



Psalm 150

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

2 Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

5 Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

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Hello Church Family,

We're proud of the talents we have within the MUMC Music Ministry. Whether it's through a powerful Chancel Choir anthem, angelic Bell Choir introit, exciting Children's Sunday praise chorus, or that unexpected special solo that really moves you, or in possibilities not yet recognized or implemented, we know that God has truly blessed us. I'm wondering if I can be proud of how God's given us that but also not too proud to beg you the congregation, as the old song goes?

We have an ongoing need for more folks to join us in praising God through the wonderful gift of music. Not only do we praise together, we also have a really great time. We're so grateful for your support, even if in small ways or through your prayers, or how you forgive and overlook that one sour chord that was as much of a surprise to us as it was to you. ;)

We need you and would love your participation anytime you're interested or available. Please know that you don't have to sing or play great or have any sort of musical background, just a willingness to serve and a heart for music. .

Participating in the groups or settings doesn't require a regular commitment or your "membership". For instance, if you'd like to sing with the Chancel Choir, you can do so whenever and however much you'd like, even in just special Sundays and one time every few years.

Finally, you don't necessarily have to be at our weekly rehearsal prior to sing with the group on that Sunday, as we also rehearse before Church and sometimes can send demos in advance. So there's a welcomed flexibility. If you feel led to join us for a regular thing or just for a season and in whatever context, we'd love that! Simply speak to Cameron or myself or one of our members and we'll make it work!

Wishing each of you and your families God's love, mercy, and blessings this Fall.

Sincerely yours,  
Keith Javors, Ed.D.

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

## 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.

### October Meal

Pancakes, Sausage, Cupcakes & Cookies!

**Everyone welcome!**



## Noisy Offering

### October

## Murphysboro Food Pantry

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ~ Psalm 100:1



5	Kyle & Emily Hargraves	12	JT & Bethany Jenkins
5	Richard & Lynn Pierson	15	Bill & Carla Quigley
5	James & Sheila Stewart	16	Harold & Marlene Gibbs
9	Ryan & Brooke Guthman	26	Roger & Sharon Medlan
11	Todd & Robin Sievert		



1	Jaylah Maynor	15	MaryJane Williams
2	Rosella Young	18	Andy McNitt
7	Jennifer Watson	21	Jennie Snyder
8	Ellen McNitt	22	Gary Wece
9	Lora Maye Bitner	23	Leland Hernan
9	River Hughes	24	Mary Ann Hinchcliff
9	Carolyn Ozburn	25	Julie Peterson
9	Hanna Wece	26	Nicci Graff
9	Susan Wirth	28	Eloise Hernan
11	Leslie Clark	28	Ben Snyder
12	Elizabeth Lovell	28	Margie Stilley
13	Rick Runge	28	Barbara Zimmerman
13	Braden Miller	30	Kyle Quigley
15	Maya Jenkins	30	London Watson

Deadline for November Compass is October, 14th.

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



The Saturday Book Club  
Church Library  
October 19th, 10:00 a.m.

The Women  
By Kristin Hannah

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

The read ahead book for November is My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout





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, October 8. We will be traveling to DuQuoin for 11:30 am reservations at BJ's Garden Inn Cafe where we will enjoy a private buffet with homestyle favorites such as fried chicken, ham and beans, and polish sausage and kraut. We will depart the MUMC parking lot at 11:00 am and after lunch we will return to Murphysboro stopping for a tour at Ron Kiser's farm where we will view his extensive collection of antique cars and other vintage items. Young at Heart is open to any retirees, so always feel free to invite a friend as we love welcoming new people to join the group. We hope to see "you" on October 8 at YAH goes back on the road!

Young at Heart last month at Emily's Eatery and Events in Dowell, IL





# Teams for this Month

## Usher Teams

Date	Team #	Names
6th	1	Rick Runge, Jim Hughes, Mike Clark, Matt Hardwig Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff
13th	1	Rick Runge, Jim Hughes, Mike Clark, Matt Hardwig Nancy Fager, Tim Imhoff
20th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody
27th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, John Erbes, Andy McNitt, Todd Doody

### Welcome Center/Greeters

6th	Vanessa Lirely
13th	Vanessa Lirely
20th	Janet Porter
27th	Janet Porter

### Call to Worship/Liturgist

6th	Rick Runge
13th	Barb Hughes
20th	Erin Mileur
27th	Gene Schwebel

### Acolytes

6th	Crawford Voss & Eliza Hernan
13th	Elijah & John Imhoff
20th	Jesse Harp
27th	Jonathan Graham

### Breakthrough Prayer/Scripture Reader

6th	Rick Runge
13th	Harp Family
20th	Julie Peterson
27th	Gene Schwebel

### End of Week Volunteers

4th	Sandy Herring
11th	Janet Porter
18th	Nancy Fager
25th	Sharon Jones



The 2024 Fall/Winter yard sale will be Friday, October 11 and 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.)

Applicable books will be accepted for the Little Free Library.

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

Workdays to sort clothing will be Monday, October 7 through Thursday, October 10. Work times will be 9 am to noon. Please deliver items to sell no later than Wednesday, October 9.

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



During the month of October, and through the end of the year, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be studying Adam Hamilton's Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It. This will be a combination of DVD and book study focusing on how Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st century Christians - calling for a revival of our hearts and souls that our world might be changed. In this study Adam Hamilton travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. Adults of all ages are welcome and invited to attend for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer.

