



Embracing the Adventure of Walking with God!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate Camp Sunday on June 2nd, our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation for the adventure that awaits our children at camp this June. It is a time for our young ones to grow in their faith, forge new friendships, and experience the beauty of God's creation. The camp experience is one of the first times in a child's life that they learn what an adventure it is to walk with God. Every aspect of the camp experience lines up with God's Word.

1. The Importance of Spiritual Growth

2 Peter 3:18 encourages us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Camp provides a unique opportunity for our children to grow spiritually. Through Bible studies, worship, and fellowship, they will deepen their understanding of God's love and grace. Let us pray that each child returns with a renewed sense of faith, ready to shine God's light in their everyday lives.

2. Building Lasting Friendships

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 tells us, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." At camp, our children will form lasting friendships with peers who share their faith and values. These friendships will provide support, encouragement, and accountability as they navigate the challenges of growing up. Let us celebrate the gift of community and pray that these bonds remain strong.

3. Experiencing God's Creation

Psalms 19:1 declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Camp offers our children a chance to experience the wonder of God's creation firsthand. As they explore the outdoors, participate in activities, and marvel at the beauty around them, they will gain a deeper appreciation for the Creator. Let us encourage our children to see God's hand in every aspect of nature and be inspired by His majesty.

4. Embracing New Challenges

Joshua 1:9 reminds us, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Camp is a time for our children to step out of their comfort zones, try new things, and embrace new challenges. Whether it's tackling a ropes course, learning a new skill, or sharing their faith with others, they will grow in confidence and resilience. Let us remind them that God is always with them, giving them strength and courage.

One of the greatest things about our congregation is the love and support we show our children. Thanks to all of you who made post-it note donations and are buying barbecued pork and chicken to help build our camp fund for next year.

As we prepare for the Camp Sunday Celebration, let us unite as a congregation to support and encourage our children. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us on June 2nd as we pray for a blessed and transformative camp experience. Let us trust in God's plan, celebrate the growth and friendships our children will make, and look forward to the stories of faith and adventure they will bring back.

May the Lord bless our children and keep them safe. May He guide them on their journey and fill their hearts with His love and joy.

In Christ's Love,

Melanie Harp
Director of Youth and Family Services
Murphysboro United Methodist Church

1	10:00am	AA	11	11:00 am	Staff Meeting		6:00pm	SAS Meeting
2	9:00am	Camp Sunday	12	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza		7:00pm	Service & Missions
	5:00am	Confirmation Class		7:00pm	NA Meeting	19		Office Closed-Juneteenth
3	3:00pm	Grief & Loss Support	13	7:00pm	GA Meeting	20	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	5:00pm	Relay for Life - Jackson Co.	14	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	21	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	5:45pm	SS Team		9:30am	Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry	22	8:00am	YAH on the Road
4	11:00am	Staff Meeting	15	10:00am	AA Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting
5	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza		10:30am	Book Club	23		
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	16		Father's Day	24	3:00pm	Grief & Loss Support
6	7:00pm	GA Meeting		4:30pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	25	11:00am	Staff Meeting
7	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	26	9:00am	Holy Folders
8	7:00am	UMM Breakfast	17		Meals on Wheels Week		7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza
9		BBQ Pick up		3:00pm	Grief & Loss Support		7:00pm	NA Meeting
	11:00am	Church Picnic		5:45pm	SS Team	27	7:00pm	GA Meeting
10	3:00pm	Grief & Loss Support	18	11:00am	Staff Meeting	28	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	4:00pm	Bible Journaling				29	Noon	Our Neighbors Table

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

Confirmation Classes
 May 19th, 26th, & June 2nd
 From 5pm - 7pm

We will have 2 different age groups 3rd grade - 7th grade & 8th grade - High School

Sign up on the Attendance Pad or contact
 Melanie Harp at mumc.familyministries@gmail.com

Dinner will be served at each session.



Deadline for
 July Compass
 is June, 17th.



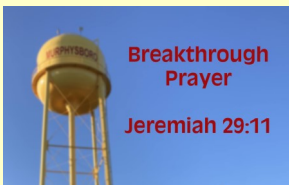
The CHOSEN

During the month of June, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be concluding Season 1 of their their DVD study of "The Chosen" and moving into Season 2. "The Chosen" is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew Him. Adults of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend for a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer.



