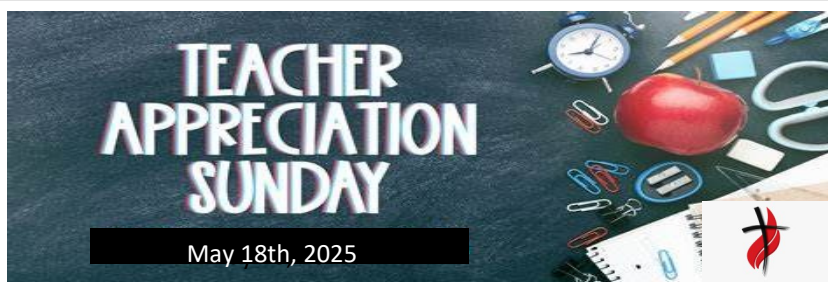




MUMC Compass

May 2025



Church family, we are preparing to honor our teachers during the Teacher's Appreciation Service on May 18, 2025. This is part of a larger effort to recognize and affirm the work of those who faithfully taught our children educational academics, morals, values, and good citizenry. I want to thank the Community Development Team, created by our new S.A.S. Board, for spearheading this initiative. It is a miniscule thing, in some respect, to say to our teachers, we are grateful. But in a world which no longer values the tenants of Christ, specifically sacrificial service, it becomes a tremendous act of kindness, respect, and affirmation to simply say to the teachers of Murphysboro, and those who are members of our congregation; THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Murphysboro UMC is blessed to have within its membership 20 plus academicians. These are people committed to learning and the development of young minds to embrace that same lofty ideal. Let us make no mistake concerning the value of these individuals to our church, larger community, and even the world. They remind us, that commitment to one's call can't ever be based on accolades, exorbitant salaries, and positions of power. They remind us that we must value that which is sacred and perform the task with dignity, honor, and self-discipline befitting a teacher. They remind us that servants have honor with God!

²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)

As honored members of our family we want to take the time to mention each by name. It is the least we can do:

Thelma Pierson	Wilma Westerfield	Carolyn Sauer	Sharon Jones
Mary Jane Williams	Rindy Eisenhauer	Bob Hall	Heather Sunny
Kyle Quigley	Ashley Runge	Patty Thrailkill	Elliot Hernan
Laura Hernan	Rene Doody	Bob Arnold	Barb Arnold
Jennifer Graeff	Bob Stilley	DeAnn Stilley	Tabitha Mack
Lacey Brown	Stephanie Finke	Vern Cline	Adrienne Hardwig
Julie Peterson	John Erbes	John Vallino	Adrienne Will
Jane Westermeier	Judy Little	Michelle Parker-Clark	
Mary Ann Chambers Hinchcliff			

I want to take this opportunity of correspondence to invite each teacher, whether they are actively in service or retired, to our **Teachers Appreciation Service**. Please know that you are also asked to join us, and other

academicians we've invited, for brunch afterwards. I just want an opportunity to fellowship with you. Also to honestly inquire of the needs teachers in Murphysboro are experiencing. It is my sincere hope to hear from the Holy Spirit during our time together; that we may collectively conceive ways we Murphysboro UMC, as a congregation, can come alongside of our teachers with methodologies that create outcomes suitable for the effective application of your discipline.

So please consider this letter as **your official in-house invitation** to Teacher's Appreciation Sunday and the fellowship brunch that will proceed at the end of the service. Your presence will make a difference. Just as it does and did in the lives of the children you faithfully served or are currently serving.

Sincerely yours

Marty McMichael

Sr. Pastor

Please let the office staff know if you are currently or a retired teacher and we left you off this list.



