



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



Deadline for
April Compass
is Mar.,
18th.



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

From The Desk Of: Melanie Harp, Family Ministries Director

Summer Youth Activity Overview

We are gearing up and
getting ready for summer
fun!

Get your camp
information packet &
Mission Trip packet on the
back table of the
sanctuary.

March 10 following
service—*Important Parent
Meeting*—refreshments
served in the fellowship
hall.

Early Bird Camp
registration is due
at this meeting
Mission Trip Overview
New Ideas for Youth
Program to be
discussed

Also, March 10—following Sunday school—Important VBS & Youth



We need to raise
money for the
Camp Scholarship Fund
so pray about giving
and stay tuned



1	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	11	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	20	9:00 am	Nurture & Care
2	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice		4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		5:45 pm	Choir
	10:00 am	AA Meeting		5:00 pm	Jackson County Relay for Life Meeting		7:00 pm	Bible Study w/Pizza
3		Communion Sunday	12	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	4:30 pm	Glory Fire Band		11:00 am	Young @ Heart on the Road	21	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	22	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
4	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	23	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir
	5:45 pm	SS Team	13	5:45 pm	Choir		10:00am	AA Meeting
5	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		7:00 pm	Bible Study w/Pizza	24		Palm Sunday
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		7:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:45 am	Egg Stuffing
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	14	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	25	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
6	5:45 pm	Choir	15	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	26	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
	7:00 pm	Bible Study w/Pizza	16	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:00 am	AA Meeting		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
7	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table		10:00 am	Book Club	27	9:00 am	Holy Folders
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	17	1:00 PM	Youth to Trampoline Park		5:30 am	Choir
8	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	18		Meals On Wheels Week		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	9:30 am	Feeder of the Pack at Food Pantry		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	28	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
9	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast		5:45 pm	SS Team	29		Good Friday/Office Closed
	9:00 am	Hand Bell Choir	19	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		6:30 PM	Good Friday Service
	10:00 am	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	30	9:00 am	Hand Bell Practice
10		Daylight Saving Time		6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	31	9:00 am	Resurrection Sunday Service
	10:30 am	Camp & Mission Trip Meeting		6:00 pm	SAS		10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Youth Worker/VBS Meeting		7:00 pm	Service & Mission		Noon	Our Neighbors Table

H E I S R I S E N

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



10	Richard & Mary Ellen Tierney	11	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
18	Jon & Lou Anne Lough	31	Pete & Caroline Pederson



2	Paul Bitner	17	Ginger Guetersloh
3	Willard Ellis	18	Caitlin Doody
6	Scarlett Pierson	18	Fiona Fletcher
7	Brandi Bitner	18	Marilyn Perry
9	Gloria Likins	19	Marlene Gibbs
9	Wilma Westerfield	19	Corey Zimmerman
10	Aaron Erbes	25	Pat Hall
10	Sharon Medlen	25	Jacob Presley
10	Mason Olenkiewicz	26	Ashleigh Boyle
10	Bill Slider	26	Tina Fager-Nimmo
10	Patti Thrailkill	26	Everett Snyder
12	Everett Blackwell	27	Harper Ellermeyer
12	Brie Imhoff	28	Ray Burroughs
12	Todd Lirely	29	Lexi Robinson
13	Brad Fager	31	Kort Green
14	Mary Ellen Brown	31	Pete Pederson
16	Patrick Yates		

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



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.

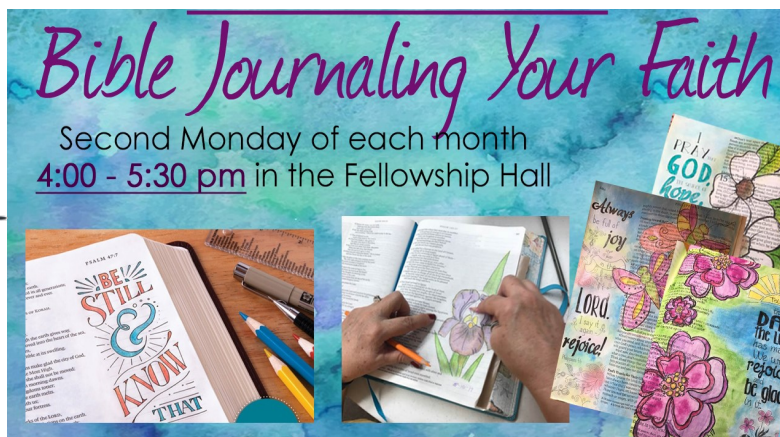
Vanessa Lirely

I want to begin by saying a big THANK YOU to Mary Ellen Tierney for her many years of service to the church in sending out the Sunday Joys and Concerns and the prayer requests that come through during the week.

