



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 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.

—Psalms 100: 1-3

Praising God isn't predicated on our abilities or the quality of our voice or our goodness. It's about His. It's interesting that the writer uses the word "noise" to describe our praise, one that we often view with a negative connotation. Perhaps some of us are a little more reluctant to sing out in church, feeling that we're not great singers or even that those around us might hear and judge how we sound or what our praise "looks like". But this introduction of "noise" into the scripture indicates that it's only a sincere heart the love we display towards God that matters.

Packaged within these verses about praise music is the idea of servitude, suggesting that when we praise God we're, in fact, serving Him. This lies at the center of why He created us, which is for Him. Our sacrifice of praise is aligned with our calling to live as living sacrifices, not just for the world He came to save but unto Him as well. Magnifying God authentically in the Spirit, sincere and connected, is how we fight our battles alongside the time spent on our knees in prayer. The two are really not so far apart, both being an entering into communion with the God who spoke the Universe into existence and who offers us an eternal salvation that no one can take away, It's His grace that humbles and strengthens us so as to pass on that grace to others.

The "why" is even more interesting. We are admonished to come before God in praise and worship simply because He is God and we are His adopted sons and daughters. It's not because our circumstances are great or that life is a dream or that everything goes as we hope, but because of His nature in reaching through time, place, and space to love us where we are and change us for where we're headed.

As we begin a new performance season for our Chamber and Bell Choirs, I'd like to extend an invite to you to try us out. You don't have to be an expert musician, read music, or have any experience. No ongoing commitments are needed. All it takes is a love for music and a desire to praise God through our music ministry at MUMC. Chancel Choir rehearsals start August 21st and Bell Choir rehearsals begin September 7th. Come as you are. And if you have questions, please don't hesitate to let Cameron or myself know.

With that, we look forward to seeing you in Church on Sunday where it's okay to make some noise.

Blessings in Christ,
Keith
Keith Javors, Ed.D.

REMINDER—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



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.

1	6:00 PM	Scouts of the Round	12	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support	20	5:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00pm	GA Meeting		4:00pm	Bible Journaling		6:00pm	SAS Meeting
2	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	13	10:15am	Young @Heart on the Road		7:00pm	Service & Mission
3	9:00am	Food Safety Class		11:00am	Staff Meeting	21	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza
	10:00am	AA Meeting	14	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care		7:00pm	NA Meeting
4	4:30pm	Glory Fire Youth Band		7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza	22	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00pm	NA Meeting	23	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
5	5:00pm	Relay for Life Jackson County	15	7:00pm	GA Meeting	24	10:00am	AA Meeting
	5:45pm	SS Team	16	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	25	9:00am	Confirmation Sunday
6	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	17	10:00am	AA Meeting		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
7	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza		10:30am	Book Club	26	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	18		Baptism Sunday & Picnic	27	11:00am	Staff Meeting
8	7:00pm	GA Meeting		10:15am	BBQ Pickup	28	9:00am	Holy Folders
9	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		4:30pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	29	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza
	9:30am	Feeder of the Pack @ Food Pantry		5:00pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00pm	NA Meeting
10	7:30am	UMM Breakfast	19		Meals on Wheels Week	29	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	10:00am	AA Meeting		5:45pm	SS Team	30	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
11		Promotion Sunday	20	11:00am	Staff Meeting	31	10:00am	AA Meeting



3	Francis & Willa Addison	11	Shannon & Jamie Green
4	Jay & Nicci Graff	16	Kathy & Gerald Ripley
6	Bill & Cecelia Crawshaw		



Sally Moutardier	Marty McNitt
Logan Wingerter	Abigail Wingerter
Bob Eaton	Charles Crews
Daxton Barringer	Jerry Miller
Elias Guthman	Tonia Purcell
Rick Pierson	Joshua Boyle
Preston Fletcher	Lance Carnes
Katrina Carnes	Brooke Guthman
Sharna Collins	Marty Rogers
Gary Likins	Maggie Baltzell
Kim Goforth	Hilary Brooks
Wade Poole	Wesley Graham
Grant Ticer	Wes Will
Alison Brown	Deana Twenhafel

Deadline for September Compass is August, 19th.



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



The Saturday Book Club
Church Library
August 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Virgil Wander
By Leif Enger

The first novel in ten years from award-winning, bestselling author Leif Enger, *Virgil Wander* is a sweeping story of new beginnings against all odds that follows the inhabitants of a hard luck town in their quest to revive its flagging heart. Carried aloft by quotidian pleasures of kite-flying, movies, fishing, baseball, necking in parked cars and falling in love, *Virgil Wander* is a swift, full journey into the heart and heartache of an often-overlooked upper Midwest by an award-winning master storyteller.

Leif Enger is also the author of *Peace Like a River* and *So Brave, Young, and Handsome*. Both of those books are in the Church Library if you would like to read more by him!

The read ahead book for September is ***Bel Canto*** by Ann Patchett

YAH enjoying a luncheon catered by Pat's Barbeque and Rosie Wece in the MUMC Fellowship Hall and a tour of Ron Kiser's farm.



Young at Heart will be back on the road on Tuesday, August 13, traveling to the Grecian Steak & Seafood House in Pinckneyville, IL. The Grecian is known for reasonable prices, excellent service, pleasant surroundings, an extensive salad bar and amazing steaks. The church bus will leave the MUMC parking lot at 10:15 am for 11:00 am reservations. Please join us for another fun-filled outing with great food and fellowship, and don't forget to invite a friend!



