event which is sponsored by our church in cooperation with the animal rescue group, St. Francis Care. Will the animal you bring know that it has been blessed? Well, perhaps not, -- or?? But you will know. Contact Michelle Parker-Clark if you have questions.

Thanks to someone on the library team who loves animals dearly, the library happens to have some books and DVDs about animals, especially about pets and their people. Some examples:

Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Lauren Hillebrand. Seabiscuit was an extraordinary horse, and Hillebrand is an extraordinarily good writer. It is a combination that makes a great read.

Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned about Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat by Gwen Cooper. A true story about an eyeless kitten, who grows into a "three-pound dynamo" that changes Cooper's life.

Finding Gobi: The Amazing True Story by Dion Leonard. Leonard is an ultramarathon runner racing across the Gobi Desert. He doesn't need a dog. But a little pup crosses his path, and the two become devoted to one another. Then . . . well, you will just have to read it. We have both the adult and the youth version of this story.



The Saturday Book Club Church Library October 21st, 10:00

Killers of the Flower Moon

by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered.

As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

*The read-ahead book for November is **Our Missing Hearts** by Celeste Ng*



5	Kyle & Emily Hargraves	12	JT & Bethany Jenkins
5	Richard & Lynn Pierson	15	Bill & Carla Quigley
5	James & Sheila Stewart	16	Harold & Marlene Gibbs
9	Ryan & Brooke Guthman	26	Roger & Sharon Medlen
11	Todd & Robin Sievert		

1	Jaylah Maynor	16	Dawn Wiwchar
2	Rosaella Young	18	Andy McNitt
5	Ken Cline	19	Adam Barringer
7	Jennifer Watson	21	Jennie Synder
8	Allison Vandenberg	22	Gary Wece
8	Ellen McNitt	23	Leland Hernan
9	Lora Maye Bitner	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
9	River Hughes	25	Julie Peterson
9	Carolyn Ozburn	26	Nicci Graff
9	Hanna Wece	28	Eloise Hernan
9	Susan Wirth	28	Ben Snyder
11	Leslie Clark	28	Margie Stilley
12	Rick Runge	28	Barbara Zimmerman
13	Braden Miller	30	Kyle Quigley
15	Maya Jenkins	30	London Watson
15	MaryJane Williams		



The United Methodist Men will be feeding the team on Friday, Oct 6th.

We are asking the congregation to donate bottles of Gatorade for the team. They can be dropped off in the Kitchen or Fellowship Hall by October 5th.



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



**NO Bible Study
Oct 11th &
18th this month**

All Saints' Sunday

November 5th

We will honor our loved ones who have passed on between November 2022 and now. If you would like to have your loved one added to the list please contact Melba in the Church Office no later than October 30th.

Our Neighbors' Table is looking for volunteers, especially Safe-Serve/Certified Food Handlers. The Health Department requires we have at least one certified food handler present as we prepare and serve our monthly meals. This is an exciting and rewarding way to serve God and our neighbors.

If you are interested in helping (even if you're not certified), please contact Pam Graham, Richard Tierney or Vern Cline.



Fulfilling God's Vision

"Our use of time will reflect our priorities"

Matthew 6:19-21, 34

Stewardship Card Service Sunday, Oct 8th

Annual Stewardship Campaign



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

In the month of October, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be concluding their Cokesbury Adult Bible Study entitled "Inspired by God" and will begin "Christian: It's Not What You Think." In this eight-session DVD study, pastor and bestselling author, Andy Stanley, examines the characteristics Jesus used to define those who follow Him and the implications these characteristics have for believers today. The Seekers invite adults of all ages to join them after worship on Sunday mornings for a time of discussion, fellowship, 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.



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.



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

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.

Think About... WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lakeland Baptist Church
Carbondale, Illinois

\$25 REGISTRATION
CHILDCARE OFFERED

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." *Philippians 4:8 (NASB)*

Featured Speakers



Event Hostess



Music from



Women's Event

Sat., Oct 14th 9am - 3pm

Cost \$25, \$7 for lunch, & \$5
for childcare if needed.

**MUST Sign up online at
LiveSteadyOn.com**

**If you would like to ride the
bus contact the Office by
Oct. 8th.**

This event offers live worship and inspired Bible teaching. There will be a Main Event from 9-11:30, 11:30-12:50 Lunch, and from 1:00-2:50 Breakout Sessions. The event price is \$25 with an additional fee of \$7.00 for lunch and \$5.00 for childcare. Music from Alex Baughman and the Lakeland Baptist Worship Team!

You may ride the church bus to the event, but you need to notify the church office by Oct. 8th if you desire to ride the bus. Please register for the event at LiveSteadyOn.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.

