



July Church Activities for Kids: A Summer of Fun, Faith, and Service!

Dear Church Family,

As the summer sun shines brightly, we're excited to announce a host of engaging and spiritually enriching activities for our children this July. We encourage all parents to take full advantage of these wonderful opportunities designed to deepen faith, foster community, and create lasting memories for our young ones.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): High Seas Expedition Set sail on an unforgettable adventure with our Vacation Bible School (VBS) themed "High Seas Expedition." Running from Sunday night, July 14, through Thursday night, July 18, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, this free event promises to be a time of discovery and fun for all children from pre-k to fourth grade. Each evening, a meal will be provided for the kids.

The High Seas Expedition is not just about fun; it's a journey into the Word of God, emphasizing its truth, comfort, surprises, life-changing power, and universal relevance. Older children, from fifth grade through high school, are encouraged to participate as helpers, lending their energy and enthusiasm to make this event a success.

We're still on the lookout for a few nautical items to enhance our VBS experience: a captain's wheel, an anchor, and any boat or sea decor you may have. Additionally, we need volunteers to bake cookies for each night and especially to provide treats for the Thursday night parent's show and celebration with refreshments. Your contributions and participation are crucial to creating a memorable VBS for our kids.

A highlight of this year's VBS will be a special guest appearance by a juggler, Justin Cano, on Tuesday, adding a unique and entertaining twist to our adventure.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip At the end of July, we are organizing a mission trip to Henderson Settlement, offering our kids a chance to experience the joy of service. We'll depart from the church parking lot at 8:30 AM on Sunday, July 28. This trip is open to kids entering 6th grade through high school.

During this mission trip, our kids will volunteer in a low-income community, working at the thrift store, the plant nursery, and with the farm animals. Through these activities, they will learn the value of serving others and the impact they can make. There will be morning and evening devotions, ensuring a spiritually fulfilling experience, and a youth rally on Thursday night.

On Wednesday, the kids will get a well-deserved break from their hard work with a fun day at the Kentucky Splash Water Park. This mission trip costs parents \$220, which covers all expenses, and our church generously matches these funds to make it accessible for everyone.

Parent's Meeting To ensure all details are clear and to answer any questions, there will be a parent's meeting on Sunday, July 7, at 5:00 PM in the youth fellowship area of the church. We strongly encourage all parents whose children are participating in the mission trip to attend.

This summer, let's come together to provide our kids with opportunities to grow in their faith, form strong friendships, and experience the joy of giving back to the community. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, donating items, or encouraging your kids to participate, will make this July a truly transformative month for our young ones.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to nurturing the spiritual growth of our children. We look forward to seeing everyone at these exciting events!

Blessings,

Melanie Harp

Director of Youth and Family Services

Update on the mailing of our Compass

To help with expenses for our church, we will no longer be bulk mailing the Compass each month. With the ever-increasing cost of postage and paper, the annual cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletter has grown to approximately \$1950.00 a year. In our continued effort to be good stewards of our congregation's finances, we feel that this is no longer a good use of our resources. We will continue creating the Compass, and use the following methods of distribution:

- Email Blast to the congregation
- 45 Copies in the Welcome Center for pickup
- Available on the website
- Approximately 15 Copies will continue to be mailed to shut-ins

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

As noted, we will continue to mail a few newsletters out to our shut-ins who don't have access to email or the internet and a few of our long-distance members as well

We do need your help with this new distribution process. Please make sure that you have given us your correct email address and that it has been added to our email distribution list. Please contact Melba in the office to check this. If you don't have email you can pick up your family's copy in the Welcome Center each month.

