



# MUMC Compass

June 2025

**June 8th**  
**10AM Service**

**(special time this day only)**

## **200th Anniversary Service & Celebration.**

- \*Bishop Bard will be our Guest Speaker**
- \*Historial Marker Dedication**
- \* Meal & Fellowship Following**

*The Murphysboro United Methodist Church has been  
a continually serving congregation for 200 years!!*

*A Homecoming/Anniversary Celebration is planned for Sunday, June 8, 2025 Bishop Bard will be delivering the sermon at our **10 a.m. service** (start time of 10am is for this week only). After the service we will be dedicating a marker from the Illinois State Historical Society on the front lawn. At 11:30 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Fried Chicken Dinner furnished by the church.*

*We sincerely hope that you made plans to join us for this special day.  
We have much to celebrate.*

*As it is written in Romans 15:4 "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."*



**The Saturday Book Club**  
**Church Library**  
**June 21, 10 a.m.**

**Take What You Need**  
By Idra Novey

Set in the Allegheny Mountains of Appalachia, *Take What You Need* traces the parallel lives of Jean and her beloved but estranged stepdaughter, Leah, who's sought a clean break from her rural childhood. In Leah's urban life with her young family, she has revealed little about Jean, how much she misses her stepmother's hard-won insights and joyful lack of inhibition. But with Jean's death, Leah must return to sort through what's been left behind.

What Leah discovers is staggering: Jean has filled her ramshackle house with giant sculptures she's welded from scraps of the area's industrial history. There's also a young man now living in the house who played an unknown role in Jean's last years and in her art.

With great verve and humor, Idra Novey zeros in on the joys and difficulty of family, the ease with which we let distance mute conflict, and the power we can draw from creative pursuits.

*Take What You Need* explores the continuing mystery of the people we love most with passion and resonance, this novel illuminating can be built from what others have discarded—art, unexpected friendship, a new contentment of self. This is Idra Novey at her very best.

**Last Friday**  
**Bunco!**  
LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

MUMC Fellowship Hall  
Last Friday of each Month  
10am - Noon ~ Bunco  
Noon - 1 ~ Lunch

Prizes (no money)  
and Good Times  
will be had by all.

Must sign up on the  
attendance pad or call the  
church office.

**No Experience Needed!**



**MUMC is collecting item for Marion**  
**items due Sunday June 1st**  
**TORNADO RELIEF**

Bedding, Towels, Toiletries, Hygiene Products,  
Pet Food, Diapers, Formula, Baby Wipes,  
Clothing, & Household Goods

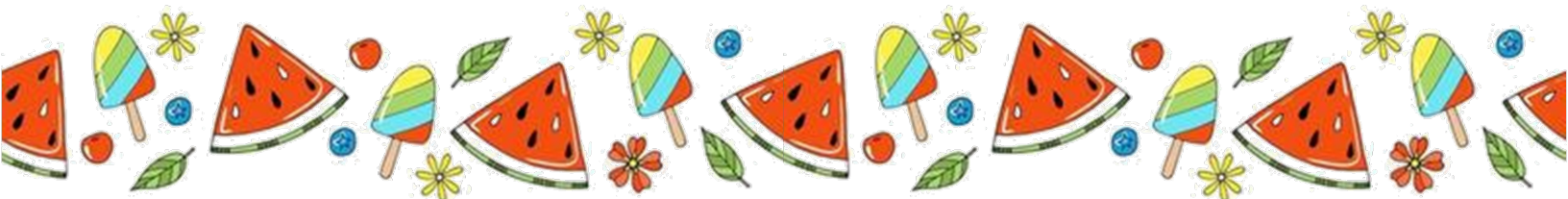
Save the  
Date  
VBS Starts  
July 13th!

Cokesbury's  
**SURF SHACK!**

Contact  
Rene  
Doody if  
you want  
to help.

Catch the Wave of  
God's Amazing Love

1	9:00am	Pat's Retirement Service & Communion Sunday	12	7:00pm	GA Meeting	20	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	13	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	21	10:00am	AA Meeting
2	5:00pm	JC Relay for Life		10:00am	Special Friday Bible Study		10:30am	Book Club
3	11:00am	Staff Meeting	14	7:30am	UMM Breakfast	22		
4	5:45pm	Choir Practice		10:00am	AA Meeting	23	8:00am	Summer Food Program
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	15		Father's Day	24	8:00am	Summer Food Program
5	7:00pm	GA Meeting		5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	25	8:00am	Summer Food Program
6	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	16		Meals on Wheels Week		7:00pm	Bible Study
7	10:00am	AA Meeting		8:00am	Summer Food Program	25	7:00pm	NA Meeting
8	10:00am	200th Anniversary Service	17	8:00am	Summer Food Program	26	8:00am	Summer Food Program
9	8:00am	Summer Food Program		11:00am	Staff Meeting		7:00pm	GA Meeting
	4:00pm	Bible Journaling		6:00pm	SAS Meeting	27	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
	5:45pm	Youth Team Meeting		6:00pm	Service & Mission		10:00am	Bunco
10	8:00am	Summer Food Program	18	8:00am	Summer Food Program		11:00am	Blood Drive
11	8:00am	Summer Food Program		1:00pm	Women's Share & Care		Noon	Bunco Lunch
	10:00am	Young @ Heart on the Road		7:00pm	Bible Study	28	10:00am	AA Meeting
	7:00pm	Bible Study		7:00pm	NA Meeting	29	9:00am	Youth Sunday
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	19		Juneteenth Holiday-Office Closed		Noon	Our Neighbors Table
12	8:00am	Summer Food Program		7:00pm	GA Meeting			