Food Safety 5yr Managers Serve Safe Class

**May 27th & 29th
5-9pm**

**Cost of the Class is \$125
(payable to teacher)**

**Call or email the church office
to sign up. 618-687-2317 or
murphysboroumc@gmail.com**

**Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street**

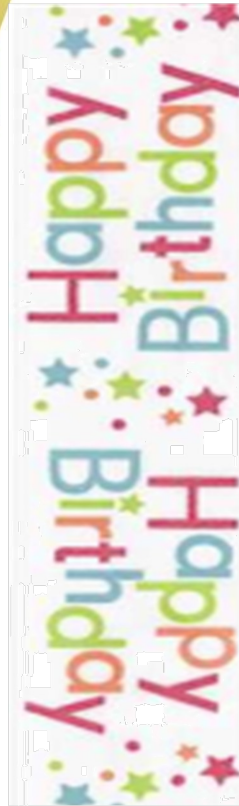


1	6:00pm	Scouts of the Round Table	13	5:45pm	SS Team	22	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	7:00pm	GA Meeting	14	10:45am	Young @ Heart	23	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
2	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:45pm	Choir	24	9:00am	Hand Bells
3	9:00am	Hand Bells		7:00pm	Bible Study		10:00am	AA Meeting
	9:00am	Women's Prayer Bfast at Grace		7:00pm	NA Meeting	25	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	10:00am	AA Meeting	15	7:00pm	GA Meeting	26		Memorial Day—Office Closed
4	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	16	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	27	5:00pm	Food Safety #1
5				10:00am	Caregivers Support		6:00pm	Cub Scouts
6	11:00am	Staff Meeting	17	9:00am	Hand Bells	28	5:45pm	Choir
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts		10:00am	AA Meeting		7:00pm	NA Meeting
7	5:45pm	Choir		10:30am	Book Club	29	7:00pm	Food Safety #2
	7:00pm	Bible Study	18		Teacher Appreciation		7:00pm	GA Meeting
	7:00pm	NA Meeting		5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	30	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
8	7:00pm	GA Meeting	19		Meals on Wheels Week		10:00am	Bunco
9	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	20	6:00pm	SAS Meeting		Noon	Bunco Lunch
	9:30am	Feed of the Pack @Food Pantry		6:00pm	Service & Mission	31	9:00am	Hand Bells
10	7:30am	UMM Breakfast		6:00pm	Cub Scouts		10:00am	AA Meeting
	9:00am	Hand Bells	21	9:00am	Women's Care & Share			
	10:00am	AA Meeting		12:30pm	PJROSC			
11		Mother's Day		5:45pm	Choir			
12	4:00pm	Bible Journaling		7:00pm	Bible Study			
	5:00pm	JC Relay for Life		7:00pm	NA Meeting			



HAPPY Anniversary

2	Rick & Durice Runge
8	Chad & Holly Fletcher
11	Jeff & Leah Patterson
19	Ed & Jennifer O'Donnell
19	Bill & Thelma Pierson
24	Ron & Hillary Brooks
27	Dan & Kathy Bratton
27	Andy & Nancy McNitt
31	Curt & Cindy Presley



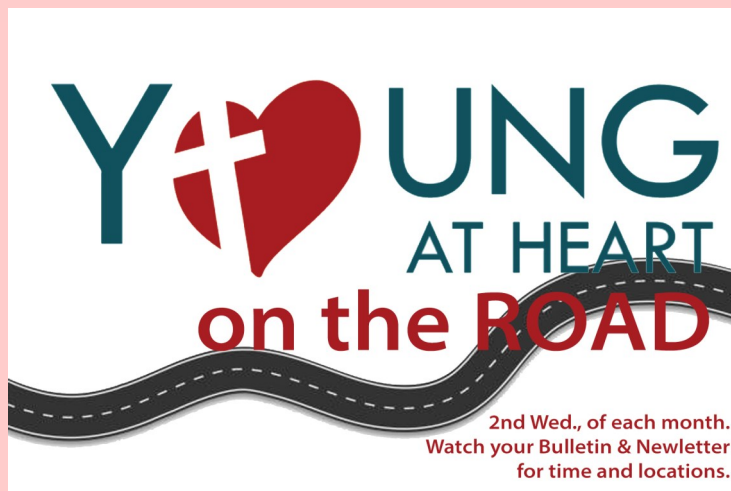
2	Terri Twenhafel	15	Jordan Williams
5	Jason Nimmo	16	Daxton Hargraves
6	Ethan Zimmerman	19	Christina Ripley
8	Ryan Finke	21	Bethany Jenkins
9	Jeff Patteron	23	Carol Wehmeyer
9	Madison Runge	24	Delores McNitt
9	Candace Watt	26	Carolyn Sauer
13	Renalyn Maynor	29	Richard Pierson
14	Vanessa Lirely	30	Diane Cardwll

