



MUMC Compass

September 2025

BELIEVING GOD FOR A FAITH-FILLED FUTURE

After 200 years of service in ministry to the residents of Murphysboro Illinois, diligently serving other communities within the state of Illinois, and those without, and then having to witness our congregation diminish over the past two decades alongside the greater United Methodist Church which exacerbated the situation, has been painful and confusing. So, we are not out of order when we ask the simple question; “what’s our next step”? In fact, such an inquiry suggests we understand our responsibility to move on! Our next step must be to reclaim our mission...

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ 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)

Murphysboro United Methodist Church has but one leader and His name is Jesus Christ. He has not changed the mission of the church and never will. We have the glorious responsibility of upholding an ideal Christ promised will work. For if Christ has committed to be with us then how can we fail...

³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)

As a church, we just need to consider how we might operationalize; ‘Going, teaching, and baptizing’... I believe the Bible gives us examples and ideas.

- ◆ Contemplate **Joshua** who in an impossible environment **set his Heart** on God’s promise, moved on, and in doing so he and the people conquered giants...
- ◆ Ponder the message given to **Habakkuk** and what he learned about ‘vision’, to **plan and clarify** it that it may be performed by the people...
- ◆ Consider **Nehemiah**, how it pained him greatly to see God’s city in ruin. So, he **organized others and repaired** the breaches...

We have the pattern; set our hearts to God’s and move on, create a clear plan, organize the people and repair the breaches... I pray that you will recite our breakthrough prayer which is our congregational commitment to move on in ministry and service. The SAS Board has completed the strategic plan which clarified our vision and mission, and now it is time to organize and repair. We must begin within ourselves. Prayer, fasting, and bible study will prepare us to ‘BE’ the place we need to become for the next generation. Let’s seek God together in His Word...

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

We have 4 adult bible study options. One on Sunday morning led by Donna Lynn Horniacek, one led by Pastor Michelle starting September 9th for women on Tuesdays at noon, another led by Pastor Marty on starting September 23rd on Tuesdays for men at noon, and a community bible study led by Pastor Marty on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Please make every excuse to be a part of what God is doing. Amen.

Sincerely,
Marty McMichael
Sr. Pastor

Murphysboro United Methodist Church

Mission & Vision Statement

Desiring God Together

Our Mission

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

God is calling Murphysboro United Methodist Church . . .

- to reach and love our neighbors in the 62966
- to develop relationships with our local schools (K-12), and
- to create forums and opportunities to engage in the digital world.

In doing so,

- our children will build a foundation and find purpose in Christ
- our college students and young adults will build a Christian framework for leadership and service
- our seniors will become inspired and be valuable witnesses, and
- the disconnected and searchers will find God and a renewed relationship with God's people.

Our Values

We are a Church known for

Biblical Authority: We proclaim the Truth in the Scripture.

Simplicity: We make serving easy to understand and participate.

