



Saturday,
November 11th
at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.



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

A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

As I sit here finishing up this article for the newsletter, Autumn is in full force in Southern Illinois and Thanksgiving is only four weeks from this coming Thursday. Can you believe that? To me, we are so blessed to live in a part of the country where we can truly experience all four seasons. Of course, each season has its own unique beauty, and I don't know about you, but I love everything about this special time of year – the cool days and even cooler nights, the changing colors of the leaves, the houses decorated with pumpkins and mums, the smell of burning leaves in the air, and the anticipation of the holiday season to come. In addition, a special blessing for me is that on my daily commute to and from Murphysboro I cross Crab Orchard Lake and I always anticipate the arrival of the white pelicans as they migrate through the area. I had not seen them until yesterday, but a dozen of them were happily swimming in the lake waters enjoying the beautiful sunny day. This is just another assurance to me of God's consistency in our lives and how he works through nature to comfort us and bring us joy.

Another thing that brings me joy during this season of the year is when I think about the familiar hymns such as **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**, and **We Gather Together**, that we, as a church family, sing as we ponder what it means to be genuinely thankful and count our many blessings. As I think about the beautiful words and music echoing in the sanctuary, I also think about the 15th anniversary of my cancer surgery, which was on October 17, and the uncertainty that situation brought to myself and Mike, and our family and friends, as to what was in store next. And, if you are willing to admit it, as I am, even Christians deal with uncertainties that inhabit our minds and sometimes cause us to lose sleep at night. But, Praise God we can have faith and confidence in our Creator who is never uncertain about our future. Just as we can count on the seasons to come and go, we can count on God to be with us through the changing seasons of our lives. That season of my life, when I dealt with a cancer diagnosis, surgery, and treatments, brought some struggles, but it also brought many blessings, and many reasons to be thankful which I will never forget.

As a church family we have the opportunity to gather together on Sunday, November 12 at 5:00 pm in the MUMC Fellowship Hall to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving by sharing a meal, giving thanks, and counting our many blessings. This is a wonderful time to gather together over a meal and just enjoy the fellowship of Christian believers. And, please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us in this special gathering as we acknowledge what it means to have a truly grateful heart.

And, that leads me into my conclusion as I share the lyrics of another one of my favorite songs, **Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart** that is often sung this time of year, but is appropriate anytime:

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say "I am strong,"
let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks. . .

And during this time and season of the year may you practice being thankful, and counting your blessings, because of what the Lord has done for you. Happy Thanksgiving and May God bless you and yours during this wonderful time of year.

Pastor of Congregational Care ~Michelle

1	5:30 pm	Choir	11	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast	20	5:00 pm	SS Team
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		9:00 am	Hand Bells Choir	21	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	7:00 pm	Bible Study		10:00 am	AA Meeting		10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting	12	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
2	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	13	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	SPRC
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
3	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:00 pm	Jackson County Relay for Life meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Mission
4	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir	14	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	22	5:30 pm	Choir
	10:00	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
5		All Saints Sunday		6:00 pm	Board of Trustee	23		Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving
	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Band		6:00 pm	SAS		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Group		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	24		Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
6	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		7:00 pm	Finance	26	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice
	5:00 pm	SS Team	15	9:00 am	Nurture & Care		10:00 am	AA Meeting
7	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		5:30 pm	Choir	26	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	NA Meeting	27	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	16	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	28	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
8	5:30 pm	Choir	17	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal	18	9:00 am	Hand Bells Practice	29	5:30 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	Bible Study		10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:00 am	Book Club		7:00 pm	Bible Study
9	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Training	19	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Band		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
10		Office Closed in Honor of Veterans Day		5:00 pm	Youth Group	30		Bus Trip to Branson
	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	20		Meels On Wheels Week		7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack at Food Pantry		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1			





4	Roger & Terri Twenhafel	17	Paul & Arlene Bitner
7	Bill & Glenda Martin	25	Adrienne & Wes Will
15	Harry & Susan Wirth	27	Gary & Gloria Lkins
16	Terrin & Michelle Thies		

2	Kathy Blackwell	15	Brant Wingerter
2	Cole Fletcher	16	Arlene Bitner
4	Ethan Finke	16	Cecelia Crawshaw
4	Kay Lirely	16	Sharon Graff
5	Robert Frank	16	Landrie Green
6	Alayna Krummrich	17	Michelle Parker-Clark
10	Arthur Porter	18	Katie Stewart
11	Liam Guthman	22	Pam Graham
11	Robert Williams	22	Pat Porter
12	Dave Auxier	25	James Nimmo
12	Julie Erbes	26	Tabitha Mack
12	Bill Quigley	29	Beverley Jarrett
12	Jill Rogers	30	Ben Barringer
13	Jonas Schaldemose	30	Jerry Giffin

ALL CHURCH Thanksgiving POTLUCK

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12th

5:00 pm
MUMC Fellowship Hall



The All Church Thanksgiving Potluck will be held Sunday, November 12 at 5:00 pm in the MUMC Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meat, the drinks, and the bread, so please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. A few people are needed to prepare mashed potatoes and dressing for the meal. If you are able to do so, please contact Michelle Parker-Clark. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the Thanksgiving season with your church family, so we encourage you to attend and ask that you sign up on the attendance pad. We look forward to seeing you on November 12!

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
November 15th
&
November 22nd

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.



LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
OF BOTH
Thanks & Giving

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

During the month of November the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing their eight-session DVD Study entitled "Christian: It's Not What You Think," by pastor and best selling author, Andy Stanley. In this study Pastor Stanley examines the characteristics Jesus used to describe those who follow Him and the implications these characteristics have for believers today. Stay tuned as information will follow about the upcoming Advent study. The Seekers invite adults of all ages to join them after worship on Sunday mornings for a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

Give thanks
to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.
Psalm 107:1



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September 17th

November 5th

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

The 12th Annual Blessing of the Animals was held on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the MUMC Pavilion. A very special thank you to all those who assisted with this event: Pastor Marty McMichael, Michelle Parker-Clark, Mike Clark, Richard Tierney, Mary Ellen Tierney, Nancy Fager, Rosie Wece, and Diane Daugherty from St. Francis C.A.R.E. 19 people were in attendance and 11 dogs and 4 cats received blessings. Door Prizes donated by Holly Burks of Burks Alpaca Farm were won by Trudy Daly, Karen Steele, and Nancy Fager, and a gift certificate from Amber's Peace, Love, and Paws was won by Tina Shinskey. It was another meaningful event for pets and their humans and we invite you to join us next year.



Teams for the Month of November

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
Nov 5th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Nov 12th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Nov 19th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
Nov 26th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes

Acolytes

Nov 5th	Pending
Nov 12th	Pending
Nov 19th	Pending
Nov 26th	Pending

Liturgist/Worship Leader

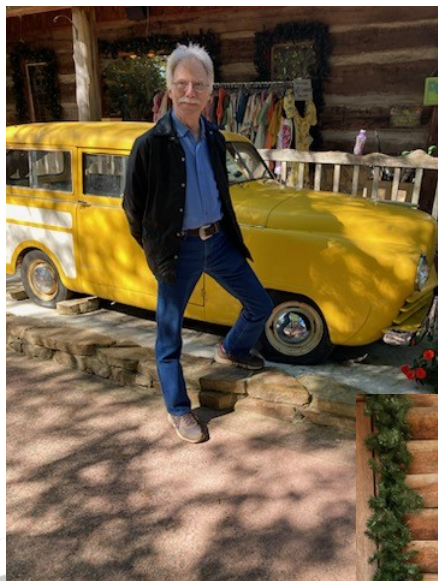
Nov 5th	Rick Runge
Nov 12th	Rick Runge
Nov 19th	Barb Hughes
Nov 26th	Erin Mileur

Welcome Center/Greeters

Nov 5th	Patti Thrailkill
Nov 12th	Patti Mills
Nov 19th	Carolyn Sauer
Nov 26th	Vanessa Lirely



YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD—September



Tuesday, October 10 was a beautiful autumn day as YAH on the Road traveled to Patti's 1880's Settlement in Grand Rivers, KY. There were 21 YAH participants who enjoyed chicken and dumplings, catfish, and an assortment of other delicious entrees with all the fixings - not to mention their famous desserts. And, to walk off those calories the group spent some time shopping at the gift shops and boutiques surrounding the restaurant. I can confirm that there were some Christmas gifts purchased that day, but any further information will remain a secret. All in all, it was another fun day of good food and fellowship. As we are traveling to Branson, MO, November 30 - December 2, we will not be meeting on the regularly scheduled dates in November and December. Please stay tuned for more details as we reconvene on Tuesday, January 9 for another great adventure with YAH on the Road!



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.



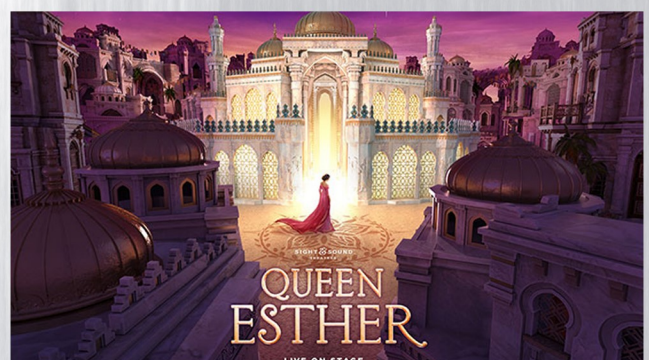
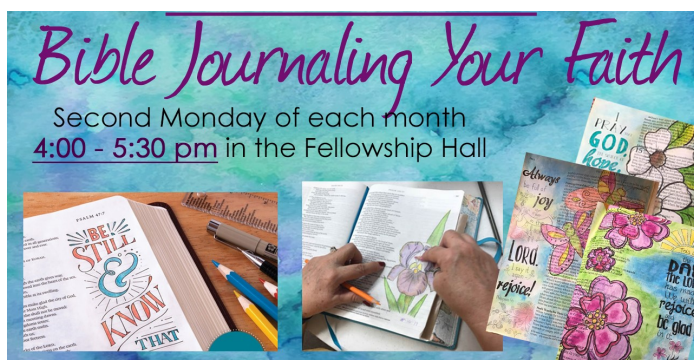
We believe in the power of Jesus the Christ, our resurrected King, to make

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



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

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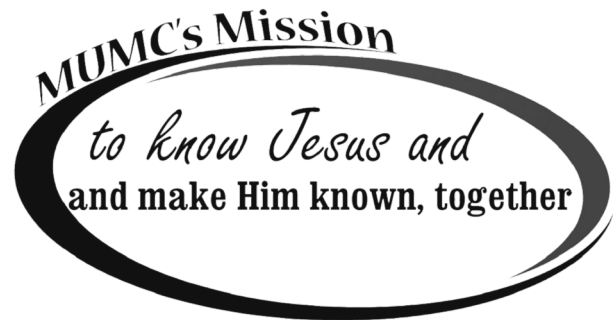


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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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