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



Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Acolytes	Scripture Reader	Usher Team
May 4th	Thelma Pierson	Gene Schwebel	Pending	Gene Schwebel	#available
May 11th	Thelma Pierson	Erin Mileur	Pending	Hernon Family	#1 Rick Runge
May 18th	Susan Patterson	Vanessa Lirely	Pending	Julie Peterson	#1 Rick Runge
May 25th	Carolyn Ozburn	Cameron Taylor	Pending	Graham Family	#3 Patti Mills

After taking a break during the Lenten Season to do a special study, the Seekers Adults Sunday School Class will be returning to Season 3 of The Chosen during the month of May. In Season 3, Jesus promises rest to all of His followers, but that doesn't mean there won't be trouble along the way. All 12 disciples face new fears when Jesus sends them on their first mission. And, each faces his own unique burden, as well. Meanwhile, scores of newcomers like Veronica and Jairus desperately seek Jesus for relief from crushing crises and heavy-handed authorities, religious and Roman. Thousands ultimately converge on Jesus, first to argue and then to listen. But as His preaching extends to the next day, they find themselves far from home, famished, and without any food to eat until a little boy shows up with five loaves and two fishes. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer.



We are announcing that Young at Heart is moving to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. On Wednesday, May 14, we will be traveling to the Anchor Grille in Sesser, IL, a local family owned restaurant committed to

great service and high quality food at a reasonable price. After lunch we will be taking a tour of the Opera House. In addition, everyone will want to save some room for dessert as after lunch we will be going to The Custard Stand, also in

Sesser, known for their frozen custard, sherbet, and banana splits. We will depart the MUMC Church parking lot at 10:45 am for 11:30 am reservations.

Please join us for another great outing with good food and even better fellowship, and don't forget to invite a friend!



The YAH on the Road group on Tuesday, April 9, after a great lunch at the Bonnie Cafe in West Frankfort and a tour of the Frankfort Historical Museum.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES TO PAT

On April 17, 2013, Charles "Pat" Sullivan began his career as the Custodian for the Murphysboro United Methodist Church. During the past 12 years, Pat has been an essential fixture at the church always going above and beyond his assigned duties. Pat has been diligent in creating a welcoming environment for members and guests alike by ensuring that the church was safe, secure, clean, and orderly. When anything was

happening at the church – worship services, funerals, potlucks, weddings, meetings, etc., Pat always made sure that all the i's were dotted and the t's were crossed so that whatever was taking place turned out just the way it was supposed to. And, Pat's strong work ethic was never more evident than during the Covid pandemic. It was during that time, especially, that Pat's pride in his work, and his attention to detail were used to help our church family stay healthy. Once we were able to return to "in person" worship services we didn't have to worry about whether or not all precautions were being used to prevent any super spreader incidents because we had someone like Pat Sullivan

caring for our church like he would care for his own home. As a colleague, and a human being, you couldn't find a nicer, more helpful person than Pat. One way that's Pat true character shone most brightly was when it was his turn to do the devotions during our staff meetings. Pat's devotions were well researched and God inspired words – that were more like a sermon – and that gave each one of us something significant to ponder. Pat is a man of great talent in many areas of his life, yet quite humble. And, knowing Pat the way that we all do, it is obvious that that humility comes from a deep and personal faith and a desire to follow the example of Jesus Christ. As a church, we have not only been blessed to have been served these past years by a man of great integrity, but also a dear brother in Christ. When thinking about Pat, this verse automatically comes to mind. Whatever you do,

work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV). Pat, we cannot begin to thank you enough for your hard work, your kind and gentle spirit, and your positive influence on each one of us. You will be missed more than you can imagine. We wish you and Glenda a long and healthy retirement and we wish you god speed as you enjoy your travels together. You will always be a member of the Murphysboro United Methodist Church family. God bless you!

On June 1st during our morning service we will be honoring Pat for his years of service with a presentation of Cards/Gifts from our congregation. If you would like to donate to this gift you may place a monetary gift in the offering plate and note that it is for Staff Appreciation-Pat or use the on-line giving link and select "Appreciation Gift-Staff" you may also drop of cards etc., to the office no later than May 20th.



Pat is Retiring!!!!!!



If you would like to help us send Pat off by showing how much we appreciate him and his service to us for the past 12 years, you may send your cards and or gifts to the church office no later than May 20th.

We will present these gifts to him and his wife Glenda on June 1st during our morning service.