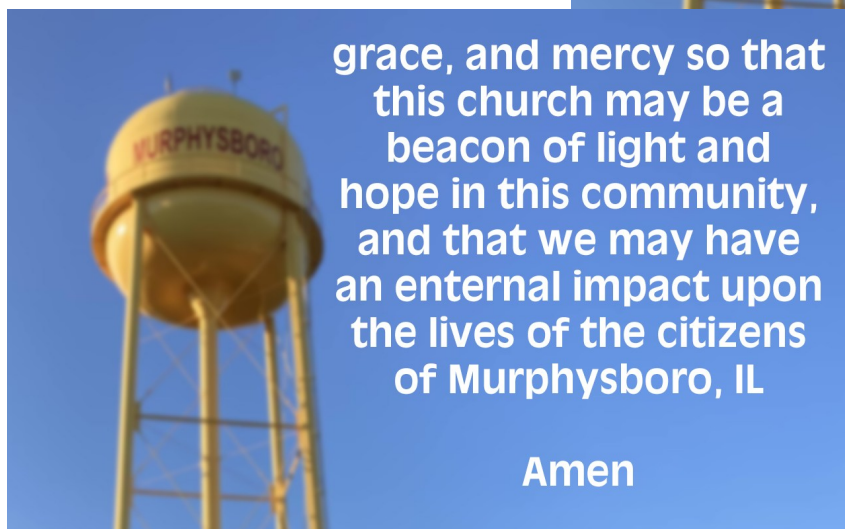
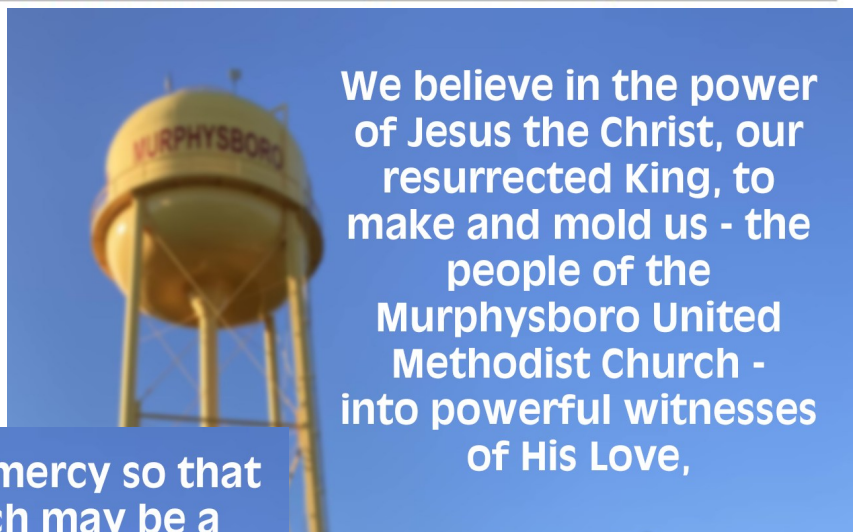
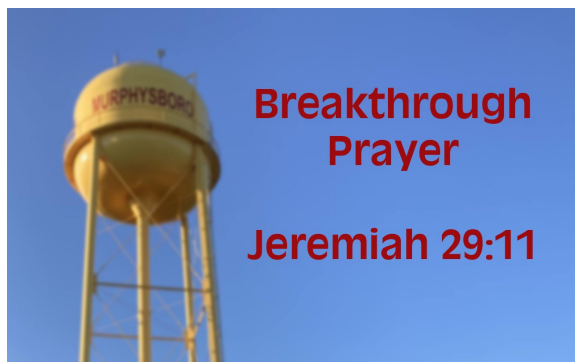
Family: We care and nurture families and those seeking family.

Discipleship: We help people become Christ-like.

Unity: We are One in Christ.

Murphysboro UMC Strategic Plan 2024-2025

GOALS	STRATEGIES	CHAMPIONS	
1 We want people to be Biblical Disciples.	1 Offer various Bible studies at different maturity levels.	Pastor Marty,	Announce immediately.
	2 Offer short (4-8 weeks) studies and recruit teachers.	SAS Team,	Volunteer Job
	3 Offer family and friends Bible studies at homes.	and Pastor Michelle,	Description by 5/25/24
	4	Donna Lynn	DATE
2 We want to expand our K-12 youth ministries plus Sunday participation.	1 Use congregational questionnaire to develop ideas, leaders, and engagement.	Diane, Rene	Present & Listen 6/18.
	2 Become a FCA Sponsor.	and Student Ministry Team	Implement Aug-May
	3 Create an online youth gaming tournament.		DATE
	4	WHO	DATE
3 We want to unify and build the Church through effective communications.	1 Ensure effectiveness in communication: pulpit, bulletin, newsletter, updates from SAS.	Communication	Team formation
	2 Use social media to communicate with youth.	Team: Pastor, Praveen, Melba,	7/16.
	3 Develop a more advanced information center.	Nancy (point person)	Present plan with timeline
	4 Hold quarterly focus groups to get feedback on communication issues.		8/20.
4 We want to connect with and promote God in our community.	1 Develop marketing campaign to inform the community of our missions and ministries.	Marketing & Outreach Team:	Form team 7/16.
	2 Acquire city utility information to welcome new families and individuals to the area.	Rick, Rosie,	Develop plan.
	3 Engage in existing and new community events.	Cameron,	DATE
	4 Create events to connect with the community.	Lincoln.	DATE



Apple Pancake Breakfast

Sat., Sept 13th

7-10:30 am

MUMC Fellowship Hall

1500 Pine Street

\$9.00 each

(Kids 5 & under eat free)

**Tickets on sale Sundays in the
Welcome Center or in the
Church Office Mon. - Thur.**



During the month of September the Seeker's Adult Sunday School Class will be viewing the DVD of Season Four (4) of The Chosen. In this season there are clashing kingdoms, rival rulers, and the enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burdens alone. Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable - ally within their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of the betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, He's left with no alternative but to demand His followers to RISE UP. Adults of all ages are welcome and encourages to attend the class for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer.



