

Meetings and Gatherings



- Choir Rehearsal:** Mondays, 5:15 PM
Hands of Hope Crafters: Mondays at 6:30 PM
Korean Sunday School Class: Sundays at 9:30 AM
Learning in Retirement: Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 AM
Praise & Prayer Small Group: Sundays at 9:30 AM
Staff Meeting: June 13 & 27, 9:00 AM
United Methodist Men: Saturday, June 10, 7:30 AM,
Murphysboro UMC fellowship hall
Vacation Bible School: June 25-29, 6:00 PM, supper at 5:15 p.m.
Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Worship every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Young at Heart: Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 AM meet at
Murphysboro UMC parking lot

*Join Us for
In-Person Worship or
Online*

Worship on Sundays 10:30AM

To watch the recorded service through
Facebook video visit our website at
<https://www.facebook.com/>



United Methodist Men
Saturday, June 10, 2023
7:30 AM Breakfast Meeting,
Murphysboro UMC

Grace Notes

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Greetings Grace Family,

The summer is coming, the weather is getting warmer, the days are growing longer and soon Spring will be but a vapor. As students say goodbye to a long hard school year, as families prepare for summer vacation, as we power up the grills, and dig out the bathing suits in anticipation of Summertime. As summer grows closer, we get excited about visiting new venues or returning to our tried-and-true places, that offer us what we enjoy most, for some of us, we appreciate the opportunity for some good old R&R (rest and relaxation) and spending a little time with the family and friends. As we move into the spirit of Summer, let us live into the Spirit of Christ. As we contemplate the many things we might engage this summer, I would like to offer a few things to remember, explore and make it a high priority in heart this summer:

1. Take a moment each day to embrace the highlights.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10 (NKJV)

2. Don't Worry, God is present with you

Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isa 41:10 (NKJV)

3. Take a moment to reflect on the words and the people that encouraged and challenged you

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

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4. Don't be so hurried or busy, take a moment and smell the array of flowers planted around you

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ **She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.** ⁴⁰ But Martha was **distracted by all the preparations** that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. ^[a] **Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.**" Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

5. Take a moment to be present with the world around you, see if you notice something you never seen before

This *is* the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24 (NKJV)

6. Don't forget to make a loving impact on someone else's day!

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesian 4:32 (NKJV)

7. Finally, don't forget, to take a moment to meditate on where you encountered God

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, Psalms 105:4-5 (ESV)

Spend time with your family and loved ones—for no reason at all but to be there. You will witness miracles you might otherwise miss. - Tony Dungy

It is my prayer that you will be both amazed and comforted to find God in every moment in each day.

Blessing,

Pastor Veronica

June Birthdays

6/7 Pastor Veronica McMichael
6/10 Alden Hickman
6/12 Donna Blache
6/15 Hae Lyul Lee
6/15 Rev. Marty McMichael
6/16 Ray Forby
6/18 Levi Berkel
6/19 Brianna Upton
6/23 Alice Berry
6/23 Kristen Dunlap-Berg
6/23 Stacy Stark
6/24 Phyllis Fisher
6/28 Kelly Arthur
6/29 Song Kang
6/29 Rev. Jungil Rhee
6/30 Isaac Rhee



Early July Birthdays

7/1 Charlie Sanders
7/6 Herb Russell
7/7 Jessica Pease



June 10 Ron and Kay Eckiss (51 years)
June 10 Kenny & Phyllis Fisher (56 years)
June 14 Nathan & Rachel Harness
June 15 Jacob & Danie Williams
June 18 Lonnie & Jill Escue
June 20 Steve & Donna Blache (59 years)

Father's Day



As we did with our mothers, we will collect names for both living and deceased fathers to be listed on the Remembrance Notes included in the Sunday bulletins on Father's Day. Names will be collected Sunday, June 4 and June 11 at the table in the church foyer. If you wish, you may make a donation to the Feed My Sheep Community Soup Kitchen.

Feed My Sheep is located at Bethel AME Church and serves free meals in their dining room, delivers meals, and also provides meals to the Carbondale Warming Center.



Our deepest sympathy to Tommy Adams on the death his brother Jim Adams. Mr. Adams passed away December 3, 2022 in Denton, TX. His memorial service was held May 30 at Crain's Egyptian Chapel in Energy, IL.



Notes of **THANKS**

We have received a "thank you" from UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery for the \$1,360. donation from our special Easter Offering.

The Carbondale Warming Center sent a thank you for our recent donation of \$100.

YAH (Young at Heart) will be back on the road on Tuesday, June 13. We will depart the Murphysboro UM church parking lot at 10:00 am for lunch at 11:30 am at Huckleberry's in Mounds. This restaurant/pub is well known in Pulaski County for their famous BBQ and Mississippi farm raised catfish. After lunch we will attend a presentation detailing the history of the Mound City National Cemetery by Richard Kuenneke, a member of the Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission. Please join us for another great day of food, fun, fellowship and the opportunity to learn about the history of a local military cemetery which is the site of the Illinois State Soldiers and Sailors Monument. See you on June 13th!

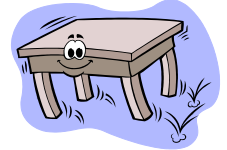


Grace Mission Statement

"Love God, love people, make disciples of Jesus Christ."