# HAPPY Anniversary

5	Jerry & Barbara Giffin
10	Bert & Carolyn Ozburn
12	Terri & Patrick Yates
14	George & Carolyn Sauer
15	Troy & Lacey Brown
18	Amanda & John Ripley
18	Perry & Susan Patterson
22	Paul & Debbie Chapman
22	Rob & Jennifer Graeff
24	Todd & Rene Doody
27	Everett & Kathy Blackwell
29	Raymond & Bonnie Whiteside
29	Dennis & Nancy Fager

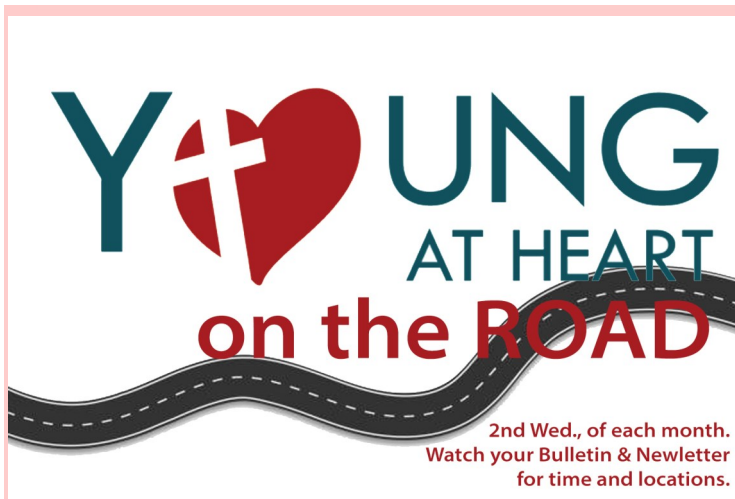
Date	Friday Volunteer
6th	Janet Porter
13th	Nancy Fager
20th	Sharon Jones
27th	Terri Twenhafel

4	Susan Patterson	16	Olivia Wheatley
4	Mason Thies	16	Raymond Whiteside
8	Tracy Hagston	17	Todd Doody
9	Mason Schingel	18	Jennifer Eller-meyer
10	John Ripley	18	Oliver Imhoff
11	Emily Finke	21	Novella Howard
11	Kathleen Ripley	21	John Hudgins
12	Paula Chapa	21	Maryjune Rice
13	Bob Purcell	21	Madison Ripley
13	Sheila Stewart	21	Makayla Ripley
15	Linda Johnson	22	Parker Har-graves
15	Joan Reagan	25	Carla Quigley
16	Cody Ellermeyer	25	Emmaline Schwoerer
16	William Pierson	26	Merrill Thies
16	Keylin Wece	28	Elijah Imhoff



Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Acolytes	Scripture Reader	Usher Team
1st	Carolyn Ozburn	Nancy Fager	Pending	Snyder Family	Team #3
8th	Marilyn Perry	Rosie Wece	Pending	Voss Family	Team #2
15th	Marilyn Perry	Thelma Pierson	Pending	Imhoff Family	Team #2
22nd	Rindy Eisenhauer	Rick Runge	Pending	Hernan Family	Team #1
29th	Rindy Eisenhauer	Barb Hughes	Pending	Graham Family	Team #1





On Wednesday, June 11, Young at Heart will be back on the road traveling to Equality, IL, for lunch at the Red Onion Restaurant. Best known for cooked to perfection steaks, prime rib, and 2" pork chops, the Red Onion also serves up a menu full of other delicious items. We will depart the MUMC parking lot at 10:00 am for 11:30 am reservations. Please

join us for another fun filled outing with great food and fellowship. Don't forget to invite a friend and tell them The Red Onion is "worth the drive!"



The YAH on the Road group in May on our trip to Sesser!

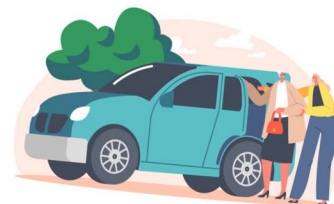
We all need some help from time to time (and sometimes it is difficult to ask), so we would like to make that a little easier. If you are able to provide transportation for individuals to and from medical appointments, please sign up on the attendance pad. This will allow us to compile a list of those 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 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.