1		Labor Day—Office Closed	13	9:00am	Hand Bells	22		
2	11:00am	Staff Meeting		7:30am	Pancake Breakfast	23	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts		10:00am	AA Meeting		1:00pm	Men's Bible Study
3	10:00am	Memory Cafe	14				6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	5:30pm	Choir Practice	15		Meals on Wheels Week	24	9:15am	Young at Heart
	7:00pm	NA Meeting	16	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study		5:30pm	Choir
4	7:00pm	GA Meeting		6:00pm	Cub Scouts		7:00pm	Wed Bible Study
5	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00pm	SAS		7:00pm	NA Meeting
6	9:00am	Hand Bell Practice		6:00pm	Service & Mission	25	7:00pm	GA Meeting
	10:00am	AA Meeting	17	1:00pm	Women Share & Care	26	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie
7	4:00pm	Youth Fellowship		5:30pm	Choir		10:00am	Bunco
8				7:00pm	NA Meeting		Noon	Bunco Lunch
9	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	18	7:00pm	GA Meeting	27	9:00am	Hand Bell Practice
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts	19	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie		10:00am	AA Meeting
10	5:30pm	Choir Practice	20	9:00am	Hand Bell Practice	28	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	7:00pm	NA Meeting		10:00am	AA Meeting	29		
11	7:00pm	GA Meeting		10:30am	Book Club	30	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
12	9:00am	Stretching w/Rosie	21	4:00pm	Youth Fellowship		6:00pm	Charge Conf @ Mari-on



HAPPY Anniversary

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

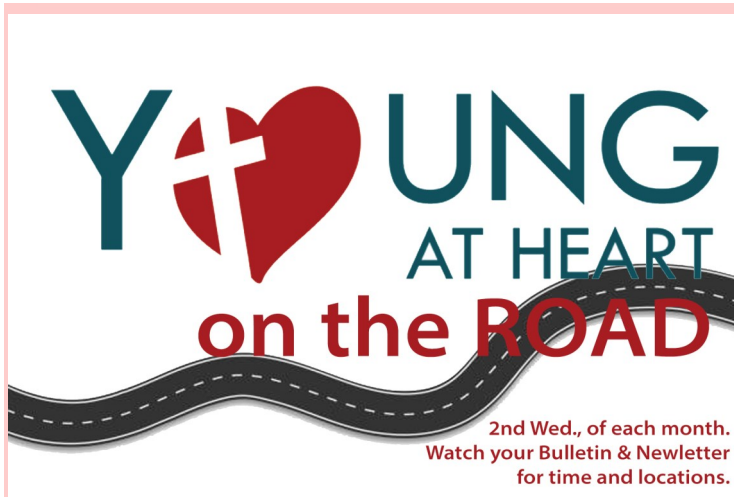
4	Erin Mileur	16	Bill Crawshaw
6	Andrew Graham	16	Stephanie Finke
6	George Sauer	18	Oliva Sunny
7	Amanda Ripley	20	Dan Jarrett
9	Emma Wiwchar	21	Megan Blackwell Brown
10	Cole McNitt	22	Jim Stewart
11	Ron Kiser	28	Rob Graeff
11	Robin Sievert	29	Curt Presley
11	Kelle Ticer	30	Ashley Runge
11	Amanda Wingerter		

Date	Friday Volunteer
5th	Sandy Herring
12th	Janet Porter
19th	Nancy Fager
26th	Sharon Jones



Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Scripture Reader	Usher Team
7th	Shelia Stewart	Erin Mileur	Erin Mileur	Team #2
14th	Shelia Stewart	Gene Schwebel	Snyder Family	Team #1
21st	Vern Cline	Vanessa Lirely	Voss Family	Team #1
28th	Vern Cline	Cameron Taylor	Graham Family	Team #3





In order to avoid conflicts with the Murphysboro Apple Festival and the Barbeque Fest, YAH on the Road will be moving to the 4th Wednesday for the month of September. We will be joining the Carterville United Methodist Church for Songs of the Soul, a journey through sacred hymns, led by CUMC's Sam Bursich, who shares her love of music and God in these one-hour, casual sessions. Afterwards we will have lunch

at Turner's Table in Carterville known for it's home cooking and all day breakfast. We will depart the MUMC parking lot at 9:15 am for the Carterville United Methodist Church. Songs of the Soul will begin at 10:00 am and will end around 11:00 a.m. Afterwards we will travel the short distance to Turner's Table for lunch at 11:30 a.m. As always, please join us for a time of good food, fellowship, and fun, and don't forget to invite a friend.



The YAH on the Road group in Aug on our trip to the Logan Museum.

Christ said that where two or three gather in His name, he is present (Matthew 18:20). Beginning Tuesday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 107, the Women Who Care and Share Team will be offering a Bible Study based upon the Wednesday meditations from the Upper Room. The study will run for eight weeks, through the months of September and October, concluding on Tuesday, October 28. Please pick

up a copy of the September/October Upper Room and come prepared to discuss the reading for Wednesday, September 10. Please join us as we look forward to a great time of fellowship, and meaningful discussion, as we study God's Word together.