We are now requesting that you do not send prayer requests directly to mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com, but instead please call or text me at 618/922-3587. In addition, Nancy Fager will be the new contact person that will be responsible for sending out the prayer chain emails. If you are currently part of the prayer chain, nothing will change in the way that you receive these requests.

Blessings!

Michelle Parker-Clark, MUMC Pastor of Congregational Care



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.

Save the Date



**My Own Bookcase
Presentation
Ceremony:**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024
1pm at
Elks Banquet Hall**

SAVE THE DATE



July 14th - 18th

Young at Heart was back on the Road celebrating Valentine's Day (a day early) at Giant City Lodge. A fried chicken buffet was enjoyed by 47 participants of all ages - - as you can see from the pictures. The outing was an opportunity to celebrate this holiday, which focuses on love, by enjoying good food and fellowship. And, for seven lucky door prize winners there were holiday themed gifts, as well. Please join us next month for another YAH on the Road adventure!



Our friends from the Carterville First United Methodist Church have invited GUMC and MUMC to join them for lunch on Tuesday, March 12, for our next YAH on the Road trip. We will be departing the MUMC church parking lot at 10:30 am for 11:00 am reservations at Montgomery's Place which is Carterville's newest craft coffee and dining experience where friends and families gather in a cozy and historic atmosphere. After lunch we will spend the rest of our time together antiquing beginning with Cricket & Red Brick Antique Mall located in downtown Carterville, and then (as time permits) moving on to Rosebud Antique Mall and Southern Estates Antiques both located on the Herrin Colp Road. Please join us for another fun outing, and don't forget to invite a friend! See you again soon!

Seekers Sunday School Class

**Each Sunday at 10:15am
Room 202**

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information

Beginning Sunday, March 10, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be doing the 4-week Andy Stanley DVD series Why Easter Matters. In this Easter study Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersect with Jesus in the weeks leading to His crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you'll see, there's a little bit of them in all of us. The sessions include: The High Cost of Following Christ, The Risk of Surrendering to God, The God Who Can Be Trusted, and The Foundation of Our Faith.

It's Easter Egg Time! Your Help is Needed!

It's Candy Collection Time!
Feb 25th - Mar 24th
Basket will be in the Welcome Center.

March 24th after Sunday School we will be filling the eggs in the Fellowship Hall please join us.
March 31st help is also needed to hide the eggs.
Signup on the attendance Pad or contact Melanie Harp.

This is the time of year we bring sweet smiles to our children! There will be a candy collection basket in the hallway from February 25th until March 24th. After Sunday School, March 24, Egg stuffing volunteers will meet in the fellowship hall to get the eggs ready. On March 31 after the Easter service, we need more volunteers to help hide the eggs and put them on the grass for the kids to find. Who knows, maybe the Easter Bunny will show up again? Please sign up on the attendance pad to help stuff and/or hide eggs. Thanks in advance for blessing our beloved children.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
14TH ANNUAL
WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SAT, MAY 4TH 9:30 AM**

John 1:5 - The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Summer Camp!

Daniel Schall from Little Grassy will join us on **March 10th** in Fellowship Hall to help with Camp signup & answer questions

Contact Melanie Harp at
618-534-5524 for Camp Questions

Packets available in back
of sanctuary.



**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.

Teams for this Month

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
Mar., 3rd	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
Mar., 10th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Mar., 17th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Jim Hughes, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark
Mar., 24th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
Mar., 31st	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes

Welcome Center/Greeters

Mar., 3rd	Marlene Gibbs
Mar., 10th	Marlene Gibbs
Mar., 17th	Sharon Graff
Mar., 24th	Sharon Graff
Mar., 31st	Carolyn Sauer

Call to Worship/Liturgist

Mar., 3rd	Thelma Pierson
Mar., 10th	Rick Runge
Mar., 17th	Barb Hughes
Mar., 24th	Erin Mileur
Mar., 31st	Pending