Breakthrough Prayer

Jeremiah 29:11

We believe in the power of Jesus the Christ, our resurrected King, to make and mold us— the people of the Murphysboro United

Methodist Church—into powerful witnesses of His love, grace, and mercy so that this church may be a beacon of light and hope in this community, and that we may have an eternal impact upon this the lives of the citizens of Murphysboro, Illinois. Amen

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 October

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
Oct 1st	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Oct 8th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
Oct 15th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
Oct 22nd	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
Oct 29th	2/Youth	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring

Acolytes

Oct 1st	Pending
Oct 8th	Pending
Oct 15th	Pending
Oct 22nd	Pending
Oct 29th	Pending

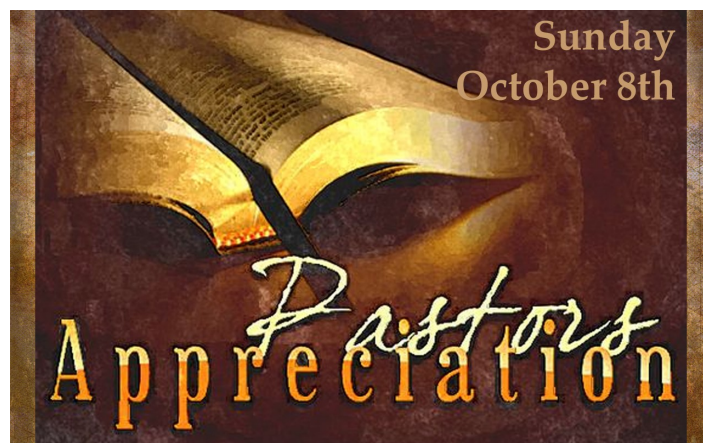
Liturgist/Worship Leader

Oct 1st	Cameron Taylor
Oct 8th	Nancy Fager
Oct 15th	Rosie Wece
Oct 22nd	Thelma Pierson
Oct 29th	Youth Sunday

Welcome Center/Greeters

Oct 1st	Carolyn Ozburn
Oct 8th	Janet Porter
Oct 15th	Janet Porter
Oct 22nd	Vanessa Lirely
Oct 29th	Patty Thrailkill





Dear Church Family:

On October 8th many churches across our nation will join us in celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Help us to show Pastor Marty and his family how much we have enjoyed their presence here and that we look forward to the future. Under their guidance and the dedication of our church members, this church continues to spread the ministry of God's love and blessings.

We will be collecting monetary donations until October 3rd so that we may present them to Pastor Marty on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. If you would like to contribute to this gift you may do so with one of the following options:

- Mail your gift to the church office by October 3rd.
- Use the online giving portal. Select the drop-down box marked "Appreciation of Service - Pastor"
- Place in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked "Pastor Appreciation of Service" by Sunday, October 1st.

The whole month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month – so you may continue to give even if these preferred dates are not met. Just make sure you mark your giving accordingly. Please send cards of appreciation and motivation to them. They are so appreciated.

Thank you so much for your participation in this annual recognition, both in the past and currently. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Marty, Veronica, and their family here with us.

Sincerely,
Staff Parish Committee

YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD

YAH on the Road will be traveling to Grand Rivers, KY on Tuesday, October 10, for lunch and shopping at Patti's 1880's Settlement. We will depart the MUMC parking lot at 9:00 am for 11:00 am reservations. Patti's - famous for their 2-inch pork chops and sawdust pie - received Southern Living Magazine's Reader's Choice Award for Best Small Town Restaurant in the Southeast U.S. So, if you have never been to Patti's treat yourself and join YAH on the Road for another fun adventure!



YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD—September

YAH was back on the road on Friday, September 15, with 27 individuals traveling to Union County. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna, IL. The delicious chef's choice menu was served in a beautiful vintage setting that created a cozy and inviting atmosphere - Lee Brothers was the lucky winner of the door prize of a free meal. After lunch we went down the road to History Restorer's Museum in Cobden, IL. The museum is housed in an 1860's barn filled from top to bottom with antique tools and other household and industrial gadgets. In addition to learning about how technology has changed through the decades, Host Tony Calabrese also offers opportunities for the public to learn how to do diamond designs and stained glass. It was difficult to leave such an interesting place, but as you can see from the picture Mary Ellen Tierney rang the bell to signal that it was time to board the bus and conclude another fun outing with YAH on the Road.





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

The Fall/Winter Yard Sale will be Friday, October 27, 1-6 pm and Saturday, October 28, 8-11 am. We will offer free items on Saturday from 12 noon-2 pm for our shoppers. This sale offers quality clothing and other items at reasonable prices to our community.