1st Day Sept., 9th

Upper Room
Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 1:00pm
September & October

Starting September 23rd

Men's
Bible Study
with Pastor Marty



2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up on the attendance pad or by letting the Church office know.

The 2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7PM

New Start date

Starting Sept. 24th

Hand Bell Practice Saturdays at 9am



Looking for new members to join us,
NO previous experience needed we will teach you!



The Worship Committee would like to hear from you on what your favorite Hymns are so they can incorporate them into our morning worship service. You can email the church office, place them on the sign up sheets in the Welcome area or let Cameron know.

"...the season of singing has come..."
Song of Songs 2:12

We are seeking new members for the choir so please come and join the chorus.
Help us make a joyful noise !

**Choir practice resumes on
Wed., August 27th at 5:30pm**

See Cameron Taylor or any
Choir member of more
information!

**1st Wednesday of each month,
Starting August 6th! 10 -**

11am



**A social and educational gathering for people
w/memory loss, their caregivers, family, and
friends.**

**MEMORY
CAFÉ**

**Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street**

What is a Memory Cafe'? A Memory Cafe' is a social gathering for people with memory loss and their caregivers, friends, and family. Memory Cafes are a safe

and supportive place to connect with others, share concerns, and learn more about dementia and supportive services and resources. The Memory Cafe' begins on Wednesday, August 6 and continues monthly on the first Wednesday of each month.

Trunk-or-Treat planning has begun. Save the date for October 31st and start planning your trunk now. We will be serving Hot Dogs to every visitor to our church that evening and also take their pictures for them. Candy and treat collection will start the end of September so start buying now.



Murphysboro church celebrates bicentennial

The marker text says it all: “The Illinois Methodist Conference created the Brownsville Circuit in 1825 with Reverend Josiah Petterson as its pastor. When the county seat was relocated to Murphysboro in 1843, the Methodist congregation moved to the new town. Through many trials and hardships, the congregation has remained steadfast and faithful to this community, adhering to the tenets of John Wesley: Do good, do no harm, and stay in love with the Lord.”

“In 1912 the congregation took a leap of faith and approved the construction of a new church on the corner of 15th and Pine streets.” The architects for the church were Bullard and Bullard from St. Louis, but no contractor was hired. Instead, a Mr. Jacobs from the congregation (and a fine workman) hired stonecutters from England and Germany—all direct from Europe. They cut red limestone from a farm in Boskeydale, Illinois, a pattern called broken Ashler. They were hired by the day and their work lasted four months. “Each joint was not more than three feet horizontally or perpendicularly, except at the windows and doors,” and all the joints fit perfectly.



The “Great is thy Faithfulness” marker unveiled.

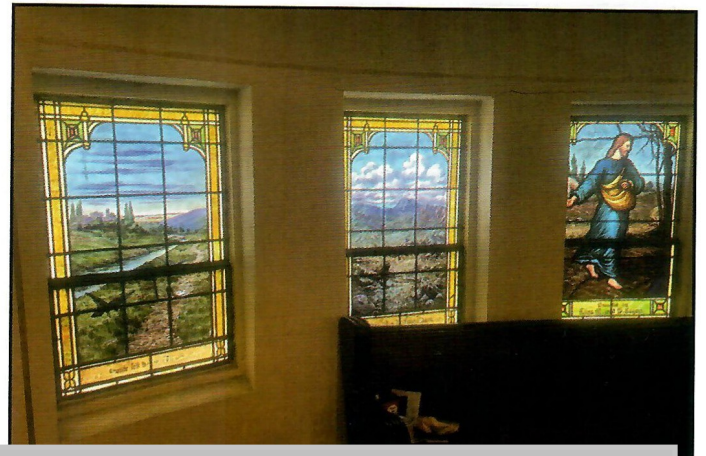


The congregation assembled for a bicentennial portrait with their marker on July 6.



Above: The Murphysboro Methodist church under construction with English and German immigrant stone masons hanging out of the windows.

Right: The church's stained glass work is realistic and stunning.





**The entire
Congregation is
invited and
encouraged to
attend our
Charge Conference
at
Marion First
on
September 30th,
at 6:30 pm**

**MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1500 PINE STREET
MURPHYSBORO, IL 62966**

OFFICE HOURS AT MUMC

Monday 9am—Noon

Tuesday—Thursday 9am to 2pm

Worship with us at

9:00am each Sunday

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