**The Saturday Book Club
Church Library
March 16th, 10:00am**

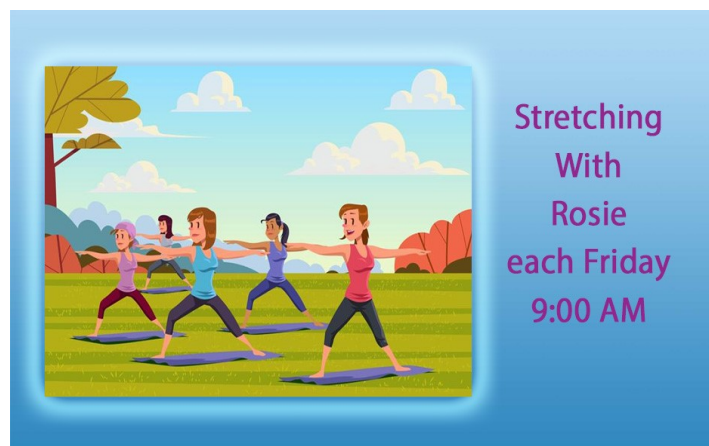
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother
By James McBride

Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared "light-skinned" woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, and son, explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage, in this poignant and powerful book.

The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white, James McBride grew up in "orchestrated chaos" with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn. "Mommy," a fiercely protective woman with "dark eyes full of pep and fire," herded her brood to Manhattan's free cultural events, sent them off on buses to the best (and mainly Jewish) schools, demanded good grades, and commanded respect. As a young man, McBride saw his mother as a source of embarrassment, worry, and confusion—and reached thirty before he began to discover the truth about her early life and long-buried pain.

McBride retraces his mother's footsteps and, through her searing and spirited voice, recreates her remarkable story. "God is the color of water," Ruth McBride taught her children, firmly convinced that life's blessings and life's values transcend race. Interspersed throughout his mother's compelling narrative, McBride shares candid recollections of his own experiences as a mixed-race child of poverty, his flirtations with drugs and violence, and his eventual self-realization and professional success.

Read ahead book for April: The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig





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.



Youth grades 5th and up will leave from the church parking lot at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 17 and will return by 7 pm. The church will pay for admission to the park, but we are asking that parents send money for kids to eat supper out on the way home. Please RSVP and let Melanie know that you want to come! 618-534-5524



Monday-Friday, April 15-19 and Monday-Thursday, 22-25 we will be working on the Yard Sale, 9 am to 3 pm. These are the preferred times to drop off items for the sale.

The actual sale will be Friday, April 26, 1 pm to 6 pm and Saturday, April 27, 8 am to 11am. This sale is one that our community looks forward to each year, as they find quality items at affordable prices. To make this sale a huge success please plan your support of donations and working with the team to sort, arrange, and price items. I need suggestions for disposal of items left after the sale and someone to coordinate removal of those items. I also need volunteers to greet shoppers as they enter the building and two teams of two each to be cashiers during the sale. Please contact Lynn Pierson, 618-684-3601 or lynnpierson@ymail.com for more information.



Did you know ?

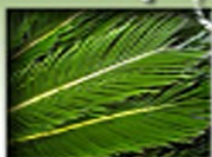
The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.



One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. **Create a digital account.** A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
2. **Link your Card to an organization.** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
 - a. Sign in to your digital account.
 - b. Click on Community Rewards, under Community at the bottom of the page.
 - c. Search for your organization. (Murphysboro United Methodist Church is listed)
3. **Your organization earns.** Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
March 24th 9:00 am

Good Friday
March 29th 6:30 pm

Resurrection
Sunday
March 31st
Traditional Service
9:00 am



**GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE**

**MARCH 29TH
6:30 PM**

\$15.00 each orders due to office by noon March, 18th
Order forms can be found in the Bulletin, weekly emails & March Compass.

**EASTER
LILIES**



Easter Lily Order Form

If you wish to order a Easter Lily for our church sanctuary, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or mail it to the church. Orders must be received by noon on Monday, March 18th. Please enclose payment with your order. Please make checks payable to MUMC.

The cost of each is \$15.00.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

FROM: _____

Enclosed is: _____.

_____ Yes, I would like a Lily

_____ No Lily, donation only but please list information noted above.

MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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
Website: www.crossandflameministries.com

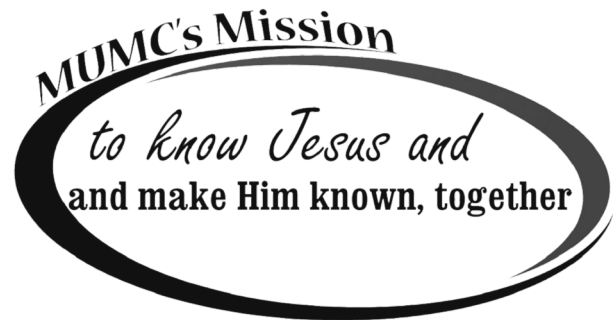


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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
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Music Director..... Keith Javors
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sanders
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