



# MUMC Compass

February 2025

*Philippians 4:12-14*

*12 Not that I have already attained, [a] or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have [b] apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Dear Church Family,

As we work our way through the cold and ice and into a brand new year, we can press forward into all that God has in store for us. Just as we had challenges in 2024, there will be challenges in 2025. Jesus said it would be like that. As life does what life does, there may be times where we feel that we're not strong enough, good enough, or just enough to prevail over the difficulties that could arise. The good news is that we serve a God who specializes in newness, better, and even the impossible. The key is to keep our eyes focused on Jesus. We're not alone in struggling and yet still doing great things for the Kingdom. Most of the men and woman we look up to in the Bible had difficulties and setbacks. Yet God used their power in weakness as a testimony to His strength and for His glory. For instance...

Abraham - Was real old.

Joseph - Was abused.

Moses- Had a speech problem.

Job - Went bankrupt.

Elijah - Was suicidal.

Gideon - Was depressed and afraid.

Rahab- Was a prostitute.

Samson - Was a womanizer.

Samaritan Woman - Divorced.

Peter - Denied Christ three times.

Noah - Was a drunk.

Jacob - Was a cheater.

David - Was a murderer.

Jonah - Ran from God.

Naomi - Was a widow.

Martha - Worried too much.

Jeremiah - Was young.

Zacchaeus - Was a wee little man and loved money.

The Disciples - Misfits epitomizing dysfunction.

Paul - Was a Pharisee who persecuted Christians before becoming one.

With that in mind, perhaps there's areas of service at MUMC where you've been considering getting more involved. Perhaps these are in much needed contribution to our Music Department. We offer an ongoing open invitation to participate, whether it be in Chapel Choir, Bell Choir, or even in vocal and instrumental solos or groups. You don't have to be a trained or skilled musician, and a long term commitment is not required. Feel free to try us out without any intrepidation or commitment. We'd be so happy just to fellowship with you and we really do have a great time. If you have questions or ideas, please just let the Staff or myself know!

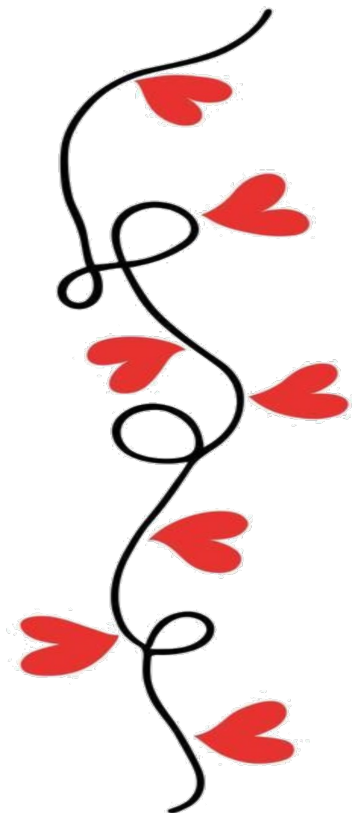
Wishing each of you God's grace and mercy in the year ahead.

Sincerely Yours,

Keith Javors, Ed.D.

Director of Music Ministry

1	9:00am	Hand Bells	12	5:45pm	Choir	20	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	10:00am	AA Meeting		7:00pm	Bible Study	21	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	11:30am	Women's Bus Trip		7:00pm	NA Meeting	22	9:00am	Hand Bells
2	5:00pm	Youth Planning	13	7:00pm	GA Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting
3	5:45pm	SS Team	14	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	23	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
4	6:00pm	Cub Scouts		9:30am	Feeder of the Pack	24	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support
5	5:45pm	Choir	15	9:00am	Hand Bells	25	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00pm	NA Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting	26	5:30pm	Choir
6	6:00pm	Scouts of the Round Table		10:30am	Book Club		7:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	GA Meeting	16	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00pm	NA Meeting
7	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	17		Presidents Day Office Closed	27	7:00pm	GA Meeting
8	7:30am	UMM Breakfast			Meals on Wheels Week	28	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	9:00am	Hand Bells		5:45pm	SS Team			
	10:00am	AA Meeting	18	11:00am	Staff Meeting			
9				6:00pm	SAS Meeting			
10	2:30pm	Grief & Loss Support		6:00pm	Cub Scouts			
	4:00pm	Bible Journaling		7:00pm	Service & Mission			
11	10:30am	Young at Heart	19	5:30pm	Choir			
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts		7:00pm	Bible Study			
				7:00pm	NA Meeting			