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| 1 | | | 13 | 7:30am | UMM Breakfast | | 4:30pm | Glory Fire Youth Band |
| 2 | 11:00am | Staff Meeting | | 10:00am | AA Meeting | | 5:00pm | Youth Fellowship |
| 3 | | Bikers 4ALS—Overnight | 14 | 5:00pm | VBS | 22 | 3:00pm | Grief & Loss Support |
| | 7:00pm | NA Meeting | 15 | | Meals on Wheels Week | 23 | 11:00am | Staff Meeting |
| 4 | | Office Closed-4th of July Holiday | | 5:00pm | VBS | 24 | 9:00am | Holy Folders |
| | 7:00pm | GA Meeting | 16 | 11:00am | Staff Meeting | | 7:00pm | Bible Study w/Pizza |
| 5 | 9:00am | Stretching w/Rosie | | 5:00pm | VBS | | 7:00pm | NA Meeting |
| 6 | 10:00am | AA Meeting | | 6:00pm | SAS Meeting | 25 | 7:00pm | GA Meeting |
| 7 | 4:30pm | Glory Fire Youth Band | | 7:00pm | Service & Missions | 26 | 9:00am | Stretching w/Rosie |
| | 5:00pm | Youth Fellowship | 17 | 9:00am | Nurture & Care | 27 | 10:00am | AA Meeting |
| 8 | 3:00pm | Grief & Loss Support | | 5:00pm | VBS | 28 | 8:30am | Mission Trip |
| | 4:00pm | Bible Journaling | | 7:00pm | NA Meeting | | 10:30am | Baptism Class |
| 9 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting | 18 | 5:00pm | VBS | | Noon | Our Neighbors Table |
| 10 | 7:00pm | Bible Study w/Pizza | | 7:00pm | GA Meeting | 29 | | |
| | 7:00pm | NA Meeting | 19 | 9:00am | Stretching w/Rosie | 30 | 11:00am | Staff Meeting |
| 11 | 7:00pm | GA Meeting | 20 | 10:00am | AA Meeting | 31 | 7:00pm | Bible Study w/Pizza |
| 12 | 9:00am | Stretching w/Rosie | | 10:30am | Book Club | | 7:00pm | NA Meeting |
| | 9:30am | Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry | 21 | 9:00am | VBS Sunday | | | |



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| 8 | Brant & Amanda Wingerter | 17 | Loyd & Ruth Ebersol |
| 14 | Richard & Sharon Graff | 21 | Gary & Rosie Wece |
| 16 | Dan & Donna Lynn Horniacek | 26 | Marty & Delores McNitt |



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| 3 | Tassie Doelman | 18 | Olivia Schaldemose |
| 3 | Loyd Ebersohl | 18 | Jake Stewart |
| 3 | Bill Martin | 19 | Bert Ozburn |
| 4 | Ruth Ebersohl | 20 | Willa Addison |
| 5 | Jacob Schwoerer | 21 | Barbara Giffin |
| 6 | Deborah David | 21 | Jim Hughes |
| 6 | Viola Parrish | 21 | Harry Wirth |
| 7 | Isabella Krummrich | 22 | Kylah Clark |
| 8 | Richard Graff | 22 | Lillie Schaldemose |
| 8 | Asia Watson | 22 | Judith Williams |
| 9 | Harper Geis | 23 | John Imhoff |
| 12 | Gene Schwebel | 24 | Jennifer O'Donnell |
| 13 | Sharon Jones | 28 | Paul Chapman |
| 14 | JT Jenkins | 29 | Kendall Ellermeyer |
| 15 | Ashlyn Buck | 29 | Dacoda Twenhafel |
| 15 | Pam Crews | 30 | Francis Addison |
| 17 | Eugene Stewart | 30 | Ethan Sunny |
| 18 | Brody Geis | 31 | Debbie Chapman |
| 18 | Nikki Krummrich | 31 | Tage Green |

Deadline for August Compass is July, 15th.



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



The Saturday Book Club

Church Library

July 20, 10:00 a.m.

Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage

By Alice Munro

In the nine breathtaking stories that make up this collection, Alice Munro creates narratives that loop and swerve like memory, conjuring up characters as thorny and contradictory as people we know ourselves.

The fate of a strong-minded housekeeper with a “frizz of reddish hair,” just entering the dangerous country of old-maidhood, is unintentionally (and deliciously) reversed by a teenaged girl’s practical joke. A college student visiting her aunt for the first time and recognizing the family furniture stumbles on a long-hidden secret and its meaning in her own life. An inveterate philanderer finds the tables turned when he puts his wife into an old-age home. A young cancer patient stunned by good news discovers a perfect bridge to her suddenly regained future. . .

Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage is Munro at her best—tirelessly observant, serenely free of illusion, deeply and gloriously humane.