MaTT Club

a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus



In spite of the rain, on May 7th we partied with our mom's in God's garden. As they arrived each child had their picture taken with their mom in front of a garden scene setting. They could even wear insect antenna if they wanted. Each attender also tried to guess how many plastic bugs in the jar. The winner was only off by one!

We played an outside game using water balloons. Not to throw at each other- rather the balloons were "bees" that needed to be re-hived. Moms and their child carried the 'bees' in a spoon and raced against each other.

Moving indoors we continued our garden theme with a lively game of swatting away 'mosquitos'. Each person received a paddle and a cotton ball 'mosquito'. At the signal each team tried to swat the most mosquitos on the other team's court. This was a favorite game and we played several rounds.

After that teams tried to roll baby bees (balls) across the floor and into a hive taped on the floor. This was harder than it looked.

After a delicious supper provided by the moms, we constructed and painted birdhouses.

Each mom received a terra cotta pot, painted by their child, filled with treats.

We ended the evening with prayer. Everyone pitched in to clean up- thank you, thank you!

Check the churches Facebook for pictures.

Thank you, parents for all your support and commitment to MaTT Club.

Thank you Kay and Kierra for your help.

Our second fun activity in May was to go bowling on May 21. We had 15 MaTT Club kids and family members show up to bowl. Check the churches Facebook for pictures. We ended the evening with 16 of us eating pizza and veggies at the church. Adults enjoyed conversation, and after eating, the kids enjoyed playing together in the auditorium. A very successful end of the year activity! Thank you, Kierra for your help.

MaTT Club would not be a success without our many volunteers. Check out the July bulletin board for a list of those who volunteered at MaTT Club this year.

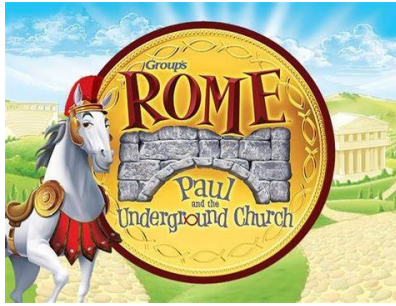
Happy August birthday Malina, Ms Kay, and Ms Merit.

Happy September birthday Rohan.

Flossie

Vacation Bible School

For the week of June 25-29, 6-8 p.m. supper option at 5:15 p.m., we are turning the auditorium into a Roman village, including a marketplace. But not just any village. This is the place where Paul is being held under house arrest! Paul is being held, chained to his guard, in his own rented home. Will Paul be released or will he be executed? The suspense is growing!



Come and see for yourself!

The room (Roman village) will include Paul's house, the underground church, family homes and marketplace stalls. Each evening participants will eat supper (if desired) at 5:15 then proceed to the sanctuary for a time of worship, singing and hearing part of this exciting, suspenseful story. After that they will go to their "homes" where each 'family' will discuss what they've heard.

After receiving their denarii for the day, each child is free to explore the shops in the marketplace. They can "shop" till their money is gone. When shop time is over, each family will visit Paul at his home and also visit the underground church. The evening will end with gathering in the sanctuary to close with reflecting on what they've learned and, of course, prayer.

How can you be part of this exciting time to learn more about Paul and the important work he did, even while imprisoned in his home, to further Jesus' work of spreading the word, and love, of God? The best way is to come experience this for yourself. But even if you can't attend you can still help.

You can **Attend and Participate:**

- Be a Shopkeeper or Shop helper
- Be a Family leader or Family leader helper- big sister/brother, auntie, uncle, grandparent...
- Help with games (Kay is leading this group)
- Check-in and out, registration table
- Be a go'fer; Be an extra set of hands; Be part of the marketplace "crowd"
- Help prepare a meal (Wed and Thurs)

VBS continued



Can't attend but want to help?

- Donate items to be used (see lists below)
- Set up (Saturday 6/24, Sunday 6/25) and/or Tear down (Thurs 6/29, Fri 6/30)
- Create scene setters- cave, Paul's house, roadway, costumes, columns, signs...
- Create nightly update flyers
- Help prepare a meal (Wed and Thurs)

Items needed:

Items Needed- (to use up)

- Sand paper
- Blocks of wood (like the throwaway pieces at the end of a project)
- Large nails
- Silk flowers- *especially ivy, myrtle, honeysuckle, lilies, iris, narcissus, violets, daisies, roses,*
- Real flowers- *to make the aura of being in a real garland/wreath making shop*
- Carpet squares or leftover bits of carpet
- Leather thong
- Sugar cubes (lots and lots)
- Play/costume jewelry
- Wide ribbon- purple, gold, maroon,
- Child safe make up, nail polish
- Elastic (sewing)
- Plastic drop cloth

Items Needed- (to be returned)

- Silk hanging plants/ivy
- Anything Greek looking that a home might have had
- Area rug (approximately 5X7, 6X8)
- Wooden mallets
- White queen/king size top sheets
- Child's Wood blocks for playing with
- Play/costume jewelry

Questions? Contact Flossie Langin, Kay Eckiss or Pastor Veronica McMichael