# HAPPY Anniversary

14	Paul & Viola Parrish
18	Bill & Mary Slider
22	Charles & Pam Crews

1	Roger Twenhafel	12	Patti Mills
2	Morgan Krummrich	14	Betty Morefield
3	Tyler Doody	15	Lynn Pierson
5	Anthony Maynor	16	Leah Patterson
5	Ed Thraikill	16	Julie Schaldemose
6	Michelle Thies	17	Ginger Guetersloh
7	Lola Pierson	19	Maddie Bean
8	Johnathan Graham	22	Paul Parrish
8	Kyle Hargraves	22	Mila Thies
10	Harold Gibbs	23	Donna Lynn Horniacek
11	Doug Bitner	23	Janet Porter
11	Sadie Schwoerer	24	Judy Little
12	Dan David	24	Adrienne Will

**THE GIFT**  
The Responsibility  
**THE CHALLENGE**

SERMON SERIES  
STARTING  
FEBRUARY  
9TH

God Uses Us All!



Date	Friday Volunteer
Jan 31st	Sandy Herring
Feb 7th	Janet Porter
Feb 14th	Nancy Fager
Feb 21st	Sharon Jones
Feb 28th	Sandy Herring



Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Usher Team
Feb 2nd	Shelia Stewart	Rosie Wece	Todd's Team #2
Feb 9th	Marlene Gibbs	Thelma Pierson	Rick's Team #1
Feb 16th	Marlene Gibbs	Rick Runge	Rick's Team #1
Feb 23rd	Sharon Graff	Barb Hughes	Patti's Team #3





Save the Date



**LUCKY CHARM LUNCHEON**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 16TH 1:00PM**  
**Tickets On Sale Soon**

Corned Beef-N-Cabbage,  
 Music, Silent Auction,  
 Best Dressed (Green & Gold) Contest,  
 Youth Decorating Contest (a penny a vote)

Funds collected at this event will benefit the Church Operating Budget

The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class has resumed their study of The Chosen, which is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew Him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer. (Seeker meet Sundays in room 202 at 10:15)

**JESUS Everywhere!**  
 Hosted by  
 Pittsburg Free Will Baptist Church  
 in Pittsburg, IL.

**Saturday February 1**  
 1-5:30 p.m. Registration required.

**MUMC TO PRAYING WOMEN FORUM 2025**

TO ATTEND YOU **MUST** SIGN UP ON-LINE BY JAN 27TH SEE THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE BUS WILL BE LEAVING THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 11:30. (PLEASE SIGN UP ON ATTENDANCE PAD OR BY CALLING THE OFFICE)

SEE ROSIE WECE OR MICHELLE PARKER CLARK FOR MORE INFORMATION



## Young at Heart on the Road

Young at Heart is excited to be back on the road after a weather-related vacation in January. On Tuesday, February 11 we will be traveling to Turner's Table. Formerly operating at the Crab Orchard Golf Club, the restaurant is now located at the old Pioneer's Cabin in Carterville. Turner's Table is known for their delicious home-style breakfasts, burgers, and fried chicken served in the cozy charm of the cabin. We will be leaving the MUMC parking lot at 10:30 am for a scheduled 11:00 am lunch. Please join us for another fun outing with YAH on the Road, and don't forget to invite a friend.