



GOD'S KINGDOM: CONFIRMATIONS AND BAPTISMS

We just finished the sermon series "The Kingdom of God". If we were to choose one idea most important to Jesus it would be 'The Kingdom of God'. It was His topical preoccupation when preaching to the masses. The Kingdom of God conceptually represented the foundational mindset Jesus wanted followers to access; that their faith formation would begin with the idea of a sovereign God ruling over His loyal subjects. Such a concept would color and solidify a reverent, awe-inspiring approach of every so-called Christian.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle... (Psalm 100:1-8)

The King has established His Kingdom on earth through us. One of the ways that heaven gently touches our world is when our obedience to be living witnesses, refuge, and voice of God toward others result in Confirmation and Baptism. This is our pay-day, our moment of joy, our proof of an invisible God working in the visible world!

9 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

In August we will have faithfully made available through *signs & acts* the rites of Confirmation and Baptism for those who would answer the Holy Spirit's calling to come nearer. We will stand as faithful witness and tangible support for those who would undertake this wondrous journey of being 'born again' in God through Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit!

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:1-3)

It is my deepest hope that each of you who are already baptized prepare your children for confirmation and consider requesting of your pastors to '*remember your baptism*'. It's a sacramental *act of* expressing one's faith through the *sign* of water to help you rediscover the mystery of your baptism, when you experienced God's calling so many years ago. Consider preparing for your special day through prayer and study of God's Word. This will ensure that your faithful re-engaging of the holy waters will be effectual in revealing God's ongoing work in your life! Let us keep these holy acts in view year-round, looking for every opportunity to be invitational images of Christ. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Marty McMichael

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Sr. Pastor

1	4:30pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	13	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	21	10:00am	AA Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship		9:30am	Feeder of the Pack @Food Pantry		10:30am	Book Club
2		Office Closed—Labor Day	14	7:30am	Apple Pancake Breakfast	22		
3	11:00am	Staff Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting	23	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts	15	4:30pm	Glory Fire Youth Band	24	11:00am	Staff Meeting
4	5:45pm	Choir Practice		5:00pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	16		Meals on Wheels Week	25	9:00am	Holy Folders
5	6:00pm	Scouts of the Round Table		5:45pm	SS Team		5:45pm	Choir Practice
	7:00pm	GA Meeting	17	11:00am	Staff Meeting		7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza
6	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00pm	SAS Meeting		7:00pm	NA Meeting
7	10:00am	AA Meeting		6:00pm	Cub Scouts	26	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	10:00am	Hand Bell Choir		6:00pm	Service & Missions	27	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
8	3:00pm	MUMC at 724 Ministries	18	9:00am	Nurture & Care	28	10:00am	Hand Bells
9	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support		5:45pm	Choir Practice		10:00am	AA Meeting
	4:00pm	Bible Journaling		7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza	29		Youth Sunday
10	11:00am	Young at Heart on the Road	18	7:00pm	Bible Study w/Pizza		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	11:00am	Staff Meeting		7:00pm	NA Meeting	30		
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts	19	7:00pm	GA Meeting	31	11:00am	Staff Meeting
11	5:45pm	Choir	20	7:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00pm	NA Meeting		11:00am	Blood Drive			
12	7:00pm	GA Meeting	21	10:00am	Hand Bells			

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, 1500 Pine Street.

September Meal
**Sloppy Joe's, Chips,
 Cupcakes & Cookies!**

Everyone welcome!




**AMERICAN
 RED CROSS
 BLOOD DRIVE**

Signup now at www.redcrossblood.org

Friday, September 20th 11am-4pm
 Volunteers needed for snacks and day of drive
 Contact Gene Schwebel 618-521-0879
 Signup on Online or ask Gene for
 help on Sundays before & after church.