## **Summer Food Service Program**

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
JUNE 9-JUNE 26 closed JUNE 19

**MURPHYSBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**2125 SPRUCE STREET**

BREAKFAST - 7:30-8:30 LUNCH - 11:00 TO 12:00  
OR

**MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1500 PINE STREET**

BREAKFAST - 8:00-9:00 LUNCH - 11:30 TO 12:30  
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

**FREE, FREE, FREE !!!!!**  
**AVAILABLE FOR ANY CHILD 18 OR YOUNGER**

ALL FREE MEALS MUST BE CONSUMED ON SITE  
NO SHARING OF MEALS

SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM FUNDED BY USDA, ADMINISTERED BY ISBE  
AND SPONSORED BY MURPHYSBORO CUSD #186

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## *Story read and then submitted to church newsletter,*

*By: Vanessa Lirely*

A good little bit before we moved in, we saw a tiny little mouse in the attic. We never saw any signs of it anywhere else in the house. Even after we moved in, we looked for signs, but nothing.

A couple of weeks after we moved in we started smelling the weirdest, most off-putting smell and it was always near plumbing (bathroom, water heater, etc.). We tried everything. Cleaned thoroughly, and flushed the lines thinking it might have been stagnant water because the was on before we moved in so we thought that could be it. Even thought it might be the treatment plant. To no avail.....

Yesterday morning I walked through the kitchen, right pas the dishwasher barefoot. I was headed to the laundry room to start laundry and was DISTRACTED. Derek walked RIGHT BEHIND ME, following my steps. He saw faint movement and looked down. And there it was, the small rat snake. He picked it up and took it outside. He came back in and said, "there was your smell". Rat snakes put off an awful odor as part of a defense mechanism. He had been in our house for at least 2-3 weeks. Since he's been out....no smell.

He cam in looking for a mouse. That mouse was valuable to him. He wanted it and he came looking for it.

I asked Derek how he thought it got in. And his response got me thinking this morning. He said "he could have slipped in when any of us left the door cracked just a bit". As we were moving, and kids going in and out, maybe walking out to the grill. It was small and sneaky and very well could have slipped right past us and us not even know he got in. So this morning the Holy Spirit said to me, "do you see what can happen when you're distracted. How quickly the enemy can sneak in your door, and sliver right past you? If he thinks there is something valuable there , he is going to try to sneak in and take it". And that's how it happens. We miss one church service that turns into 6 months, we have one drink that leads back into an old lifestyle, we send one text that's leads to an affair, we tell one fib that turns into a trail of lies and deceit.

The signs were there, I smelled the smell, (anyone that knows me understands this). I knew there was an enemy in the camp. But I was too "busy" to continue to look. So I just cleaned around it to try to make it "better".

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If Satan can't have you, he'll distract you, he'll distract you. Once you are safe in the Father's arms and your name is written down, he can't have you, so he tries to distract you. He tries to interrupt your holy living, he tries to break up your family, he tries to corrupt your mind, and he tries to fill you full of bitterness and unforgiveness.

LISTEN TO ME: He tries to stop you from getting any other names in that book!!!! He tries to stop you from witnessing. He tells you you can't, he ruins your witness through lies.

Don't leave the door cracked, Lock it down. Be on guard. Put that armor on first thing. Stay prayed up.

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." John 10:10 NET*

*"Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. "*

*Ephesians 6:10-11 NET*

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. "*

*Ephesians 6:12 NET*

*"Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and on the full force of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names stand written in heaven." Luke 10:19-20*

-credit to Respective Owner



# **Blood Drive!**

## **June 27th**

## **11-3pm**

**sign up on-line at [redcross.com](http://redcross.com) or  
with Gene to schedule to donate  
blood....**

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

During the month of June, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be concluding their DVD study of Season 3 of The Chosen, and will be beginning at new study - Grace More Than We Deserve Greater Than We Imagine by Max Lucado. We often talk about grace, but do we really understand it? Grace politely occupies a phrase in a hymn and fits nicely on a church sign. It never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" Who could say no? Bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado helps us dive deeper into what it means to be changed by grace. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer.

## **Bible Study June 13th 10am**

**From Original Intenet to Today's Meaning:  
Navigating Biblical Interpretation**

**Co-led by Rev. Angie Lee & Pastor Michelle Parker-Clark. The study will explore how you engage with the Bible, and various approaches for reading and interpreting Scripture contextually. In addition, we will discuss four important questions.**

**The study is open to adults of all ages, a lite lunch in the MUMC Fellowship Hall will follow.**

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what was the original intent of the words of the Bible? 4. What does the Bible mean to us now? The study is open to adults of all ages, and will be held in Room 204 beginning at 10:00 am and concluding at noon with a lite lunch in the MUMC Fellowship Hall.

## **VBS COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!**

**We need cookies cookies cookies for the kids (and adults) to have as a sweet treat at the end of meal during VBS.**

**Vanessa Lirely is requesting as part of the VBS Kitchen meal team -- and welcomes those cookie commitments and anyone willing to assist in this area preparing and serving our VBS kids and helpers. 618-201-6014 or my email [vanessalirely@gmail.com](mailto:vanessalirely@gmail.com)**



**Good  
bless  
you  
dad!**