Teams for this Month

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
4th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
11th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraikill
18th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraikill
25th	1	Rick Runge, Jay Graff, Nicci Graff, Mike Clark, Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff

Welcome Center/Greeters

4th	Nancy Fager
11th	Susan Patterson
18th	Carolyn Ozburn
25th	Carolyn Ozburn

Call to Worship/Liturgist

4th	Barb Hughes
11th	Erin Mileur
18th	Gene Schwebel
25th	Vanessa Lirely

End of Week Volunteers

2nd	Sandy Herring
9th	Janet Porter
16th	Nancy Fager
23rd	Sharon Jones
30th	Sandy Herring

Breakthrough Prayer/Scripture Reader

4th	Barb Hughes
11th	Erin Mileur
18th	Snyder Family
25th	Vanessa Lirely



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. If anyone is interested in coordinating future sales please contact Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601 (call or text) or lynnperson@ymail.com



In Season Two of The Chosen, the word is spreading. Increased fame brings growing crowds, new disciples, and more miracles. It also brings trouble. Mary is confronted with old demons. The tension between Simon and Matthew explodes. James and John battle their prejudices and fiery tempers. But they all continue to passionately pursue the man they don't always understand, but will always follows. Join the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class as they view and discuss this amazing DVD series. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a wonderful time of fellowship.

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.



5 Year Food Safety ServeSafe Managers Class

Aug 3rd - 9am - 5pm

Class will be at Murphysboro United Methodist Church 1500 Pine Street
Cost is \$100 payable day of class.

Call the office at 618-687-2317 or email murphysboroumc@gmail.com to signup.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children & youth who are moving up to the next level Sunday School class will be recognized during worship service.



August 11th, 9:00 am

Immediately following the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 18, the Nurture and Care Committee will be hosting a meal for the participants, their families and the congregation. Todd Doody will be preparing the barbeque, the church will provide the drinks and table settings, and all other attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If you plan to attend, you are asked to please sign up on the attendance pad. Please consider being part of this wonderful and meaningful event in the life of the church.

MUMC Special Congregational Events Fundraiser

MUMC is selling BBQ Pork to raise money to help fund different congregational events throughout the year, for example, the Thanksgiving Dinner, Ice Cream Socials, Summer Picnic, etc. The first event will be our Baptism Picnic on August 18th. Stay for the picnic and celebrate our newly baptized members while also supporting our meal that day and future events by preordering BBQ to pick up.

Order forms due to the office no later than Thursday, Aug 8th by 1pm.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pulled Pork by the Pound \$12:

Number of Pounds: _____ x \$12, Total \$ _____

Smoked Chicken Thighs \$2 each:

Number of Thighs: _____ x \$2, Total \$ _____

Smoked Chicken Wings \$1 each:

Number of Wings: _____ x \$1, Total \$ _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Total \$ Enclosed: _____

Must be picked up on Sunday, Aug 18th after church.



Congregational Events BBQ Fundraiser

Help us fund our Baptism Picnic Meal and future congregational events by preordering BBQ. The smoked BBQ will be available for pickup on August 18th during our Baptsim Picnic.

Order forms can be found in the Bulletin, back of Sanctuary, & your Aug Compass. Due to office Aug 8th

MUMC Volunteer Day at 724 Ministries at the Walker House

SAVE THE DATE

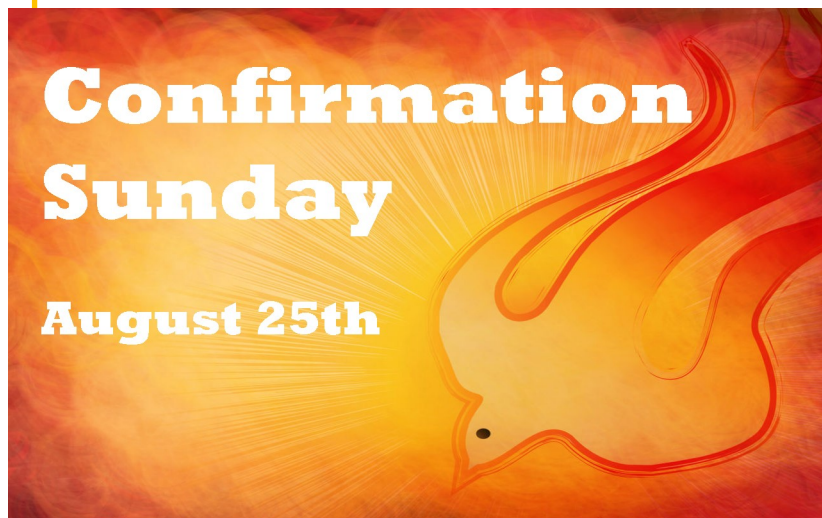
September 8th



On September 8, our congregation will have the opportunity to serve our community at 724 Ministries as part of our sponsorship provided by the Noisy Offering and Service and Missions. Please stay tuned for the opportunity to sign up for the various volunteer positions required to provide a meal for our neighbors. Thank you! Pastor Michelle

Confirmation Sunday

August 25th



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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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Music Director Keith Javors
Nursery Attendant Ashlee Sanders
Technology.....Melba Ziegler

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Starting August 4th
 The Word
 of God

Sermon Series