**Work hours/drop-off times will be October 16-20, 9 am-3 pm
& October 23-26, 9 am-3 pm.**

**We would like to receive your items early in the work dates
& NO LATER than Oct. 24.**

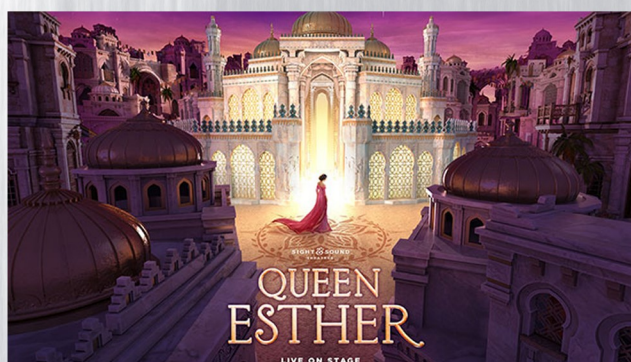
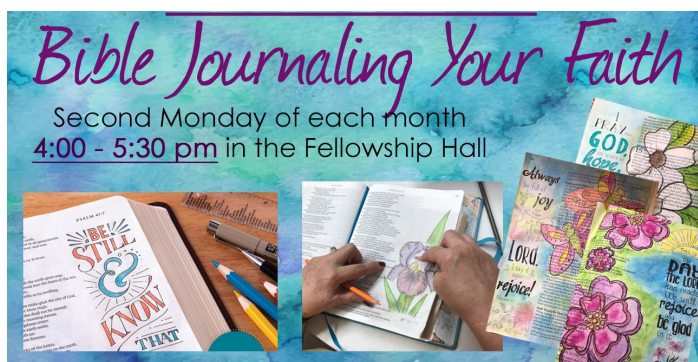
Please do not bring summer items.

Volunteers are always welcome and very much needed.

Our days are quite busy and we have great fellowship. Taco Tuesday is one of our favorite lunches and tis the season for Chili and Soup!

Come join the fun.

Contact Lynn Pierson at 618-684-3601 (call or text) or email lynnpierson@ymail.com for additional information.



**Nov., 30th - Dec., 2nd Bus Trip
Branson, MO Sight & Sound Theater
contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information**

One of the best things about fall is an evening of cooking hotdogs and smores around the fire and playing games. If you have a child ages 5th grade through high school in the youth group, **you and your whole family** are invited to enjoy this night of fun and fellowship. Also, if you'd like to start volunteering to attend some of the youth events to help, you are invited too! The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:10 pm. (Blessing of the Animals is at 4). You can either ride along or caravan over with us. RSVP to Melanie: Text 618-534-5524 by September 24th.



YOUTH GROUP **FAMILY BONFIRE**

OCTOBER 1ST
Bus leaves at 5:10 pm

5th Grade - HS & their whole family are invited to enjoy this night of fun and fellowship.

Bonfire will be held at the Lirely's home!

Hot Dogs, S'mores and games provided.

RSVP to Melanie by Sept 24th. 618-534-5524



TRUNK or TREAT Tuesday **OCTOBER 31st** 5-8 PM

3 ways to participate
Host a trunk, donate treats or help out the night of event

Call or email Melanie Harp at mumc.familyministries@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat is one of our biggest community outreach efforts annually. It's a lot of fun, too! Last year, we served about 1500 people, and we expect to do it again. There will be hotdogs, music, trunks full of candy, and a photo booth. The candy collection begins immediately! Also, let Melanie know if you want to decorate a trunk this year. The top three best trunks will win a ribbon!



PRAY THE
LORD OF THE
HARVEST TO
SEND OUT
LABORERS
INTO HIS
HARVEST
LUKE 10:2



ALL CHURCH
Thanksgiving
POTLUCK

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12th

5:00 pm
MUMC 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.

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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E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com
Website: www.crossandflameministries.com

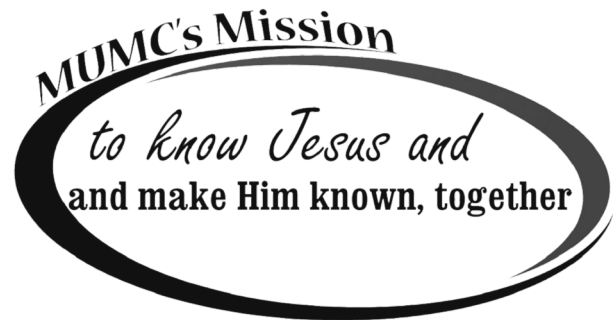


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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
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