5	Jerry & Barbara Giffin	22	Rob & Jennifer Graeff
10	Bert & Carolyn Ozburn	2	Todd & Rene Doody
12	Patrick & Terri Yates	25	Jason & Michelle Bennett
14	George & Carolyn Sauer	25	Arthur & Pat Porter
15	Troy & Lacey Brown	27	Everett & Kathy Blackwell
18	Perry & Susan Patterson	29	Dennis & Nancy Fager
18	John & Amanda Ripley	29	Raymond & Bonnie Whiteside
22	Paul & Debbie Chapman		

3	Mike Johnstone	16	Keylin Wece
4	Susan Patterson	16	Olivia Wheatley
4	Mason Thies	16	Raymond Whiteside
8	Tracy Hagston	17	Todd Doody
9	Mason Schingel	18	Jennifer Ellermeyer
10	Evelyn Jackson	18	Oliver Imhoff
10	Kyle Miller	21	Novella Howard
10	John Ripley	21	John Hudgins
11	Emily Finke	21	Maryjune Rice
11	Kathleen Ripley	21	Madison Ripley
12	Paula Chapa	21	Makayla Ripley
12	Maggie Jenkins	22	Parker Hargraves
13	Bob Purcell	25	Carla Quigley
13	Sheila Stewart	25	Emmaline Schwoerer
15	Linda Johnson	26	Carmen Chapa
15	Joan Reagan	26	Merrill Thies
16	Cody Ellermeyer	28	Elijah Imhoff
16	William Pierson	30	Dennis Fager



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

Even though it was a rainy day, we didn't let that dampen our spirits as YAH on the Road traveled to The Farm Restaurant in LaCenter, KY, on Tuesday May 14. As you can see from the photos, the restaurant was decorated with a lovely farm inspired rustic theme. 22 participants enjoyed great fellowship, and a delicious reasonably priced lunch. We even had a birthday boy among the group as Dick Runge (father of our own Rick Runge) was surprised with a piece of birthday cake and a candle to celebrate his 91st birthday. In addition to the great food and atmosphere, the restaurant offers special events such as Bike Night and live music outdoors on Saturday evenings. We recommend that you try The Farm Restaurant and that you join us next month as we go back on the road to our next fun destination.



YAH on the Road will be changing things up a bit for the month of June with a weekend outing. On Saturday, June 22 we will depart the MUMC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. traveling to The Hill in St. Louis, MO. The Hill is a long-established Italian-American neighborhood with family-owned delis, sandwich shops and bakeries on Marconi Avenue, and trattorias, pizzerias and upscale eateries dotting the streets around Shaw and Wilson avenues. We will start out the day with lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Zia's on The Hill known for their great atmosphere, excellent service, and outstanding food. After lunch, everyone will be free to visit the local shops offering specialty gifts and goods found only on The Hill, walk the neighborhoods showcasing the many classic shotgun style houses and, perhaps, visit The Hill Neighborhood Center to learn more about the history of this unique area. It promises to be a fun-filled and informational day on The Hill, so please join us and invite a friend!

Seekers Sunday School Class

Each Sunday at 10:15am
Room 202

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE
 Vacation Bible School
High Seas
 EXPEDITION
 July 14th - 18th

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

BBQ Fundraiser to help our youth go to Camp!
 Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday April 28th
 Pick up June 9th after Church
 1 Pound = \$12
 5 Pounds = \$40
 Smoked Chicken Wings = \$2 each

Feeder of the Pack
PET FOOD PANTRY
 MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 and MURPHYSBORO FOOD PANTRY
 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
2nd	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark, Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff
9th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark, Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff
16th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
23rd	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
30th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraikill, Shannon Green

Welcome Center/Greeters	
2nd	pending
9th	pending
16th	pending
23rd	pending
30th	Youth Sunday

Call to Worship/Liturgist	
2nd	Erin Mileur
9th	Gene Schwebel
16th	Vanessa Lirely
23rd	Cameron Taylor
30th	Youth Sunday



MUMC FAMILY CELEBRATION PICNIC



Sunday, June 9th at 11:00am. The church will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, drinks and table settings. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts including store bought or homemade ice cream. There will be games and music to entertain both children and adults, so a good time is sure to be had by all. Please sign up on the attendance pad if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun and the fellowship and celebrate the fact that we are all part of the Family of God.





SAVE THE DATE

Our church has planned some fun and meaningful events that we hope you and your family will enjoy. The ultimate goal is to impact our children's lives for Jesus in their most

formative years which fly by so much faster than we wish. So, please mark these dates on your calendar and support both your church and your child's potential for fun and exciting spiritual growth. Pick up a bright yellow copy of the Youth Calendar from the table in the back of the sanctuary, and join us! Feel free to reach out to Melanie for RSVPs and/or any questions you might have about specific events by texting or calling: 618-534-5524 or mail: mumc.familyministries@gmail.com.