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,  
SAS Committiee



Trunk or Treat is our biggest community outreach event annually. It's a lot of fun, too! Last year, we served about 800 people, and we expect to do more this year. There will be hotdogs, trunks full of candy, and a photo opportunity. The candy collection begins immediately! You will find the candy collection bin by the Welcome Center, or you can take to Melba in the office Mon., 9am—Noon or Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm. If you like to dress up and hand out candy the Service & Mission team needs your help with this. Please contact Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601 (call or text) or [lynnpierson@ymail.com](mailto:lynnpierson@ymail.com)-or Melba in the office to let them know you will host a trunk-the more the merrier.

**Candy, Trunks, & Helpers Needed!**  
 Contact Lynn Pierson 618-684-3601 or Melba in the Office to volunteer!

**Trunk or Treat**  
 Oct., 31st 5-8pm

Service & Missions is asking for your help with donating candy or treats, having a trunk or helping that night serving Hot Dogs to our visitors.



The Service & Mission team wants to thank you in advance for your help with this years Trunk-or-Treat.

Don't forget Sunday, Oct 6th is the Fall Ball Paint & Pie Workshop. 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](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)





I feel it is necessary to share some thoughts with my church family. Many of you have seen the church have many issues but we have always resolved problems by working together. Whether the problem was building, staff performance, or financial we got our act together. Today, we have a financial situation coupled with side effects of Covid and the United Methodist Church's lack of agreement as to just who should we serve and/or not serve.

The one area I can speak to is financial. It is a simple numbers game. We have lost so many members we have a crisis. Either we financially support our church or it will become very limited.

The Financial Secretary reports that Giving Units (GU's) have decreased from 113 in 2021 to 97 in 2024. A Giving Unit is either one person or a couple. From \$285,279 of giving in 2021 to projected giving of some \$232,000 in 2024...a little over \$53,000 less than needed to perform services. The weekly Church Bulletin tells us that about \$6,500 in offerings are needed each week. We are short of that by quite a bit.

What can we do?

1. Watch us wither away. Not good!
2. Move to another church. Not something I could do.
3. Hope for a windfall of money from someone's death. Not likely!
4. Work with the SAS Board to agree on path to take...sounds like a good remedy if progress is made. So, this may be a good time to give the board some ideas. SAS (Simplified Accountable System) is a new board and would probably like to hear from you. Their names and email are in the weekly Church Bulletin.
5. While time goes by over the next few months, go ahead and increase your giving by 5%...it will help immensely! If you give, for example, \$40 per week that means you would go to \$42 a week, or \$2,184 a year. If you give \$80 per week that means going to \$84 per week or \$4,368 per year. If you're at \$160 per month that means going to \$168 per week or \$8,736 per year.

Seem reasonable enough?

Perry H. Patterson, Member since 1966.



Congratulations to UMM for having a successful 13th Annual Apple Pancake Breakfast. Special thanks to Jay Graff, President, for his direction in having a team of helpers in the kitchen preparing pancakes for 285 persons and to Nicci Graff for having Fellowship Hall nicely decorated including all the volunteers who served. Yesterday's profit will go to community and church ministries. Prior to yesterday, \$14,610 has been distributed over the first 12 years.





Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson

By Mitch Albom

A book recommendation from Vern Cline

Tuesdays with Morrie was written in 1997 by Mitch Albom. Although 27 years old the book remains extremely relevant today and in the years to come. Morrie Schwartz was a professor of sociology at Brandeis University in 1994 when he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Lou Gehrig's disease. This terminal disease starts with muscle weakness and paralysis at the feet and works up the spinal cord until the lungs can no longer support life. Although there is currently ongoing research there is still no cure and very little symptom relief for ALS. Morrie knew from the start he was going to die by basically suffocating.

Morrie was a beloved professor of the author's. After several years of no communication Albom reconnected with Morrie and they committed to meeting every Tuesday. This book is a chronicle of their time together and Morrie's thoughts on life, death, love and spirituality, the important aspects of human life. As he openly faced suffering and death Morrie was still willing and able to share his life lessons. Following are some of the especially meaningful quotes that spoke to me.

"Don't concentrate on the things you used to do but can no longer do. Concentrate on what you can still do."

"Everybody knows they're going to die, but nobody believes it."

"Devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

"People are only mean when they are threatened."

"Love each other or perish."

I first read Tuesdays with Morrie in the late 1990s. Our 14-year-old granddaughter recommended this book to me after my husband, Ken, died last year. She said, "It made me think of PawPaw. You might cry." It opened a meaningful conversation about life and death and love. Hopefully there will be more of these discussions with her and her sibling and cousins. To me there is no higher recommendation. (I suggest you read it more than once in your life.)

(Note: A copy of this book is available in the church library and will be on display. This beloved book is still in print, and a 25th Anniversary edition is available in book stores.)

On behalf of Service and Missions, the loose change offering for Caring 4 Kids in July and August collected nearly \$2500 for our four Murphysboro public schools to use during the 2024-2025 school year. This is a very important service to our schoolchildren and Service and Missions has decided to match your giving with an additional \$2500.

Thank you so much for your support.

Lynn Pierson

Service and Missions



# MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 1500 Pine Street

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am—Noon & Tues-Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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#### 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  
Church Secretary ..... Melba Ziegler  
Pianist/Organist ..... Cameron Taylor  
Music Director ..... Keith Javors  
Nursery Attendant ..... Ashlee Sanders  
Technology.....Melba Ziegler



## KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP

Sermon Series  
Starts October 6th



## Murphysboro United Methodist Church

# YARD SALE OCT 11 & 12

### 8am - Noon



Work days & drop-off times will be  
Oct, 7th - 10th 9 am—Noon

## Winter Clothing Items Only

Volunteers are always needed to sort,  
display, and price items.