2	Rob & Mary Jane Williams	13	John & Julie Erbes
3	Morgan & Nikki Krummrich	17	Ben & Jennie Snyder
4	Mike & Michelle Clark	26	Katie & Lee Stewart
10	Jim & Barb Hughes	28	Dan & Beverley Jarrett



4	Erin Mileur	16	Stephanie Finke
6	Andrew Graham	18	Oliva Sunny
6	George Sauer	20	Dan Jarrett
7	Amanda Ripley	21	Megan Blackwell
9	Taylor Moutardier	22	James Stewart
9	Emma Wiwchar	26	Robert Kinslow
10	Malcolm Johnson	28	Rob Graeff
10	Cole McNitt	28	Julia Huppert
11	Ron Kiser	28	Conner Twenhafel
11	Robin Sievert	29	Curt Presley
11	Kelle Ticer	30	Ryan Guthman
11	Amanda Wingerter	30	Ashley Runge
16	Bill Crawshaw		

Deadline for October Compass is September, 16th.

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



The Saturday Book Club
Church Library
September 21st, 10:00 a.m.
Bel Canto

By Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett's spellbinding novel about love and opera, and the unifying ways people learn to communicate across cultural barriers in times of crisis. Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of the powerful businessman Mr. Hosokawa. Roxanne Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening—until a band of gun-wielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different, a moment of great beauty, as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds and people from different continents become compatriots, intimate friends, and lovers.

Patchett's lyrical prose and lucid imagination make *Bel Canto* a captivating story of strength and frailty, love and imprisonment, and an inspiring tale of transcendent romance.

Read ahead book for October is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah



We are looking to add to our Acolyte team. Requirement is individual is in the 3rd to 8th grade. Please contact the Church Office or Shelia Stewart 618-201-3328. I appreciate all the kids that step up and serve without asking. Thank you! Shelia



Young at Heart will be back on the road on Tuesday, September 10 for 11:30 am reservations at Emily's Eatery & Events in Dowell, IL. The review of Emily's from Southern Illinois Eats reports "very good food and very fast service! Our waitress, Kylie, was awesome!! Very attentive on refills and helped us choose from the menu when we had a hard time deciding. She was great!! The restaurant itself was very clean. So happy to have this place so close to home." That sounds good to me, and it if sounds good you, please plan on meeting us in the MUMC parking lot at 11:00 am for the short trip to Dowell, and don't forget to invite a friend! See you then!



Teams for this Month

Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
1st	1	Rick Runge, Jim Hughes, Mike Clark, Matt Hardwig Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff
8th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
15th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
22nd	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraillkill, Dan Bratton
29th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring, Ed Thraillkill, Dan Bratton

Welcome Center/Greeters

1st	Marilyn Perry
8th	Marilyn Perry
15th	Barb Hughes
22nd	Barb Hughes
29th	

Call to Worship/Liturgist

1st	Rick Runge
8th	Nancy Fager
15th	Rosie Wece
22nd	Thelma Pierson
29th	Youth Sunday

End of Week Volunteers

1st	Sandy Herring
8th	Janet Porter
15th	Nancy Fager
22nd	Sharon Jones
29th	Sandy Herring

Breakthrough Prayer/Scripture Reader

1st	Rick Runge
8th	Imhoff Family
15th	Rosie Wece
22nd	Hernon Family
29th	Youth Sunday



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 winter items left from the spring summer sale.) (Do not bring summer items to this sale.)

We will NOT except housewares home, decor, or seasonal items.

Workdays to sort clothing will be Monday, October 7 through Friday, October 11. Time TBA.

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



During the month of September, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing with Season Two of the Chosen. In Season Two, the word is spreading and 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 follow. 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.

Dear Church Family:

On October 13th many churches across our nation will join us in celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Help us to show Pastor Marty and his family how much we have enjoyed their presence here and that we look forward to the future. Under their guidance and the dedication of our church members, this church continues to spread the ministry of God's love and blessings.

We will be collecting monetary donations until October 3rd so that we may present them to Pastor Marty on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. If you would like to contribute to this gift you may do so with one of the following options:

- Mail your gift to the church office by October 3rd.
- Use the online giving portal. Select the drop-down box marked "Appreciation of Service - Pastor"
- Place in the offering plate in an envelope clearly marked "Pastor Appreciation of Service" by Sunday, September 29th.

The whole month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month – so you may continue to give even if these preferred dates are not met. Just make sure you mark your giving accordingly. Please send cards of appreciation and motivation to them. They are so appreciated.