(You may also use the online giving link and select Appreciation Gift-Staff)

Save the Date!

June 8th 200th Anniversary Service & Celebration.

**See Bulletins & Newsletter for
more information.**



We have much to celebrate at Murphysboro United Methodist Church. We are the longest continuing congregation in Jackson County which also makes us the oldest church in Murphysboro. Our roots started down the road in the Jackson County seat of Brownsville in 1825 when the Illinois Methodist Conference established the Brownsville Circuit. Our first pastor was Josiah Patterson. When the courthouse burned in 1843, Dr. John Logan donated 20 acres of land to establish a new county seat in what became known as Murphysboro, which was more centrally located. When the town moved, so did the Methodist Church. The congregation first started

meeting in a small, log schoolhouse located where the Jackson County jail now stands. Early trustees of the church were Benningsen Boon, Lt. Governor Alexander M. Jenkins, and Thomas Manning Logan. In 1856 a frame church was built at 12th and Chestnut Streets which is now the site of the Masonic Temple, and the first parsonage was built at 10th and Locust with Rev. John G. Hardy as pastor. In 1881, a brick church was built on North 15th Street between Pine and Elm Streets. The Methodist membership continued to grow, and this church became too small for the size of its congregation. So, in 1912 the church took a leap of faith and decided to build a new church on the corner of 15th and Pine Streets for an estimated cost of \$45,000. By the time the building was completed the cost had risen to \$62,000, with another \$13,000 spent to furnish the church. Rev. Cameron Harmon served as pastor and labored at all tasks of building during the process. It is said that he climbed to the highest turret to place the last stone when others were afraid to climb to that height. To raise money to help furnish the church, the Ladies Aid Society originated its first rummage sale which has become a noted tradition of our church.

For many years there were two Methodist congregations in Murphysboro. In 1867 due to political differences following the Civil War, a group broke away from the Methodist Episcopal Church and formed the Methodist Church – South. The main benefactor of the church was none other than Elizabeth Logan, mother of Union General John A. Logan. They built a church on the southeast corner of 12th and Locust streets. However, after Mother Logan died the church was unable to keep up the payments and they lost the church and temporarily disbanded. In 1884, John A. Logan donated a city lot to the church, and they rebuilt a frame church on the corner of 7th and Walnut Streets where the Nazarene Church now stands. In 1921, they built a fine brick church on the corner of 14th and South Street and renamed the church Centenary Methodist Church.

In 1939, the union of the Methodist Protestant Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South all joined together to become the Methodist Church. It wasn't until 1966 that the two Murphysboro churches approved the Proposal on Union, and the two churches merged as the United Methodist Church. In 1968, using the same red limestone rock, the Education Wing was built connecting to the former First Methodist Church. Rev. William Lewis was the first pastor of the combined churches. Since its founding 200 years ago, the Murphysboro United Methodist Church has been served by over 90 different pastors. The congregation has gone through lean times and prosperous times, but they have always tried to follow the 3 Simple Rules of John Wesley: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. We worship and serve to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

So why are we celebrating this 200th Anniversary? Let's look to Romans 15:4-6.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Tickets on Sale April 6th

15th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast
Sat., May 3rd 9 - 11:30am

Will be held at Grace UMC in Carobndale

Breakfast, music, door prizes, silent auction, guest speaker.

Cost \$15 each

Contact Rosie or Michelle for more information



On Friday, May 16 at 10:00 am we will hold a Caregiver's Informational meeting in the MUMC Fellowship Hall. Anyone in the community who is providing either short-term or long-term care for a family member or friend is encouraged to attend as information concerning available resources and services will be discussed. Guest speakers will be Melise Oakley, Community Education Coordinator for Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. and Bev Parks, Caregiver Support Program Coordinator with Shawnee Health. Please join as for this important information session. A light lunch will be provided.

Caregiver's Informational Meeting
Fri., May 16th 10am

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
 1500 Pine Street.

Anyone in our Community who is providing care for a family member or friend is invited to attend. Information on available resources and services will be discussed by Representatives from Hospice, & Shawnee Health.

Please join us for this important information session, a light lunch will be provided.
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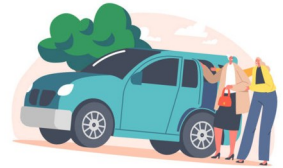


New Ministry Coming at MUMC **TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE!**

From time to time we have members of our congregation who are unable to drive themselves to various Dr. appointments.