Read ahead book for August: **Virgil Wander** by Leif Enger

YAH on the Road on Saturday, June 22 at Gelato Di Riso, Zia's, and the Missouri Baking Company



Young at Heart will be staying close to home for the month of July. We will be enjoying a delicious meal in the Church Fellowship Hall including pulled pork sandwiches, hashbrown casserole, and green beans catered by Pat's Barbeque, and an assortment of Rosie Wece's famous pies. Including drinks, the meal will cost approximately \$10.00. After lunch we will travel a short distance to Ron Kiser's house for a tour of his farm which includes his collection of antique cars and other interesting vintage items. Just a reminder that you don't always have to venture far from home to have a great time. Please join us for another fun outing with YAH on the Road, and don't forget to invite a friend!

Teams for this Month

Usher Teams

| Date | Team # | Names |
|------|--------|--|
| 7th | 2 | Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraillkill, Shannon Green |
| 14th | 1 | Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark, Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff |
| 21st | 1 | Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark, Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff |
| 28th | 3 | Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody |
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Welcome Center/Greeters

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| 7th | Rindy Eisenhauer |
| 14th | Kathy Ripley |
| 21st | Kathy Ripley |
| 28th | Nancy Fager |
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Call to Worship/Liturgist

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| 7th | Nancy Fager |
| 14th | Rosie Wece |
| 21st | Thelma Pierson |
| 28th | Rick Runge |
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End of Week Volunteers

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| 5th | Sandy Herring |
| 12th | Janet Porter |
| 19th | Nancy Fager |
| 26th | Sharon Jones |
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The 2024 Fall/winter Yard Sale will be Saturday, October 12, 2024, 8 am to 12 Noon



This sale will be limited to ONLY Fall/Winter coats, clothing, shoes/boots and blankets.

(We have several tubs of these items left from the Spring/Summer sale.)

We WILL NOT accept housewares, home decor or seasonal items.

No one has comitted to cordinate the semi-annual sales and I not able to continue to do so. Work days to sort clothing will be Monday October 7 through Friday, October 11.

Hours to work will be determined in August. If anyone is interested in coordinating future sales please contact

Lynn Pierson
618-684-3601 (call or text)
or lynnperson@ymail.com



The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing their current study - The Fruit of the Spirit by Bill Hybels - during the month of July. In Fruit of the Spirit, you'll learn about the life-transforming qualities God wants to cultivate inside you. And you'll discover the supernatural Agent who empowers you to attain them: the Holy Spirit, working within you to produce each kind of spiritual "fruit." In the Holy Spirit's power, you can live a supernatural life that transforms every relationship you have. And in the process, you'll discover the one route to a truly satisfying life: serving others. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer. And please stay tuned as upon completion of this study, the class will return to The Chosen as they begin Season 2.

VBS Help Needed!

We are asking for help with iron ons after church Sunday, July 7. Bring your iron to the fellowship hall directly following the Sunday morning service.

Saturday July 13 from 10-2 is the VBS meeting and decorating time. Everyone helping with VBS is encouraged to be there. Pizza lunch will be served.

SAVE THE DATE



Scan QR code to get signed up

Ahoy, mates! Set sail with us on a thrilling adventure at this year's Vacation Bible School, "High Seas Expedition," from Sunday, July 14 through Thursday, July 18, 5 PM to 8 PM each night at our church. Children from Pre-K to 4th grade will dive into five exciting evenings discovering that the Word of God is True, Comforting, Surprising, Life-Changing, and meant for everyone! Older kids, 5th grade and up, are invited to join the crew as volunteers, helping guide our young explorers. Dinner will be served each night. Don't miss the boat—register now and embark on this unforgettable journey! Volunteer opportunities are still available.



Church

Picnic

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
Website: www.crossandflameministries.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.



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& Family Ministries.....Melanie Harp
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Custodian Pat Sullivan
Church Secretary Melba Ziegler
Pianist/Organist Cameron Taylor
Music Director Keith Javors
Nursery Attendant Ashlee Sanders
Technology.....Melba Ziegler

Sunday
Baptism
& Picnic

August 18th, 2024 ~ 10:30 am

Contact the Church office to sign up to be baptized by
Thursday, July 25th.

All individuals being baptized will need to attend a baptism meeting with
Pastor Marty on Sunday, July 28th after service.