Thank you so much for your participation in this annual recognition, both in the past and currently. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Marty, Veronica, and their family here with us.

Sincerely,
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A Gentle Plea

Unfortunately, we are currently very short of good books for the Little Free Library! There are a lot of readers in the congregation and we hope you might help by donating some books you no longer need.

The Little Free Library (LFL) is located by the sidewalk close to our pavilion on 16th St. You have probably noticed it— a box on “legs,” painted in cheerful colors, where people can either leave books for others or take out books of interest. Simply put, it is a book exchange box, and anyone can use it.

Here is some more information:

Q. What is the purpose of the LFL?

A. First, it serves as a quiet outreach to our neighborhood and to anyone in Murphysboro who would like to use it, including our own congregation. Second, it supports education, learning, and the pleasure of reading. Third, it is just plain fun. It's a little like a treasure hunt. You don't know what you will find when you open those doors!

Q. What kind of books do we put in the LFL?

A. One important thing is that we try to keep a few books with religious themes in the box, because that may be the very thing people are looking for. But keep in mind that since this is a book exchange box, anyone can put books in the box, and they do! Plus, we try to add books of general interest to help keep the contents varied. Here are some of the types of books we can use: **Bibles, Cookbooks, History, Military History, Mysteries, Fiction, Romance (not too steamy) Devotionals or other faith related books, and Children and Youth Books (from babyhood on up).**

Q. How can I donate books to the LFL?

A. The easiest way to donate is just to place them in the box. Please feel free to take a book from the box also (remember it is a book exchange box)! If you have a number of books to donate, you can bring them down to the Church Library and leave them there. We will use what we can! Some things might end up being passed along to other places.

Q. Any other information that would be useful?

A. Good children's books are especially needed. The good ones usually fly out of the box! Also, books that are in good condition are more appealing. Books in poor shape are usually not taken. Do you have further questions? Contact Susan Patterson or Trina Eaton—we will be happy to talk with you!

And thank you for any help you can give to upgrade the books we offer in the Little Free Library!



Rosie Wece will lead you in this beginner friendly step-by-step fun fall painting. You will learn basic paint strokes, wispy and crisscrossing strokes, shading, highlighting and splatter fun.

Please bring an old toothbrush to the workshop. You will take home a beautiful 11X14" painting. Cost for this class is \$35 each and can be paid the day of the workshop or to the church office. Price includes canvas, brushes, paint, easel, apron and a slice of homemade pie!

Deadline to sign up is Monday, September 30th. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Women's Ministry.

Fall Ball Paint & Pie Workshop **Sunday** Murphysboro United Methodist Church **October 6th** 1500 Pine Street **1 - 4pm**



Rosie Wece will lead you in this beginner friendly fall painting. Please bring an old toothbrush to the workshop.

Cost is \$35 and can be paid the day of or to the church office. Price includes supplies and a slice of homemade pie!

Deadline to sign up is **Monday, September 30th**. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Women's Ministry.

Call or email to signup: 618-687-2317
murphysboroumc@gmail.com

On behalf of Eleanor & Archer Mack – 3 month old twins of Tabitha & David Mack (at time of newsletter) --- the blankets that the church prayed over and gifted are so special! They will continue to be a special blessing to them as they grow. Thanks to all for your continued prayers as Eleanor & Archer continue to grow.

Double Thank You



thank you

Murphysboro UMC Family -

Thank you so much for your love and support during my mother's recent illness and passing. Your prayers, phone calls, texts, food, and cards have been and continue to be so appreciated.

Thank you also to Michelle Parker - Clark for coming to our home to pray with us the morning of my mother's passing.

Your many acts of kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Rindy Eisenhauer

Baptism Sunday Merrill Thies



MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1500 Pine Street

Murphysboro, IL 62966

OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday 9:am—Noon
 Tuesday-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



MUMC Volunteer Day at 724 Ministries at the Walker House

Sunday, Sept 8th from 3 pm to 7 pm

**Volunteers are needed
3-6pm.**

**If interested call
the church office or sign up
on the attendance pad.
618-687-2317**



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. You may sign up on the attendance pad or by letting the church office know. required to provide a meal for our neighbors. Thank you! Pastor Michelle