The Grills are firing up so get your tickets for a mouth watering barbecue fundraiser where every bite brings a child closer to an unforgettable church camp experience! Savor the flavors of meticulously prepared barbecue pork available in hearty 5-pound portions for \$40 or convenient 1-pound servings for \$12, and don't forget to top it off with a savory smoked chicken wing for just \$2 each! Tickets will be available starting Sunday, April 28 and pick up is June 9 following the Sunday morning service. Let's turn our love for good food into a powerful force to make sure no child misses out on the joy, friendship and spiritual enrichment that camp offers. Together, we can make a difference—one delicious bite at a time.



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.



The Saturday Book Club

Church Library

June 15th, 10:00

The Frozen River: A Novel

By Ariel Lahon

Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

Over the course of one winter, as the trial nears, and whispers and prejudices mount, Martha doggedly pursues the truth. Her diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling Martha to decide where her own loyalties lie.

The Frozen River is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

Read ahead book for July: *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*

By Alice Munro



**Stretching
With
Rosie
each Friday
9:00 AM**



Are you ready for an adventure that combines service, community, and fun? Join us for an unforgettable missionary trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY! This is a fantastic opportunity for young people (going into 6th grade and above) to give back by serving the impoverished community, working in a greenhouse, and helping with cattle. Plus, to break up all the hard work, we will spend Wednesday at Kentucky Splash Water Park! Information packets are available on the back table of the sanctuary. The cost is only \$220 per participant, generously matched by the church, covering all expenses. Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference and create lasting memories! Confirm your attendance by Sunday, June 16.

MY Own Bookcase Ministry

My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony

The 8th My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony was held on Sunday, April 28.

It was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance to see 26 children receive their own handmade bookcase and a bag of books. These children are from Murphysboro Head Start and will be attending kindergarten in the fall.

Each child was called forward to accept their books and the smiles on their faces filled the room with excitement and joy! What a blessing it was to see these children and their families so happy to be receiving books and a bookcase.

“Children become readers on the laps of their parents”



Church family -
 Thank you so
 much for your
 kind words &
 deeds during
 the recent loss
 of Jim's brother

Blessing,
 Barb & Jim
 Hughes

During a time
 like this
 we realize how much
 our friends and family
 really mean to us

Your expression
 of sympathy will always
 be remembered

Barb & Jim
 Hughes

Women's Prayer Breakfast 2024



QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2023 Overview:

Budget	Income - Actual	Expenses - Actual
\$437,015	\$315,245.42	\$384,740.44
Brief Narrative:		
<p><i>Implemented Solutions:</i> <i>Budget Reduction</i> <i>Salary Reductions</i> <i>Inform Congregation</i> <i>Met with concerned members</i></p>		
2023 Apportionments Paid:	District	Conference
	\$	\$8,962.00

2024: 1st Qtr:

Budget	Income - Actual	Expenses - Actual
\$341,556	\$75,102.12	\$89,407.96
Brief Narrative:		
<p><i>-We are operating with a 41,598.00 deficit in our current passed budget. We plan to review our financial condition each quarter to determine where cuts may be necessary and/or how we might create more income... Below are measures implemented that will reduce our 2024 costs which were not implemented in 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Implemented Solutions:</i> <i>Switch to LED lighting...</i> <i>Discontinued Phone-Tree</i> <i>Reduced Garbage Collection</i> <i>Planning on switching copy machine lease company</i></p>		
2024 Apportionments Paid:	District	Conference
	\$	\$0.00

MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Murphysboro, IL 62966**

OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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Website: www.crossandflameministries.com

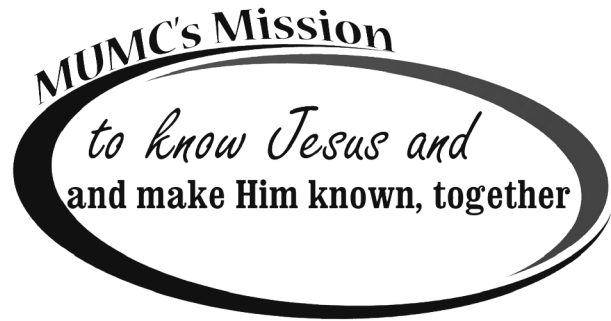
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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



Staff

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Marty McMichael
Pastor of
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& Family Ministries.....Melanie Harp
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