Our new ministry hope it to compile a list of people who can be contacted to help.

If you are able to assist in helping members get to and from Dr. appointments from time to time please sign up on the attendance pad. See more information in your May compass.



We all need some help from time to time (and sometimes it is difficult to ask), so we would like to make that a little easier. If you are able to provide transportation for individuals to and from medical appointments, please sign up on the attendance pad. This will allow us to compile a list of those individuals who are willing and able to provide this type of vital support. By showing this type of care and concern for your church family you will be blessing someone else, and you will surely be blessed in return. For more information contact Michelle Parker-Clark.

New Children's Church Information

3 or more volunteers needs to help with our rotating leader schedule. If we have enough volunteers you would lead one time a month. Contact Rene Doody or Diane Schingel for more information.

Schedule
1st, 2nd & 4th
Sunday



My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony

The 9th My Own Bookcase Presentation Ceremony was held on Sunday, April 27. It was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance to see the 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”



On May 27th the Relay For Life Luminaria Ceremony will be held at the Carl Lee Park at 7pm. Luminaria (candles in white paper bags) will be lit at the park. The luminaria will be lit in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives to cancer. The community is invited to attend.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and friends and help fight the disease that claims so many lives. You do not need to be an actual participant to take part in this tribute. With your donation, the names of individuals you designate will be printed on luminaria bags.

If you would like to participate in our candle lighting and provide support for the research, education, advocacy and services of the American Cancer Society, fill out the form below. The more we fight this disease, the more lives we save.

Please light a candle in honor of my loved one and/or friend who has survived or lost their life to cancer. I understand the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #/EMAIL: _____

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: Deceased: "

LUMINARIA NAME: _____

Living: Deceased: "

By Wed, May 14th, enclose a minimum of \$5 for each luminaria via a check payable to Methodists on a Mission. Place form and payment in the offering plate, give to a team member, or Wilma Westerfield

Methodist on a Mission Relay Team has Luminarias on sale for \$5 In Memory/Honor of your loved ones.

See Bulletin Insert for order form. Please return these to Wilma Westerfel or any team member.



Luminaria Ceremony is May 27th, 7pm Carl Lee Park

Women of Honor!

On Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) we will honor women who have had a positive influence on our lives. Help us recognize your mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, mentor, or friend recognized.

See Bulletin Insert for more information on how!



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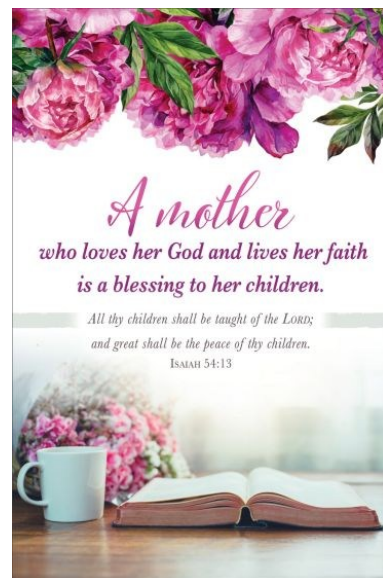
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If you would also like to provide a photo (to be submitted to the church no later than Wednesday, May 7, murphysboroumc@gmail.com) we plan to have a special slide presentation. Email photos to murphysboroumc@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or contact Michelle Parker-Clark.

Relationship _____
 Relationship _____
 Relationship _____
 Relationship _____
 Relationship _____

From: _____



Blood Drive!

June 27th

11-3pm

sign up on-line at redcross.com or with Gene to schedule to donate blood....

Sign up on the attendance pad or Contact Gene Schwebel (618-521-0879) to help with desserts or to help at the blood drive.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday May 18th

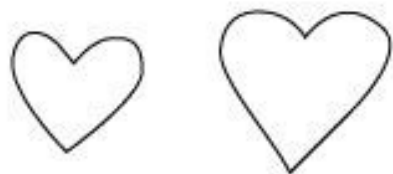


To honor our past
& present teachers.
Fellowship following service.



Scan QR Code for a message that was sent to our local teachers.

HAPPY



MOTHER'S

DAY



**MANY WOMEN DO NOBLE THINGS,
BUT YOU SURPASS THEM ALL.
PROVERBS 31:29**